

JEFFERSONVILLE **REDEVELOPMENT** COMMISSION

The Redevelopment Commission promotes and implements community projects, acting as a catalyst to develop blighted areas in need of reinvestment. This process is implemented via real estate acquisition, site preparation, and/or by providing public infrastructure to the site.

The Redevelopment Commission is comprised of five voting members two appointed by the Jeffersonville City Council and three appointed by the mayor. A sixth, non-voting member, sits on the Commission and is appointed by Greater Clark County School Corporation. The Commission meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 500 Quartermaster Court, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

Current members of the Redevelopment Commission include:

- Duard Avery Mayor's appointee
- Teresa Bottorff-Perkins GCCS appointee
- Scott Hawkins City Council appointee
- Mike Moore Mayor
- Matt Owen- City Council appointee
- Jack Vissing Mayor's appointee











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FROM MAYOR MIKE MOORE

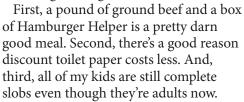
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MIKE MOORE

Wow! Where can I even start? It's been a wild ride these past couple of months. Heck, to be honest, some days have been a real struggle over here.

Raise your hand if you've officially watched everything on Netflix. Forced your dog to go on walks they didn't want to take? Lost track of what day it was at least once? Yep. I'm raising my

It wasn't just endless episodes of crime dramas, though. I actually learned a few things during this time too.



Then again, there are a couple of other things I didn't need coronavirus to teach me.

First is that even though my kids drive me crazy, the extra time I've had with them the last few weeks has been incredible. And, second, is that in the toughest of times Jeffersonville comes together like no other city anywhere.

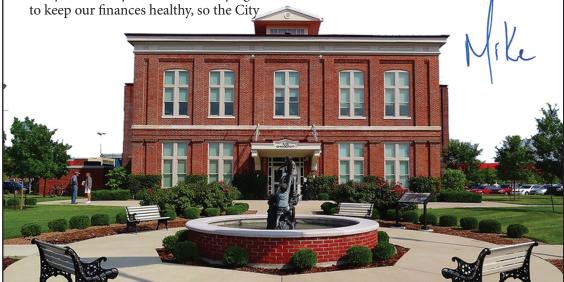
I am as anxious as anybody to get things rolling again, but I know we have to do it right. We're focused on keeping everyone healthy and we're also trying

is tightening its belt just like every family in Jeffersonville. Spring and summer are always exciting and busy times in Jeff. And they will be again this year. We might not be able to do all of the things we're used to, but you can bet we're going to do everything we can as safely as we can.

Most importantly, as we ease back into a more normal way of life, we're going to keep listening to the experts and take the advice they give us. And we'll do our best and adjust to whatever comes our way. That's what we did when all of this started and we've made it through some pretty darn difficult days.

No matter what happens from here on out, just remember that we've survived so far. And soon we'll be thriving because we were all willing to make sacrifices when we were called on. We've listened to the experts about social distancing and staying at home. We continue to scrub our hands and put on our face masks before heading to the store. We left our jobs and learned to use Zoom so we could have meetings, Easter and cocktail hour with our friends. We adapted together. As families. As neighbors. As a City.

Our strength as a community isn't tested during the best of times. And I couldn't be more proud of the way the residents and businesses of Jeffersonville pulled together to help each other in the worst of times.







JEFFERSONVILLE

ESSENTIALLY OUTSTANDING







Police officers, firefighters and EMTs are used to being on the front line in the case of emergencies and when disaster strikes. But recently southern Indiana first responders teamed up to thank another group that has been serving on the front line during the COVID-19 outbreak: healthcare providers at Clark Memorial Health.

During a shift change at the hospital in April, first responders from across Clark County were circling the hospital, honking their horns, holding signs and cheering as dozens of healthcare workers watched a "thank you" parade in their honor pass by. Jeffersonville Fire Sgt. Justin Ames, who helped organize the event, said it was important to let the hospital staff know how much they're appreciated.

"It's really important for us to honor them for walking in those doors every day and risking their lives and saving lives as well," Ames said.

Mayor Mike Moore also attended the parade and said he is proud of the community he lives in.

