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Board approves redistricting plan

Even growth provides less drastic shifts

BY BRANDON SHULLEETA
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A redistricting plan that would shift thousands of residents to different magisterial districts easily won the support of Albemarle County’s Board of Supervisors on Wednesday. Supervisors said that while there was no way to avoid some changes to districts, the plan crafted by county staff is easy to swallow.

“Let’s not kid ourselves. We are going to separate some communities of interest,” Supervisor Kenneth C. Boyd said. “We have to do it. There’s no way around it.”

Virginia localities must adjust district boundaries every decade. See BOARD, Page A8
Changes

The county's approved plan must be checked for compliance with the Voting Rights Act before it can be installed. The changes approved by the Board of Supervisors are:

1. The eastern-most portion of the Eastberry precinct, currently in the Samuel Miller Magisterial District, would move into the University Hall precinct in the Jack Jouett Magisterial District.
2. Briarwood and Camelot subdivisions, now in the Burnley precinct of the Rivanna Magisterial District, would move to the Northside precinct in the Rio Magisterial District.
3. Porters precinct would be removed from the Scottsville Magisterial District and placed in the Samuel Miller Magisterial District.
4. Yellow Mountain precinct, currently in the White Hall Magisterial District, would be in the Samuel Miller Magisterial District.
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to give each district about the same number of residents.

To adjust for disproportionate population growth during the past 10 years, more than 2,400 people are being added to the Jack Jouett District, and nearly as many people are being removed from the Scottsville District, among other plans.

Only a few people addressed the board about the redistricting plan on Wednesday morning.

One woman asked supervisors to have public hearings on crucial matters during evening hours in the future, instead of during daytime hours, to give working residents a chance to address the board.

Otherwise, the county has faced few objections to the approved plan, according to officials.

Albemarle County Attorney Larry Davis has said officials have been able to avoid radical changes to the boundaries, compared with other localities, because Albemarle's growth was spread relatively evenly.

The approved plan lifts some entire precincts from their current districts. The Porters precinct, currently in the Scottsville District, would be moved to the Samuel Miller District, along with the Yellow Mountain precinct, which is currently in the White Hall District.

Supervisor Dennis S. Rooker said it's often better to shift entire precincts to different districts, when possible, than portions of precincts.

There are only a few circumstances in which only portions of precincts will be transferred, which officials called unavoidable.

If the nearly 99,000-person county were evenly split each district would have about 16,400 residents.

The approved changes have all of the districts within 3.1 percent of perfectly divided populations; the state allows a 5-percent cushion.

Though the Board of Supervisors created guidelines for redrawing the boundaries, county staff members crafted the redrawn map, which was unanimously approved by supervisors on Wednesday.

As a final step, the county must be approved for compliance with the Voting Rights Act before being installed.

The new map is expected to be in place in time for the election in November.
Albemarle Supervisors Approve Redistricting Plan, Raises

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Albemarle County supervisors adopted a plan to redraw the county's voting districts at a meeting Wednesday. Redistricting is a federal requirement after census numbers are released every ten years.

The adopted plan means a big change for some voters south of Charlottesville. The Porters Precinct will move from the Scottsville District and into the Samuel Miller District.

"They've been a part of that district for a very long time," Supervisor Ken Boyd said. "and I think that Mr. Dorrier would have preferred they stayed, but it's like a balloon you're squeezing. It would be escaping somewhere else if you squeezed it."

The move has to do with northern Albemarle's rapid growth. By law, the county is required to keep the districts equal in population, but Supervisor Ann Mallek is happy they were at least able to keep the voting precinct intact.

"(It is) very important to be able to keep people going to the places they're used to attending to vote," Mallek said.

There is one exception to that rule. Hollymead will get a second polling place at Baker-Butler Elementary School. The new precinct will take the place of the old Burnley Precinct, while adding in thousands of users who used to cast their ballots at Hollymead Elementary.

