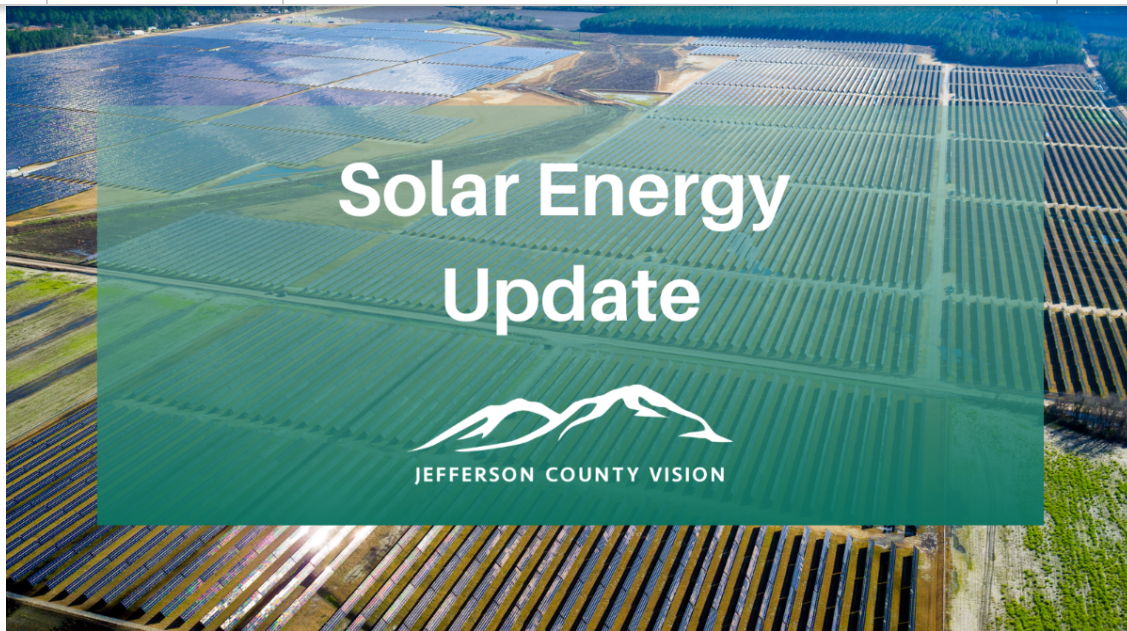


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Save the date for our fifth annual Pickin' on Polluters — a grassroots fundraiser to keep Jefferson County beautiful!

Join us on Saturday, October 22nd at the Barn of Harpers Ferry for a night with good friends, great music, and delicious food. This year will be our best party yet — featuring music from Olivia Ellen Lloyd and her Nashville Band, The Gypsy Ramblers, and Fiddlin' Dave and Morgan. There will be a silent auction featuring goodies from local businesses and food for purchase. We hope to see you there. Tickets available soon!



Approval was provided for the Blake Solar Project to move forward during a public hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals ([BZA, on 7/28](#)) and a workshop at the Planning Commission ([PC, on 8/9](#)). The project is proposed to be located on 516 acres (five combined parcels) at the intersection of Charles Town (Rte.115) and Kabletown Rd. The BZA stipulated the following under the Conditional Use permit, applicable to 270 acres of the project:

- the previously platted 179 residential lots on the Thorn Hill plat are to be merged as a single parcel,
- as offered by the developer, a supplemental 150' buffer is to be installed from any existing offsite residential structure, and
- development is to be consistent with all federal, state and local regulations.

The PC approved the Concept Plan as submitted, noting for the Applicant/Developer, “to work with neighbors.” The applicant’s local engineering consultant, Mark Dyck from Integrity Federal Services, encouraged “neighbors” to contact his office for follow-up to questions.

During public comment, reacting to environmental concerns, the representative for the Applicant Horus WV 1, said he is not aware of issues and directed the public to, “call the WV DEP, speak to those people, they work for citizens of the state. Listen to the [WV] DEP.”

review with a public hearing before the BZA on [8/25 at 2 pm](#), and a PC workshop on 9/13 at 7 pm.

The [Wild Hill Concept Plan](#) was initially presented to the PC in 2021, prior to the revised Comprehensive Plan and current [solar energy facilities zoning ordinance](#) amendment. The County Commission is still considering the implementation of permitting and inspection fees for utility-scale projects.

Midterm Election Candidate Spotlight

Jefferson County Commission:

✓ *John Doyle,
Shepherdstown District*



After serving for 26 years in the WV House of Delegates, John Doyle is running for the Shepherdstown seat on the Jefferson County Commission. Doyle decided to run for County Commissioner so that he can use his expertise to make a difference at the local level. As Commissioner, Doyle plans to bring greater transparency to the Commission. He believes that too many decisions are being made without sufficient public input. As Commissioner, he would work to recruit businesses that will not endanger the rural character of our county. He would also work to ensure that tourism and agriculture are paramount in promoting job growth.

Doyle has stated that “I believe that my time in the Legislature has caused me to pay very close attention to the views of the citizens of our county,

emergency services is resolved in a way that does not increase response times as well as enforcing the zoning law sensibly so that it protects the property of citizens.

[Learn More About John Doyle](#)

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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