"It's not a question of who to thank, it's like who not to thank," he said. "The healthcare workers, the police officers, the firefighters, the employees at Kroger and Meijer...this whole community has reached out and worked together."

"That's why I love Jeffersonville," Moore said. "This is what we do."

WE'RE ALL IN THIS

>> Jeffersonville rises to the challenges of COVID-19

As the world adjusts to a new way of life in the age of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Jeffersonville also has had to make adjustments to the way it serves residents.

While City Hall was closed to the public for almost two months, that didn't mean there wasn't still plenty of work to do. Enter Brian Smith, the City's Manager of Oc-

cupational Safety and Risk Management, who has spent the last three months trying to help the city prepare for, manage and survive in the age of a pandemic.



BRIAN SMITH

"Planning for something that seems to change by the hour is challenging," Smith said. "But I think we've done well so far. We've asked everyone to change rituals and habits they've had for years and with very few exceptions everyone has been up to the task."

Many employees found themselves working from home and departments created rotating schedules for employees' in-office time so social distancing could be maintained. But there are still a lot of employees who can't do their jobs from home



Clty department heads, the mayor and other members of the administration now hold their meetings virtually so they can share information, troubleshoot and brainstorm - just like they did before the COVID-19 stay-at-home order was issued.

and what they do is essential to residents being able to live as normally as possible. Smith said those employees especially deserve a lot of praise.

"Every department has found a way to be productive under almost impossible to operate circumstances," Smith said.

"But Police and Fire have taken huge steps in planning and implementation to make sure they can operate safely throughout this crisis and they deserve a tone of credit for the work they have done for all of us ... The IT department has done a great job making sure people

Just like everyone else, City of Jeffersonville employees missed going to their favorite restaurants during the stay-at-home order. But they did their part to support local eateries hit especially hard during the COVID-19 pandemic by ordering carryout, delivery and curbside pick-up.

From left: Mayor Mike Moore at Pearl Street Tap House, Jeffersonville Police Assistant Chief Scott McVov and his son at Parlour and Jeffersonville Fire Department crew at H.M. Franks.









can work remotely. Wastewater, sanitation, streets and the parks departments have all had to make massive changes to their daily routines, but that hasn't stopped them from getting the job done for the entire community. They should be commended."

Mayor Mike Moore echoed Smith's appreciation.

"I hope residents didn't miss us," Moore said. "That would mean everything they depend on us for has been getting done the same way it always has."

"The first thing I want is to make sure all city employees are safe and healthy," Moore said. "But we have to provide for residents city-wide. At the end of the day, no matter how strange or challenging the circumstances are, we still have

to make sure trash gets picked up, toilets flush, streets are taken care of and grass is being mowed."

"I think everyone here has really taken this in stride," Moore said. "I'm proud to work with people who put a smile on their face and come to work everyday and do whatever they can."

Smith said he is en-



couraged moving forward through the next phase of COVID-19 life.

"As we ease back into our routines, we have to stay committed to our safety protocols," Smith said. "Making changes and sacrifices is not always an easy thing to do, just remember that these changes are helping save lives.







BEEP, BEEP ...

>> Residents clean up with rotating dumpsters

After just a few days under the statewide stay-at-home order, the City of Jeffersonville Streets and Sanitation department noticed a lot of residents were using the extra time at home to clean out their basements, closets and garages.

In an effort to help residents out, Mayor Mike Moore and the city's streets and sanitation crews coordinated the placement of dumpsters throughout neighborhoods so people could de-clutter to their heart's content.

"Who would have thought such a simple thing would turn out to be a bright spot for so many people?" Moore said. "A lot of people have reached out and they're really glad we did this."

The dumpsters stayed in neighborhoods for a couple of days before they were loaded up, emptied and moved to new locations.

"We covered more than 100 locations with the dumpsters over a few weeks," Moore said. "It was so successful, I think it's something that we'll probably do every Spring - even if we aren't all isolated inside our homes again."

MORE INFO

If you missed the Dumpsters when they were in your neighborhood, find out how you can still get rid of all the stuff in your house that you don't want anymore, PAGE 11

HELPING HANDS

>> Community reaches out, steps up in uncertain time

During times of adversity, there's a Mister Rogers quote that always comes to mind. He said: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

Over the many years since those words were said, they have proven to be true, time and time again. The COV-ID-19 pandemic is no exception worldwide and here at home.

