

PageCoVa Democrats Newsletter

Please note correction: Voting for the new Virginia Congressional map begins on March 6 at the *County Admin Building* on South Court Street, not the Courthouse.



Reminder: Page County Democrats Monthly Meetings

Page County Dems meet the first **Wednesday** of each month at 6:30 pm at the REC Center (630 W. Main Street, Luray). Any deviation from this schedule will be announced at least a week before the monthly meeting.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 pm at the REC Center.

Vote YES on New Virginia Congressional Map

To STOP the Trump regime's actions of lawlessness and move towards fascism, VOTE 'Yes' on Redistricting as this will: 1) eliminate Ben Cline by redistricting him automatically out of existence from Page County; 2) stop Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, by ending his Republican majority; 3) put the brakes on Trump and his fascist agenda; 4) hold Trump and his regime ACCOUNTABLE for their illegal actions. This may be the last opportunity we have to use our vote as citizens as Trump and his supporters are doing everything to Nationalize Elections with only Republicans in control.

Trump started this fight by calling for redistricting in red states (Texas, North Carolina, Missouri, and Ohio, with Florida and Utah likely in the near future) and we must finish this fight by using the power of our vote to fight fire with fire. Like California, but unlike the aforementioned red states, all citizens of Virginia have an opportunity to vote on the new map. Democracy in action.

Early voting on the new map begins on **Friday, March 6**, at the Page County Admin Building (across the street from the courthouse), 103 South Court Street in Luray. You can vote YES until April 21, the final day for voting. For more information about the new maps, Go Here: <https://www.wtvr.com/news/local-news/redistricting-passes-virginia-house-feb-10-2026> to watch a WTVR clip.

Finally, please consider a donation to Rural GroundGame for their ongoing efforts to reach rural voters of all stripes. Rural GroundGame needs to raise \$20,000 to fund their dialer and fund numerous text banks to encourage Virginians to vote YES. Go here <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/rggvoteyes2?refcode=voteyes> to donate.

Rural Urban Divide Workshop with Community Works

Community Works has invited PCDC members to a Zoom workshop series occurring on two consecutive Monday nights, February 16 and 23, 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm ET, to hear RUBI's analysis of the underlying causes of the nation's shift right, and what to



do about it, including examples from our successful Community Works approach. These workshops will be helpful in formulating our messages as we head towards November.

Go here: <https://shorturl.at/LySny> to register for this important gathering.

Page County Technical Center Event on February 19

The Page County Technical Center Foundation will host a "Business After Hours" event on Thursday, February 19, starting at 5:30 PM. Food will be provided by Main Street Bakery. If you are interested in attending, please register by calling 540-743-3915 or email events@luraypage.com. Registration is free but requested so adequate food can be ordered.

Page County's Tax Reassessment Issue

As all Page County residents are painfully aware, the newest tax reassessment letters have been delivered. The dramatic increases in assessed values of property seem to utterly defy logic. The critical factor responsible for this increase is the explosive growth of the Short-Term Rental (STR) market in Page County.

A large number of these STRs are not owned or operated by locals - or even individual people. Wealthy buyers and outside commercial operations often purchase multiple units in our backyard and directly compete with our local STR entrepreneurs. As usual in this era of "Epstein Island," breaks to the wealthy equate to additional local tax burdens on the lower classes. Page County residents are encouraged to make our voices heard about this outrageous development;

Go Here: https://pcdems.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Page-County-STR_Tax-Reassessment-Final.pdf for complete information include contact names and emails of District Supervisors, County Administrators, and suggested text for letters and emails.

February Social at Ollie Cat Café

The February PCDC social gathering will be on Thursday, February 19, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at Ollie Cat Café on West Main Street in Luray. Join us for great winter comfort food (amazing French fries), libations, and conversation.



As Ollie Cat Café is a huge supporter of Page Paws, please consider leaving a donation in their jar near our Happy Hour area. Thank you!





RURAL URBAN BRIDGE INITIATIVE

RURAL URBAN DIVIDE/COMMUNITY WORKS TRAINING

TWO PARTS: FEBRUARY 16 & FEBRUARY 23RD, 7:00-8:15 PM ET ON ZOOM

RURAL URBAN DIVIDE WORKSHOP

Our nation is increasingly divided across economics, politics and culture. While race and class play major roles in this polarization, the divide between urban and rural is perhaps the most talked about yet poorly understood component of our divisions.

Many progressives, liberals and Democrats often ask, "Why do these people vote against their own self-interests?" But perhaps the question should be, **"Why do so many people in the countryside see liberals and Democrats as opposed to their interests, dismissive of their needs, values and priorities?"**

The Rural Urban Bridge Initiative invites you to host "Understanding and Overcoming the Rural-Urban Divide", a highly acclaimed two-part presentation and discussion.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Learn from leading thinkers and activists about the causes of the rural-urban divide and how to overcome it.

- The five underlying causes of the rural urban divide
- How liberals, progressives and Democrats unwittingly contribute to the divide
- How to communicate in rural places and across the divide
- Effective strategies for community engagement and overcoming mistrust
- Examples of progressive economic development in rural communities and how policy helps or hinders this

AUDIENCE

Community Works leaders and volunteers
Democratic Party leaders & activists
Liberal and progressive organizations
Rural advocacy and rural and urban activist groups

REGISTRATION

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/RUDCWORKS>
or scan the QR code:



"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THE TRAINING ON SATURDAY. IT WAS INCREDIBLE. IT WAS RELEVANT. IT WAS POWERFUL. IT WAS JUST WHAT WE NEEDED. AND IT WAS EFFECTIVE...RUBI MADE ALL OF US THINK AND COMMIT TO WORKING DIFFERENTLY. FROM ME PERSONALLY, I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW FABULOUS I THOUGHT IT WAS...AND HOW MUCH I LEARNED. THANK YOU!"

JUDY CARBONE, MD RURAL COMMUNITIES COUNCIL