"It took hours for people to vote because there were so many people trying to vote there despite having more voting machines," Mallek said.

Now they hope the adopted plan will ease that congestion to the north, while not upsetting too many people elsewhere in the county.

"It's not going to please everybody, but we're going to move forward the best we can," Boyd said.

Supervisors are generally pleased with their plan. They are not too pleased, however, with the state level redistricting that splits voters in some of the county level districts.

One example in the Rivanna District, which is split up between delegates Rob Bell and David Toscano.

Boyd said it could be confusing for people to have to vote in one district in a county election, but vote in another district at the state level.

At Wednesday's meeting, supervisors also voted to give themselves a 1% pay raise. The move came with no opposition, and supervisors say it is in line with a raise given to other classified employees.
Albemarle plans redistricting

Proposal would lift some entire precincts from current districts

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Scottsville tops the county’s six districts with a population of 19,018 residents. Jack Jouett has 14,563.

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Moving the lines

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Albemarle Supervisors to Hold Public Hearing on Redistricting

The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors is inviting public comment on its proposed redistricting plan. The Board is required by the Constitution of Virginia to redistrict every 10 years.

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The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the County's proposed redistricting plan on May 4.

The Board is required by the Constitution of Virginia to redistrict every 10 years following the public release of decennial census data to re-balance the County’s population so that each district’s population is as equal as possible to every other district. The Board also reviews and redraws the boundaries of the precincts within the magisterial districts and evaluates the locations of polling places to assure compliance with State and Federal law.

The members of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board are elected from the six magisterial districts. The proposed changes to existing magisterial district boundaries are:

1) Samuel Miller/Jack Jouett Magisterial Districts: the eastern-most portion of the East Ivy precinct (bounded by U.S. Route 250 on the north; U.S. Route 29 – U.S. Route 250 by-pass on the west, and Fontaine Avenue and the City boundary line on the south) of the Samuel Miller Magisterial District would be moved to the Jack Jouett Magisterial District and be placed in the University Hall precinct;

2) Rivanna/Rio Magisterial Districts: the Briarwood and Camelot subdivisions within the Burnley precinct of the Rivanna Magisterial District would be moved to the Rio Magisterial District and be placed in the Northside precinct;

3) Scottsville/Samuel Miller Magisterial Districts: the entire Porter’s precinct of the Scottsville Magisterial District would be moved to the Samuel Miller Magisterial District; and

4) White Hall/Samuel Miller Magisterial Districts: the entire Yellow Mountain precinct of the
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The public hearing will be held on May 4 at 9:40am in the Auditorium of the Albemarle County Office Building.

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Albemarle Supervisors Will Hold Redistricting Public Hearing
The Albemarle Supervisors want to hear from constituents about the proposed new boundaries for their districts. The county is proposing to move its Porters and Yellow Mountain precincts into the Samuel Miller district. Those who vote in the Porters precinct have been in the Scottsville district, and the Yellow Mountain precinct has been in the White Hall district. Residents of the Camelot and Brianwood subdivisions could be moving from the Rivanna district to the Rio district. The supervisors will hold a public hearing at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday in the Lane Auditorium of the County Office Building (pictured).

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Albemarle supervisors pare down redistricting plans to 1

By Brandon Shulleeta

The Albemarle Board of Supervisors has narrowed its redistricting proposals to one.

With localities required to redraw the lines of magisterial districts to adjust for population shifts, the Jack Jouett and Scottsville districts had deviated most from the goal of having an equal number of residents in each of the county’s six districts.

A second proposal had been considered by the county but was quickly scrapped by supervisors on Wednesday.

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Ann H. Mallek said the board’s move to create specific guidelines, in advance of census numbers being released, helped the county establish a fair redistricting process that avoided political motives.

If the nearly 99,000-person county were evenly split, each district would have about 16,495 residents.