As uncertain as this time is, it has brought out kindness and generosity beyond measure in Jeffersonville.

"I am proud of the people of Jeffersonville," Mayor Mike Moore said. "These past few months have been hard but people are making the most of it. And they're doing it in positive ways - by helping their neighbors."

Moore said he's seen many kind gestures – big and small. "I've seen sidewalk chalk used to share positive messages and art, people are picking up groceries for their neighbors, Jefferson-ville Police officers are delivering prescriptions for seniors and Jeff Firefighters are doing a food drive for the Center for Lay Ministries."

But, it's the generosity of local business owners that has really grabbed his attention.

"Restaurants are feeding entire units of doctors and nurses, they're feeding our police, fire and street and sanitation departments," Moore said. "It's incredible. Small business owners have been hit pretty hard during this time, but they continue to step up and find ways to give to the community and help out someone else. It's pretty special," he said.

That famous Mister Rogers quotes continues: "To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world."









CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Jeffersonville-based Mister P Express volunteered trucks and drivers to help transport pet food and other supplies for the Kentucky Humane Society; Parnelli's Chicago Eatery donated meals to "feed the floor" to healthcare providers at Clark Memorial Hospital and Maker 13 spearheaded an effort that included Samtec, Owings Patterns and Jones Machine and Tool to create face shields to donate to healthcare workers.

SHARE HELPING HANDS

Keep your eyes open for acts of kindness big and small, snap a photo and share what you've seen with us in the City of Jeffersonville.

Just tag us on Facebook or Twitter, so we can continue to spread cheer throughout the community.









ABOVE: Starlight Distillery dropped off a bunch of its home brew hand sanitizer to Jeffersonville Police. BELOW: Geraldine's Cafe (at left) and Phil Caldwell from Hoopsters (right) dropped off lunch to officers.









Pearl Street Treats and Adrienne's were just two of the several local businesses to feed Jeffersonville Firefighters.



Jeffersonville Firefighters and their spouses joined a crew from Opening Gates, Inc. to take Teke and Lil Sebastian to Riverbend to interact (from a distance) with the residents.

NEED HELP?

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

213 E. Maple Street

Drive-thru food pantry service for non-perishable grocery items; Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring photo ID, proof of address and proof of number of people in your household.

COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

1613 E. Eighth Street

Community Action of Southern Indiana, with the help of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, has established an Emergency Relief Fund for residents in Clark and Floyd counties who are being negatively financially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. The fund is designed to help people with medical bills, health insurance premiums and grocery expenses. Applications for assistance are available at casi1.org or by calling 812-288-6451.

JEFFERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

623 E. Court Avenue

Assistance available for home/apartment rental. The office is closed but you can pick up an application from the mailbox on the office door or go online and fill out an application at Jefftwptrustee.com

EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2319 Veterans Parkway

Drive up food pantry service; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drive to Door 7 behind the church and a volunteer will come to your vehicle. Bring a photo ID. You will be asked your name, address, phone number and the number of people in your household. Individuals can only visit the food pantry once every 30 days.

TRACY PATTON MINISTRIES

The REACH food program is geared toward families with children. If you are in need of specific food or snacks for your kids, call 812-595-0571 and a volunteer will deliver the food to your door.

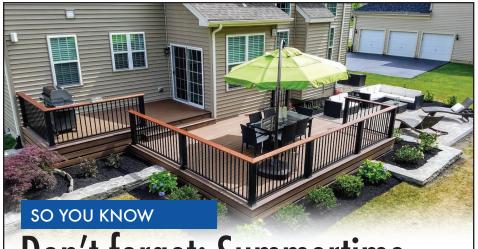
NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

2510 E. 10th Street

Food Pantry is open the last Saturday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. You must be a resident of Clark County and provide a photo ID at the time of service.







Don't forget: Summertime projects need permits

As summer heats up and you start thinking about making improvements to your property, please remember the construction of sheds, decks, fences and other accessory structures in your yard require a permit through the City's Building Commission office.

Fines can be imposed on structures that are built without the proper permits. And property owners who build structures that don't meet the City's zoning code could be asked to relocate or remove the offending structure.

