

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizens Municipal Academy Graduates

Bristol's 5th Annual Citizens Municipal Academy graduated after attending classes for the past 6 weeks. The Academy met with city officials who made presentations on the operations of the City Manager's Office, Finance, Public Works, Community Development, Economic Development, Police and Fire, Parks and Recreation, and Community Relations.

The participants not only were presented with numerous details on how different departments are budgeted, but how they operate on a daily basis and in conjunction with other departments and within the community. One student wrote in her review, "It was interesting to learn how the city government works. What could have been uninteresting was made interesting."

The class was recognized by City Council at its December meeting where they were presented with a Certificate of Completion. Those recognized were Richard Allison, Dale Carrick, Sara Carrick, Jennifer Carrier-Berkley, John F. Cartwright, Chris Connally, Tammy Connally, Charlotte Duncan, Julian Hernandez, Kenny Hopkins, Kathe Rainwater, Robert Rainwater, David H. Ring, Joshua Shaffer, and Mary Lou Sproles. "This was the largest class the city has hosted. There was wonderful participation from the group. We hope that some of the participants will choose to serve on a city board or find some other way to become involved in the community," said Terrie Talbert, Director of Community Relations.

The city offers the Citizens Municipal Academy each year in the fall. The city's Police and Fire departments also offer similar academies with a more concentrated focus on the individual operations. For more information on any of the city's academies contact Terrie Talbert@423-764-4171 or [tsmith-talbert@bristoltn.org](mailto:tsmith-talbert@bristoltn.org).

