

The Alexandria Democrat

Justin Wilson Wins City Council Seat

In a competitive race for the Alexandria City Council seat, Justin Wilson emerged the winner with 4,737 votes over Republican candidate Bill Cleveland's 4,390.

In his victory message to supporters, Wilson said, in part: "Thanks to your tireless efforts, we prevailed. Thank you for everything you did to help our campaign over the past two months. I cannot fully express my gratitude for those of you who stood at the polls in 90-degree heat, made thousands of calls, walked neighborhoods, gave financially and told your friends to turn out and vote. In an election this close, everything

you did ultimately made a difference. I am so grateful."

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Family Fan Congratulates Wilson

21– 51 Campaign: Turn Virginia Blue in State Senate and House of Delegates

This election season could be historic in Virginia.

Turning Virginia blue in competitive districts in Northern Virginia and around the state just may be possible. In the state Senate, 21 seats are needed for a

majority (17 now); in the House of Delegates, 51 seats (40 now).

Where are the competitive districts – (on the road map and the legislative map)? Who are the candidates? What are their backgrounds? See page 3

- **Coming soon...** the ADC's annual **Labor Day picnic**. Monday, September 3, from noon to 4:00 pm at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria.
- This annual event features fine people, favorite foods, general good cheer, many thanks all around, and energy to **Turn Virginia Blue**.

Introducing: ADC Public Information Officer

Greetings, Fellow Democrats: I'm pleased to have been elected to serve as the ADC's Public Information Officer.

In the almost three years that I have been a member of the ADC, I've volunteered to staff the ADC's public relations and information table at many festivals, including the September Arts Festival on King Street, walked many streets "flyering", knocked on many doors canvassing, and made many phone calls. In other words, I've done what so many of you have done. I am Precinct 109 co-captain, along with Trish Curran.

I approach this job with no small amount of trepidation, but with hope for collaboration and help from almost all of you.

Actually, I must be honest here: Introducing myself is an excuse for me to let you know that

I hope to hear from you about your hopes, interests and involvement on behalf of Democrats in Alexandria, in Virginia, in the country.

Publishing of "The Alexandria Democrat" newsletter will be one of my responsibilities. "The Alexandria Democrat" does not require Pulitzer Prize-winning prose but it does require news and views items, lengthy or short. The readers need to hear from you about what you and/or your committee or group has been doing and what you hope to accomplish - what, who, when, where and why usually works quite well enough. Editorial embellishments are nice but not necessary.

And, if you want help for your project, and who doesn't, the newsletter is a great venue to ask for that, too. Send me your words. My email address is: marianneanderson@verizon.net.

HELP WANTED: Creative Person with Technical Ability

-- To format/design the ADC's monthly newsletter, "The Alexandria Democrat", a 4 to 8 page email-based newsletter.

Everyone has something to bring to the Alexandria Democrat table. If you have a talent for graphic work, and you are willing to share it for the democratic cause, this could be your way to make a difference.

Hours: Variable (4 to 6 per month). Usually done last full week of any month. No writing work involved. You receive all written mate-

rial, including headlines, with a template for many items and general page-placement instructions for other articles.

Salary: Many kudos – Priceless

Benefits: See Salary -- You get credit in "The Alexandria Democrat" as the Graphic Designer – Priceless

Think about it. Decide to share your graphic design capabilities. Email to marianneanderson@verizon.net to "apply". Or, call her at 703-548-0295 to ask about this chance to make a difference and use the skills you already have. Thank you in advance.

Justin Wilson Wins

“I now pledge to place the same energy that we used to win this race, in service to the residents of Alexandria. I promise to create an environment for your ideas to flourish and all I ask in return is that you make a similar commitment to great city.

If you have ideas for the future of Alexandria, please tell me. If you want serve Alexandria on a board or commission, please tell me. If you like what I’m doing, or don’t like what I’m doing, please tell me. I will be accessible and accountable. I look forward to serving all Alexandrians in this new capacity, and I’m appreciative of the support that you have shown me thus far.

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What are their stands on the issues? Look for answers to these questions in the September “Alexandria Democrat” when the 21/51 Campaign committee will bring you the information, and the call to help. Look on the ADC website and also read Judy Lowe’s twice-weekly emails.

Plan to work for our local candidates; take a road trip in the fall to canvass or “flyer”; spend a couple of weekend hours with your cell phone calling voters in other districts. It could happen – we could make history in Virginia.

The 21-51 Campaign Committee, Rob Krupicka, Anthony Dale, Alison DeCoursey, Julie Jakopic, Ashley McNeil and Ed Walters are working on shades of blue and want you with them.

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I am ready to lead on the issues that matter. Together we can make Alexandria an even better place to live, work and raise a family.”