However, uneven population growth in the county has left the Jack Jouett District 11.7 percent below that mark, while the Scottsville District is overpopulated by 15.3 percent with its 19,018 residents.

The proposed boundary changes would have all of the districts within 3.1 percent of perfectly divided populations.

Albemarle County Attorney Larry Davis said that the remaining proposal before the supervisors stayed well within the county’s goals of districts’ populations straying no more than 5 percent from the 16,495-resident mark, and does not dilute minority voting power, among other guidelines.

Having to jibe with what some consider peculiar redistricting plans proposed by the state legislature has not been an easy task, based on reports from some county officials.

The local redistricting proposal is on the county’s website, and a public hearing on the plan has been scheduled for the May 4 Board of Supervisors meeting, which starts at 6 p.m. at the County Office Building at 401 McIntire Road.
Albemarle county supervisors had their plates full Wednesday. Topping the talks were a badly needed sewer pump station upgrade, redistricting issues and pigs. Pet pigs are just one problem for supervisors that coupled with sewer talks made the meeting quite interesting.

Problematic pet pigs are causing an issue in Albemarle, so much so that it's caught the attention of supervisors. A family living in Albemarle's urban area has a pet pig but farm animals, including pigs, are only allowed in the rural areas. So now, supervisors are looking at the issue as part of the comprehensive plan overhaul that needs to be done.

Albemarle County Supervisor Dennis Rooker said, "You don't want to do these things on a one pet only basis. You need to look them at a county wide basis."

Supervisors are dealing with another messy issue: the Rivanna pump station. It needs to be upgraded. But those who live near it in Charlottesville want it moved across the river into Albemarle.

Christopher Hays, who lives near the pump station stated, "The station we're talking about visually would be enormously larger than the current condition and the accompanying smells that we'd deal with."

Redistricting was another hot topic: trying to even out precincts on the county level and deal with the state's redistricting issues.

Rooker said, "I don't think they look at the fine grain details as they're look at their Senate, House redistricting and they're not always following logical road lines, river lines."

Supervisors also signed off on the county's annual spending plan totaling $304 million. The tax rate will remain the same at 74.2 cents per $100 of assessed value.

Supervisors also got an update on the EMS cost recovery program. In one year's time, the county has collected almost $395,000 in revenue but because of a lag time in billing they expect that number to jump to $500,000.
Redistricting Plan Expands Samuel Miller District

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The Albemarle County redistricting map. Click to download full-resolution PDF. (Courtesy Albemarle County.)

Redrawing the boundaries of Albemarle County’s magisterial districts to adjust to the numbers in the 2010 census is fairly simple, the Supervisors learned April 6 when they scheduled a May 4 public hearing on a new map.
In the plan, Samuel Miller District will pick up two new precincts, Yellow Mountain from White Hall District and Porters from Scottsville District.

The 2010 U.S. census shows that Albemarle grew by roughly 15,000 people over the previous decade and tallied a population of 98,970, according to County Attorney Larry Davis.

That means that the ideal division of the population into six districts would put 16,495 people each. The census showed that the current Scottsville District is 15 percent above that target and the Jack Jouett District is 11 percent below it.

Crozet’s population (Census Bureau boundaries roughly overlap the Crozet Growth Area) grew from 2,585 in 2000 to 5,560 last year. That means White Hall District—which started out as the district already closest to ideal—needs to shed about 950 people, which happens to be very near the size of Yellow Mountain precinct, which, broadly, is a southern section of Greenwood. One advantage in being able to shift a whole precinct is that no change of polling place need happen.

Porters precinct’s fate is the same. Scottsville is now 2,523 above the target split. Porters, a large precinct reaching from the James River to South Garden, numbers 2,396.

To make Jack Jouett District sufficiently large, Samuel Miller will give up part of the East Ivy precinct on the west side of U.Va. With the addition of Yellow Mountain and Porters precincts, however, it comes out close to the desired size.

