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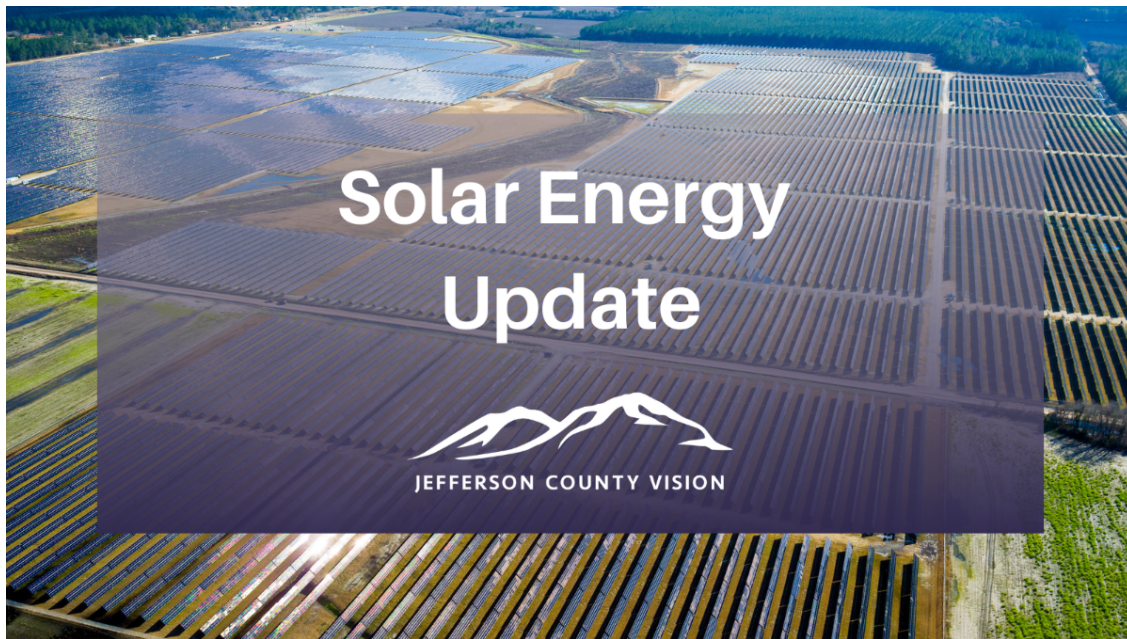


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Thanks for Participating in our Family Fun Day!



Thank you to everyone who came out earlier this month for our Family Fun Day! It was great to see everyone. A special thanks to Scoop Dawg, Jen & Picante, Eastern Panhandle Green Coalition, The Sierra Club, and Jefferson County Foundation for participating.



The Jefferson County Commission held a public hearing on Thursday, June 9th to receive input on the recommendation put forward by the Jefferson County Planning Commission regarding the proposed Solar Energy Facilities zoning ordinance text amendment. After the hearing, a motion was made to adopt the text amendment. However, the motion failed with a 2-2 vote. *On June 16th during the regularly scheduled meeting the text amendment was reconsidered and passed 4-0.*

The recommendation includes a principal permitted 'by-right' use designation for large-scale development within the Urban Growth Boundary and Preferred Growth Area, and a Conditional Use designation for facilities in all other areas of the county. Even though we would have liked to see conditional use expand to all zoning districts, we are happy to see the changes that were made. **Thank you to everyone who attended the hearing and submitted public comments!**

Eco-Friendly Sunscreen Guide



Did you know that over 14,000 tons of toxic sunscreen enter the ocean each year? This has far-reaching impacts because unlike the food we eat, the products we use on our skin are highly under-regulated. While the European Union has banned over 1,300 toxic compounds from cosmetics, the United States Food and Drug Administration has banned only eleven.

Two of the most common ingredients in sunscreen are oxybenzone and octinoxate. In recent years, studies have shown that these chemicals are toxic to our oceans and coral reefs. They cause damage to the coral reefs' DNA, which ultimately causes them to die. Oxybenzone could also potentially be harmful to human health and has been linked to hormone disruption in multiple studies. In 2019, the FDA said current data did not justify classifying oxybenzone as safe and effective. Because of these harmful effects, many island nations have enacted bans on the sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate.

As summer is coming into full swing, one small change that we can all make to help protect our environment is to choose environmentally friendly sunscreens. The good news is that there are plenty of alternatives that work just as well to protect you without harming the environment. In general, mineral sunscreens tend to rate better than chemical sunscreens.

Here are some options that are safe for you and the environment:

Burt's Bees Baby Nourishing Mineral Sunscreen SPF 30, Water Resistant Baby Sunblock



Equate Kids Mineral Based Broad Spectrum Sunscreen Stick, SPF 50



Baby & Kids Mineral Sunscreen SPF 30 | ATTITUDE (attitudeliving.com)



[Plastic Free Mineral Sunscreen Stick - SPF 30 | ATTITUDE \(attitudeliving.com\)](https://attitudeliving.com)



[Hawaiian Tropic AntiOxidant + Sunscreen Lotion SPF 30](#)



[Neutrogena Sheer Zinc Broad Spectrum SPF 30 Mineral Sunscreen](#)



Check out the Environmental Working Group (EWG) website for more information on sunscreen. EWG is a DC-based nonprofit with the mission to empower consumers to make informed choices and live a healthy life in a healthy environment.

Get More Information on Sunscreen

New Merchandise Sale!



Coming Soon...



We are excited to announce that we'll be selling new merchandise for a limited time only! We have several new designs, including our 'We Fight For Clean Air & Water' T-Shirts. More information will be coming soon.

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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