

City of Bristol Tennessee

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BTN-TV Channel 16 **Bristol's Government Channel Programming**



The Office of Community Relations is responsible for Bristol's government programming on BTN-TV Channel 16. The channel airs on both BTES and Charter cable. It may be found on both cable companies as Channel 16. It offers information on both city and school functions, services and activities. The Bristol Tennessee City Council is shown live on the first Tuesday of the month, and replayed one day each week for the remainder of the month. Check the schedule under the City Council tab of the city's webpage at www.bristoltn.org for more details.

"Inside Bristol" is a city news program hosted by Sheridan Nichols and airs monthly. The program features information on current city issues and upcoming events that affect the lives of Bristol citizens. Another highly watched program is "Steele Creek Explorer"; this program has drawn a tremendous number of viewers who enjoy seeing the 2000+ acre park up close. The program's producers work with Park Naturalist Jeremy Stout to find things in the park that are interesting and sometimes even considered an oddity. An all-time favorite is a historical program hosted by Bristol Historian Bud Phillips, who chooses subjects on the comings and goings of early Bristolians and the effect their actions had on the direction of the cities, both Bristol Tennessee and Virginia. The channel also provides City government employment listings, board openings and important announcements during government programming blocks.

Currently showing on BTN-TV is the "Big Room", a program which features different genres of music performed by local and regional bands. This week Nashville recording artist, Jessica Nixon is being featured. A new segment on living healthy shows area citizens talking about their work-out routines along with a fitness specialist who gives helpful tips on beginning a new workout regimen. The newest edition of "Inside Bristol" has a representative of a local diaper ministry that provides diapers to low-income families, a specialist offering tips on winter gardening, and a representative from a local food bank discussing the importance of food donation during the winter months. The loop-type schedule runs 24 hours a day.

Future programs such as "What's In a Name" is currently being produced for airing in early February. Have you ever driven down a Bristol street and wondered how the street, or a building or a walking trail got its' name? This program is going to tell the story of individuals who have impacted our community in special ways that in time brought about their names being placed on a public space.

For more information on BTN-TV's programming or operation please contact Terrie S. Talbert, Director of Community Relations at 423-764-4171 or tsmith-talbert@bristoltn.org.

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