

THE CITY OF JEFFERSONVILLE

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FALL 2020



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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 5 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



MIKE MOORE



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ROB WAIZ

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FROM MAYOR MIKE MOORE

Life, love and progress in the age of COVID

We've got some catching up to do since the last time I landed in your mailbox!

Despite what we all thought, COVID is STILL hanging around like that cranky aunt who just won't leave even though all the wine is gone and the Thanksgiving leftovers got packed up hours ago.

On a personal note, this summer I said "I Do" to Jaimie Spurgeon and her three sons Dylan, Zachary and Andrew.

And, just a few weeks ago my daughter Shelby flew off to Gibraltar to marry an Irishman, Phillip Walsh. In just a few more weeks, my daughter Ally will graduate from Ball State University.

So many changes. But signs that, even during a pandemic when things can seem pretty darn bad, life actually DOES go on.

Even though they look a little bit different (with face masks and social distancing) ribbon cuttings and ground breakings continue to be the norm in the City of Jeffersonville. Starbucks, That's My Dog, Union Restaurant and GameYard, Xscape Theatres, the Hilton Garden Inn — among others — have all started up in



MIKE MOORE

Jeffersonville during the last few months.

And with continued talk of even more new, high-paying jobs and new companies coming to River Ridge, I find myself getting re-energized for what's to come to the City of Jeffersonville in the next few years.

New home construction in Jeff is really powering our local economy right now. Believe it or not, nearly half of all the projects that have passed through the Plan Commission in the last six months have been residential projects.

Ten years ago, our City was trying to build two bridges, trying to bring in jobs, trying to find a way to attract new families and trying to find a way to improve our schools.

Today, Jeffersonville has those bridges. We've created good-paying jobs, with the promise of more on the way. We've built new parks and we helped build a new elementary school downtown to attract families to our City.

Today (behind the face mask), I'm smiling bigger than ever. I think the grin will only get bigger as the coming years unfold, because to say that Jeffersonville's future is going to be incredible would be a huge understatement!

Mike



NOW OPEN

IT'S SHOWTIME

>> Xscape Theatres celebrates opening in Jeff

After months of anticipation, Xscape Theatres Jeffersonville 12 officially opened in August in the new Bridgepoint Commons development just east of I-265.

Xscape Jeffersonville is the City's only movie theater — and, as Mayor Mike Moore pointed out at the theater's opening, it's also the first movie theater in the City in nearly three decades.

"A lot of people in Jeff have been looking forward to this," Moore said. "I remember watching the movie 'Jaws' when it was released in Jeff, so it's been about a 30-year time frame without a movie theater."

The theater was officially slated to open in March, but was delayed because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Moore said the opening was a sign of "normalcy" that people need right now.

"There has been a tremendous amount of growth in this part of our City," Moore said. "But this project is one that everybody is extremely excited about."



The theater features 12 screens, including two 70-foot "Xtreme" screens, leather reclining seats and full concessions (including a selection of wine and beer). The Jeffersonville location is the second Xscape theater in the area — Xscape Theatres Blankenbaker 16 opened in Louisville in 2015.



IF YOU GO ...

WHERE: 2800 Gottbrath Parkway

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

CALL: 812-247-0007

ONLINE: xscapetheaters.com

THERE'S MORE!

There's a lot happening in Jeffersonville. Businesses are opening up all around the city. Get a glimpse of what else is new - and what's on the way ... It starts on PAGE 12.

PARKS & RECREATION

NOW WE'RE COOKING

>> City hosting Holiday recipe exchange

No matter how many uncertainties we've faced in 2020, there is one thing you can count on for sure: The holidays are coming. Ready or not.

We're not sure about you, but one of the best things about the holidays is all the great food. From the Thanksgiving turkey to the Christmas ham - and all the casseroles in between - everyone tends to shine their brightest culinary light during the holiday season. No one can bring the cranberry relish except Mammaw? Uncle Joe is the master of macaroni and cheese? It just wouldn't be the holidays in your home unless your dad made boiled custard?

This year, the City of Jeffersonville wants to know (1) What dish is YOUR claim to fame during the holiday season? And (2) Will you share it with us?

We want to learn more about the flavors that make the holidays special for you and your families — Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and of course New Year's. So, this year, the City of Jeffersonville is hosting a Holiday Recipe Exchange. We know nothing brings people together more than food and we think by sharing the flavors and traditions from our own homes, we can spread joy and warmth through the entire community.

Recipes submitted for the exchange will be categorized into entrees, side dishes, desserts and beverages. They will be showcased on the Jeff Parks and Recreation website, beginning November 1. So, start cooking, Jeffersonville!

