

City of Bristol Tennessee

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Steele Creek Park 50th Anniversary Kickoff Event

Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park Open House and Annual
Business Meeting
Sunday afternoon, May 19th

Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park will be kicking off a year-and-a-half-long celebration of the Park's 50th Anniversary at their annual membership meeting and open house on Sunday, May 19th. The event, to be held at the Steele Creek Park Lodge, will be open to the public and will feature a presentation by Terry Napier, Director of the Bristol Tennessee Parks and Recreation Department. Napier will give a brief history of the Park, from early efforts to establish it as a state park in the 1930's, through its establishment as a city park in 1964, to its current status as one of the largest municipal parks in Tennessee. The event will also feature a visual timeline showing the history of the Park; those attending will be encouraged to contribute to the timeline by adding their own memories and photos.

The afternoon's activities will begin at 2:00 with an open house, including light refreshments. The timeline, photos, news clippings, and other memorabilia will all be on display during this time. Napier's talk will begin at 2:30, with the Friends annual business meeting to follow at about 3:15. Throughout the afternoon, Friends Board members will be available to answer questions about the Park and further plans for the 50th Anniversary celebration, as well as to record Park memories that anyone may care to share.

For those interested in helping to document the history of the park, but unable to attend the event, may send written stories and digital copies of photos to mail@friendsofsteelecreek.org. For those with printed photos to share, either by donating originals or having them scanned, call Sonie at (423) 764-8828.

For more information about the open house and meeting, call (423) 764-3336 or e-mail mail@friendsofsteelecreek.org.