The Planning Department has recently changed some of the rules regarding fences, sheds and acces-

sory structures that make it a little easier for folks, who live on corner lots and small properties in older parts of the city, to comply with our regulations.

Information on the latest code updates can be found on our website: cityofjeff.net/current-planning.

Please contact our office with any questions you may have before you build any fence or structure on your property. If someone else is building it for you, make sure to remind them they should get a permit before they start building.

For more information on permits, contact the Building Commission office at 812-285-6415.

Flood map info available

The City of Jeffersonville participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and has adopted flood hazard area protection standards. As a public service, The City of Jeffersonville Building Commissioner's office will provide the following upon request:

BASIC FLOOD MAP INFORMATION, INCLUDING:

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).
- Zone, base flood elevation and panel reference information from the Flood Insurance Rate Map
- Copies of Elevation Certificates for certain improvements to properties located in Monline's floodplains
- Copies of Letters of Map Amendments (LOMAs) and Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs) on file in our office
- A handout regarding the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people seeking a mortgage or financing for a property located in the SFHA.

ADDITIONAL FLOOD MAP INFORMATION including floodways and requirements for development in a floodway.

INFORMATION ON PRIOR FLOODING at a particular site, if available.

You can reach the Building Commission office by calling 812-285-6415.

JEFF FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Jeffersonville is accepting applications for the Jeffersonville Fire Department through May 31.

Candidates must have a high school diploma/GED, be at least 21 years old at time of job offer and have a valid Indiana driver's license. All applicants will be required to pass a written test and, if selected, complete an oral interview. Candidates will be required to complete/

achieve the Mandatory/Basic Firefighter certification within four months of appointment and complete First Responder, CPR, SIDS, Blood Borne Pathogens, Autism awareness and Defibrillation certification within the first year of employment – the basic qualifications as determined by NFPA Standards for Professional Firefighters.

Applications are being taken online through the city's website at www. cityofieff.net under the "Careers" page.

To apply for job opportunities, please visit www.cityofjeff.net. Job Openings



can be found under the CAREERS tab. For specific questions or additional assistance, call the city's Human Resources Department at 812-280-3254.

Paving gets boost from state grant

>> City committing \$2 million for 2020 neighborhood initiative

The City of Jeffersonville has received a grant from the State of Indiana that will help fund the city's "Paving Our Neighborhoods" initiative.

"With the help of the state, we now have the funding in place to embark on the largest financial commitment to paving city streets ever made in a single year," said Mayor Mike Moore. "It's part of our on-going investment in the city's infrastructure so our roads and streets are ready for growth and development."

Moore unveiled the "Paving Our Neighborhoods" initiative in his State of City Address in February. The city will receive \$768,400 from the state's Community Crossings grant program. The city will spend nearly \$1.3 million of its own money for a total investment of \$2 million in paving in this year alone.

"We're grateful to the state for helping us make this happen," said Moore. "This award makes it possible for us do more than double the amount of paving in a single year. That's something that's never been done before."

Moore added that this year's paving will shift its focus from major thoroughfares as in recent years to more on improving streets in neighborhoods and subdivisions.

"Jeff is growing. In the last several years, the miles of streets and roads in our city has grown nearly 60 percent. We now have nearly 350 miles of streets and roads. Many of those are traveled each day by residents in their own neighborhood. It's time we spend dollars there," said Moore.

STREETS AND SANITATION

CLEAN IT UP!

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner. For a lot of us that means spring cleaning, grass cutting, weed pulling and landscaping.

Here are some tips and reminders from Jeffersonville's Street and Sanitation Department to help you help keep Jeffersonville looking its best:

YARD WASTE: For most Jeffersonville residents, yard waste is picked up on your regular trash pick up day. (You can visit the street department page of the city's website at cityofjeff.net for pick up schedules in your areas.)

Yard waste should be in containers (trash cans, cardboard boxes and paper yard waste bags are acceptable) clearly marked as "yard waste." Yard waste will not be collected if it is in plastic bags.

GRASS CLIPPINGS: It is against city ordinance to blow or rake grass clippings and other yard waste into the street, as this can cause drainage issues when it rains.

