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Mayor Jacobs Talks About the Constitution, Men of Valor and More

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update, which will post about 3 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks Constitution Week, Habitat for Humanity’s new development off Strawberry Plains Pike and the Roadside Vegetation Management Association’s conference.

He also talks about the opening of the Metro Drug Coalition’s Gate Community Hub, serving those struggling with substance abuse issues.

In addition, he mentions the Men of Valor’s Knoxville reentry program Valor Way, located at Dogan-Gaither Flats.

“Nationally, about 70 percent of the imprisoned men will reoffend and end up back in jail within three years. This is extremely expensive, both in direct costs and the indirect cost to society. However, that rate drops to less than 15 percent among those who complete Men of Valor’s one-year reentry program,” Mayor Jacobs says. “That means fewer victims and less crime. Crime is on everyone’s minds right now as we see crime rates soar across our nation. I believe that we must be tough on violent crime while at the same time being smart when it comes to prevention and reentry. Having Men of Valor here will help us do just that.”

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