You can submit your recipes and photos to holidays@cityofjeff.net



RiverStage concerts come to a living room near you

When it became clear to everyone at the City of Jeffersonville that the usual Summer Concert Series on RiverStage wasn't going to happen in 2020 due to COVID-19, we were a little stumped. But not for long. Soon enough, people started putting their heads together to come up with a different plan. And that's when Jammin' In Jeff LIVE! was born.

"One of the things I love is if somebody comes up with a new idea, let's try it," said Mayor Mike Moore. "And that's what we're doing here, a series of virtual concerts."

Basically, the City - with help from its Summer Concert Series partner Shoe Sensation - recruited three of its most popular RiverStage bands to agree to perform a live concert from a studio for the purpose of streaming it live online.

Thunderstruck, The Juice Box

Heroes and 100% Poly all jumped on board.

Thunderstruck opened the series of virtual concert experiences on Oct. 14.

"We have these cool concerts that everybody can watch - New Albany, Sellersburg, Clarksville, Louisville ..." Moore said.

"I've got a feeling these are going to take hold and we're going to be doing more and more of these things," Moore said.

The shows were streamed on the RiverStage Facebook page. If you missed any of the concerts, or just want to watch again, you can watch anytime on [YouTube.com/JeffRiverstage](https://www.youtube.com/JeffRiverstage).

STAY TUNED

Plans are in the works for a Jammin' In Jeff holiday concert in December. Follow us for details ...





JEFFERSONVILLE

BRANCHING OUT

>> Project puts 110 new trees in neighborhoods

Jeffersonville's Planning and Zoning Department took to the streets this month in an effort to bring a little life to some of the city's oldest, centrally located neighborhoods.

The department has been working for the last couple of years to replenish the tree canopy in the city. As part of its most recent effort, the city partnered up with staff and volunteers from Louisville Grows to plant 110 new trees in three different neighborhoods near Lottie Oglesby Park, Poppy Park in Rolling Ridge and also in the area surrounding Parkview Middle School and the Little League complex.

Chad Reischl, Director of Planning and Zoning, said the areas were chosen because there has been "significant" tree loss in the neighborhoods in recent years, as most of the trees there are 40 to 50 years old and have reached the end of their life cycle.

"Every tree planted in Jeffersonville

provides us with an extremely valuable service," Reischl said. "Trees serve to keep our city cooler, improve our air quality, manage our stormwater, increase our neighborhood property values, and have even been shown to reduce crime, stress, and disease."

He said partnering with Louisville Grows was an exciting opportunity for the City.

"Over the last 10 years they have planted more than 3,000 new trees in Louisville neighborhoods. Their focus on tree planting, education, stewardship and volunteerism has been highly effective in Louisville," Reischl said. "We are excited they chose Jeffersonville as their first tree planting project in Indiana."

Funds for the project were provided by The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, the Jeffersonville UEZ, and fees collected from private developers who requested waivers from the City's landscaping requirements for their projects.



LET'S GET GROWING

Fall is, perhaps, the best time to plant trees in Southern Indiana, so if you've been thinking about planting a tree or two in your yard now is a great time to do so.

Winter rains allow the roots to take hold while the tree is dormant so it is ready to start new growth in the spring.

If you need some help getting started, the City's Planning Department has put together some resources on tree selection, planting and maintenance at www.cityofjeff.net/home/trees



CLEAN IT UP

With the trees, come the leaves. As we enter Fall, here are some tips and reminders from Jeffersonville's Street and Sanitation Department to help you help keep Jeffersonville looking its best:

It is against city ordinance to blow or rake leaves, grass clippings or any other yard waste into the street.

Leaves and 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.



Renovations at the Jeffersonville Animal Shelter, 201 Willinger Lane, are nearing completion and a grand reopening is expected in November. New outdoor kennels and play areas are just part of the updates.

PET PROJECT

>> Shelter renovation nears completion

One by one, the contractors working at the Jeffersonville Animal Shelter are crossing things off their to-do lists. And, one by one, Shelter Director Sarah Green is crossing off the days until the renovated shelter's November ribbon cutting.

The end is in sight. But after more than a year of planning and then months of construction to complete renovations, it can't get here quick enough.

"I don't know if you've ever lived in your house while it was being remodeled, but it can get pretty tense," Mayor Mike Moore said. "Now imagine having a shelter full of animals who are counting on you to take care of them and then throw COVID on top of all that..."

"Sarah and her staff have done a tremendous job making

the most out of difficult circumstances," Moore added.

Green said the shelter staff "just had to get a little creative" during the renovation.

"It has been very challenging to house the animals," Green said.

When the original shelter was built nearly 20 years ago, some of its features didn't suit shelter life all that well. Add 20 years without any updates or renovations and plenty

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FROM LEFT:
As part of the renovations at the Jeffersonville Animal Shelter, both the lobby and employee break area have been redone.

