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Mayor Jacobs Talks START Center, Festival of Lights, and More

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update, which will post around 1 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about the START Center and the 25th annual Holiday Festival of Lights at the Cove at Concord Park, which runs through the end of the month except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Earlier this week, Mayor Jacobs signed the memorandum of understanding for the Skilled Trades Academy and Regional Training Center, the START Center, which formalized the partnership among the County, the Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Tennessee, Knox County Schools, and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville.

"The START Center is designed to attract, train, and retain a quality workforce in the construction industry," Mayor Jacobs says. "I'm really excited to see this program get off the ground and can't wait to see the results."

In addition, don't forget to catch the end of the update when Mayor Jacobs makes a reference to a certain 1983 movie and a Red Ryder BB gun.

All Knox County Government offices—including the Knox County Health Department and public libraries —will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Additionally, please note that Convenience Centers will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, but open on Tuesday, Dec. 26. They are always closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. Traffic at the convenience centers is expected to be high after the closure and extra waste generated from holiday gatherings. Remember, never pour oil or grease down your household drains or into public storm drains; used vegetable oil stored in a closed, non-glass container can be recycled for free at all convenience center locations.

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