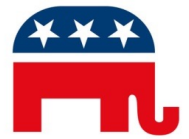


ELEPHANT TRACKS



Middlesex County Republican Committee (MCRC) Newsletter

Summer 2025

Special Edition

Early Voting Begins Next Month on September 19!

"Virginia is one election away from becoming California!"

That was the warning we heard from Winsome Sears' campaign representative at March's MCRC monthly meeting. The date for the General Election for deciding the next Governor of Virginia is Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

While we may yearn for an election day with paper ballots that are counted, without delay, all across the USA, until changes are made to the election rules, we have to use the current rules to our advantage. Waiting to vote on Election Day may introduce unforeseen complications. What if your car won't start? What if there is severe weather, downing trees and cutting power?

It is the duty of Every Good Republican of Middlesex County to go the Registrar's Office at 105 Bowden Street in Saluda beginning on September 19 to cast their vote in person before election day. Early in person voting continues through November 1.

Casting your vote early helps Republican Party of Virginia redirect financial and personnel support to those precincts most in need.

Last year, Rob Wittman pleaded with all present during his remarks at Pork and Politics to **VOTE EARLY!** He asked us to make a list of 20 people and to call them to remind them that early voting in-person voting begins September 19. Then, each week, check back to make sure that person has voted, and if not, how can you assist them on getting to the registrar's office to vote. We need to execute this plan again to **GET OUT THE VOTE** and ensure Winsome Sears is elected as the first black female Governor of Virginia in November.

**JUST DO IT! VOTE EARLY IN PERSON
FROM SEP 19TH THROUGH NOV 1ST!**

- OR -

**Consider requesting a
permanent absentee ballot!**

SAMPLE BALLOT

Governor

☐ Winsome Earle-Sears - R

Lieutenant Governor

☐ John J. Reid, II - R

Attorney General

☐ Jason S. Miyares - R

Member House of Delegates, 68th District

☐ Keith Hodges - R

Supervisor, Middlesex County, Hartfield District

☐ William A. "Bill" Harris - R

New for 2025: Republican Party Embraces Permanent Absentee Ballots

Winsome's campaign representative also asked Middlesex Republicans to go a step beyond early voting and to consider requesting permanent absentee ballots. Democrats have mastered the use of absentee ballots and Republican leaders are asking us to counter Democrat efforts with our own initiatives. Scott Pressler has been promoting absentee ballot applications for months in Pennsylvania.

The process for requesting a permanent absentee ballot is simple and can be done online or by submitting a paper application. The site is very easy to use. The entire process takes less than five minutes.

To apply online, make sure you have your Virginia driver's license and social security number handy, then go to: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

When the first screen comes up, select "Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail". Alternatively, a paper application can be printed, filled out and mailed to: Director of Elections, Middlesex County, P.O. Box 358, Saluda, VA 23149





Good Republicans Celebrate Trump's Promise Keeping in Saluda

Promises Made, Promises Kept

Middlesex Republicans held a Celebratory Rally in front of the Historic Courthouse in Saluda on Saturday morning, June 28. Our rally was envisioned as an opportunity to celebrate Flag Day, President Trump's Birthday, and to gear up for Independence Day. We knew President Trump would keep his campaign promises, and our rally was intended to be about celebration and good cheer. Many passing vehicles honked their horns or shouted encouragement. A very few motorists shouted profanities, which were answered with a cheerful "God bless you!"

Two weeks earlier, on June 14, urban areas across America were treated to the spectacle of "No Kings" rallies, with raging and delusional lunatics protesting an imaginary Trump dictatorship. A few of our Sad Democrat neighbors were seen milling about outside the Historic Courthouse. And that was before the recent Wall Street Journal poll that found 63% of voters hold an unfavorable view of the Democratic Party. Sad Democrat neighbors, indeed!

MCRC Nominates Bill Harris for Supervisor, Hartfield District

At our May 15 meeting, incumbent Supervisor Bill Harris asked for MCRC's nomination for the upcoming general election. MCRC members voted unanimously to approve his nomination. No other candidates for Supervisor representing the Hatfield District will appear on the ballot in November. Two years ago, Randy Crittenden ran for and won election for Supervisor of the Pinetop (Deltaville) District. Don Harris (no relation to Bill) is running for reelection as Supervisor representing the Saluda District. Don is also unopposed, but he has chosen to run as an Independent. MCRC will continue to press for Good Republicans to run for local office, so we can Make Middlesex Great Again!



Supervisor Bill Harris and MCRC Chair Gail Mitchell



You've Been Herded!

Mildred the MCRC Fundraising Elephant showed up on a recent Saturday morning at Your Hum-ble Editor's home. She was admired by visiting visitors and was well behaved while she waited patiently to be fed. By Monday morning, she had moved on to the residence of some other Good Republican. When Mildred shows up at your home, please break out your checkbook, dig deep and feed her well!

