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*Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon and other dignitaries cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of the Baker Creek Bike Park at Baker Creek Preserve, 3700 Lancaster Drive, in South Knoxville Thursday.*

## City celebrates opening of Baker Creek Bike Park

By Ken Lay

The City of Knoxville celebrated the opening of a South Knoxville bike park Thursday

The newly-opened Baker Creek Bike Park is the first new feature to be completed as part of the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park project.

The park was purchased when Victor Ashe was city mayor 17 years ago and the groundbreaking happened back in 2014.

"I see Mayor Ashe and he

and the team that made this happen," Kincannon said. "This is a park unique to Knoxville. It is for the people of South Knoxville and it is for all

The newly elected and re-elected local officials will gather at the Tennessee Theater Tuesday at 9 a.m. for the swearing-in ceremony hosted by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. The winners of the August Knox County general election races will be taking their oaths. The 9 a.m. ceremonies include the following re-elected or newly elected officials: Criminal Court Judge Kyle Hixson, Law Director David Buuck, Public Defender Eric M. Lutton and Assessor of Property John R. Whitehead.

Commissioners to take the oath are Dasha Lundy, Courtney Durrett, Kyle Ward, John Schoonmaker, Terry Hill, Richie Beeler and Carson Dailey. School board members to be sworn in include Jennifer Owen, Daniel Watson, Susan Horn, Mike McMillan and student representative Abigail Lee.

Certification of the ballots was announced Tuesday morning after more than 75,600 people voted in the August 6th local general election and state and federal primary.

The new Knox County Commission will then meet in person or via Zoom at 4 p.m. to select their chair and vice chair. They will also select members for the Rules