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Midterm Early Voting

Early Voting is in full swing across the Commonwealth. As of this writing, nearly 350,000 people have cast a ballot, with almost 3,000 of those cast here in Charlottesville. That's more than 10% of the number of ballots cast in the 2024 election. It's important that you go out and vote as early as possible! Not only does it show how energized we are, but it also helps save campaigns from using critical resources on safe voters.

As usual, the Charlottesville registrar's office will be the early voting site: City Hall Annex, 120 7th St. NE, Room 142. Polls will be open

Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, until October 30.

Note: The office will also be open on Saturdays, October 24 and October 31, from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. The office will also be open on Sundays, October 18 and 25, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Make sure to vote either early or on November 3! It's the culmination of all of our hard work! We will communicate more information as it becomes available.

Turn-Out-the-Vote Thursdays

We continue to gather on the lawn outside Brazos Tacos every Thursday at Ix Park from 5-7:30 PM. If the weather is bad, we will be inside Brazos Tacos.

The Cville Dems partner with the Albemarle Dems, the Coordinated Campaign, Rural GroundGame, and others to do the work needed to win this election.

Every Thursday, the Coordinated Campaign will be with us, ready to set you up to canvas and phone bank. They will provide training on how to phone bank for those new to it. To canvass or phone bank for the campaign, sign up at [this link](#).

When they have texts to be answered, Rural GroundGame will also be with us. They will provide training and teach volunteers effective strategies for text banking. These texts are sent to rural voters throughout the 5th District and other rural districts in VA. Because of where they live, these voters are unlikely to ever receive a door knock.

As early voting is underway, we are also focusing on two of our committee projects aimed specifically at getting out the early vote in Cville and Albemarle County. First, we are following up on postcards we sent to newly registered voters, with phone calls to increase their awareness on how, when, and where to vote, including early voting. These are easy and fun calls to make—they are not robocalls! Most remember us from registering them and appreciate that we are checking in with them.

Secondly, we are dropping the 2,500 door flyers we wrote to sporadic voters in Cville, i.e., people who tend to vote Democratic when they vote. Entitled the "Pony Express Campaign," we're delivering personalized flyers, by hand, to each of these folks who voted in the presidential election but didn't in the gubernatorial election last year. We will follow up these door flyers with texts, phone calls, and more door knocks.



Fall Canvassing

Here in the 5th, we are seeing, hearing, and feeling the momentum, but we are fully aware that this race is close. If ever there was a time to get out and knock on doors, this is it. In our area, many people are disillusioned with John McGuire and Donald Trump's agenda. They are welcoming and open to hearing about Tom Perriello and Mark Warner. They, at times, just need that extra reminder to vote. Canvassing is an effective way to reach sporadic, undecided, and independent voters!

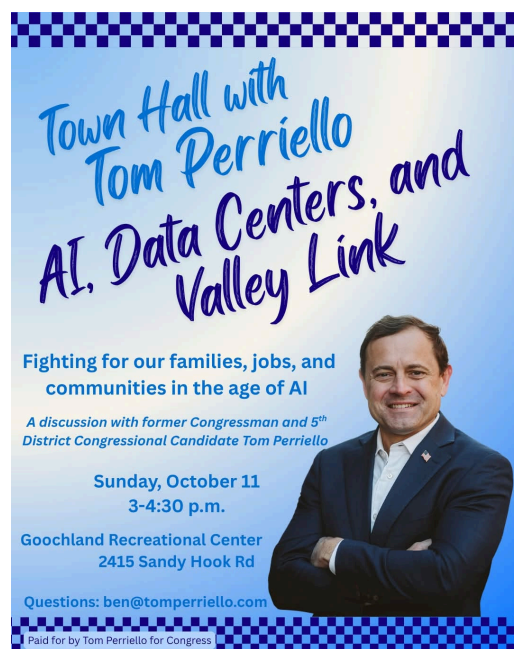
Campaign Calendar for October

Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11: Tabling for Tom in Appomattox

We will be tabling at the Appomattox Railroad Festival. Two-hour shifts are available on both days. Sign up at [nonprofit.gogood](https://nonprofit.gogood.org) or contact Erin at 434-409-4479.

Sunday, October 11: Town Hall with Tom - AI, Data Centers & Valley Link

On Sunday, October 11, 3:00-4:30 PM at the Goochland Recreational Center, Tom will be participating in a Town Hall on AI, Data Centers, and Valley Link.



Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18: Voices Across the Fifth

We're putting together a district-wide video project and asking people in communities across VA-5 to capture photos/video around the same shared message. "Vote Early. Stop Trump. Vote Perriello." We'll compile the footage into one piece that groups across the district can amplify on social media.

