



# The Caroline County Democrat



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## Upcoming Meetings

### October

On **October 11<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 is very important as we will be putting into action our last month of activity before the general election on November 4. We will discuss our upcoming booths at the Harvest Fest and the Frog Level Parade, as well as formulating the teams that will be working in each precinct for this very important election. Please plan on attending.

### November – Special Date

On **November 1<sup>st</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 is on a special day so that we can discuss last minute plans for Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to Bill Day, candidate for U.S. Congress in the 1<sup>st</sup> District, Alan Kennedy Shaffer, the Regional Field Director for the VA Democratic Party Combined Campaign, and Victoria McCullough, the Regional Field Director for the Obama Campaign for visiting with us at our meeting in September.

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## Voter Registration Deadline - October 6th

The Voter Registration Deadline for the November 4<sup>th</sup> election is October 6<sup>th</sup> so you only have a short time to register or get your family and friends to register. The Caroline County Democratic Committee is actively registering voters for the upcoming election. Below is a list of all the registration times that you can still make before the registration deadline.

- Tuesday, September 30 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Ladysmith Library - No additional volunteers needed.
- Thursday, October 2 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Port Royal Library - No additional volunteers needed.
- Thursday, October 2 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Bowling Green Library - No additional volunteers needed.
- Saturday, October 4 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Ladysmith Library - We **need volunteers** for this drive.
- Saturday, October 4 - 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Ladysmith Food Lion - We **need volunteers** for this drive.

As of this newsletter we have already held three drives at the Bowling Green Food Lion, Bowling Green Library and at our Bar-B-Q at the Dawn Community Center. All were very productive events. The registration drive on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bowling Green Food Lion was exceptional with 11 folks registered, 6 additional forms given out so that people could get friends and family to register, and a contact made for an individual that would like to pursue having their voting rights restored. We are very excited about the upcoming events and hope that you will join us for these drives.

The committee is also actively involved in calling programs and many members also are working on canvassing projects with various candidates. If you would like to help with voter registrations or any activities planned through the committee, call (804) 448-4121 or e-mail [chairperson@carolinedems.com](mailto:chairperson@carolinedems.com).

Registration is also ongoing at the Registrar's Office in Bowling Green, Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. For more information call (804) 633-9083.

Also, absentee ballots are available by mail until October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Registrar's office will be open on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturdays) in addition to normal hours, for people to vote in-person via absentee ballot. All absentee ballots that are mailed to the Registrar must be postmarked by November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Candidates – Your Support and Votes Count

Caroline is divided into two U.S. Congressional Districts including the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> Districts. To determine which district you are in simply look at your Voter Registration Card. The information for the Congressional District is printed on the card. If you have any questions about your district you can also contact the Voter Registrar at (804) 633-9083.



The 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is represented by Eric Cantor (R) and that seat is being contested by **Anita Hartke** (D). Anita has been our guest on many occasions over the past several months including a fundraiser held for her here in the county. For more information about Anita Hartke, to donate to her campaign, or to volunteer for her campaign, please go to <http://www.hartkeforcongress.com/>.



Currently the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District is represented by Robert Wittman (R), but the seat is being contested by **Bill Day** (D). Mr. Day was a guest of the Committee at our last meeting and discussed his history and positions before answering questions. For more information about Bill Day and his campaign and to volunteer for or donate to his campaign, please go to his website at <http://www.billdayforcongress.com/>.



All of Virginia is voting to replace John Warner (R) who is retiring as our representative in the U.S. Senate. Candidates for the position include former governor Jim Gilmore (R) and former governor **Mark Warner** (D). Mark Warner continues to be a popular candidate and has garnered rousing endorsements from not only Democrats in the state, but also from a number of Republicans that tout his outstanding ability to work across the aisles and his outstanding economic leadership as governor. To support Mark Warner for U.S. Senate go to <http://www.markwarner2008.com/>.

The race to replace George W. Bush (R) as U.S. President includes the hotly contested race between Senator John McCain (R) and his vice-presidential running mate Governor Sarah Palin (R) of Alaska against **Senator Barack Obama** (D) and his vice-presidential running mate **Senator Joe Biden** (D). Recent polls show Obama/Biden with a slight advantage in many states, but Virginia is extremely close and could go either way. Our support of Obama/Biden and all the Democratic candidates is greatly needed from now through the election on November 4. For more information on the Obama/Biden campaign, go to <http://my.barackobama.com/>.



We have several campaign offices in our area so please do not hesitate to volunteer through the committee or with the campaigns over the next month. The closest campaign offices to us are as follows:

- Ashland office is at 10474 Cobbs Road behind the Dodge dealership just off Rt. 1 south of Ashland.
- Tappahannock office is at 205 Queen Street just at the base of the bridge to Warsaw.
- Fredericksburg office is at 915 Lafayette Blvd. Call 540-322-1236 for information on hours.
- Richmond office is at 1710 E. Franklin St. and information can be obtained by calling 804-644-1966.

## Congratulations – Beth Curran “Treasurer of the Year”

We want to congratulate, Beth Curran (D), Caroline County Treasurer, who was selected as the “Treasurer of the Year” by the Treasurer’s Association of Virginia (TAV). Curran has served as the TAV President, chaired the Compensation Board Committee and served on the Education, Futures and Legislative Committees for the TAV.

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## Important Dates!

Through Oct. 6 – See Page 1 for Voter Registration  
Drive Dates

Oct. 6 - Last Day to Register for the Election

Oct. 11 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt  
Sarah's, Carmel Church, 10:00 am

Oct. 18 - Harvest Fest, Bowling Green –  
We Need Volunteers

Oct. 25 - Frog Level Festival & Parade –  
We Need Volunteers

Oct. 25 - Registrar open special hours for  
Absentee Voting

Oct. 28 - Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot  
by Mail

Nov. 1 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt  
Sarah's, Carmel Church, 10:00 am –  
Special Date to make last minute plans  
for the Election

Nov. 1 - Registrar open special hours for  
Absentee Voting

Nov. 1 - Last Day to Vote Absentee in Person

Nov. 4 - Election Day – Absentee Ballots must be  
postmarked by this day.

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