YOU CAN HELP

The Jeffersonville Animal Shelter appreciates donations from the community.

- A needs list can be found at jeffersonvilleanimalshelter.com
- Additionally, the shelter posts all of its emergency/immediate needs on its Facebook page.
- The shelter's greatest needs right now are cat litter, dry kitten food, dry adult cat food and wet pate'-style cat food.



Let everyone know you support shelter adoption with our new Jeffersonville Animal Shelter merchandise - featuring our new logo! This is a LIMITED TIME fundraiser aimed at getting Kuranda beds for 50 new kennels at the shelter. The shirt comes in five colors and eight styles. You can find a link on the Jeffersonville Animal Shelter Facebook page or at www.bonfire.com/jeffersonville-animal-shelter



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needed to be done. Funds didn't allow for construction of an entirely new facility, so the City opted to flip the shelter it already had.

Moore and Green agree that while it wasn't possible to do everything the City wanted to do, the renovations go a long way.

"I feel like we were able to address some of the bigger issues (with the renovation)," Green said. "What has been done will make for a more comfortable and less stressful stay for the animals who come into our care."

And having the renovations behind her will be a breath of fresh air for Green. Literally.

While nearly every space in the shelter has now been upgraded in some way — from new walls, ceilings and fresh paint to new kennels and outdoor play areas — Green says there are a couple of things that will make the biggest difference for the shelter and its animals.

"I think the biggest improvement is the HVAC system," Green said, before quickly adding "and better flooring with no grout! — It's going to help with disease and odor control."

Additionally, she said the renovated shelter will allow staff members to "work smarter, not harder" and will give them extra time in the day for animal enrichment.

"This will keep our animals mentally healthy while they stay with us," Green said. "And it will help us learn about their personalities so that we find their perfect human match."



SARAH GREEN

SO YOU KNOW

- The Jeffersonville Animal Shelter will remain closed to the public until construction is complete. Adoptable animals can be viewed at jeffersonvilleanimalshelter.com or on Petfinder. Personal meet and greets can be scheduled by calling the shelter at 812-282-0071.

- The shelter is grateful for its partnership with Feeders Supply, which helps showcase some of our adoptable feline friends at its Jeffersonville location, 3541 E. 10th Street. Currently, adoption fees are being waived for all Jeffersonville Animal Shelter cats older than 6 months.



City announces plans for \$17M upgrade to Charlestown Pike

>> Public meetings, design phase will begin in 2021

As part of its ongoing commitment to investing in infrastructure, the City announced in October it will soon enter the initial phase of the “Charlestown Pike Enhancement” project.

The \$17 million project consists of widening the nearly three and a half mile stretch of roadway from Holmans Lane to Salem-Noble Road. The City will also make improvements on Utica-Sellersburg Road between Hwy. 62 and Charlestown Pike. Some of those improvements will include additional turning lanes, sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

“Jeffersonville is experiencing unprecedented growth,” Mayor Mike Moore said. “We need to make sure our infrastructure keeps up.”

Moore pointed to the opening of the Lewis and Clark Bridge bringing an explosion of residential growth to the city’s east end in the last 10 years — combined with continued growth at River Ridge — as factors in why it is important for the City to make these enhancements to Charlestown Pike now.

“We don’t see that letting up anytime soon,” Moore said. “We have to be ready for all of the other homes and businesses coming our way.”

The project will likely take nearly five years to complete. The design phase will begin next year, followed by right-of-way and land acquisition in 2022 and utility relocation in 2023. Actual construction on the enhancements will take place in 2024 and 2025.

Moore said the City will start scheduling public meetings to get residents’ input soon.

“This is a massive project that won’t happen overnight,” Moore said. “We want to make sure it’s done right and we’re going to start by listening to the people who drive that roadway every day.”

The project will be financed with existing TIF dollars collected from businesses.

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— MIKE MOORE



AT LEFT:
Utica
Elementary
fifth grader
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was the
2019
holiday
card contest
winner.

Students again invited to create City’s holiday card

>> Deadline for submissions is November 24

For the fifth year, Mayor Mike Moore is asking Jeffersonville students to help create the City’s official holiday card that will be sent to hundreds of fellow Hoosiers.

“I am so glad we started this tradition,” Moore said. “We talked about the possibility of not doing it this year because of the chaos students, teachers and parents are dealing with because of COVID, but, ultimately, I think we need this contest more this year than ever before. We should embrace every tradition we can, especially now.”

“I look forward to it every year and the response from students always exceeds my expectations,” Moore added.

Through cooperation with Greater Clark County Schools and its teachers, Jeffersonville students in grades K-5 are invited to create an original piece of artwork that can be reproduced into the official City of Jeffersonville holiday card. It is up to the discretion of school officials to decide whether or not to participate in the contest, but the city encourages home-school students, E-learners and any other elementary age student in the city to participate even if it isn’t part of a classroom project.

