

City of Bristol Tennessee

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Dump the Pump Day Promotes Public Transportation in Bristol

There is a number of gleaming, comfy machines zipping all over Bristol every day that save you money if you ride them. The machines are busses and it takes a lot to keep them moving and keep them clean.

There are ASA certified mechanics that work on the busses every week as part of the transit maintenance program. They check all safety and drive-train related components to ensure their safe and reliable operation. To keep the busses gleaming, they get a “bath” every day. Part of the drivers’ duties is to see that each bus is kept in sparkling clean condition. The transit system transports approximately 65,000 riders each year to their destinations around the city.

In recognition of Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, October 25, 2012 anyone riding the city bus that day will ride for free. A free lunch will also be provided to anyone riding the bus that day. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Downtown Center Transportation Hub located on Shelby Street. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be offered along with drinks and cookies.

“Many people think the bus is not for them, maybe they have never even been on one. We want to encourage people to come down and take a look and a free ride. They will see that the equipment is modern, comfortable and safe,” said Bill Sorah, Deputy City Manager who oversees public works for the city.

Between the two cities of Bristol Tennessee and Bristol Virginia there are six buses on the road at any given time. Buses run daily Monday through Saturday between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The transit system travels each day to the hospital, mall, and outlying shopping centers in order to accommodate the needs of its customers.

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