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City Begins Community Photo Contest

Paper Windows: A Photographic Vision of Bristol, a community photo contest kicks-off on Friday, March 30, 2012 as Bristol begins a year-long call for photo entries in twelve different sessions during the next 12 months as a means of collecting and sharing images of our community.

The project intends to collect photos of the people of Bristol, the downtown area, as well as nature and wildlife scenes showcasing our community. Each session will carry a theme and will last approximately 30 days. Entries must be submitted before the last day of each session. The first theme Spring-Nature's Green Light begins on March 30 and ends on April 21, 2012.

Amateurs and professionals, young and older are encouraged to enter. Photographers are welcome to use any type of camera, including Smartphones. Entries will only be accepted in digital format and must be e-mailed to paperwindows@bristoltn.org by the last day of each session.

Judging will be conducted by 4 judges with backgrounds in the arts. Facebook will serve as the fifth judge. Visitors to the city's Facebook page will vote for their favorite photo during each session. Rules, entry and release forms are available online at www.bristoltn.org by clicking on the Paper Windows tab on the home page. Parents or guardians must submit entries and release forms for entrants younger than 18 years. Follow the City of Bristol TN on Facebook or Twitter.

Paper Windows is a project of the Department of Community Relations to help populate the city's new Flickr site. Flickr is a popular online photo site where users can easily share their images. Go to the city's home page and click on the Flickr icon at the bottom left of the page to view the City's gallery.

“This is one of the most exciting projects we have ever undertaken,” said Terrie Talbert, Director of Community Relations for the city. “We are looking forward to seeing what others in the community see in the city and how they view it.” Talbert added that depending on how the collection of photographs progresses, the city may use their images in city publications and other city media outlets with photo credits.

For more information on the project contact Terrie Talbert at tsmith-talbert@bristoltn.org or call 423-764-4171.