A Contrast in Party Pride

Commentary by Matt Harris

While handing out Justin Wilson campaign material at the Braddock Road Metro in the week prior to the special election, I was fortunate to be present at the same time that Bill Cleveland was handing out his campaign literature. As Bill Cleveland greeted each morning commuter, he’d state his name and add that he’s the “independent candidate for city council.” Shadowing him, I’d quickly speak to each commuter and tell him or her to vote for “Justin Wilson, the Democratic candidate for City Council.” Then in the presence of Bill Cleveland, I challenged each person by telling them that I’d give them a dollar if they could find the word “Republican” printed anywhere on Bill Cleveland’s material. To say the least, Bill Cleveland and his assistant were not too happy with my illumination of their deliberate omission.

Incredibly, his assistant had the audacity to say that my actions were “unfair.” Not that I don’t have a soft spot for weak-kneed Republicans, but I still cling on to the old fashioned notion that political parties matter, and that if one can’t be proud of the party one opts to represent, perhaps one should find a new party or at the very least not deceptively claim to be an independent when one is in fact beholden to a party with very little contemporary success (thankfully) in Alexandria.

I am most proud to be a Democrat when our party stands strong for our shared progressive ideals, and I am confident that Justin will echo these ideals as part of our all-Democratic city council!

Message from the Chair

By Susan Kellom

Dear Alexandria Democrats:

As we enter a fall that seems so promising for Democrats throughout the Commonwealth, I hope that we can all take a moment to remember one of Alexandria's true gentlemen. **Jack Ticer** served Alexandria as a member of City Council and then graciously slipped into the role of supportive spouse as **Patsy** served on Council, as Mayor and as a Virginia Senator. He could brighten a room with his droll humor and pithy observations. Our hearts are with Patsy and their children and grandchildren at this difficult time.

For the next two months, we will participate in the Virginia-wide "21 — 51" effort. Our own General Assembly delegation is campaigning hard for reelection. Senators **Patsy Ticer** and **Dick Saslaw**, and Delegates **Brian Moran**, **Adam Ebbin** and **David Englin** are working hard, not only in their own campaigns, but also to elect 21 Senators and 51 Delegates. They cannot do it alone — to put Virginia back on the track to sensible government, they must have help in the General Assembly.

Beginning on September 8, the ADC will be helping nearby Democratic campaigns each Saturday. There are many different activities — something for everyone! If each of you were to give just four hours on two Saturdays, "21 — 51" would be a foregone conclusion. Thanks in advance for your help!

Congratulations to **Justin Wilson** for a well run campaign. We are proud to have you on City Council.

And last — Please join us on September 30 to hear the latest news from former Governor Mark Warner!

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Program Ads and Other Volunteer Needs

Our Deputy Chair for Administration and Finance, Julie Jakopic, will be forming several committees to help with the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. We are VERY excited that former Governor **Mark Warner** will be our keynote speaker. By the time of our dinner, we may have an idea of who will be running for what office in Virginia next year.

One of the most important committees will be the Program Committee, which will be charged with selling ads for the program. Ad sales can really boost our bottom line, and we will ask even those of you who are not on the committee to contact people who might be likely to buy ads.

Members of the Program Committee will be emailed a very easy to use sales packet, which will include text boxes which are the exact size of the ad. There will be no guess work. We will also take the raw text from your customers and design simple ads if necessary. The prices are quite reasonable:

____ Full page ad (4.5" x 7.5") @ \$100.00 ____ Half page ad (4.5" x 3.5") @ \$55.00 ____ Business card ad (4.5" x 2.33") @ \$35.00

We also need people to help with table and room decorations, set up, check in and other tasks. Join us to help make this evening with Mark Warner a resounding success.

If you would like to help, please contact Julie at julie@creatingthevision.com, or leave a message for her at the ADC office — 703-549-3367.

— Susan Kellom



The 2007 Alexandria Jefferson-Jackson Dinner



The Democratic Committee of Alexandria, Virginia
Requests the Honor of Your Presence at The Jefferson-Jackson
Dinner

Sunday, September 30, 2007
Reception at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM
The Hilton Mark Center Hotel
Honored Guest
Former Governor Mark Warner

Please mail or deliver this form, with payment, to: Alexandria Democratic Committee, 618 North Washington Street, Ground Floor, Suite 2, Alexandria, VA 22314. For further information call the ADC office 703-549-3367. Reservation deadline is September 26, 2007.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Employer's Address _____

I (we) cannot attend the dinner, but enclosed is \$ _____ to help the ADC elect our General Assembly candidates.

