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Virginia

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The mission of SSV, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational and advocacy organization, is to enable seniors to identify and articulate their viewpoints on the issues affecting all citizens of Virginia, to encourage knowledge of and active participation in the legislative process of government, and to disseminate information about the social, governmental, and educational institutions that offer support and assistance.



## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the **Senior Statesmen of Virginia** will be held on  
**Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 1:30 – 3 p.m.**  
at the **Senior Center, Inc., 1180 Pepsi Place**

# Delegates Rob Bell and David Toscano GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

**David Toscano**, the Democratic Leader of the House of Delegates, whose district includes all of Charlottesville and much of Albemarle County, and **Rob Bell**, a Republican who represents most of Albemarle County, will be briefing us on the 2015 Session of the Virginia General Assembly.

David and Rob have often briefed us in the past and have always given us important insights into the issues facing this area and the Commonwealth as a whole.

Some see this year's Session as a "kumbaya" moment: The parties agreed on a budget and even adjourned a day early. Beneath the scenes, however, there are significant issues that David and Rob will discuss that will return.



**Rob, his wife Jessica, son Robbie and daughter Evie live in Abemarle County.**



**David, his wife Nancy A. Tramontin, and son Matthew live in Charlottesville.**

Both David and Rob are graduates of U.Va.'s Law School and both practice in Charlottesville. David is a former Charlottesville City Councilor and Mayor. Rob is a former prosecutor and Attorney General candidate.

The program is **free and open to the public** and will be moderated by SSV Board Member **Terry Cooper**.

## ***In case you missed the March 11 Meeting:***

The following excerpted from the coverage provided by *The Daily Progress* written by **Bryan McKenzie** and appearing in the March 12 edition. The full story is available on the *The Daily Progress* website at: [http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/chamber-leader-sustainability-head-square-off-in-growth-debate/article\\_7700d6e8-c856-11e4-8780-a7f948130465.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/chamber-leader-sustainability-head-square-off-in-growth-debate/article_7700d6e8-c856-11e4-8780-a7f948130465.html)

It's a fine line. To some, government regulations, including zoning and permits, could help limit growth in Albemarle County, create a sustainable population and save the local environment. To others, it could spur more growth in rural areas, stifle jobs for existing residents and drive up the costs of homes, local business and sustainability.

Tom Olivier, president of Advocates for a Sustainable Albemarle Population, and Timothy Hulbert, president of the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, debated commercial and residential growth in region during a Wednesday meeting of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia.

Olivier said economic growth seldom pays for itself, especially in residential developments, which have a direct impact on tax expenditures for police, schools and other services. He said the concept of a free market is good in limited form coupled with government restrictions, and also said a free market does not provide equal benefit to all residents.... Hulbert said that, although a free market does not equally benefit everyone, it provides benefits in the form of jobs, tax revenue and a vibrant local economy that pays for needed services.

**Note:** You can listen to the entire presentation on the Charlottesville Podcasting Network at: <http://www.cvillepodcast.com/category/senior-statesmen/>.



**Tom Olivier**

**Timothy Hulbert**

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### ***Mark your calendar***

**Wednesday, May 13:** Christian J. Cotz , Director of Education and Visitor Engagement James Madison's Montpelier

**Wednesday, June 10:** Kerin Yates, president, League of Women Voters

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