Your vote matters! The Ranson and Shepherdstown Municipal Elections will take place on **Tuesday, June 7th**. Polls will be open from **6:30 am to 7:30 pm**. In Ranson, eight candidates are vying for four City Council positions, including two At-Large seats, a First Ward Council Member, and a Second Ward Council Member. Those elected will take office on July 1st and will serve a four-year term. In Shepherdstown, candidates will be elected to serve two-year terms of Mayor, Recorder, and five Council Members.

This is an important opportunity to elect local leaders who share your values to ensure that our county moves in a more sustainable direction. These are the Ranson candidates we support:

Kenneth Suits

Kenneth Suits lives in Briar Run and works at the Hollywood Casino. He believes that the City of Ranson has lacked transparency, and how the Rockwool Factory was developed is an example of this. He would like to see Ranson grow in a sustainable and efficient way that also allows longtime residents to adapt and thrive in the community too.

Herbie McDaniel Jr.

Herbie McDaniel Jr. is a construction machinery operator and is running for office for the first time. Having worked for Charles Town's water department for 14 years, he has observed that a lot of city business is done quietly behind closed doors. He believes that transparency of the city's government could be better.

Family Fun Day & Rally
Sam Michael's Park
1-4 PM
June 5th

Let's raise our voices together to fight for clean air and water!

Join us & The Eastern Panhandle Green Coalition **this Sunday** for a day of fun with friends and neighbors! We'll be at Sam Michael's Park from 1-4

pm with other local nonprofit and environmental groups to share information about our work. There will be free activities for the whole family to enjoy including horse rides, glitter tattoos, badminton, and a giant bubble station. There will also be ice cream available for purchase from Ranson-based Scoop Dawg- **the first 75 kids receive free ice cream!**

Reminder: 6/9 Public Hearing on Solar Facilities

The Jefferson County Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, June 9th at 9:30 am** to receive input on the recommendation put forward by the Jefferson County Planning Commission regarding the proposed Solar Energy Facilities zoning ordinance text amendment (File #ZTA22-01). 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 are happy to see the changes incorporating a Conditional Use process for certain areas, expanding Conditional Use to all zoning districts would be beneficial to the county. This would allow residents to give public input during the decision-making process as each project is evaluated for compatibility within a given area.

We encourage you to attend this hearing and continue to submit public comments (email: info@jeffersoncountywv.org) regarding this zoning amendment and the future of solar development in our county.

View the Zoning Amendment Draft

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!"

View This Week's Meetings

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