



# The Caroline County Democrat



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## Upcoming Meetings

### Mark Your Calendar

#### November

On **November 14<sup>th</sup>** the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at Aunt Sarah's in Carmel Church.

#### December

On **December 12<sup>th</sup>** the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at Aunt Sarah's in Carmel Church. This meeting will also serve as the reorganization and election of officers for the committee. Reorganization and election occurs every two years. Since the by-laws were revamped last summer, we now will be electing a Chair, an Executive Vice Chair, Membership/Outreach Vice Chair, Fundraising Vice Chair, GOTV Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. For more information about each position, please go to [www.carolinedems.com](http://www.carolinedems.com).

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## Election Day is November 3!

### Please Do Not Forget To Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3 this year and it is very important that everyone who is registered remembers to vote, but also is a motivator for others to get out to the polls and cast their ballot.

The last time we had a statewide vote for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General the vote was so close that a recount was held before McDonnell was determined the winner of the Attorney General race. This year, however, the Democrats have a great advantage. Last year, in the days prior to the historic election of President Barack Obama, the Democratic Party registered tens of thousands of new voters and we now have the votes on our side. If everyone that registered last year comes out in this election, the Democrats cannot lose. Yes, you read that correctly. We can't lose! In fact, we registered more new voters in Caroline by 3x than was the difference in that Attorney General race.

There are a lot of discussions of polls this year, but if we make a commitment to vote, take five friends or family to the polls, and make sure that we talk to everyone about the importance of voting, we will win. Simply put the stakes are too high not to do so. Do you want four more years of the "Best Run State", "Best State to do Business", and "Best State to Raise a Child", or four years that harkens back to Gilmore and giant deficits?

We also have to remember that **Republicans around the country want to point to VA as a referendum vote against Obama**. They are pouring tens of millions into VA to make sure Democrats lose. Don't let your friends or family be influenced by the misleading ads of the Republicans. Let them know the truth and make sure they vote on November 3!

# One Last Look at the Candidates

## Creigh Deeds

**Last year in Virginia you helped lead a movement; a movement of young and old, rich and poor, Democratic and Republican, everyone was involved. It didn't come from Washington, it came from the bottom up. I need everyone of you to knock on doors and make phone calls, and get fired up once again so that we can go towards the future confident with Creigh Deeds leading the great Commonwealth of Virginia.**

**President Barack Obama**

Creigh Deeds is simply put an honest man. He believes in the Commonwealth and that his role as Governor is to do the work of the people. He hasn't minced words or backed down from what he believes and he doesn't play politics when it comes to telling people the truth about what we need to do to make sure we are fiscally strong. He supports education and has been willing to step forward to support Warner and Kaine when they fought for more money to make our schools stronger and our educational system the best it can be. The *Washington Post* says that he is a longtime champion of "enlightened bipartisan accomplishments" and goes further to say that he is the only candidate that "offers hope for a solution" on transportation issues that we now face. It also praised his "constructive role in economic development" and said that his detailed plans for education and jobs "hold the promise of a prosperous future". While at the same time it says that McDonnell's transportation plan is "bogus" and "would only deepen the misery of Northern Virginia commuters", and that McDonnell has no "significant record to increase job growth". The *Roanoke Times* said that Bob McDonnell's attacks on Deeds are "pure fabrication". Creigh Deeds supports no new energy taxes as McDonnell's ads indicate. The *New York Times* reports that McDonnell on the other hand supports tax breaks for the wealthy, while *Bloomberg News* reports that McDonnell supports deregulation that was a main reason for our collapsed economy. For more information go to <http://www.deedsforvirginia.com> and read more about Creigh Deeds' plans.

## Jody Wagner

Jody Wagner has been a lawyer, business woman, Treasurer of Virginia in the Warner administration, and Secretary of Finance in the Kaine administration. Even Republican leaders, such as Mayor Will Sessoms on Virginia Beach, have decided that their vote for Lt. Governor this year will go to Jody Wagner; a strong Democrat that the *Washington Post* says has an "authoritative command of state government, spending and income, and critical knowledge for the challenges posed by the recession". The *Washington Post* also says she is "smart, tough-minded and capable" and "would be among the best-prepared public officials to assume the job." Senator Mark Warner says, "From her strong fiscal stewardship to her ability to negotiate across party lines, she played a key role in many of our most important accomplishments in my four years as Governor", and Tim Kaine said "Jody Wagner's fiscal stewardship is one of the reasons why Virginia has been named best managed state and best state to do business." And yes, her ads that say her opponent has attended only 6% of the meetings he was suppose to attend are absolutely true and can be verified through public record. For more information go to <http://www.jodyforva.com/>.

## Steve Shannon

Steve Shannon is a former prosecutor who volunteered to work on child pornography cases, because of his dedication to keeping all Virginians safe. He has plans to fully prosecute all Internet predators, to fight street crime and gangs, and to combat illegal drugs and drunk driving. He has been endorsed by papers across the Commonwealth including *The Free Lance-Star*, which stated that Shannon "has protected children from the despicable criminals who exploit the blind spots of a mobile, techno-chaotic society." It goes on to say that "Mr. Shannon, in short, strikes us as more temperate and more adaptable to the realities of social change. We endorse him for attorney general." Shannon and his wife are also the reason that Amber Alert came to Virginia. The *Roanoke Times* says that Shannon's opponent Ken Cucinnelli "is a crusader against a woman's right to choose, gay rights, workers and any effort to confront climate change...He affirms that, as attorney general, he would file states' rights lawsuits against the federal government if Washington passes laws contrary to his ultra-conservative views." For more information go to <http://shannon2009.com/>.

## Absentee Voting in Person Ends October 31

If you are not able to vote on Election Day because of school, business, vacation, active duty, or because you are temporarily residing outside the state, or you are unable to go to the polls because of disability, illness, pregnancy, religious obligations, or because you are a primary care giver of another, please make sure that you vote by absentee ballot before the election. You can still go to the General Registrar's office at 212 N Main Street in Bowling Green through October 31 and vote absentee. The registrar's office will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm every day through Saturday, October 31 for you to vote in person using an absentee ballot.

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## Important Dates!

- October 31 - Halloween**
- October 31 - Last Day to Vote Absentee in Person at the Registrar's Office**
- October 31 - Frog Level Parade**
- November 3 - Election Day**
- November 11 - Veterans Day**
- November 14 - Regular Meeting**
- November 26 - Thanksgiving**
- December 12 - Regular Meeting**
- December 12 - First Day of Hanukkah**
- December 21 - Winter Begins**
- December 25 - Christmas**
- December 26 - First Day of Kwanzaa**

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