



MEDIA ADVISORY

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NOTICE: I.C. King Park closure

Who: KUB, Southeast Connections and Knox County Parks & Rec

What: I.C. King Park closure

When: Starting Monday, March 2, and lasting through May 2015

Where: 3440 Alcoa Highway

Background:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (Feb. 27, 2015) -- KUB and its contractor, Southeast Connections, will close I.C. King Park starting Monday, March 2, and lasting through May 2015, as work is completed in this area for the South Loop Natural Gas Pipeline Installation Project. In cooperation with Knox County Parks and Recreation, and to ensure the public's safety, the entire park will be closed as construction is in progress. Barricades and signage are in place at the park's entrances to notify visitors of the closure.

This project will provide a portion of the connecting pipeline that will allow the University of Tennessee to convert its coal-fired steam plant to natural gas by late 2015. This plant conversion will remove the second largest source of airborne pollution in East Tennessee, and will be the equivalent of taking 7,000 passenger vehicles off the road each day. Additionally, this pipeline will improve the overall reliability of KUB's natural gas distribution system, and allow for future natural gas demands.

KUB will post regular updates throughout the project on its website at www.kub.org, and on the KUB Facebook page. Additionally, KUB has set up a blog at <http://kubsouthloop.blogspot.com/> to keep customers informed about project milestones. Customers can send their e-mail address to blog@kub.org (please reference South Loop in the subject line) to receive updates on the project. Customers can also call 558-2331 after normal business hours to leave a message that will be followed-up with a call from a KUB representative by the end of the next business day.

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