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## *Special Supporter Spotlight*



*Ned and his pup Benny hiking in Harpers Ferry*

The Jefferson County community recently lost a tremendous supporter in the fight against heavy industry and for clean air and water — Ned Andrejevic. Ned passed away from sudden cardiac arrest on June 16. While only 60, he had lived the equivalent of several amazing lifetimes.

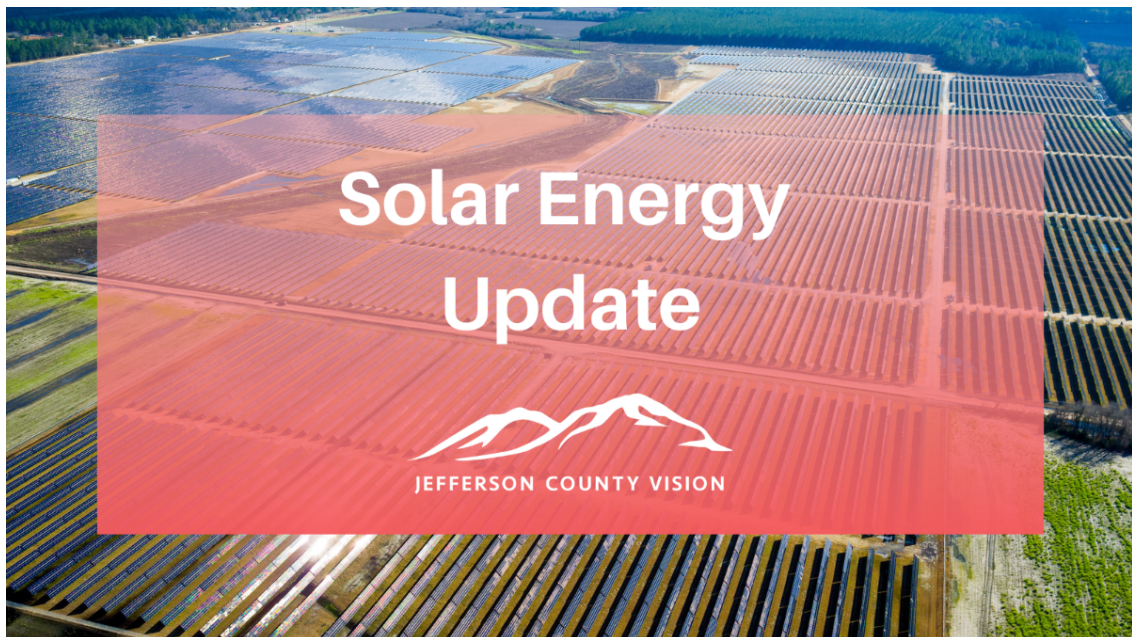
Raised in Belgrade in the former Yugoslavia, Ned traveled widely, worked in eastern and western Europe, and spoke five languages. Starting in 1991, he lived through eight years of war that broke Yugoslavia into pieces. After Ned went to work for the U.S. Embassy, they helped him, his wife, and their two young children leave the country just in advance of NATO's 78-day bombing of Belgrade. Ned and his family arrived in the U.S. in the spring of 1999 and started a new life in Miami, difficult as they

had lost everything in the war.

After his two sons were grown, Ned moved to the DC area with the company for which he worked, Discovery Channel. In 2018, Ned visited the Harpers Ferry area and immediately fell in love with the beauty of our mountains, rivers, and farmland — they reminded him of his homeland. Ned lived in Jefferson County ever since, hiking, biking, and enjoying our amazing natural resources whenever he could. He volunteered for JCV for a number of events — Ned was never one to miss a party. More importantly, Ned very much wanted to support our efforts to stop toxic heavy industry and ensure government transparency. While he is terribly missed, Ned's strong work ethic, deep love of friends and family, and general joy in life will live on.

A fund has been created in his name, which will support JCV's community education and outreach efforts including key events like the annual Pickin' on Polluters — this year on Saturday, October 22 at the Barn of Harpers Ferry.

### Make a Contribution to This Fund



A new large scale solar facility has been proposed for Jefferson County. [The Blake Solar Project](#) submitted a proposal for an 80 MW solar electric generating facility to be located on approximately 516 acres off Kabletown Rd and Rte. 115. A portion of the project site contains existing high voltage power lines running through the property. 270 acres of the proposed 516 acres is located outside of the Charles Town Urban Growth Boundary and subject to the

Conditional Use Permitting process. (This project, previously named [High Horizons](#), received a site certificate from the Public Service Commission on 2/22/22.)

The Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 28 at 2 pm** to receive input on the proposal. We encourage you to attend this hearing and submit comments. We will share more information as soon as it becomes available.

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## Fall 2022 Midterm Elections



The WV primary elections took place this past May. The primaries determined which candidates will appear on the general election ballot this upcoming fall. Congressional midterm elections occur halfway through a president's term and do not take place during presidential election years. The last midterm election took place in 2018. Midterm elections are important because they help determine power in Congress as well as other state and local offices.

The midterm election will take place on November 8th and includes races for the U.S. House of Representatives, the State Senate and House of Delegates, and other state, county and municipal offices.

### *Seats up for election:*

- U.S. House: Two seats.
- State Senate: 17 of 34 seats
- State House of Delegates: All 100 seats

- State Executive Committee
- County Commission
- Other state and municipal seats

Early voting will take place from Oct. 26 to Nov. 5. On November 8th, polls will open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

If you need an absentee ballot, you can download the application [here](#). The absentee ballot application period runs from August 16, 2022 - November 2, 2022.

### Check Your Voter Registration Status

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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

Please consider a gift to support our critical work if you are able to. We greatly appreciate every donation. All proceeds benefit JCV's efforts to lead legal, political, and community action to support sustainable growth, without heavy industry, and to empower our citizen's voices to ensure a clean, transparent government in Jefferson County.

### Donate To Support Our Work

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