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR CANDIDATES SIDE-BY-SIDE  WINSOME EARLE-SEARS REPUBLICAN FOR ALL OF VIRGINIA THE BEST CHOICE FOR VIRGINIA  ABIGAIL SPANBERGER DEMOCRAT FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND FEDERAL GOVT BUREAUCRATS		
Virginia Executive Office Experience	Serving a four-year term as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia	None
Experience Outside Government	Built a successful business as a trained electrician	Nothing significant
Protecting the Unborn	Supports a 15-week abortion ban	Supports no restrictions Abortion-on-demand (anytime, for any reason)
Protecting Second Amendment Rights	• Gun Owner • Campaigned with AR-15 in 2021 • Vigorous defender of right to keep and bear arms	• Gun Grabber • Favors overall stricter gun control laws • Supports new Federal Assault Weapons Ban
Education	• Past Vice President of Virginia State Board of Education • Supports parents' choice on how to best educate their children • Opposes Critical Race Theory being taught in schools	• Supports liberal teachers' unions • Taught as a substitute teacher at Islamic Saudi Academy in Northern VA
Tax Policy	• Strongly supports eliminating Virginia's car tax • Supports No Tax on Tips	Opposed the Big Beautiful Bill tax cuts
Personal Story Highlights	• Naturalized Citizen • U.S. Marine Corps Veteran	• Joined CIA in 2006 • No military service
BOTTOM LINE	An experienced, common-sense conservative who will look out for ALL CITIZENS of the Commonwealth	A liberal champion of the administrative state with LITTLE EXPERIENCE outside the Beltway

Don't Let Abigail Spanberger Ruin Virginia's Economy!

Spanberger says she wants to “Lower costs for Virginia’s families”. She has no plan to accomplish this. Lowering the cost of energy would help families, but a look at her voting record on energy issues shows her supporting policies that raise the cost of energy, thus raising cost for families.

Here is a small sample of her votes on energy issues:

- Voted for the deceptively named Inflation Reduction Act, with unprecedented \$783 Billion in radical climate handouts
- Voted NO on “Save Our Gas Stoves Act”
- Voted NO on “Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act”, a government crackdown on all gas appliances
- Opposed boosting domestic natural gas exports and infrastructure
- Supports Government-controlled thermostats — wants your power company to decide when your AC stays on or shuts off.

Do not be fooled by Spanberger’s hand-wringing about the “massive” layoffs in the Federal work-force. Many Federal workers have opted for early retirement or taken a voluntary buyout. Despite this long overdue reduction in the Federal workforce, Arlington and Alexandria are actually experiencing regional job growth.

Job opportunities in Virginia are expected to continue to expand. Overall, employment in Virginia is projected to grow 10.1 percent by 2026, exceeding the national growth rate of 7.4 % (Source: [virginiaworks.com](https://www.virginiaworks.com)).

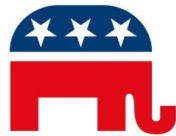
Last year at Pork and Politics, Winsome Sears told us that Democrats are **extreme** and their positions **make no sense**. She said that voting for the Republican ticket (Trump and Vance) was not a vote for the lesser of two evils, but rather a vote for a lessening of evil. She touted the Youngkin administration successes in attracting new businesses to Virginia and she will continue to work to make Virginia #1 for business in the U.S.



Virginia Republican Party Creed

WE BELIEVE...

- ★ *That the free enterprise system is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice*
- ★ *That all individuals are entitled to equal rights, justice and opportunities and should assume their responsibilities as citizens in a free society*
- ★ *That fiscal responsibility and budgetary restraints must be exercised at all levels of government*
- ★ *That the federal Government must preserve individual liberty by observing Constitutional limitations*
- ★ *That peace is best preserved through a strong defense*
- ★ *That faith in God, as recognized by our Founding Fathers, is essential to the moral fiber of the Nation*



JOIN US!

Middlesex County Republican Committee

MCRC Monthly Meetings **Aug 21 • Sep 18 • Oct 16, 2025**

Cooks Corner Public Conference Room
2693 General Puller Highway, Saluda, VA 23149

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

WINGS, WHEELS, & KEELS **Air, Car & Boat Show** **Sep 27, 2025 • 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Hummel Airfield, Topping, VA
*MCRC members will staff an information booth
throughout the day*

Become A Member

Membership application can be found at middlesexvagop.org.

Your support makes our educational efforts possible. Your membership helps buy campaign and yard message signs, campaign hats, banners, t-shirts, lapel pins, tents, stationery, postage, website domain and presence, American flags, U.S. Constitutions and so much more.

Let's work together to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

Annual membership is \$15 • Make your check payable to MCRC and send to P.O. Box 396, Hartfield, VA 23071