



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Latest Knox County Dog Park to Open May 29 at New Harvest Park – Plus Major Announcement**

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2024

WHERE: New Harvest Park (4775 New Harvest Lane)

**BACKGROUND:** Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will be joined by local philanthropist Randy Boyd and other elected leaders to officially open Knox County's newest dog park.

The public is invited to attend a ceremonial ribbon cutting, which will be held at New Harvest Park. The county plans to build another three dog parks within the next couple of years thanks to a contest and grant program initiated and funded by the Boyd Family Foundation. The proposal – dubbed the Knox Neighborhood Dog Parks Plan – was designed to make Knox County No. 1 in dog parks per capita in the nation.

A contest was held in 2020, and residents chose to build dog parks at Beverly Park, New Harvest Park, the SportsPark, Powell Station Park, and Clayton Park, though specific park locations may be updated if the need arises.

The Boyd Family Foundation then agreed to donate \$250,000 to build the parks. However, they are expected to cost more, so the county is kicking in an additional \$150,000.

The first to open under the grant program was Beverly Dog Park in the summer of 2022.

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