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It's A Matter of Connectivity

Virginia Speaks: A Conversation about Jobs, Government Reform & Our Future Governor Bob McDonnell

August 31 • 7-8:30 pm
Bristol Public Library

This event will allow Virginians to speak directly with Virginia's governor about the issues facing the Commonwealth. The governor will also spend a portion of each town hall discussing his efforts to make government smaller and simpler, privatize Virginia's state run ABC stores, and create good jobs statewide. To RSVP, call (423) 989-4873.

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Beaver Creek Cleanup September 25

Keep Bristol Beautiful will conduct its 11th annual Beaver Creek cleanup on September 25 from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are asked to register beginning at 9 a.m. at The Downtown Center (Shelby Street entrance) or the Beaver Creek Campground located at the Corner of Highway 394 and Beaver Creek Road.

Bags, gloves and assistance will be provided, but participants will need their own transportation from the registration site to the cleanup sites. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch will be provided following the cleanup, and participants will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last.



During last year's Beaver Creek cleanup, nearly 200 volunteers successfully removed 8,000 pounds of trash from Beaver Creek and the surrounding banks and properties.

For additional information about the 2010 Beaver Creek Cleanup, contact Genette Yates, (423) 989-4850, or email gyates@bristolchamber.org.

Sponsors: Bristol Chamber of Commerce; Bristol Tennessee Essential Services; Bristol Virginia Utilities; City of Bristol Tennessee; City of Bristol Virginia; Goodpasture Motor Company; Sam's Club #6518; Severn Trent; TVA; Wal-Mart Bristol TN

Shift Your Business Out of "Neutral"

The Bristol Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with King College, Virginia Economic Bridge, Inc. and the Virginia Department of Business Assistance, will present a Growing Sales Seminar on September 21 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the King College Student Center Complex.

This is an advanced seminar providing interactive discussions with experts in government and private sector sales growth. If your business is stuck in "neutral," you won't want to miss this session to learn about building your sales, finding the right people to grow your business, and how to precisely pinpoint where your new customers are. The Growing Sales Seminar will also give you the opportunity to meet and network with local, state and federal government buyers from Tennessee and Virginia to explore selling to those markets, as well as learn about eVA and SWAM certification.

The workshop is FREE but advanced registration is required at www.vastartup.org or by calling Karen Witcher, Bristol Chamber of Commerce, (423) 989-4850.

Basic Digital Photography Workshop To Benefit Bristol CVB

Malcolm J. Wilson, digital artist/photographer, will lead a basic digital photography workshop on October 2 at the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.

For nearly 20 years, Wilson has worked with digital photography. Before moving to Bristol, Tennessee several years ago, he worked as a commercial photographer in Cincinnati for 19 years. He currently uses his digital photography skills in advertising and marketing work and for his personal fine arts projects. His photography has been exhibited in both the Appalachian region and nationally, and his work is included in permanent collections at University of Kentucky Appalachian Center, Southeast Community College Appalachian Archives, The Kennedy Center Gallery and Archives and the Julia Louis Dreyfus Collection.

"With the explosive growth in popularity of digital cameras in the last few years, so many people now have access to the convenience and ease of digital photography," says Wilson. "However, the full potential of a digital camera rarely gets explored, and there is so much

more to creating memorable photographs than just utilizing the auto setting," he added.

The workshop will be conducted 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Participants should bring their own digital camera and equipment. A beginner's workshop focusing on composition, lighting and camera settings, the day also includes lecture and fieldwork in the morning, with students capturing the unique splendor of historic downtown Bristol. Classroom reconvenes after lunch (on your own) followed by a critique of work.

Cost for the workshop is \$69 for Bristol Chamber members, and \$89 for non-members, with proceeds benefitting the Bristol Convention & Visitors Bureau. Class size is limited, and payment is due in advance, no later than September 24. Make checks payable to: The Bristol Convention & Visitors Bureau, 20 Volunteer Parkway, Bristol, TN 37620. For additional information or to register, call (423) 989-4850, or email reservations@bristolchamber.org. The Bristol Chamber of Commerce is located at 20 Volunteer Parkway, Bristol, TN.



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