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### **The City of Bristol Arts & Culture Commission Invites You to Join Them for a Community Gathering and Artist Spotlight With Bristol Native and Writer of *The Simpsons*, Mike Reiss**

BRISTOL, CONN., April 4, 2019 – The Arts & Culture Commission will be hosting a community gathering and artist spotlight event on Thursday, May 23, 2019. The event “Springfield Confidential” will take place at the Bristol Public Library and will begin at 7:00 pm with a presentation by Bristol native and 30-year writer of *The Simpsons*, Mike Reiss who will be giving a behind the scenes look about the game-changing sitcom. Reiss’ new book, “Springfield Confidential: Jokes, Secrets and Outright Lies from a Lifetime Writing for The Simpsons” was one of Vulture’s Top-10 comedy Books of 2018, a “Must” pick by *Entertainment Weekly* and a “New and Noteworthy” selection by *USA Today*.

The Bristol community is invited to this free event, **registration is required by calling the Bristol Public Library at 860-584-7787, extension 3 or by visiting [www.bristollib.com](http://www.bristollib.com) to reserve your spot.** Books will be available for sale.

*“We are honored to spotlight one of Bristol’s finest creatives and are thrilled to welcome Mike back to his Bristol roots. He makes his hometown proud!” – Lindsay Vigue, Chair of the City Arts & Culture Commission*

*“Mike is best known for his work on the Simpsons, but he has also done work for The Gary Shandling Show, Ice Age Movies, The Critic, Alf, The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson and much more. I recently saw his name scroll down the screen as a writer for this year’s Academy Awards. He has lots of stories, but I am especially looking forward to hearing him tell us about the time he was hired to write jokes for Pope Francis. It will be a great night with a great talent.” – Greg Hahn, City Council Liaison*

Immediately following the event, all are invited to continue the conversation for *The Simpsons*-themed food and drink specials at Main Street Pint & Plate, located down the street from the Library at 182 Main Street.

***See attached event flyer.***

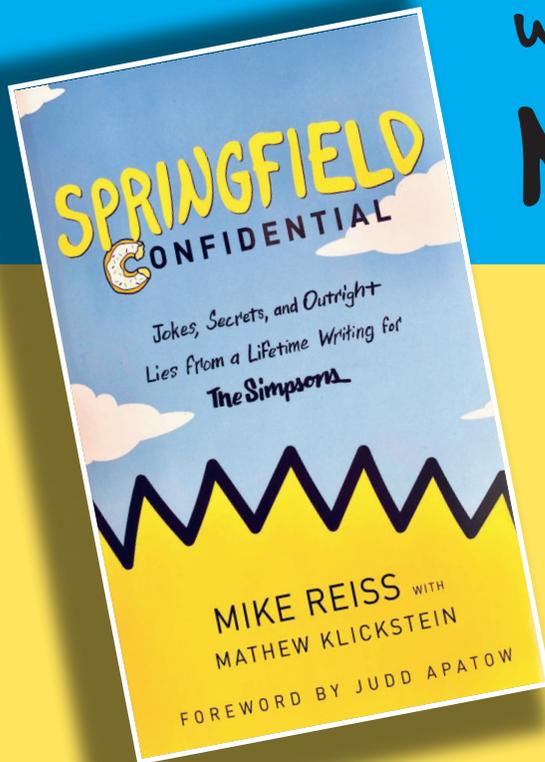
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***About the City Arts & Culture Commission:*** Bristol's City Arts & Culture Commission is designed to be the governing body and driving force for Bristol when it comes to the arts, culture, tourism and entertainment events in the City. The commission grew out of the former city Task Force on Arts and Culture to promote a more arts-friendly community that will in turn stimulate the local economy. Some of the priorities for the commission includes creating a vision and aesthetic for downtown, having a more robust Farmer's Market, creating kickoff events to promote arts and crafts, by using a consistent social media presence, connecting with Bristol schools, securing grants and creating more visible public art. For more information, visit:  
<https://bristolallheart.com/heart-squad/city-arts-culture-comission/>

# "SPRINGFIELD CONFIDENTIAL"

with Bristol Native

# Mike Reiss



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**Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

**Bristol Public Library**

**5 High Street Bristol, CT**

R.S.V.P. to the Bristol Public Library. Event registration at [www.bristollib.com](http://www.bristollib.com) or call 860-584-7787 Ext. 3. Books will be available for sale.

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Community gathering and artist spotlight sponsored by the City Arts and Culture Commission and the Bristol Public Library.