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Mayor Jacobs Talks About CPAC, TN River Cleanups, Reappraisals, More

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update, which will post around 1 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about the annual CPAC convention, efforts by Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful, the county’s switch to a two-year property reappraisal cycle, and more.

Mayor Jacobs attended the CPAC convention last weekend and joined Savannah Chrisley of Chrisley Knows Best and Dave Sunday, the Pennsylvania Attorney General, on a panel to discuss issues within the criminal justice system.

“I talked about what we’re seeing here in Knox County, specifically our new mental health court, and the great work that organizations like Men of Valor are doing to ensure that incarcerated individuals successfully reenter society, so they don’t reoffend, hurt people, and end up back in jail,” Mayor Jacobs says.

He also recognizes the non-profit Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful for reaching their goal of removing 200,000 pounds of trash last year. Since 2019, around 4,540 volunteers have removed almost 836,300 pounds of trash at 208 cleanups.

Additionally, Mayor Jacobs discusses the County Commission’s vote to switch to a two-year property reappraisal cycle, and how the change makes revenue streams more predictable and stops residential homeowners from subsidizing both business personal property taxes and utility payments in lieu of taxes, or PILOTS.

“Remember Knox County cannot use reappraisal as a hidden property tax increase,” Mayor Jacobs adds. “The total amount we receive from property tax must remain the same. That’s why our certified tax rate keeps going down. Unfortunately, within the total, individual property taxes can go either up or down, depending on the average increase or decrease of property prices countywide. However, going to a two-year cycle will help smooth out the reappraised values so we shouldn’t see the sticker shock like some folks experienced with the last reappraisal.”

Mayor Jacobs also congratulates this year’s three Knox County Schools “Teacher of the Year” winners; talks about the reopening of the Carter Park ballfields next week, Knox County employees of the month, and mentions that TDOT crews will begin fixing potholes on the interstates and state routes.

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