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Bristol's 9th Annual Communiversity – Citizens Municipal Academy

It is going to be a great “semester” at Bristol’s Communiversity, the City’s municipal education classes offered each fall to Bristol residents. Communiversity, the former Citizens Municipal Academy, is scheduled for March 17 through graduation, slated for May 3, 2016.

Communiversity is a free program created and organized by the city to educate residents about city government. The program will give participants an inside look at city government and provide the education and skills necessary to serve on city boards, commissions or to learn about what the city does and how it functions. Participants must be at least 18 years old and live in the city limits or own property within the city limits. “The program has produced not only over 25 board and commission members but three of the five currently seated council members attended the classes,” said Terrie Talbert, Director of Community Relations for the city.

Communiversity hosts 6 consecutive classes on Thursday evenings, with the exception of the Thursday during spring race. Each session begins at 6:00 P.M. and concludes between 8:00 and 8:30 P.M. A graduation ceremony is planned for Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Light meals and drinks are provided in each class.

“Our classes are informal. We encourage everyone to come in comfortable clothing and shoes. Some classes will offer the chance to participate in interactive exercises, so comfort is important,” said Talbert, “Classes will be held at different locations throughout the city and will be announced each week prior to the next class.”

Please go on-line at www.bristoltn.org and click on the Communiversity tab on the left of the main page to register for the program. Deadline is March 11, 2016. Please contact Terrie Talbert @423-989-5500 Ext.2055 or email tsmith-talbert@bristoltn.org for more information.