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Mayor Jacobs Talks About the Weather, Warming Centers and More

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update that will post around 9 a.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about the snowy week, warming centers, and ways to prepare your home and keep pets safe during the cold.

“Many thanks to our highway department, who began applying brine to county roadways on Monday in anticipation of Wednesday’s snowfall, ultimately putting down about 68,000 gallons of brine,” Mayor Jacobs says. “They then came in early Wednesday and Thursday to scrape the roads. Many thanks to them for a job well done as always.”

Temperatures are expected to remain cold for the next few days with frigid conditions at night.

As of now, the following five warming centers will be open through Saturday morning: Salvation Army in central city; Church Street United Methodist Church downtown; Fountain City United Methodist Church in north Knox County; Eternal Life Harvest Center East in east Knoxville; and Cokesbury Church out west.

For more information and whether these centers will extend their hours or other centers will open, please visit www.knoxtnhousing.org.

“Many thanks to these folks for providing this life-saving service,” Mayor Jacobs says. “If you would like to volunteer to help at a warming center, please go to KnoxTNHousing.org.”

Mayor Jacobs also notes that due to the cold weather “it’s probably a good idea” to leave a water faucet dripping to avoid frozen pipes. Also, bring your pets inside.

“And, if you are traveling, make sure to have warm clothes in case you run into any trouble,” he adds.

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