Entries are due in to the Mayor’s Office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24 for consideration in the contest. Only one grand prize winner will be selected by the Mayor as the official holiday card for 2020.

Visit the city’s website at www.cityofjeff.net or on Facebook for specific rules.



PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE!

You can now pay your sewer bill online!
Visit the UTILITY BILLING page on the
City’s website at cityofjeff.net

NOT JUST A PIPE DREAM

>> Court approves City's plan for sewer improvements, saving millions in construction costs

The City of Jeffersonville marked a major milestone in September when it was given the go ahead by a federal judge to implement a modified plan that will bring the city into compliance with clean water standards and, at the same time, save millions of dollars in construction costs.

The plan is part of an agreement between the City of Jeffersonville, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management that modifies the original agreement entered into in 2009 by former Mayor Tom Galligan, leading to the last rate increase for residents.

City officials have been in discussions for several months with the EPA and IDEM, requesting the City be allowed to modify the 2009 plan. Specifically asking to be allowed to make changes in the design for sewer improvements that will bring the city in compliance with clean water standards while doing a more thorough job of removing pollutants collected by the wastewater system.

The new plan eliminates the expense of the downtown canal proposed by Galligan and instead funds an interceptor project and other infrastructure improvements.

"It's been a long and hard journey to get here. But our determination and hard work has paid-off," said Mayor Mike Moore who complimented Jeffersonville Wastewater Director Len Ashack and members of the Jeffersonville Sanitary Sewer Board for sharing a commitment to finding a cheaper and more efficient



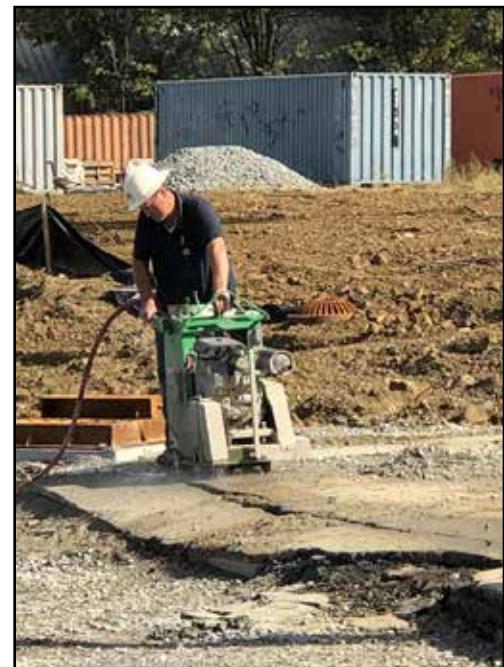
MIKE MOORE



LEN ASHACK



Work is underway on an expansion of the City's downtown wastewater treatment plant, as well as a three-phase Interceptor Project through downtown. This is part of the City's modified Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency and Indiana Department of Environmental Management that will bring the City into compliance with clean water standards.



way to make long-overdue sewer system improvements.

"We came into office in 2012 promising to solve the city's sewer problems without any new sewer rate hikes," Moore added. "We're living up to that promise with the approval of this plan."

Engineers for the City estimate the cost for constructing the enhanced design will be millions of dollars less than the 2009 plan.

An additional benefit to the new design is that the improvements to the sewer system will create more capacity for new developments, particularly in the downtown area of Jeffersonville with the Combined Sewer System, where several new residential development projects are under construction or planned. In addition, much of the temporary flooding of streets associated with major storm events should also be reduced.

Mayor offers balanced budget despite COVID challenges

>> Moore says he is optimistic city's revenues will rebound after pandemic passes

Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore submitted to the City Council this summer a balanced budget that essentially freezes spending for next year.

"We are facing some challenging economic times with COVID-19. And the city is feeling the impact on its revenue," said Moore. "Fortunately, the city is in strong financial shape and that's helping us weather the storm."

The \$54.6 million proposed budget for 2021 is based upon projected revenues of \$54.9 million. While the proposal uses some cash reserves to help fund operations, Jeffersonville will avoid widespread cuts to city services, layoffs or tax increases that have affected other communities in light of economic fall-out caused by the virus. The city is projected to end 2021 with nearly \$7.4 million in cash.

"That's why we have those reserves so we can get through unforeseeable events," said Moore who earlier this year made several budget-saving measures such as cancelling summer concerts, closing the aquatic center and cancelling non-essential public works projects.

"Our top priority has always been to ensure that we provide essential city services everyone deserves and expects. I'm pleased that we're able to do that under this budget proposal without any major cuts or tax hikes."