FURNITURE: The street department will pick up furniture generally on the same day as your regular trash pick up. You should notify the department if you need furniture picked up.

APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS AND METAL GOODS:

These items are collected on Fridays. You should call in advance if you have items of this nature to be picked up.

DUMPSTERS: The city rents dumpsters of various sizes to residents who have large amounts of trash (generally from the cleaning out or remodeling of a house). Call the street department for sizes and prices of dumpsters.

CHEMICAL/HOUSEHOLD HAZARD WASTE: The street department does not dispose of chemicals or household hazardous waste. Residents who need to dispose of those materials should contact the Clark County Solid Waste Management District at 812-256-7942.

TIRES AND GAS CANS: The street department does not pick up tires or gas canisters.

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Thanks to Coronavirus and social distancing, it's been a couple of months since we celebrated a ribbon cutting in the City of Jeffersonville. We don't expect that to last much longer.

While most people have spent the last few months working from home, construction sites have been bustling and buildings continue to take shape all across the city. Building Commissioner Larry Wallace said his office has been "as busy as ever" and since November has issued building permits for commercial building projects valued at more than \$2 million.

Wallace's best guess, based on inspections, is that several large scale projects are very near wrapping up, including the new downtown elementary school, PETCO on Veterans Parkway, Starbucks at 10th and Spring, Xscape theaters and a renovation and expansion at the Jef-



ABOVE: Interior work is underway on Starbucks at 10th and Spring streets. BELOW: Work at Franklin Square Elementary School is nearing completion.

fersonville Animal Shelter.

"At a time when it seemed like everything had come to a standstill, it's been encouraging to see so many projects continuing in the City," said Mayor Mike Moore. "And, to see new ones getting off the ground."

"I think it's a good sign that people believe in Jeffersonville and continue to be willing to invest in the city," he added.

the city:

- HILTON HOTEL Watertower Rd.
- JIFFY LUBE 3418 E. 10th St.
- VIVERA SENIOR LIVING -Hamburg Pike
- GCCS BUS DEPOT renovation
- THAT'S MY DOG 125 W. Chestnut
- THE UNION renovation and addition, 115 W. Chestnut
- WAFFLE HOUSE 5415 Hwy. 62
- ZIP'S CAR WASH -Jeffersonville Commons
- SKYLINE CHILI -**Bridgepointe Commons**



NOW OPEN





ABOVE: In February Heine Bros. Coffee celebrated the opening of its second Jeffersonville location at 3060 Gottbrath Parkway.





ABOVE AND AT LEFT: In January, Parnelli's Chicago Eatery celebrated the grand opening of its new Jeffersonville location at 3548 F. 10th Street.

Library celebrates renovation, new makerspace



The Jeffersonville Township Public Library celebrated two major milestones in February: First, the unveiling of a multi-million-dollar renovation project and second, the opening of its Tom and Mary Frances Koetter Makerspace.

The library's remodel brought the addition of new meeting spaces, study rooms and self checkout stations as well as some cosmetic updates.

The makerspace includes 3-D printing, a media conversion station, laser engraving, photography equipment, a recording studio, vinyl cutting/printing, a sewing machine, a serger machine, laminators and other equipment.

Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore said the library is a special place in the city. "As the city has grown and as the city has evolved and changed, so has this li-

brary... it's a beautiful building. I take a lot of pride in a lot of things Jeffersonville,





ABOVE AND BELOW: First Savings Bank celebrated the opening of its newest Jeffersonville branch at 3538 E. 10th Street.



RIGHT: In March the Clark County Health Department celebrated the grand opening of its new 9,600 square foot building, at 1201 Wall Street.

The new facility is nearly double the size of the former health department building on Duncan Avenue. Clinic and patient rooms are downstairs, including the Interchange — the Clark County syringe services program. Upstairs are administrative offices, vital records and the environmental department. Forty percent of the nearly \$1 million project, was funded through grants from groups including the Jeffersonville Urban Enterprise Zone and the Indiana AIDS Foundation. The building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



SHOE SENSATION

SUMMER

CONCERT SERIES

The season is going to be shorter, but summer night concerts on the RiverStage are coming back! While the dates for all RiverStage events have been finalized with artists, you are encouraged to follow us on social media in case last minute changes are made due to COVID-19 restrictions. All RiverStage shows start at 7 p.m.

