



MEDIA ADVISORY

OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR TIM BURCHETT

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Road renamed in honor of Knox County veteran services officer

Who: Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, Knox County Commissioners, public, media

What: Renaming of Dade Drive

When: Friday, July 15, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Dade Drive @ Karns Valley Drive (Near Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home)

Background:

Dade Drive, which connects Coward Mill Road and Karns Valley Drive, will be renamed Friday in honor of a local veteran who has spent the last several years directly serving other Knox County veterans.

Last month, the Knox County Commission voted to rename Dade Drive to Chuck Jones Drive. Chuck Jones is a longtime Knox County veteran services officer and continues to serve Knox County veterans in that capacity. Dade Drive is one of the primary approaches to Ben Atchley Veteran's Home.

As of this advisory, Mr. Jones does not know that Friday's event is in his honor. We are trying to keep the renaming a surprise for as long as possible. If you can avoid naming Mr. Jones in any advance coverage you may give to this event, it would be helpful and appreciated.

A portion of Karns Valley Drive and all of Dade Drive will be temporarily closed and traffic will be rerouted during the event. Knox County Highway crews will post signs alerting motorists to the temporary detour.

To get to the site, which is at the intersection of Karns Valley Drive and Dade Drive, you can take Pellissippi Parkway to either the Hardin Valley exit or to Coward Mill Rd.

If you take Hardin Valley, go right off the exit ramp and turn left into Westbridge Business Park (Westcott Blvd). Stay on Westcott until you get to the intersection with Karns Valley. Stay to the left onto Karns Valley. The event will be held where Karns Valley intersects Dade Drive. Through traffic will be diverted onto Byington Solway to get to Coward Mill.

If you take Coward Mill Rd. off Pellissippi Parkway, turn right onto Dade Drive, just past the Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home. Dade Drive through traffic will be diverted to Byington Solway, then onto Westcott Blvd.

If you are traveling west on Coward Mill, turn left onto Dade Drive, just before you get to Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home, and just after Byington Solway Rd.

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