The budget proposal also forgoes pay raises for city employees. Moore is optimistic that the loss of revenue is temporary, believing the city's fiscal situation will quickly improve post-COVID-19.

Moore commended City Controller Heather Metcalf and the City Council for being good financial stewards of the city's finances.

"Over the past several years, we've worked hard as a team to be practical and wise with our spending. That fiscal restraint is paying-off for us now when we need it the most."



MIKE MOORE

JEFFERSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

JPD issues body cams

The Jeffersonville Police Department has implemented a body camera policy for its officers, following approval of funding for the program by the Jeffersonville City Council in July.

"Our police department is already leading by example with its focus on 21st Century policing practices," Mayor Mike Moore said. "We're taking that even further with these state-of-the-art body cameras."

Jeffersonville Police Chief Kenny Kavanaugh told the City Council in June that while the department has used body cameras in the past, the new program is more streamlined than previous endeavors and the technology is more advanced.

Specifically, the cameras are always running in the background. The technology will capture the previous 30 seconds of video before the officer hits the activation button. The camera will also turn on automatically when weapons are unholstered as well as activation of other officers' cameras within a certain range.

Both Kavanaugh and Moore said the technology behind the new program is key because it allows officers to concentrate on doing their jobs, while the camera takes care of itself.

"We're taking it out of the officers' hands

to activate the camera," Kavanaugh told the council. "So if the officer gets involved in something ... things are evolving quick, that's going to be kicking it on."

The Chief added that officers welcome the body cameras and the technology behind them.

"Our police officers want to police with that extra eye ... that is going to be able to tell what happened when a situation evolves very rapidly."

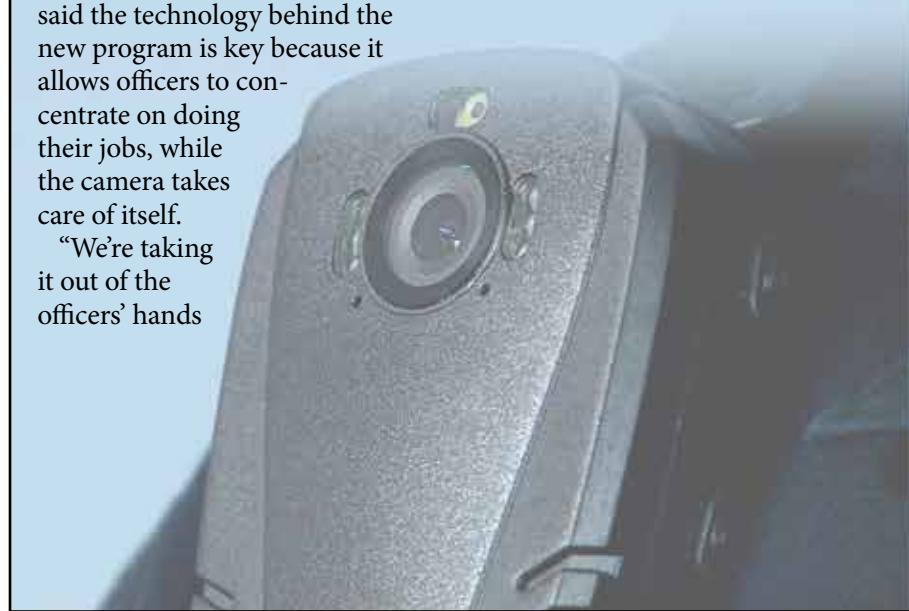
Moore said the body camera program is a way for the police department to "boost accountability among officers when interacting with the public."

"I want to use this cutting-edge technology to ensure our department remains transparent to the citizens it serves and protects," Moore said. "This is an impressive system that is well worth the investment."

Each JPD uniformed patrol officer from the rank of patrol officer to sergeant has been assigned one of the 75 cameras purchased from the company Axon 3 Technology.



KENNY
KAVANAUGH





That's My Dog LLC., at 125 W. Chestnut Street, is one of 21 Jeffersonville businesses that received a grant to help with losses and expenses related to COVID-19.

City announces COVID relief grant recipients

>> \$210,000 in relief funded by Office of Community and Rural Affairs

Twenty-one Jeffersonville businesses have been awarded grants totaling \$210,000 to help them recover from the fiscal impact of COVID-19.

The grants were approved by Jeffersonville's Revolving Loan Committee in September.

"The backbone of our community is our small businesses," said Mayor Mike Moore. "And unfortunately, many of them have been hit hard over the last several months as we've been forced to deal with the impacts from COVID-19. It's exciting to have a chance to help them with these grant dollars so businesses can remain open and continue to pay their employees."

The program was funded exclusively with dollars from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Jeffersonville was one of 42 Indiana communities selected as a distributor of the grants.