Tickets — Contributors at the *Friend* and above will be listed in the program

Tickets (insert number of tickets)

- ____ Adult (1 Ticket) @\$65.00
- ____ Full-Time Student (1 Ticket) @ \$40.00
- ____ Young Dem Chapter Member (1 Ticket) @ \$55.00
- ____ Senior 65 and older (1 Ticket) @ \$55.00

Tables (insert number of tickets)

- ____ Table Friend (10 tickets) @ \$750.00
- ____ Table Sponsor (10 Tickets and half-page program ad) @ \$1,000.00
- ____ Table Patron (10 Tickets and full-page program ad) @ \$1,500.00

Sponsors (insert number of tickets)

- ____ Friend (1 Ticket) @ \$75.00
- ____ Sponsor (1 Ticket) @ \$125.00
- ____ Patron (1 Ticket) @ \$150.00
- ____ Benefactor (1 Ticket) @ \$250.00

Chair's Circle (Limited Availability at Head Table)

- ____ Chair's Circle (1 Ticket)@ \$500.00

Please see Page 5 for more information on program ads

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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A “Festival” of Appreciation ...by Diana Bedoya

On behalf of Alexandrians, and folks beyond our borders who rely on the Alexandria Democratic Committee to bring them information, visibility, and a sense of community -- a huge thank you goes to the volunteers who make this all happen.

As Outreach Officer, I want to, thank the wonderful volunteers for helping to make the ADC visible and spreading the Democratic message at cultural events around the city.

Specific thanks go to these people who have given of their energy and their weekend time for these festivals:

Arlandria-Chirilagua Festival: Diane Crawford-Batt, Paul Cox, Trish Curran, Jessica Killeen, Adam Osterman, Jack Sullivan, Marge Thiel.

Jazz Festival: Diane Crawford-Batt, Neil Fine, Sharon Warden

Armenian Festival: Mary Giordano, Jackie Meeks, Adam Osterman, Ron Rigby, Jack Sullivan

Alexandria Birthday Party:

Eric Graves, Becky Squires, Lynn Humphries, Marianne Anderson, Lynn Campbell, Brigitte Guttstadt, Diane Crawford-Batt, Trish Curran, Marjorie Morgan, Sharon Dantzig, Peter Newbould, Carolyn Cason, Heather Sullivan, Susan Kellom.

There are more events and festivals to come where the ADC will be spreading the Democratic message including **first Thursdays** (of the month) in Del Ray. More about September and fall events in the September newsletter, but be thinking about the **Alexandria Arts Festival** on King Street, September 7, 8 and 9. This is a huge event drawing large crowds, not only locally but from around the state. (A great opportunity for statewide candidates to have a representative.)

Go to ADC's website, www.alexdem.org, click on Volunteer, then click on Festivals for a complete listing of festivals and events where help is needed. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the work. It's easy, convivial, and for a good cause. What could be better!

Democrats in the area, including me, are thanking you in advance. Send an email to say you will help to office@alexdem.org, or call the Alexandria Democratic Committee

City Council Election Process Study Committee

Dick Hobson writes:

The recent report of the City Council Election Process Study Committee (appointed by Mayor Euille) may be found on the City web site. The web site is listed below. This report considers a number of election process issues including the possible change of the City Council election from May to November.

The City Council has scheduled a public hearing on this report and the issues contained there for Saturday, October 13, 9:30 am in the City Council chambers. As Chair of the Study Committee, I will be glad to respond to any questions that ADC members may have about the report. My email is rhobson@mcguirewoods.com. My phone number is 703.712.5437.

The URL for the Committee Report is: <http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy07/062607rm/di25.pdf>

ADC Green Guide ...by Carolyn Cason

What can you do to reduce global warming? Every small action makes a difference!

Recently, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a reputable organization of over 2,000 scientists, determined that there is a 90-95% likelihood that global warming is man-made.

Want to take steps to reduce your own carbon footprint? Here's an easy one that starts right in your own home—exchange your incandescent lights for compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). The average household spends 10-15% of its annual electricity bill on lighting, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Incandescent bulbs are incredibly inefficient, wasting 95% of their energy to heat the bulb!

CFLs use up to 75% less energy, keep your home cooler, and save you money while helping to reduce carbon emissions.

If every American home replaced their 5 most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with ones that have earned the ENERGY STAR, we would save close to \$8 billion each year in energy costs, and together we would prevent the greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from nearly 10 million cars.

Look for CFLs recommended by the EPA's Energy Star program in home improvement centers and retailers. Check out

www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.

BENEFITS of CFLs

- Uses up to 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light, and lasts up to 10 times longer.
- Save \$30 or more in energy costs over each bulb's lifetime.
- Generate 70% less heat, so they're safer to operate and can cut energy costs associated with home cooling.
- Save over a ton of carbon dioxide emissions with 3 bulbs!



Annual Labor Day Picnic

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Bring your family, your friends, your fellow Democrats. Bring your baked beans, salad, side dish, dessert to **Fort Ward Park**, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, on **Monday, September 3, from Noon to 4:00 pm.**

\$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 ages 5 to 18, Free under age 5, \$25.00 max. per family. Be a friend for \$20, a Patron for \$30, a Sponsor for \$50, a Benefactor for \$100.

Come early, stay late — Volunteers needed to set up and clean up. Email to Julie Jakopic, julie@creatingthevision.com or call the ADC office at 703-549-3367.

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