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## News and Updates from the Cville Dems (4/11/2024)

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- [Make a contribution and attend our Summer Bash - see below](#)

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## Upcoming Events!

**4/22**–Full Committee Meeting, followed by Caucus, April 22, 6:30pm full meeting/7pm Caucus registration/ 7:30pm, Swanson Case Room of Central Library branch

**5/5**–Democracy on Tap at Kardinal Hall – 5th Congressional District Candidates

**5/6**–Early Voting Begins for US Senate and Congressional Primary

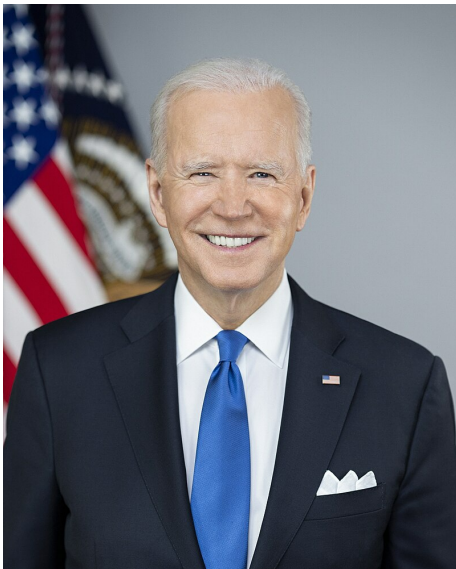
**5/18**–5th Congressional District (5th CD) Convention in Fluvanna County

**6/7**–Cville Dems Summer Bash, Jefferson School on the lawn, next day if raining

**6/18**–Senate & Congressional Primary

**6/22**–Democratic Party of Virginia Convention in Richmond

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### **In 130 Days We'll Nominate a President – Do You Want to be Involved?**

**Caucus and Full Committee Meeting on April 22**

**REMINDER: April 15 is the last day to pre-file to be a delegate!**

We'll have a brief full Cville Dems meeting followed by a Caucus in Charlottesville on Monday, April 22, in the Swanson Room, Central Library branch (explained below). Doors will

open at 6pm, followed by the meeting 6:30-6:50pm. Registration for the Caucus will begin at 7pm, and the Caucus will begin at 7:30pm.

The Caucus is an event to elect Charlottesville delegates and alternates to attend both the Fifth Congressional District Democratic Convention (May 18 in Fluvanna County) and the DPVA State

Convention (June 22 in Richmond). If you'd like to be elected as a Charlottesville delegate or alternate, you must pre-file (see article just below).

We need to elect 14 delegates plus three alternates at the Caucus – yes, we need 17 people to volunteer for this important Democratic representation of Charlottesville at both the Fifth District convention and the DPVA State convention in Richmond. Delegates must attend both conventions. It is satisfying and enjoyable to be part of this political process, which goes all the way to determining the next President and Vice President.

Read more information in the formal Call to Caucus, which is on the Cville Dems website [here](#).

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## **How Can I Become a Charlottesville Delegate at the Caucus?**

Every Presidential election year, Democrats in each city and county must meet in a Caucus to elect Delegates to attend both the Congressional District Convention(s) and the State Convention and help elect Virginia's delegation to the National Democratic Convention in August. The Charlottesville Democratic Committee (Cville Dems) calls and runs the Caucus, which is open to every Democrat registered to vote in the City of Charlottesville.

This year, Charlottesville Democrats need to elect 14 Delegates and 3 alternates to the 5th Congressional District Democratic Convention and to the DPVA State Convention.

### **What does a Delegate do?**

- A Delegate attends the Congressional District Caucus in May and the State Convention in June, both single day events (see below for dates).
- At the Congressional District Convention, Delegates from the Fifth District will elect 5 District-Level Delegates to the National Convention in Chicago, as well as a District-level Presidential Elector.
- At the State Convention, Delegates from the Commonwealth will elect Virginia's state-wide representatives to the National Convention in Chicago (At-Large Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials), two At-Large Presidential Electors, and Virginia's members of the Democratic National Committee for the next four years.

## **What does an Alternate do?**

- An Alternate fills in for a Delegate if the Delegate is unable to attend the District or State convention.

## **When are the District and State Conventions?**

- **May 18 — 5th Congressional District Convention, 11am, at Fluvanna County High School**
- **June 22 – State Convention, 10am, Richmond Convention Center**

How do I get to be a Delegate or an Alternate from Charlottesville to the Congressional District and State Conventions?

