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Mayor Jacobs Talks About Finance Dept, Jr. Commissioners, Habitat for Humanity, Proposed Development Rules, More

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update that will post around noon today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about the “Triple Crown” of finance, the Junior County Commission program, Knoxville Habitat for Humanity, and more.

Knox County has again achieved one of the highest honors for governmental accounting and finance reporting, winning the Government Finance Officers Association’s Triple Crown for finance departments.

“We are one of only 300 governmental entities across the United States and Canada to receive this prestigious designation,” Mayor Jacobs says. “Congratulations and thank you to Chris Caldwell and his team for their continued excellence.”

Knox County High School juniors and seniors can participate in the Junior Commission program. Students learn the functions of local government and the importance of community engagement and public service. The application portal closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19. Please visit the Commission website for more information and to apply.

Mayor Jacobs also notes that not only did Knoxville Habitat for Humanity reach its Giving Tuesday goal of \$30,000, but the non-profit surpassed it! Habitat raised more than \$35,300 and then received \$15,000 in matching donations for a total of \$51,500. The money will help pave the way for The Plains – Habitat’s newest community!

“Your support helps the organization invest over \$2 million in infrastructure like roads, utilities, and land preparation,” Mayor Jacobs says. “All this lays the foundation for families to build strength, stability, and brighter futures through affordable homeownership.”

Mayor Jacobs also touches on a policy that takes advantage of a new state law that enables local governments to establish “infrastructure development districts” and levy a special assessment on property owners inside the districts to pay for road improvements and other upgrades to public infrastructure. The assessment is charged to each property owner within the new development. It would be capped at \$1,000 annually and used to pay off the debt incurred through the Industrial Development Board to build the infrastructure improvements.

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