VOICES ACROSS THE FIFTH

OCTOBER 17 - 18

MAKE YOUR OWN SIGNS WITH THIS MESSAGE:



ONE WEEKEND. ONE SHARED MESSAGE.

Gather your friends and community for this **grassroots effort**.
Take horizontal photos and short videos with your signs, then submit them to be part of one shared video from across the Fifth.

DISPLAY IT. Make and display your signs October 17 - 18.	CAPTURE IT. Take horizontal photos and short video clips.	SHARE IT. Upload your photos and videos by OCTOBER 20.
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SHARE YOUR FOOTAGE HERE →

Your footage will join submissions from across the Fifth in one shared video for the final early-voting push.



A GRASSROOTS EFFORT FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACROSS VA-5.

Tuesday, October 20: VA-5 Whistle Stop Tour and Lynchburg Debate

On Tuesday, October 20, Tom will be doing a Whistle Stop Tour through the 5th, beginning in Goochland at noon and ending in Appomattox at 3:45 PM. Already, people from Cville are planning on gathering in Appomattox at 2:30 to give Tom a strong welcome and cheer him on as he heads for the debate in Lynchburg. Please, join them.

Our **big ask for Charlottesville-area folks** is to come to **Appomattox around 2:30 PM** to give Tom a strong welcome and show of support at his stop there. And then we **really want to get a big crowd to Lynchburg for the debate from 5:00–6:30 PM**. We want people there in force—either to cheer Tom on as he takes the stage or, if John McGuire doesn't show up, to make some noise and amplify his absence. **Please, please spread the word and encourage people to make the trip to Lynchburg.** This is one where a strong turnout can really make an impact.

Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, October 31: Tabling for Tom in Cville

We will be tabling on the downtown mall on the two Sundays of early voting. Sign up at [nonprofit.gogood](https://nonprofit.gogood.org) or contact Erin at 434-409-4479.

Sunday, October 25: GOTV/Sunday Voting in Danville

On Sunday, October 25, join volunteers from across Virginia as they head to Danville to knock doors, work tables, support voters and stand up for democracy. More details to come shortly.



Saturday, October 31: Final GOTV Push

We're not sure what we will be doing, but...we guarantee it will be big! Save the Date. More details to come.

Ballot Curing

We're hoping we won't need it, but if we do, we want to be ready! If anyone is interested in getting trained to help with ballot curing during the final stretch of vote counting, please contact Naomi Beck at naomirosebeck@gmail.com. He will connect you with the appropriate training and next steps.

Make Calls for Tom

Every Wednesday night, beginning Wednesday, October 7,
<https://www.mobilize.us/pdaction/event/1054080/>.

We're using the Scale to Win dialer to let women in CD5 know where, when, and how they can vote for Tom Periello. This is an updated Scale to Win dialer with Early Voting address lookup and for election day, polling place lookup. As usual, we are also leaving messages.

Once you are trained, the phone banks run daily from 9 AM to 8 PM Eastern. Make calls on your own time.

Let's get out the vote for Tom! Sign up at
<https://www.mobilize.us/pdaction/event/1054080/>.



REPRO Virginia Canvass

Every weekend until the election, REPRO Rising Virginia will be having canvass launches in Charlottesville to knock on the doors of supporters of the reproductive freedom amendment and talk about the amendments on the ballot.

Make sure to sign up below to talk to your neighbors about this incredibly important ballot initiative!

https://www.mobilize.us/reprorisingvirginia/?q=charlottesville&show_all_events=true

Albemarle Democrats Book Club

On Tuesday, October 27, at 6:30 PM, Albemarle Democrats will be hosting their book club. This month's book is *Paper Girl* by Beth Macy.

"Notes From Your Bookseller: Beth Macy, author of "Dopesick", returns to her hometown in Urbana, Ohio, to highlight the struggles and urgent issues that have encapsulated the community over the

past forty years, from extreme poverty to the ongoing mental health crisis."

Please email events@albemarledems.org for the location if you would like to join us!



Upcoming Events

- **The Month of October** - Early Voting
- **Every Thursday** - Thursdays at lx Park @ 5 PM
- **October 10 + 11** - Tabling for Tom in Appomattox
- **October 11** - Town Hall with Tom
- **October 17 + 18** - Voices Across the Fifth
- **October 20** - VA-5 Whistle Stop Tour and Lynchburg Debate
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- **October 31** - Final GOTV Push

Partner Organizations

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

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