The following Jeffersonville businesses were each awarded \$10,000:

H.M. Franks/O'Shea's; Jersey Mikes; The Springs Salon; Quality Inn; Café 223; Days Inn; Value Inn; Heuser Hardware; Howard Steamboat Museum; Slammers; Simpson Co.; Angie's Café; Sweets By

Morgan; A20; Black Rose Elite; Jewels Pet salon; Tru Bliss; Lavender Hill; So In media; That's My Dog and Orange Clover.

The grant program's objective is to provide assistance to small businesses that employ less than 100 people earning low-to-moderate wages as based on income levels for Jeffersonville. The applicants were required to submit an application that was then reviewed by the City's Revolving Loan Committee to determine whether they met the program's criteria, which included the amount of lost revenue, closure or reduced business capacity, rental or mortgage expenses and the number of full-time and part-time employees.

DeLynn Rutherford, the City's grants administrator, said all the applicants met the specified requirements and were awarded relief funds.

Recipients will not be required to repay as long as all guidelines and reporting requirements are met. The money comes through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES, which was approved by Congress in response to the pandemic.

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NOW OPEN

Union Restaurant and GameYard is now open at 115 W. Chestnut Street.

GAME ON

Union Restaurant & GameYard opens downtown

While most of us were stuck inside our homes through late winter and spring, there was something BIG happening in downtown Jeffersonville. When people eventually DID start to venture out again - even just a little bit - everyone started taking notice and asking a lot of questions. "What is happening on Chestnut Street?"

"Everybody has been talking about Union Restaurant and GameYard," said Mayor Mike Moore. "It's been the topic of a lot of conversations. It's big. It takes up a lot of space and it's lit up like Christmas. People have definitely been waiting for it."

The wait is officially over. The restaurant/bar/entertainment venue celebrated its grand opening in September.

Now the question is what are you going to do first? Play a little iceless curling? Square-off in a serious cornhole or bocce ball showdown with your friends? Maybe just have a little snack or a drink? Visitors can do all those things - and more - at Union.

The business partners responsible for bringing Union to Jeffersonville - Bobby Bass and Levi Donaldson - have promised to bring a unique experience to downtown Jeffersonville since they first unveiled plans for the venture last fall. Moore said he thinks they've delivered.

"They've done something pretty cool," Moore said. "The outdoor space - especially with concerns over COVID - is appealing to people and is a great fit for

downtown. And it's a family-friendly place."

City of Jeffersonville Redevelopment Director Rob Waiz said the addition of Union to the downtown landscape is a big win for everyone.

"They have definitely done something that people are excited about," Waiz said. "That's great for them, but it's also great for all businesses downtown. Anyone who comes downtown because they're curious about Union is going to see a lot of other businesses that will appeal to them and make them say 'I wonder what that place is like? I'll have to go there.' There are so many options. That's one of the reasons Jeffersonville is thriving."



NOW OPEN



Early education center opens downtown

>> Maple Leaf Academy focuses on STEM, STEAM education

New life has taken over the former Maple Elementary School building, just a year after the school closed.

Maple Leaf Academy, a new childcare center focused on early education, officially opened its doors in September. The academy has a research-focused curriculum based on STEAM education (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and is open to children ages six weeks to five years old. It also offers the

STRIVE Academy — an afterschool program for K-5 students — that employs learning labs to introduce students to video gaming/coding, design and engineering through LEGOs, artificial intelligence/robotics and biotechnology.

MORE INFO

For more information about Maple Leaf Academy visit mapleleafjeff.org or call 812-913-2441.

NOW OPEN



Fairfield Inn & Suites is now open at 3000 Gottoberth Parkway in the Bridgepoint Commons Development.



That's My Dog opened in July at 125 W. Chestnut Street in downtown.



Jimmy Johns is now open at 921 Gateway Drive (Suite 101) near Starbucks at 10th and Spring streets.

Students start year at new downtown elementary school

AT RIGHT: Mayor Mike Moore greeted students as they got off the school bus on the first day of school at the new Franklin Square Elementary School along Court Avenue in downtown Jeffersonville. This is the first year students will attend Franklin Square Elementary as construction on the new school just wrapped up this summer.



AT LEFT: Moore talked with students and Franklin Square Elementary School Principal Ms. Cunningham before class got started on the first day of school. Ms. Cunningham was the long-time principal at the former Spring Hill Elementary before Franklin Square was built.



Buff City Soap is now open at 1005 Jeffersonville Commons Drive next to Kroger.

NOW OPEN



FROM LEFT: Wall Street Medical Group is now open at 443 Spring Street and The Funky Waffle Company is now open at 1410 Charlestown-New Albany Road.



COMING SOON

Hilton joins growing east end

On top of a hill overlooking Hwy. 62 and I-265, officials broke ground this month on the latest large-scale development in the City's east end: A 145,000 square foot Hilton Garden Inn.

