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Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program Approved for 2019

(BRISTOL, CT)- The City Council approved the 2019 *Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program* at the January 8th City Council meeting. The purpose of the program is to provide a tax credit of \$300 to persons (or a household) over the age of 65. Additional criteria for eligibility includes owning real property as a principal residence, with an annual income not to exceed \$45,000 for a single senior or \$50,000 per senior couple.

In order to qualify for this tax credit, the senior must complete a minimum of 50 volunteer hours at a Bristol non-profit agency between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

"This is a great opportunity for Bristol seniors to not only receive a break on their taxes, but it also encourages them to be involved with organizations that are in need of volunteers with their knowledge, expertise and work ethic", said Patricia Tomascak, Executive Director of Bristol's Department of Aging located at the Senior Center.

"We believe it is really important for seniors to stay in their homes and live independently for as long as they are able to do so, and want to do so," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "Knowing that many of them are on fixed incomes, this tax credit is one way that we can give them some relief toward their property taxes."

"So many of our seniors already donate time and talent to various non-profits that this is a pretty easy program," said Councilman Greg Hahn, who is the liaison to the Senior Center. "It is really a win-win for the community and our senior home owners."

Details and additional information can be obtained at the Bristol Senior Center weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by accessing to the City's website at www.bristolct.gov under Senior Center or by calling the Bristol Senior Center at (860) 584-7895.

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