



MEDIA ADVISORY

OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR GLENN JACOBS

400 Main Street, Suite 615, Knoxville, TN 37902

New Knox County Dog Park to Open on June 29

WHEN: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29

WHERE: Beverly Park (5311 Beverly Park Circle)

BACKGROUND: Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will be joined by local philanthropist Randy Boyd and other elected leaders to officially open Knox County's newest dog park.

The public is invited to attend a ceremonial ribbon cutting, which will be held at Beverly Park. The county plans to build another four dog parks within the next couple of years thanks to a contest and grant program initiated and funded by the Boyd Family Foundation. The proposal – dubbed the Knox Neighborhood Dog Parks Plan – was designed to make Knox County No. 1 in dog parks per capita in the nation. The county is ranked No. 29 currently.

A contest was held in 2020, and residents chose to build dog parks at Beverly Park, New Harvest Park, the SportsPark, Powell Station Park, and Clayton Park, though specific park locations may be updated if the need arises.

The Boyd Family Foundation then agreed to donate \$250,000 to build the parks. However, they are expected to cost much more, so the county is kicking in an additional \$150,000.

The Beverly dog park will be the first to open under the grant program.

Contact:

Mike Donila
215-4750 office
306-1177 cell

Mike.Donila@knoxcounty.org

Abbey Harris
215-4579 office
705-1681 cell

Abbey.Harris@knoxcounty.org

###