The plan cannot avoid three cases of precincts—none in western or southern Albemarle—being split by General Assembly districts, Davis said.

In the 2010 election in Virginia’s Fifth Congressional District between Republican Robert Hurt and Democrat Tom Perriello, Porters went for Perriello by 68 percent to 30 percent. Yellow Mountain went for Perriello by 54 percent to 44 percent.

In the 2008 presidential election, Porters went for Barack Obama over John McCain by 69 percent to 30 percent. Yellow Mountain voters gave Obama the nod by 51 to 48 percent.
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Albemarle begins redistricting process

By Sean Tubbs
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Albemarle County began the process of redrawing its internal political boundary public meeting to explain redistricting.

"We’re required to do this every 10 years," said Deputy County Attorney Greg County staff cannot begin redrawing the lines until the results of the 2010 Census

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“When we do receive that Census data, we need to make sure that magisteria 5 percent deviation," said Tex Weaver, the county’s manager of geographic data. In early March, the Board of Supervisors will approve a set of guidelines thatFederal and state rules require that each district be geographically contiguous

“Interstate 64 is a great no-brainer, because there’s no population, and it seems include railroad lines and waterways."
Another is that neighborhoods are not to be split, and that two incumbents should run in a district together.

"We [don’t want] a situation where ultimately the member who is redistricted out of his or her old district continues to serve for the remainder of the term," Kampfner said.

Abigail Turner of the Samuel Miller District questioned the legality of that guideline.

"That doesn’t appeal to me as a citizen, because that’s protecting incumbency," Turner said. "The public should be commenting on that."

Another of the local guidelines is to maintain six districts, and staff is suggesting that continue. In 2001, there was a failed attempt to create a seventh magisterial district, according to Kampfner.

The new district boundaries will have to be approved by the U.S. Department of Justice to comply with the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Kampfner said the federal agency could take at least 60 days to approve the new lines. The schedule needs to be completed in time for the registrar to communicate the new district boundaries to voters.

Following a public hearing, the board must approve the new boundaries in each department.

This year, voters in the White Hall, Scottsville and Rivanna districts will elect a Supervisor Ann H. Mallek, of the White Hall district, is the only declared candidate.

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Albemarle sets meeting on voter redistricting

By Daily Progress Staff Reports

Albemarle County will hold a public meeting next week about the upcoming redistricting process for the county's magisterial districts and voter precincts.

County staff will present information and hear public comments beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in Room 241 of the County Office Building at 401 McIntire Road.

The Virginia Constitution requires local governing body districts to be redrawn in 2011 based on the results of the 2010 Census. The county's six magisterial districts from which the members of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board are elected are the "local governing body districts" referenced in the Constitution and must be redistricted.

No redistricting decisions will be made by the board at the meeting, according to county spokeswoman Lee Catlin.

The Board of Supervisors will later hold work sessions and at least one advertised public hearing on the redistricting plan.
Albemarle Redistricting Public Forum

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Albemarle county staff members are taking the first steps in preparing to redraw magisterial districts and voter precincts. The redistricting is required every ten years in response to new census figures.

A public forum on redistricting was held at the Albemarle County Office Building Thursday.

Each of the county's six magisterial districts has its own supervisor and school board member. Right now, it's unclear as to how much those districts might change.

Albemarle County attorney Greg Kampfer said, "We don't know for certain yet because we won't actually start tinkering with potential boundary changes, until we receive the census data from the United States Census Bureau."

The Albemarle County census numbers are due out by April 1. A future public hearing and work session on redistricting are in the works.

Reported by Keith McGilvery
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Redistricting in Albemarle County – Not Schools This Time

by Jim Duncan on January 4, 2011

Usually when we think about redistricting in Crozet and Albemarle County we’re thinking about redistricting for schools. Not this time. Via press release:

REDISTRICTING OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS AND VOTER PRECINCTS

The County of Albemarle will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 241 of the County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, at which County staff will present information and receive public comments regarding the upcoming redistricting process for the County’s magisterial districts and voter precincts. The Virginia Constitution requires that local governing body districts be redrawn in 2011 based on the results of the 2010 Census. The County’s six magisterial districts from which the members of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board are elected are the “local governing body districts” referenced in the Constitution and must be addressed in the redistricting.