New Albany native and PGA golf champion Fuzzy Zoeller and Indianapolis-based General Hotels Corp. are partners in the venture.

Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore said he is excited to see growth booming in the city's east end, especially at a time when the overall economy seems a little uncertain.

He credited the City's Redevelopment Commissioners and Redevelopment Director Rob Waiz with helping this project get off the ground by working with developers and investing in the construction of the new Water Tower Road, which allows access to the hotel property.

"They have put an enormous amount of time and en-

ergy converting this vacant land into a potential commercial hot spot," Moore said.

"That \$2 million investment will pay dividends for years to come. We will see a return of \$660,000 annually from the Hilton alone," Moore added.

The City has taken on similar infrastructure improvements in the past in an effort to boost development in certain areas, including the construction of Town Center Boulevard, which ultimately led to an explosion of growth on Veterans Parkway.

Moore said the added benefit of developments east of I-265 is not only another sign Jeffersonville continues to move forward and improve, Greater Clark County Schools also receives 10 percent of all revenue generated through the City's TIF District.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Companies announce investments in Jeff

>> River Ridge reports greatest gains in Commerce Center's history

In spite of a general economic downturn nationwide in light of COVID-19, companies continue to announce plans to move — or expand — their businesses to Jeffersonville and River Ridge continues to be a major reason why.

In the last few months alone, several companies have announced their intentions to grow operations here, including:

- The HVAC Filtration Division of **PARKER HANNIFIN CORP.**, announced earlier this month it is embarking on a multi-year investment to expand its operations in Jeffersonville. The project will allow the company to ramp up manufacturing capacity, and associated job growth, to produce HEPA filter products, which has seen an increase in demand in light of

COVID.

- **KENCO LOGISTIC SERVICES LLC**, a Tennessee-based logistics company, announced in July it will open a new fulfillment and distribution center in River Ridge. Kenco is the largest woman-owned, third-party, logistics company in the United States and operates more than 50 warehouses across the United States.

- In August, **US CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT**, a nationally recognized real estate developer, announced it is purchasing more than 37 acres in River Ridge. The St. Louis-based company is developing a 450,000-square-foot industrial spec building as its first investment in the Southern Indiana/Louisville market.

- **MEDLINE**, one of the country's largest family-owned manufacturers and distributors of medical products, an-

nounced it had outgrown its previous Kentuckiana location in Shepherdsville, Ky., and is transitioning to a 1.1 million square-foot spot in River Ridge.

The announcement of these developments comes on the heels of a report released in June showing that in 2019, the River Ridge Commerce Center increased its employment, expanded development and produced \$2.5 billion in economic output — the largest output from the business park since it opened.

The report showed that River Ridge's growth last year helped create or support more than 16,900 jobs, leading to \$630 million in labor income for Southern Indiana and the Louisville area.

Among the companies that started or expanded business at River Ridge during the past year are Ingram Micro, Niagara Bottling, PharmaCord and Denso.

NOW LEASING



Luxury Living comes to downtown

After about 18 months of construction, the first residents have moved into The Walcott Jeffersonville.

The 215-unit luxury apartment community officially opened along Maple Street in downtown in September.

The complex offers a resort-style pool and state-of-the-art fitness center, Internet café, rooftop terrace and lounge overlooking Big Four Station, an automated parcel system, bike service station, dog park and pet spa.



WHAT'S NEXT?

