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## NEWS RELEASE

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### *Mayor's Youth Cabinet Returns February 19, 2020*

(BRISTOL, CT) –The 2020 Mayor's Youth Cabinet kicks off on Wednesday, February 19 with the participants joining the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department for their monthly meeting at 5:30pm.

"The Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department affects Bristol young people the most," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "From the Page Park Pool renovation to the skate park and various basketball courts around town, they attract large crowds. I am interested in hearing from them as to what type of programs young people are looking for and what they would use."

"With the recent reorganization of Youth Services into the Park & Rec department, we have the opportunity to create new programs," said Superintendent Josh Medeiros. "Having the Youth Cabinet share their thoughts with us as to Teen Nights, volunteer opportunities and their experience with the Parks will be very valuable."

The Youth Cabinet Program is free of charge and will give youth the opportunity to become familiar with local government, add exciting experience to their resumes, earn volunteer hours and connect with other students. Each month, Youth Cabinet Leaders will attend a different commission meeting for a variety of city departments. Leaders will meet for 30 minutes prior to the commission meetings to discuss hot topics. The Commission meeting will immediately follow, and participants can choose to stay if they so choose. The program is best-suited for Middle School and High School ages, but is open to all ages who want to participate, Scout Troops, and other groups.



*In photo: Youth Cabinet Program participants visited the Bristol Police Department in 2018.*

The 2020 schedule listed on the next page can also be accessed through the Mayor's Office Facebook Page. This is a drop-in program where youth can pick and choose the departments that interest them. RSVP's are encouraged so organizers can plan accordingly. Parents may drop-off or stay for the sessions.

## City of Bristol

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February 19, 2020-Parks Board Meeting, First Floor, City Hall 5:30pm  
March 10, 2020-General Government Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall 5:30pm  
April 21, 2020-Police Commissioners Board, Police Department Lobby, 5:30pm  
May 28, 2020-Fire Commissioners Board, First Floor, City Hall, 5:30pm  
October 14, 2020 -Youth Commission, Youth & Community Services (51 High St), 5:30pm  
November 19, 2020 –Board of Public Works, Council Chambers, City Hall, 5:30pm  
December 8, 2020- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 5:30pm

For more details on the program, please call Youth & Family Coordinator Kyana Anderson at 860-314-4690 who is this year's Youth Cabinet coordinator.

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