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### **Bristol Parks & Recreation and Public Works Partner on “All Heart Nests” Workshop**

BRISTOL, CONN., May 15, 2019 –The Bristol Parks & Recreation and Public Works departments hosted a bird house painting workshop at Rockwell Park on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

The Public Works & Parks & Rec team constructed the bird houses from materials found at the City of Bristol Transfer Station, helping to keep items out of the waste stream.

A total of 32 children with their families participated in the workshop where they painted 25 bird houses and 7 bat houses which will be hung in trees in Rockwell Park on Saturday, May 18 on Kids to Parks Day. Painting supplies and refreshments were funded by a grant from the Arts & Culture Commission and Ginger Grant from The Studio, located on West Street in Bristol, assisted with the designs.

Bristol Parks & Recreation invites you to join them on Saturday, May 18 from 2pm to 4pm as we celebrate Kids to Parks Day – a national day of play organized by National Park Trust, celebrated annually, that connects kids and families with their local, state, and national parks. The All Heart Nests will be hung in trees throughout Rockwell Park and participants will learn about the different species of birds found in our parks. Anyone who wishes to participate is asked to meet at the Rockwell Park Amphitheatre at 2pm.

*“This was an amazing event to get the kids outside using their creative minds working together on a common cause. Participants also learned where the materials came from and how they are helping to keep them out of the waste stream.”* – Lindsey Rivers, Public Works Analyst

*“The All Heart Nests program was a tremendous success. It was a great collaborative effort between Parks and Recreation, Public Works, the Arts and Culture Commission and The Studio. It's always exciting when so many groups can come together and make an impact for the community.”* – Josh Mederios, Superintendent of Parks

***See attached photo of workshop participants.***

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