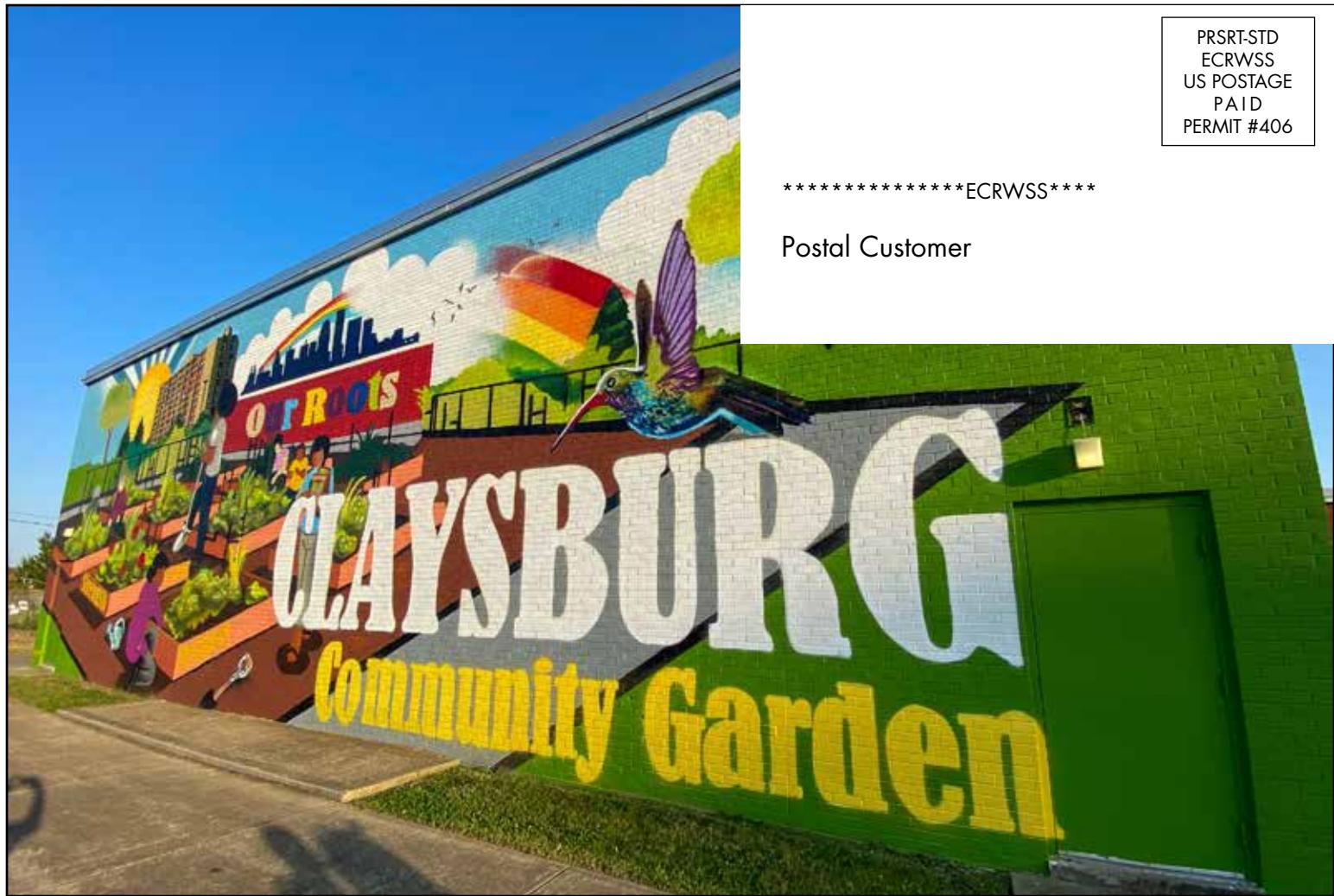
Want a glimpse of what's coming to Jeff in the near future? Here's a rundown of projects that have received approval from the City's Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals since late May:

- **WOLF RUN**: 96-unit multi-family development; Middle and Port roads
- **Coopers Crossing**: 97-lot single family subdivision; Coopers Ln (near Limestone Trace)
- **Gaily Subdivision**: 4-lot single family subdivision; 2400 block Coopers Lane
- **Riverbirch Woods**: 22-lot single family subdivision; 3400 block Charlestown Pike
- **Magnolia Row**: 5-lot single family subdivision; Walnut and Maple streets
- **Gray Development at River Ridge**: 260,000 square-feet industrial facility
- **Orion Arms**: 65,600 square-feet industrial/office space; 3015 Utica Sellersburg Rd.
- **Clover Communities Senior Housing**: 119-unit, 3-story senior living apartments; 2121 E. 10th St.
- **Restaurant/retail space**: 9,800 square-feet; Veterans Parkway
- **Retail/office space**: 5,000 square feet; Veterans Parkway
- **Jeffersonville Commons Mini Storage**: 710-unit self storage facility behind Kroger
- **Taco Bell**: Bridgepoint Gateway - Hwy 62.
- **Bridgepoint Commons Medical Facility**: 7,200 sf medical building; New Chapel Ln. and Gottbrath Pkwy.
- **Whispering Oaks Phase 2 Section 9**: 38-lot single family subdivision
- **Hopkins Cottages**: 13-lot single family subdivision; 611 Hopkins Ln.
- **Bridgepoint Gardens Senior Housing**: 3-story 131-units senior housing Bridgepoint Commons

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CHECK IT OUT >> Mayor Mike Moore and other City officials were honored to be part of the official unveiling of the "Soulful Nourishment" community garden mural in Claysburg earlier this month in conjunction with the Claysburg neighborhood's annual National Night Out gathering.

The Soulful Nourishment Project is a series established to promote reflection on local Black history, a focus on healing during times of social injustice and, invitations to envision a positive, asset-framed future for Black Americans.

This project is a part of the national/international Next Narrative conversation, advancing the Black L.O.V.E. agenda created by the BMe Community. There will be three other projects in other areas of Jeffersonville.

