

# SUMMER NEWS

## Lancaster County Democratic Committee

### Calendar

July 27 - LCDC Outdoor Meeting 5 - 7 PM  
Kilmarnock Town Centre Park. Wear your  
mask, social distance, and bring a chair.

September 18 - No-excuse, early voting  
begins at Courthouse.

October 13 - Deadline to register to vote  
or update address.

October 23 - Deadline to request  
Absentee Ballot by mail.

October 31 - Deadline to request  
Absentee Ballot in person.

November 3 - General Election

### How to Vote

1. No-excuse early voting at  
Courthouse 804-462-5277

2. By mail - request ballot  
application:

- Phone Registrar: 804-462-5277
- Email Registrar:  
[vote@lancova.com](mailto:vote@lancova.com)
- Online: [https://  
vote.elections.virginia.gov](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov).

Application Deadline: October 23.

Completed ballot must be postmarked  
no later than Election Day, Nov. 3.

3. Vote Nov. 3, Election Day, at your  
precinct inside or curbside.

### Lancaster Democrats Meet Outdoors

Come out, Come out, Wherever you are!

Lancaster Democrats will hold a social distancing  
Meet and Greet at the Kilmarnock Town Centre  
Park, 5-7 PM, Monday, July 27. Among other  
activities, we will have the opportunity to meet  
Qasim Rashid, winner of the Democratic Primary  
for 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District who is challenging  
Rob Wittman in November.

Qasim Rashid is a human  
rights attorney, author,  
speaker, husband, and  
father. A graduate of  
University of Illinois at  
Chicago, he earned a J.D.  
degree from University of  
Richmond School of Law.  
Qasim works with nonprofit  
organizations that advance  
women's rights, improve  
water, food, shelter,  
healthcare, and access to  
education for children living  
in poverty. [www.Rashidforva.com](http://www.Rashidforva.com)



Qasim Rashid

### Qasim Rashid's main goals in office

1. Compassion through action will unite  
communities, instill a sense of belonging, and help  
us mobilize against the big issues that Virginia's 1<sup>st</sup>  
District families are facing.
2. Serving working families.
3. Providing leadership in Virginia's 1<sup>st</sup> District.

## New Election Laws effective for November 3 General Election

### Early Voting

No-excuse, early voting for everyone begins on September 18, 45 days before Election Day, at the Courthouse. All excuses previously required for a voter to be eligible to vote in-person or by mail using an absentee ballot are eliminated. No-excuse, early voting is available regular business hours Monday through Friday at the Courthouse starting September 18. In addition, on the two Saturdays before Election Day, you may vote early at the Courthouse.

### Deadline for returning absentee ballot

In the 2020 Virginia Presidential Primary, 67,565 (5.63% - largest percentage of any state) votes were rejected for arriving late. The new law states that as long as the postmark or other indication of mailing or sending the ballot via commercial delivery service indicates the ballot was mailed by Election Day, the ballot can still be counted if received by the General Registrar by noon on the third day after the election.

### Election Day is state holiday

This bill removes Lee-Jackson Day, which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January from the list of legal holidays and adds Election Day, the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November.

### Voter Identification; repeal of photo identification requirements

The new Voter ID law removes the requirement that voters show a form of identification containing a photograph in order to be allowed to vote. The bill requires a voter to show either their voter registration confirmation documents, their valid Virginia driver's license, their valid United States passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in any other state or territory of the United States; any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

A voter who does not show one of the required forms of identification when offering to vote is required to sign a statement that they are the named registered voter they claim to be in order to be permitted to cast a ballot.

**Joe BIDEN** 

**Mark WARNER**

**Qasim RASHID**  
Fund for and authorized by the First Congressional District Democratic Committee

## Change the Course of History

Lancaster County Democratic Committee has almost doubled the number of Democrats who voted in the Presidential Primary Election and Congressional Primary Election in 2020 compared to previous years. Lancaster Democrats are fired up and our goal is continue this enthusiasm through the 2020 General Election.

But we need your help! You can help change the course of history with your change, money that is. Let us know how you want your money to make a difference. Thank you for making your check payable to LCDC and mailing to PO Box 318, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. Following are our immediate needs to make this election a success:

- ◆ 250 - yard signs are \$2 each \$500.
- ◆ 5 - large 4' x 4' signs are \$40 each \$200.
- ◆ 10 - "Burma Shave" sets of signs are \$25 each \$250.
- ◆ 2 - 10' x 10' tents for polls donated or new at a total cost \$350.
- ◆ Battery powered microphone-speaker for meetings \$350.
- ◆ Mailing Sample Ballots. We have the names and addresses of the 1800 people who voted for Democrats in the Lancaster 2020 Democratic primary election and can mail sample ballot/voters guide postcards including postage for \$630.
- ◆ Handing out Sample Ballots. Printing 3000 sample ballot/voters guide postcards suitable for mailing, handing out at churches and polls for \$150.
- ◆ Contribute now: [https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/lcdc\\_va](https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/lcdc_va)

## Tom York



It is our sad duty to inform members of the passing of longtime friend and dedicated Democrat, Tom York. Tom's wife of 57 years, Luci, died earlier this year.

A retired Navy captain, Tom also served as a member of the LCDC Executive Committee. Along with Democratic stalwarts like Jack Russel and Norm Mosher, Tom helped resurrect the LCDC after the tumultuous 2004 election. Tom and Luci lived in an iconic Kilmarnock home, where members may recall attending Labor Day picnics. Both Tom and Luci will surely be missed. A visitation, to honor both Tom and Luci York, will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, July 20, at the Currie Funeral Home, Kilmarnock.

### Editor, Writers, and Designers Wanted

Since the coronavirus, we have published this newsletter to communicate with our Lancaster County Democratic Committee members. Join in producing this valued publication and get to meet interesting people and write about local, state, and national politics. If interested in volunteering to help change history, contact: Robert Bennett, Chair, Lancaster County Democratic Committee, 804-761-7647 or [RobertBennettLanCoVaDems@gmail.com](mailto:RobertBennettLanCoVaDems@gmail.com).

## Benefits of Membership

Lancaster County Democratic Committee Newsletter

Sample Ballots/Voter Guides

Email Notices of Meeting & Events

Membership Meetings, Happy Hours & Election Night Parties

Web page: [www.lancovadems.org](http://www.lancovadems.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lancaster-VA-Democratic-Committee-389700708082124>

Connections to groups like:

Interracial Conversations of Lancaster & Northumberland Counties.  
[www.InterracialConversationsNNK.com](http://www.InterracialConversationsNNK.com)

Indivisible Northern Neck, Lower Lancaster  
[www.rappahannockindivisible.org](http://www.rappahannockindivisible.org)

Contribute to LCDC: [https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/lcdc\\_va](https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/lcdc_va)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address, if different: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership \$25      \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership \$35  
*Financial assistance is available.*

Please make checks payable to LCDC, or Charge to Your Credit Card  
Mail to: P.O. Box 318, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

Pay Now

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Name on Credit Card	Credit Card #	Exp. Date	3-Digit CVV
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