

# **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next meeting of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia will be held on

Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

at the Senior Center, Inc., on Pepsi Place

# Albemarle County Board of Supervisors Candidates Forum

Three Supervisors will be elected in November. We are pleased that all five of the candidates for these positions have accepted our invitation to participate in this forum. We'll have the opportunity to hear and explore the views of the candidates on many of the issues and priorities for Albemarle County.

Senior Statesmen of Virginia secretary, Bill Davis, will be the forum moderator. He will ask each candidate for an up-to-five-minute opening statement. The audience will be encouraged to provide written questions and the moderator will choose as many questions as time permits for answers and discussion by the candidates. Selected questions are likely to be a mix of ones directed to all candidates or to individual candidates.

We asked each candidate for a short statement containing any combination of biographic, qualification, and policy position information (no more than 200 words) and a photo. These appear on the following two pages listed alphabetically by name.

### **Rivanna District**



Kenneth Boyd Republican



Cynthia
Neff
Democrat

# **Scottsville District**



Christopher
Dumler
Democrat



James Norwood Republican

# White Hall



Ann Mallek Democrat

#### Kenneth C. (Ken) Boyd - Rivanna District - Republican



For over 30 years Ken Boyd has been a part of our community. Ken and his wife Brenda raised 4 children (Casey, Patrick, Kelley and Cory) who all attended Albemarle public schools. It was Ken's longtime commitment to the Albemarle school system that led him to chair his children's PTOs and then on to winning a seat on the School Board. From coaching youth sports to his current service on the Computers4Kids' board, Supervisor Boyd has always tried to make a positive difference in preparing our children for the future.

Since being elected to the Board of Supervisors, Ken's focus has remained on improving the quality of life in Albemarle County for all. By working to bring the new Martha Jefferson Hospital to the county and helping to secure quality jobs at the DIA and NGIC, Ken has labored to keep our local economy strong. His leadership in shaping the Board of Supervisor master plan, limiting growth to 5% of the county's landmass, has allowed roughly 80% of the county to remain forested. His transportation solutions like the Meadowcreek

Parkway and now the 29 bypass will help ease congestion and better serve local residents and businesses for decades to come.

#### Christopher J. Dumler - Scottsville District - Democrat



Christopher Dumler is an attorney and UVA Law graduate with his own practice who lives and works in Scottsville. In addition to his private law practice, Christopher also serves as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps. He has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Board of Directors and as chairman of the Finance Committee of the Region Ten Community Services Board, and he is also a member of the Albemarle Natural Heritage Committee, a stakeholder in the Biscuit Run State Park master planning process. He also serves the community as a volunteer firefighter, a member of the Scottsville Government Services Committee, and a member of the Scottsville Chamber of Commerce. Christopher is running to ensure that Albemarle and the Scottsville District have an accountable, collaborative, responsive government that focuses on issues that actually matter to the residents of the district: economic development and job creation for citizens; smart investments in our schools to ensure our children

receive a world-class education that will keep us competitive in the global market; and smart growth and development to preserve our agricultural heritage, environmental treasures and the pristine beauty of Albemarle County.

#### Ann Mallek - Whitehall District - Democrat



I am descended from a 13<sup>th</sup> c Irish lady pirate, the granddaughter of a Rachel Carson environmentalist, and daughter of a veterinarian. I wear many hats which use different skills and interests. Farmer, biologist by training, teacher--all provide me with experience to support my major goals as supervisor--representation and collaboration.

I am proud to be a citizen activist, with sole allegiance to residents and to our county. I stand up for open, accessible processes and transparent decision making, as I believe these are essential to build and maintain the public's confidence in local government.

There are many critical issues facing our district and our county right now—economic development and employment, success in our schools, transportation priorities and the Western Bypass, zoning concerns, air and water quality, water capacity planning, and the county use of tax funds, to name a few. I actively listen to citizens, bring varied opinions

together, and represent the majority of the citizens in our district. Please share your views with me by calling or e-mailing. Invite me to speak with your neighborhood or homeowners association, or community group.

#### Cynthia Neff - Rivanna District - Democrat

It seems I have spent my whole life preparing for this role on the BOS. I was a small business owner then transitioned to one of the most successful companies in the world. At IBM I learned what it took to be a leader, to make tough decisions and to make thoughtful analyses. I learned to balance the needs of customers, the marketplace, employees, and the bottom line. I worked my way up from account specialist to the executive ranks where I was accountable for running a global operation.

I plan to live the rest of my life here in Albemarle County. I want to help our community not only survive, but thrive. Someone needs to stand up for the residents of the Rivanna District and Albemarle County, listen to them, engage them and work with them to build a sustainable, integrated community for everyone.

