

Culpeper County Democratic Committee General Meeting

July 11, 2026

Intraparty Coordination Report

All committees have turned their attention to the upcoming midterm elections. Of the 11 congressional districts in the Commonwealth, 5 will hold Democratic primaries on August 5 (1, 2, 5, 8, and 9). The rest have either incumbents or unchallenged candidates. The odd district out is the 8th, where incumbent Congressman Don Beyer is facing four contenders for his nomination. Candidates are scheduling fundraisers and meet-and-greets. Volunteers are being recruited to knock on doors, plant yard signs, and telephone prospective voters to get people out to vote. In mid-term elections, turnout rarely exceeds 60%, so every additional voter is worth the effort.

Individual committees are raising funds and planning their own GOTV campaigns and marching in the region's holiday and fire company fair parades. Region-wide, the nonelection issues that are of most pressing concern are (1) data center proliferation, and (2) Valley Link electrical transmission line construction. Some quick notes on other committee's activities:

Augusta: *Airplane Potluck* to raise funds for a self-deporting individual to purchase an airline ticket out of the country.

Fauquier: *Silent Auction* fundraiser and *canvassing kickoff* for Sen Warner today.

Fredericksburg: *Juneteenth*, *FXBG Pride*, and *July 4* parade. They'll be at the annual *Peace in da Point* event and neighborhood basketball tournament in early August.

Greene: They are dealing with increased ICE activity in the county. Their sheriff has an operative 287(g) agreement with DHS to support immigration enforcement. They also had a local donor provide a matching gift offer that helped to raise more than \$2000 for the committee.

Louisa: Louisa has a Democratic primary, and they are holding a *Souls to the Polls* cookout on July 19, the first Sunday voting day.

Madison: A volunteer recruiter for the American Red Cross spoke at their June meeting, and the Charlottesville Young Dems will speak at the July one.

Orange: Orange Dems joined us at *Culpeper Pride* and set up a table during the 4-day *Orange County Fair* (probably a better turnout than the *America's County Fair*). The county had an ICE arrest on June 26, though local law enforcement was not involved and had no advance warning.

Rockingham: The positioning of Flock surveillance cameras in the county is an issue of concern, and RockDems are protesting their presence. BTW, there are 14 Flock cameras in Culpeper controlled by the Culpeper Police Department. There don't appear to be any in the rest of the county. The RockDems raised funds by putting together a *Chicken Before Fireworks* sale. The members also rally with Indivisible on Fridays and Saturdays to protest *Signs of Fascism*.

Spotsylvania: Spotsy has initiated an annual *Family Cookout* in June. Their July 4 *Big Blue Tent* in Fredericksburg included them, FXBG, Stafford, King George, and Caroline County Dems. SCDC has created an "Engaged Member Rewards Card" by which members can track their event participation and earn discounts on committee swag. They have also set up a "12 for 12" page on ActBlue to encourage sustaining memberships (\$12 per month for a year).