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## Mayor Jacobs Talks About Advance Knox, Honor Air Flight 34, and More

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*— During his Weekly Update, which will post around 1 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about the next steps for Advance Knox, improvements coming soon to S. Northshore Drive, and his experience on Honor Air Flight 34.

Now that the Farragut Board of Mayor and Alderman voted last night to approve the amendments to the Growth Policy Plan, the Knox County Commission can approve a new Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Jacobs listed a number of reasons for pushing forward with the proposal.

"Housing prices in Knox County now exceed national averages," he says. "That contributes to young people leaving our area, as well as homelessness. One of the underlying issues is simply a lack of housing options. It seems that some folks think we can just shut the door on East Tennessee and stop building housing. That will lead to disaster. So, the question is: How do we grow in a way that ensures our great quality of life? Advance Knox does that."

Mayor Jacobs also mentions major improvements coming to S. Northshore Drive. Construction on that project is expected to start later this summer and wrap up in late 2025.

The update also shows footage from his trip to Washington, D.C. on Honor Air Flight 34.

"The best part of the day, for me, wasn't the sights in Washington. It was the reception our community gave these men and women when they returned home," says Mayor Jacobs.

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