We are at a defining moment in the history of our community. Strong leadership is required that proactively listens to all parties, understands there are no simple solutions nor room for rigid ideology, plays well with others and gets the job done. I can do that job well. I ask for your support, help and your vote.

#### James C. Norwood - Scottsville District - Republican

Brief Background info:

- > B.A. Economics University of New England.... presently a Trustee
- > Independent business owner in Albemarle county for 12 years
- > Private business owner 25 years of 45 year career
- > Married to Joan for 43 yrs, five children, seven grandchildren
- > Past President of Charlottesville American Heart Association
- > Past President American Cancer Society, Charlottesville

Issues:

FOR- Freedom, Liberty and Rights

FOR- Extending CAT service where needed

FOR- Safe rural roads

FOR- Manage county revenue to avoid raising taxes

FOR- Buy Local and expand present businesses from within to create jobs

AGAINST- Partisan politics

AGAINST- Internet sales for products available locally

FOR- Common sense fiscal responsibility

FOR- In classroom investment for education

#### IN CASE YOU MISSED THE LAST SSV MEETING...



Seven candidates vying for the Democratic nominations to City Council and five independents shared their experience and positions at the August 10 SSV Candidates Forum. Space limitations only allow for a brief mention of their remarks here, but the entire presentation to the SSV can be heard on the Charlottesville Podcasting Network at http://www.cvillepodcast.com/category/seniorstatesmen/. Scott Bandy (I) is running to bring a different perspective to the race. Paul Beyer (D) is running because he is a hometown guy and a businessman with an arts background. He wants to look at the arts as a driver of our local economy and a middle class (continued overleaf) jobs source and the cultural life of the city.

#### In case you missed the August 10 SSV City Council candidates forum (continued from previous page)

Colette Blount (D) brings her experience as a teacher, school board member and her ability to connect to the community and her dedication. Her three key concerns are the jobs market, affordable housing and schools. Brevy Cannon (D) is running because he believes middle class jobs are the city's biggest challenge. Job training and mentoring is needed along with tax breaks to encourage job creation. Brandon Collins (I) says that as bad as the current economic crisis is, there are many families who have spent their entire lives in economic crisis, and he does not want to see continued great suffering to be the legacy we leave for the future. **Bob Fenwick (I)** spent seven years in the Corps of Engineers building bridges, and was a combat engineer in Viet Nam. With regard to the water controversy, he comes from the perspective of "dredging-first-option," but he can converse civilly with those who are "dam -first-option." Kathy Galvin (D) comes from a blue-collar city where she witnessed the closing of factories and the withering of neighborhoods. She is an architect with a vision for a greener, smarter Charlottesville by design, a city that expands economic opportunities especially for the most vulnerable while minimizing the regional footprint. James Halfaday (D) was elected to his hometown council at age 18, the youngest official in Illinois history. He doesn't run from a script, but rather from his heart and mind. His focus is on education to close the education gap and accountability so that city council will be responsive. Satyendra Singh Huja (D) is the only incumbent running. He points to his achievements including the downtown mall, but looks to creative solutions for future needs. The city has a bright future, but there is a need to improve the environment, safely walk and ride a bike, improve transportation system, infrastructure, water and sewer lines, and housing. Paul Long (I) has been in Charlottesville since 1998 and is running because he is disgraced by the way we're treating our homeless people. **Dede Smith (D)** is running because she loves Charlottesville and wants to see the city maintain a high quality of life for generations to come. She has a long history of community service and cofounded citizens for a sustainable water plan. Andrew Williams (I) is a full-time student and claims adjuster for State Farm. The purest form of representation at local level is independent. His core principles are sustainability, honesty, moving forward, and helping the major populace without ignoring the concerns of the few.

The Senior Statesmen of Virginia is pleased to welcome a new member, Eleanore Sturgill, 1604 Kenwood Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901, 434-295-5545.

#### Upcoming meeting schedule...

Wednesday, October 12, Michael Cassidy, CEO and President of Commonwealth Institute on Virginia tax policy, October 12th.

Wednesday, November 9, Brian Wheeler, Director of Charlottesville Tomorrow, title TBA.

The **purpose** of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational and advocacy organization is to enable seniors to identify and articulate their viewpoints on the issues affecting all the citizens of Virginia; to encourage knowledge of and active participation in the public processes of government; to disseminate information about the social, governmental, and educational institutions; and to prepare resolutions stating positions on member-selected issues for distribution to appropriate public officials.

Membership in the SSV is open to all past and present citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Join now!** Annual dues are just \$15.00. Mail your check in the amount of \$15.00, (payable to "SSV") to Senior Statesmen of Virginia, P.O. Box 6591, Charlottesville, VA 22906. Telephone: 434-806-4474. E-mail: <a href="mailto:iimp@videoprovirginia.com">iimp@videoprovirginia.com</a>

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