



The Caroline County Democrat



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We Need You

We Are Looking For a Few Good Volunteers!

Volunteer opportunities include the Basket Bingo, Harvest Fest & Frog Level Parade. We also are putting together teams for Election Day coverage at all the polling places.

We need donations!

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 1stvicechairperson@carolinedems.com or at (804) 448-4121.

Your donation helps support Democratic candidates and ideals. Help today!

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Basket Bingo and Cookout

Saturday, October 6
from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Robert Farmer's Park
Bowling Green Elementary

Admission \$15



The Caroline Democratic Committee is hosting a Basket Bingo event featuring Longaberger Baskets. Last March the Committee held a similar event that sparked so much interest that we are having another Basket Bingo by popular demand. Do not miss your opportunity to win Longaberger baskets and other special prizes.

The members of the Committee are also going to be cooking that day and will have hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, desserts, beverages, and more available for a small donation. Vegetarian options will also be available.

Come and bring two friends!

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 13. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Aunt Sarah's Restaurant located in Carmel Church at the intersection of I-95 & US 207.

Meet the Candidates



HARVEY LATNEY: LAWYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Democrat Harvey S. Latney Jr. has been Commonwealth's Attorney for Caroline since 1977. Like the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Sheriff and Circuit Court Clerk, he is a constitutional officer responsible directly to the people.

Harvey's primary job as prosecutor is to represent the citizens of Caroline in criminal cases brought before the Circuit, General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts. He also directs the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, which provides information and aid to people affected by crime.

While always friendly and unfailingly kind, Harvey is known as relentless in his pursuit of punishment for those who break the law and tireless in his pursuit of justice for people victimized by crime.

This year, Harvey faces opposition from an Independent candidate -- an out-of-towner, to be perfectly frank-- so it is especially important that Caroline voters go to the polls on Nov. 6 to elect our *local* Commonwealth's Attorney to another four-year-term.

IN BETH CURRAN WE TRUST

Democrat Elizabeth B. (Beth) Curran, who has been Caroline County Treasurer since 1992, is the county's chief financial officer. As such, her office collects taxes and fees and makes sure the county's bills get paid.



Her office is where we pay taxes and get our vehicle decals and other permits and licenses. The money collected is then used to pay the bills for the county. This means Beth has to balance the county's bank accounts as well as invest any cash not immediately needed for local government expenses.

The Treasurer's independent status as an elected constitutional officer means that our local funds are managed by someone who works closely with the Board of Supervisors but reports directly to the residents.

Beth carries out her duties with integrity and fairness and richly deserves our continued support.



SHERIFF HOMER G. JOHNSON

HOMER JOHNSON: A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

Democrat Homer G. Johnson Jr., who was Caroline's sheriff from 1992 to 2004, has come out of retirement to run for the job again.

In 1991, the year before Homer took over as sheriff, only 58 percent of crimes committed in the county were solved. After he took office, the crimesolving rate skyrocketed past 90 percent and was the best in the state for the last seven years he was sheriff.

He thinks it's time for the county to achieve those numbers again.

That's because the crime rate in Caroline is up 66 percent under the current sheriff.

And how many of those crimes are being solved?

About 58 percent.

As Homer put it: "That's where we were in 1991."

Criminal investigation remains a key concern for him. "If somebody takes your property, breaks into your house or assaults or robs you . . . that's my top priority," he said. "Keeping you and your home safe is the most important thing that the Caroline Sheriff's Office can do."

Other priorities include:

Combating the drug trade. "Drugs threaten us every day, in our communities, jobs, schools, families and homes. I will seek to use all resources available and will seek grants to help us fight the battle."

Hiring deputies who live in Caroline. "They will know the county and the citizens will know them. A deputy who makes his home in Caroline will have more of a vested interest in seeing that Caroline is kept safe."

Proper role of traffic enforcement. "This is an effective tool in fighting crime, but the Sheriff's Office needs to be more than just a 'traffic division.'"

Homer's dedication to making Caroline a safe place to live and work has not wavered. He deserves our vote on Nov. 6.

<http://www.hgjohnsonforsheriff.com>

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 (_____) _____ - _____

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Please check one:

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

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Contact me about volunteer opportunities: _____

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.**

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Mark Your Calendars!

October 6 – Basket Bingo at Robert Farmer's Park in Bowling Green

October 9 - Last Day of Registration to vote in the November Election

October 13 - Committee Meeting
Aunt Sarah's Carmel Church
10:00 a.m.

October 20 – Harvest Fest in Bowling Green

October 27 - Frog Level Parade & Festival

October 30 – Deadline for Absentee Ballot by mail

November 3 - Deadline for Absentee Ballot in person

November 6 – ELECTION DAY!

November 10 - Committee Meeting
Aunt Sarah's Carmel Church
10:00 a.m.

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