- You must pre-file to be a Delegate or Alternate, so that your name can be on the ballot for the caucus. To pre-file, fill out the online 2024 State Delegate and Alternate Filing Form. You can pre-file from now until 5pm on April 15. You do NOT need to be a member of the Full Committee to become a delegate or an alternate from Charlottesville – any Democrat registered to vote in the City of Charlottesville can pre-file and, if elected, serve as a delegate or alternate.
- Delegates will be elected at the Charlottesville Democratic Caucus on April 22 at 7:30pm.
- The Call to Caucus has been issued on our Cville Dems website, [here](#), and other sites/publications and has more information about location and rules (see the link in the article above).
- If the number of people who have pre-filed is less than the number of slots to be filled, all candidates who have pre-filed will be automatically elected and the Caucus will be canceled.

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## **Fifth District Candidates and More**

Get to know the three Fifth District US Congressional Democratic candidates for the June 18 Primary Election. The election is for the US Senate and House of Representatives.



Our VA-05 House of Representatives candidates are:

Paul Riley: <https://paulrileycongress.com/>  
Gary Terry: <https://garyterryforcongress.com/>  
Gloria Witt: <https://www.gloriawittforcongress.com/>

The Senate candidate is our incumbent Senator **Tim Kaine**. Go, Tim!

And of course, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are running hard against Trump for the White House and American democracy -- not demagoguery -- for all.

**Everybody vote! Early voting will be May 6 through June 15.**

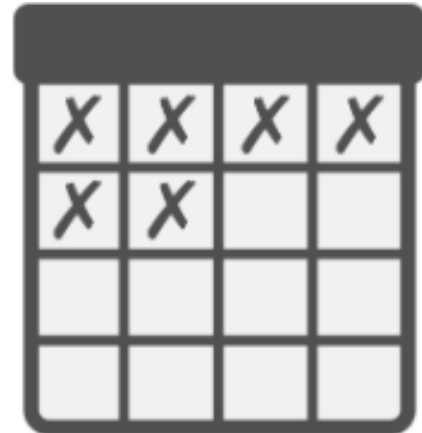
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## 2024 Election Calendar

Mark your calendar and vote for a healthy US Democracy!!

### 2024 Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) Calendar of Events

- Early Voting for US Senate and Congressional Primary  
May 6-June 15
- 5th District Convention – **May 18, 11am in Fluvanna**
- U.S. Senate and Congressional Primary – **June 18**
- DPVA Convention – **June 22, 10am in Richmond**
- Democratic Party National Convention – **Aug.19-23, in Chicago**
- General Election – **Nov. 5**



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## New Ads from President Biden

Here are new ads from the President Biden 2024 campaign. Time to put our collective flags up and also to remind people exactly what Trump has done to banish rights for American women:

<https://www.politico.com/video/2023/04/28/ad-flag-joe-biden-900857> Flag

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlnNjr\\_9D28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlnNjr_9D28) Willow's Box

For more in-depth discussions, especially on particular topics as Democrats see them, this synopsis from the recent State of the Union may help. Click [here](#).

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## We Need Office Space – Know of Any?

The Cville Dems are searching for a full-time office location for 2024-25. With the most important election of our lives this year and an important

governor's race next year, Cville Dems are hoping for a space to serve as a gathering spot for phone banking, canvass launches, training, and much more.

If you know of an affordable location with parking, please contact Nancy and Josh at [cvilledemschair@gmail.com](mailto:cvilledemschair@gmail.com).

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## Come to our Summer Bash

Tickets for the meal and sponsorships for our Summer Bash at the Jefferson School on Friday, June 7 are now available [here](#).

