



# MEDIA ADVISORY

OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR TIM BURCHETT

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## **TDEC Commissioner to present Mayor with check for \$500K grant**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016  
3:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** I.C. King Park addition (Access off Maryville Pike, south of Mt. Olive Elementary School/Maloney Rd. intersection)  
Google Map: <http://bit.ly/2e9Tg0h>

**WHO:** Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett; TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau; State Sen. Becky Massey; State Rep. Eddie Smith; Knox County Commissioners

### ***BACKGROUND:***

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (Oct. 18, 2016)* – Earlier this year, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation awarded Knox County a \$500,000 grant for improvements to I.C. King Park in South Knoxville. The grant was the maximum amount awarded by TDEC for parks and recreation projects in 55 communities across Tennessee.

TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau will present Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett with a check for the grant. The grant will allow Knox County to make improvements to a recently-acquired addition to I.C. King Park.

Last year, Knox County acquired a 70-acre tract that adjoins the original I.C. King Park and connects to Maryville Pike. The acquisition and grant will give Knox County the ability to provide new park amenities, increase the park size to 219 acres, and allow for a new entrance to the existing park land that will create much safer access.

Renderings of the proposed park layout and improvements will be on display during the event.

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