JULY

SATURDAY, JULY 4 - THUNDERSTRUCK W/GUEST SUPER BEE

FRIDAY, JULY 10 - BACK 2 MAC W/GUEST SOUL CIRCUS

FRIDAY, JULY 17 - JUICE BOX HEROES W/GUEST TBA

FRIDAY, JULY 24 - THE PRINCE PROJECT W/GUEST JOSHUA SKY (U2 Tribute)

AUGUST SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - THE CRASHERS W/GUEST TBA



COCA-COLA TWILIGHT CINEMA

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets! Movies are returning to the big screen at Jefferson-ville's Riverstage. Come early and enjoy games, inflatables and more fun before the feature film starts at 8:30 p.m. Here's the line up for Twilight Cinema 2020:

JULY 11: Frozen II JULY 18: Dolittle JULY 25: Onward



JEFF GOES COUNTRY AUGUST 8 WITH LOCASH (with quest Clayton Anderson)

Creating a sound that fuses modern Country and classic heartland rock with an edgy vocal blend, LOCASH is the Country music duo made up of singersongwriters Chris Lucas and Preston Brust (who just so happens to be a native Hoosier hailing from Kokomo). The duo broke out in 2015 with their hit, "I Love This Life," followed by "I Know Somebody" which gave them their first trip to the top of the Country radio airplay charts.

Admission is free. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m.





Abbey Road on the River returning in October

Abbey Road on the River has officially been moved to October. Typically held Memorial Day weekend, this year the world's largest Beatles-themed festival will be held Oct. 8 to Oct. 11.

Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore said that he is glad Abbey Road on the River organizers still plan to bring the festival back to the city.

"I'm glad it's not being scrapped," he said. "The hotel industry is taking an enormous hit right now. Abbey Road is a major event for the city, the hotel business, restaurants and tourism around here. We get a tremendous economic impact from that. Having to delay is understood, but making sure it goes on is a great way for people to get



out and enjoy our city. You can't put a price on that."

Because concerts and festivals worldwide have been cancelled or postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic and some artists live in countries currently under travel bans, the lineup of performers for AROTR is still a work in progress. Organizers say at least 40 to 50 bands have arranged to play as promised and that Tommy James and The Shondells will headline the festival.

"This is a great event that's put on every year," Moore said. "We'll need it even more once we get past this life-changing event we're experiencing now. When the time comes and it's safe to come out, I think Abbey Road will be a great way to bring people together again."

If you purchased tickets for the original AROTR dates, those tickets can be exchanged or transferred for the October dates. Additionally, the Radisson, Sheraton and TownePlace Suites are transferring reservations for the May dates to the October dates upon request.

MORE INFO

Visit AROTR.com for more on tickets and hotel reservations or to keep up with the lineup of performers

MAKE SURE JEFF COUNTS

>> 2020 Census impacts funding, legislation for next decade

If you're looking for an opportunity to help shape Jeffersonville's future, here it is: Respond to the 2020 Census.

It will take you less than five minutes to answer the questions, but it will impact the city for the next decade.

The Constitution requires that the country conduct a count of its population once every ten

population once every ten years, but it is more than a population count. Here are other ways Census counts impact communi-

- The results will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country—for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs and other programs and services.
- The results determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.
- The results show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.
- The results also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for communities, mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

Go to 2020census.gov to respond to the 2020 Census online.



CHECK IT OUT >> Things are taking shape at Chapel Lake Park and we expect to hold an official opening later this month. Be sure to keep up with us on social media for details.



<< SO YOU KNOW

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the 67th WHAS Crusade for Children, but Jeffersonville Firefighters aren't delaying their efforts to begin their collection for the fundraiser.

Traditionally held the first weekend in June, this year's annual event will now be held August 8-9. JFD firefighters spent part of their quarantine time at the fire station making videos to promote the event and its virtual fundraising campaign.

You can still wait until you see your favorite JFD firefighter out on the street and dump your change in the bucket, or you can donate now via PayPal, Venmo or through to JFDs Facebook Fundraiser. Just visit Jeffersonville Fire Dept. on Facebook for details.