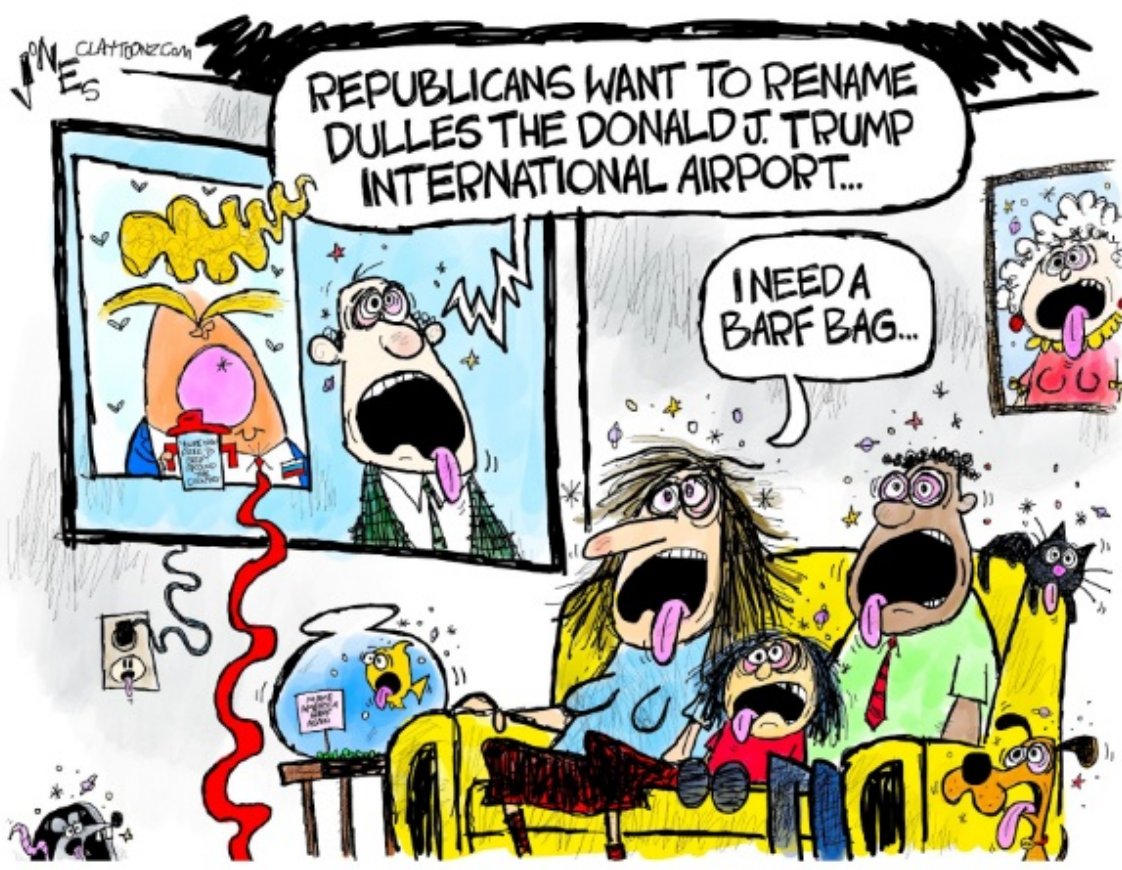


## "Democracy on Tap," 05-VA Candidate, May 5

**On Sunday, May 5, at 3:30pm,** "Democracy on Tap" will present all three Fifth District candidates – Paul Riley, Gary Terry, and Gloria Witt – discussing their platforms and viewpoints as they work to defeat and unseat Rep. Bob Good. This event is shortly before they compete in the June 18 Primary for a position on the Congressional ballot in the fall, so come with questions for your potential representative.

Our April 7 "Democracy on Tap" meeting featured Sterling Howell discussing Charlottesville history. He's pictured here chatting with Bobbie Williams. Thanks, Sterling!

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## Join our Fundraising Group

We still need help with fundraising. If you'd like more information or have a question about a role or volunteer opportunity, please contact Cville Dems Co-Chair Nancy Damon at [nancycdamon@gmail.com](mailto:nancycdamon@gmail.com), and she'll be happy to explain.



## Join our Voter Registration Team!

It's fun to see citizens become voters before your eyes!

For more information about how to help new voters get registered in the city, contact Suzanne Michels at [suzemichels@gmail.com](mailto:suzemichels@gmail.com).

## Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)

Right now, Virginia is helping to protect the lives and rights of

women. Right now, Virginia protects a woman's right to choose and offers access to abortion services, which is never easy with protestors at the clinic doors.

**A VOTE for**  
**JOE**  
**is a VOTE for**  
**ROE**  
**WOMEN**  
FOR BIDEN | HARRIS

**Roeverember is coming!!**

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"The drive to Bristol, Virginia, from Jacksonville, Florida, takes more than eight hours.

It's over 10 from Orlando and closer to 14 from Miami. Despite that distance, Bristol Women's Health Center is preparing for an influx of women from Florida seeking abortions when a stricter ban kicks in next month.





For many people who otherwise would have obtained abortions in Florida, the clinic in southwest Virginia will become the closest practical option — as it already is for a swath of the South after a Florida policy change expected to resonate far beyond the state's borders." [Associated Press, 4/5/2024](#)

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## Partner Organizations

Our friends the [UVA Dems](#), [Albemarle Dems](#), [Greene County Dems](#), [Nelson County Dems](#), and (the relatively new!) [Charlottesville Area Young Democrats](#) are doing good things too, check them out!

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