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Dear JCV Supporters,

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our *Pickin' on Polluters* fundraiser on October 10 at the Barn of Harpers Ferry. Our event was a great success -- we enjoyed a day filled with music provided by area bands The Gypsy Ramblers, Caveman TV and Mark Cullinane, kids activities, a silent auction with dozens of items donated by local businesses -- all while reconnecting with old friends and neighbors. Significant funds were raised that will help JCV and co-host Eastern Panhandle Green Coalition keep our County clean and beautiful. Thank you for recognizing this fight continues!



As we announced at the event, we will continue to sell raffle tickets for a chance to win your own kayak and paddle. They were donated by our friends at River & Trail Outfitters and are valued at \$500. You can purchase a \$10 ticket at the Barn of Harpers Ferry through **Sunday, October 24**. We will have a live drawing at 7 pm that day, and will notify the winner! You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds will benefit Jefferson County Vision and Eastern Panhandle Green Coalition.

Raffle Drawing

Enter for a Chance to Win Your Own Kayak!

Valued at \$500!

Tickets: \$10



Drawing at 7 pm on
October 24th at the Barn of
Harpers Ferry

You do not need to be
present to win



The Barn of Harpers Ferry is located at 1062 W Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, WV, and hours are 4 - 11 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

Legal Update October 19, 2021



JCV has been pursuing several legal cases caused by Rockwool and a lack of transparent government actions.

We are inching closer to a settlement with the JCDA after a Freedom of Information Act request was upheld. Documents, concluded to be non-exempt from disclosure, were released related to 2018 meeting arrangements with select public officials held in Shepherdstown and on the water bond ordinance.

Another case that began in 2018 against the City of Ranson for improper zoning procedures received an unfavorable Decision from the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia this month. The case was dismissed by

the Circuit Court following the June 2020 proper procedural enactment of the Special District Industrial Zoning Ordinance. The Supreme Court ruled the Circuit Court had discretion in the case to deny JCV's amendment challenging the Zoning Ordinance.

Recently in August, JCV filed a complaint that the Jefferson County Planning Commission violated the Open Governmental Proceedings Act. While reviewing a zoning map amendment for Jefferson Orchards Inc., the public meeting was moved to executive session. There was no discussion by the Commission in open session on the proposed amendment. JCV is awaiting the continuation of this case in the Circuit Court.

Please consider a donation to JCV to support the ongoing legal efforts.

Make a Donation

Solar Energy Update

On 10/12, the Planning Commission staff proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan – Envision Jefferson 2035 – to include solar energy facilities as a permitted land use in rural and residential growth zones. These changes were requested by the County Commission following the Circuit Court's invalidation of a zoning ordinance that allowed the large-scale utility development in rural, agricultural zones. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for 12/7 for the Planning Commission to receive additional comments.

A draft of the amendments can be found [here](#).

Attending local government meetings is another important way you can be active in the community. Your presence helps to hold our officials accountable to the values and concerns of Jefferson County's citizens. "Think global, act local!"

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