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Community input meetings set for Parks and Recreation plan

City staff is working to complete a comprehensive master Parks and Recreation and Open Space Plan. The primary purpose for completing this plan is to provide background information in developing a long-term recreation and park land needs for the City. The study also will document the existing park system, and review population trends and growth. A survey was just completed with over 700 persons participating; half of those surveyed were students of Tennessee High School. The complete survey may be reviewed at www.bristoltn.org.

City staff has gleaned some important statistics from the survey such as the tremendous interest from both the student and adult respondents in preservation of rivers, ponds, creeks and scenic views. Staff found that the most frequently participated activity for the entire community was walking, followed by boating and picnicking.

Community Development and Parks and Recreation Departments are now seeking community input. "We need to gather more specific information, such as where new parks should be located, where should conservation or preservation areas be located, and what the community would like to see in the way of future recreational programming," said Shari Brown, Director of Community Development. "This type of dialogue is vital when developing a long-term plan."

Four public input meetings are scheduled for the month of May. All the meetings are scheduled for 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Avoca School will be the site of the first meeting on May 12; Steele Creek Lodge on May 13; Fairmount School on May 22; and Holston View School on May 29. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The City of Bristol endeavors to make all public meetings accessible to persons with disabilities please contact our offices if special needs are anticipated. For more information on the Parks Plan or on the meetings please call Shari Brown at 423-989-5514 or Terry Napier at 423-764-4023.

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