

The Bristol Chamber of Commerce Enhancing Resources: Business **AND** Natural

Bristol Chamber, Addilynn Memorial United Methodist Church Present Employment Workshop June 23

The Bristol Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Addilynn Memorial United Methodist Church, will host a workshop entitled "Finding Your Next Job," June 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Addilynn Memorial United Methodist Church.

Facilitated by senior-level Human Resource professionals, the workshop will assist displaced workers in resume writing, interview skills, provide insight to local job searches and new job preparation.

The workshop is also designed to help existing employees advance their career by providing a variety of tools and skillset evaluations.

There is no charge for the workshop, but pre-registration is required by calling 423-764-1747 or via email, Addilynn@charterinternet.com. Lunch will be provided. For additional information, contact Addilynn Memorial United Methodist Church, 423-764-1747 or the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, 423-989-4850.

Addilynn Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 3225 Avoca Road in Bristol, TN.

Deadline Approaches For LEAD Bristol! Applications

Come experience the camaraderie, education and community involvement the LEAD Bristol! program provides. Kicking off with an energetic overnight retreat at Doe River Gorge in September, where teambuilding is the focus and ending with April session on Crisis Management, there is something for everyone. Participants work together on a community service project which benefits many people within the community. This program offers a well-rounded educational opportunity that leaves you with a sense of accomplishment as well as new friends and colleagues. **Application deadline for the 2009/2010 class is Wednesday, August 5.** Contact Paula Hurt, 423.989.4850, for more information.

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SBA Announces New Temporary Loan Program

The Small Business Administration has announced a new loan program to provide temporary financial relief to small businesses suffering immediate financial hardship so they can keep their doors open and get their cash flow back on track.

America's Recovery Capital, or ARC, loan program will start June 15 and offer small businesses up to \$35,000 to pay off existing loans. The program was funded as part of the \$787 billion federal stimulus bill earlier this year.

The 100% SBA-guaranteed ARC loans are intended to help businesses make principal and interest payments on existing, qualifying debt or loans. Borrowers will not have to make any payments for the first year and will have an additional five years to pay back their loan. Only one loan per applicant is allowed, and potential borrowers must not have any existing SBA loans.

To qualify, a business must have evidence of profitability or positive cash flow in at least one of the past two years and be able to show a change in its financial condition, "such as declining sales, frozen credit lines, difficulty meeting payroll, paying rent, difficulty making loan payments or perhaps something else," according to the SBA.

ARC loans are available through SBA-approved lenders as long as funding is available or through September 30, 2010, whichever comes first. For more about ARC loans visit the SBA website: www.sba.gov/

Volunteers Sought For 17th Annual Holston Lake & River Cleanup

Come out and enjoy a fun day at the lake and support local efforts to improve the quality of life in our community through participation in the **17th Annual South Holston Lake & River Cleanup August 8.**

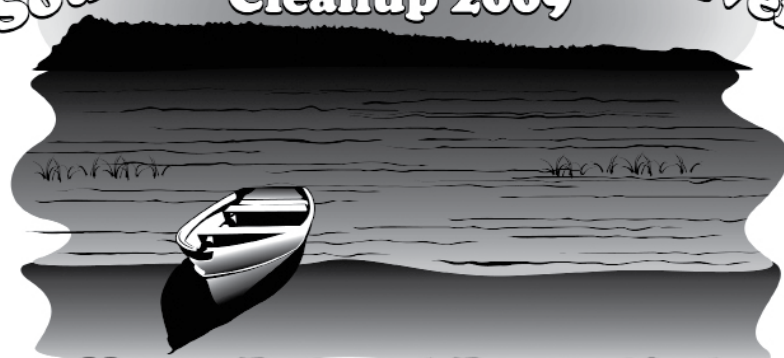
Observation Knob will serve as headquarters for the lake cleanup with the Weir Dam serving as the headquarters for the river cleanup. Other registration sites include Highway 421 Ramp, Little Oak Ramp, Lake View Dock, Washington County Park Ramp, Avens Bridge Ramp, Old Alvarado Station and The Boardwalk in Bluff City. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Non-profit organizations are encouraged to come out and compete for cash prizes based on the total amount of litter collected.

For additional information contact Keep Bristol Beautiful at (423) 989-4850 or email gpatton@bristolchamber.org.

Sponsors: Alpha Natural Resources, Ball Corporation, Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Bristol Herald Courier, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services, Bristol Virginia Utilities, Citadel Broadcasting, City of Bristol TN, City of Bluff City, Food City, Friendship Marina, Jacobs Creek Job Corps, Laurel Marina, Painter Creek Marina, Sexton's Marine Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, Trout Unlimited, Wal-Mart - Bristol TN, Washington County Virginia, Waste Management of Tri-Cities.

South Holston Lake & River
Cleanup 2009



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It's Our Water... Keep It Clean

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