The topics to be discussed at this meeting will include:

- The schedule for the redistricting process;
- Federal and State requirements for establishing magisterial district and voter precinct boundaries; and
- Proposed Board of Supervisors’ guidelines to be used in drawing magisterial district and voter precinct boundaries.

This meeting will be conducted by County staff and will be an opportunity for public input on redistricting issues for Albemarle County. This meeting will not be a meeting of the Board of Supervisors and no decisions will be made at this meeting.

Comments received at the meeting will be recorded and considered by County staff in preparing final guidelines for the Board of Supervisors to consider and in developing one or more redistricting plans to be presented to the Board after the County has received and evaluated data from the 2010 Census. The Board of Supervisors will hold work sessions and at least one advertised public hearing on the proposed redistricting plan(s) at a later date. The new magisterial districts and voter precincts will be established by ordinance.
OLD TRAIL VILLAGE NEWS

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If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Richard J. Washburne, Albemarle County General Registrar, at (434) 972-4173 or Greg Kampfner, Deputy County Attorney, at (434) 972-4067.

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Redistricting Resources

by Stephen Davis on April 3rd, 2011 at 8:07 pm
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Every 10 years after the conclusion of the census, electoral district lines have to be redrawn to ensure that roughly the same number of people live. That process is quickly unfolding right now here in Virginia and in Albemarle County. The Virginia General Assembly will redraw the lines for Congressional, State Senate and State House Districts. The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors will redraw the lines for our six magisterial districts. Here are a few resources to find out what’s happening:

- General Assembly Legislative Information Services – actual proposals and legislation related to redistricting
- Virginia Public Access Project – More analysis and background on the plans
- Virginia Pilot – Additional helpful maps of the current districts and proposed districts

Albemarle County will be holding a Board of Supervisors work session to present their plan on Wednesday, April 6th at 10:30 AM in the Old County Office Building. There are currently two plans being discussed:

- Plan A (pdf file)
- Plan B (pdf file)

The state and congressional plans will be voted on during a special session sometime in the month of April.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the NAACP Albemarle-Charlottesville Branch. We invite you to browse our site to discover the contributions this organization makes in the community and how we may be able to help you. While here, find out ways to become a member and join us in the fight for justice and equality.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

OBJECTIVES

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution — the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take any other lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP’s Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

W.E.B. DuBois
One of NAACP founders

Albemarle Redistricting

Albemarle County has begun the legal process required for changing the boundaries of its magisterial districts. Download the latest information on meeting dates and times.

Region VII Conference

On April 30th, the Region VII Civil Rights Training Institute will take place at the Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport from 9am-3:30pm. This institute will have sessions that cover many of the advocacy areas that the branch focuses on. Speakers will include President/CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous and National Board Chair Roslyn Brock, along with members of the NAACP national staff. The conference is FREE to branch members! You will not want to miss this opportunity to connect more with the mission of the NAACP and the change it can create in our community! Please email John Chapman HERE to sign up or to check out a conference information packet.

Living Wage Remarks

NAACP President, Dr. M. Rick Turner spoke at the University of Virginia’s Living Wage Rally on April 20, 2011. Download a copy of his remarks HERE.

The Great Debate III

Join the NAACP and Starbucks on April 30th at 7:30pm at Howard University’s Crampton Auditorium as we present the third Annual “Great Debate”, a competition between two legendary debate schools, Howard University and Yale University. For more information and to buy tickets, click HERE.

"Misplaced Priorities" Report and Petition

On April 7, the NAACP released Misplaced Priorities, a new report