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Mayor Jacobs Resumes ‘Takeout’ Days to Support Local Dining

Knoxville, Tennessee—The COVID-19 pandemic has again slowed down Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ weekly Eat & Greet Community Lunches, but that won’t stop the county’s top leader from supporting local dining.

“We instituted #TakeOutTuesday and #TakeOutThursday in April to find new and creative ways to help our favorite businesses through pandemic difficulties so that Knox County could come back stronger than before,” Mayor Jacobs said.

Because dine-in restrictions have lingered much longer than anyone hoped or anticipated, Mayor Jacobs plans to resume his takeout initiative, starting Thursday, Dec. 10 when he and Knox County Commissioner Justin Biggs order from Alice’s Diner (4405 North Broadway).

Melissa Kirby, who lost her home and three pets in a devastating house fire last week, owns the diner.

“Navigating this pandemic has been difficult on everyone,” the Mayor said. “I’m glad to be able to do my part by supporting people like Melissa—who is overcoming tremendous loss—just as she has supported so many others.”

Mayor Jacobs has consistently hosted Eat & Greet Community Lunches in locally owned dining rooms since taking office in September 2018. Eat & Greets are designed so that members of the community can join the Mayor and members of his staff for face-to-face conversations.

“We are going to get through this,” the Mayor said.

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