



# The Caroline County



## Democrat

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### December Meeting

On December 8 the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold a combination meeting that will serve as its regular monthly meeting and the bi-annual reorganization meeting. Please join us at 10:00 am at Aunt Sarah's Restaurant located in Carmel Church. We will be electing new officers to lead our growing committee for the next two years.

If you are interested in running for office in the Committee please contact Pam Mastropaolo at [ppolo@bealenet.com](mailto:ppolo@bealenet.com) or Maxie Rozell at [mrozell@verizon.com](mailto:mrozell@verizon.com) as soon as possible.

## We Need You

### We are looking for volunteers and donations!

We are looking for help with the Forgit campaign in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District; please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. Also, if you have a copier (preferably color) or presentation board that you no longer need, the Committee needs your donation.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Maggie Sacra at (804) 448-4121 or at [1stvicechairperson@carolinedems.com](mailto:1stvicechairperson@carolinedems.com).

## Special Election Called – 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District

A **special election** has been called to fill the seat for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District in the US House of Representatives. The election will be held on **Tuesday, December 11**. Phillip Forgit has been nominated to run as the representative for the Democratic Party in this election. We have more information about Phillip Forgit on page 2.

Please be sure to make it to the polls and bring several friends with you. **It is important that every Democrat vote.**

If you cannot make it to the polls for this election, please be sure to complete an absentee ballot. A request for absentee ballot by mail must be submitted 7 days before the election, or you may go directly to the Voter Registrar's office in Caroline through December 8 (office open 9-5). The office is located at 109 County Street, Bowling Green, VA 22427. If you have additional questions, please call the registrar at 804-633-9083. Absentee ballot applications can be faxed to the registrar at 804-633-0362. Absentee ballots must arrive back to the registrar by election day.

Go to [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee\\_Voting/](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Voting/) for more information on applying for an absentee ballot. Don't miss your opportunity to vote in this special election.

You can make the difference in this election.  
**Your vote counts!**

## Thank You!

The Caroline County Democratic Committee wants to extend a huge thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that worked for candidates, worked at the polls or were available to drive voters to the polls on November 6. Your hard work is greatly appreciated by all the candidates and the committee.

There were over 50 of you out there braving the chill and rain of the morning and the long cool afternoon. Thank you for your support!

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## VOTING LOCATIONS IN CAROLINE COUNTY FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bowling Green Precinct Bowling Green Town Hall 117 Butler Street Bowling Green, VA 22427	Mattaponi Precinct Caroline High School 19166 Rogers Clark Blvd. Ruther Glen, VA 22546	Penola Precinct Caroline High School 19166 Rogers Clark Blvd. Ruther Glen, VA 22546
Port Royal Precinct Port Royal Fire Department 435 King Street Port Royal, VA 22535	Woodford Precinct Upper Caroline Fire Dept. 12581 Stonewall Jackson Rd. Woodford, VA 22580	Please note that all of the Mattaponi Precinct is not in the 1 <sup>st</sup> District. Please check your voter registration card or call the Voter Registrar at 804-633-9083 for information.



## Phillip Forgit – Democrat for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District

Phillip Forgit has received the nomination of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Democratic Committee to run against the Republican candidate, Rob Wittman, and the Independent candidate, Lucky Narain. Forgit is "Ready to Run!" and wants your vote.

Phillip Forgit is a Bronze Star decorated veteran of the Iraq War, serving with a Naval Special Warfare unit as an adviser to the Iraqi Army in 2005-2006. A Naval Reservist, Mr. Forgit was mobilized from his former job as a 4th grade teacher at Rawls Byrd Elementary.

Mr. Forgit is also a nationally recognized teacher, having won the 2005 National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, including a \$35,000 national prize which was awarded to him live, via satellite, while he served in Iraq. Since his return to the U.S., Mr. Forgit has used the prize money to establish ForgitFilms LLC for the purpose of making a documentary on Iraqi soldiers and their families.

Phillip Forgit is a graduate of the College of William and Mary with a B.A. in History '89 and an M.A. in Elementary Education '95. He lives in Williamsburg with his wife, Dawn, also a school teacher, and their three children. They attend Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church where Mr. Forgit is a Deacon and Chair of the Mercy Ministry.

Mr. Forgit ran a competitive race for the Virginia 96th District House of Delegates seat in 2003 against incumbent Melanie Rapp. Active in Peninsula campaigns, he is a member of the First Congressional District Democratic Committee and the James City County Democratic Party.

Mr. Forgit has been endorsed by –

**Chap Petersen** - State Senator-Elect, 34th District

**Ross Mugler** - Commissioner of Revenue, Hampton

**Mary T. Christian** - Former Delegate Hampton

**Mamie Locke** - State Senator & Former Mayor of Hampton

**Jeion Ward** – Member House of Delegates, 92nd District Newport News

**Jeanne Zeidler** - Mayor of Williamsburg

And the following Democratic Committee Chairs -

**Ralph Bresler** --James City County

**Gene Magruder**--Newport News

**Jen Little**--Mathews

**Gaylene Kanoyton**--Hampton

**Dave and Gwynn Litchfield**--King & Queen County

**Mary Cottrill**--Williamsburg

**Michael Finn**--York/Poquoson

**Pete Frisbie**--Prince William County

For more information on the Phillip Forgit campaign, please go to <http://forgit2007.com/index.html>.

Use the form below to - Join the Caroline County Democratic Committee,  
Donate more if you have already joined,  
Send us updated information about yourself, or  
Let us know if you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail.

A newsletter by e-mail helps us save money on printing and postage so we can help candidates more.

## Caroline County Democratic Committee Membership & Donor Form

(Please print clearly –Your information is needed to help us keep you informed about Democratic activities,  
and to maintain contribution records as recommended by the State Board of Elections.)

### Tell Us About Yourself:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check one:

I'd like to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail. \_\_\_\_\_

I'd prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via regular mail. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact me about volunteer opportunities: Y or N

### I'd like to be a member:

Regular Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15

Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

### I'm already a member but I want to do more to help Democratic Candidates:

Additional Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the Caroline County Democratic Committee.

Mail your membership/donation to: Caroline County Democratic Committee  
PO Box 390  
Ruther Glen, VA 22546

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

**December 8** - Regular Committee Meeting and  
Bi-annual Reorganization Meeting  
Aunt Sarah’s Carmel Church  
10:00 am

**December 4** - Deadline for application of an  
absentee ballot by mail

**December 5** - Hanukkah Begins

**December 8** - Deadline for application of absentee  
ballot in person (Office open 9-5)

**December 11** - Special Election to fill the open  
1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Seat

**December 12** – Hanukkah Ends

**December 25** - Christmas

**December 26** - Kwanzaa Begins

**January 1** - Kwanzaa Ends  
New Year’s Day

**January 12** - Regular Committee Meeting  
Aunt Sarah’s Carmel Church  
10:00 am

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