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The Bristol Farmers Market Returns for the 2020 Season in June

(BRISTOL, CT: May 1, 2020) – Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu announced on Wednesday that the City of Bristol will open its popular Farmers Market on Saturday, June 20th from 10am-1pm in downtown across from City Hall. Products will range from farm fresh vegetables, fruits and products from local farms; to homemade beef jerky; to baked goods, coffee, maple syrup and other locally-produced products. The markets are scheduled to continue each Saturday through October.

“The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has deemed farmers markets an essential activity, allowing the Bristol Farmers Markets to continue this summer as an access point to provide a safe and reliable nutritious food source to the community,” stated the Mayor. “In the last week, we have been on conference calls with the State Department of Agriculture to understand what we need to do to hold the market while adhering to health and safety guidelines.”

“In order to provide a safe market environment for the farmers, vendors, and consumers, the City staff will be working with vendors to make changes needed to adhere to social distancing practices,” stated Justin Malley, the City’s economic development director. “These changes will be shared with the community over the next month and as it receives additional guidance from both the Department of Agriculture and the CDC.”

“We look forward to welcoming our vendors and the community back for the 2020 season of the Bristol Farmers Market,” stated Dawn Nielsen, Marketing & Public Relations Specialist for the City of Bristol. “The Farmers Market has grown into a weekly gathering place as well as an opportunity to buy fresh food products and other products. We are committed to being able to continue to provide the community with a means of purchasing healthy, fresh food in an easily accessible downtown location.”

“Farmers markets give consumers the ability to purchase healthy, local food in a less crowded environment. In addition they are an avenue for the consumer to connect with the person who grew their food,” said City Councilwoman Brittany Barney. “To have one of this quality in downtown is a great attraction for so many families.”

“We are so excited for the Bristol Farmers Market to begin again. We are planting in our greenhouses and will be planting outside the first week of May so that we have fresh produce in mid June,” said Jordan Tonn of Tonn’s Orchards and Tonn’s Marketplace. “We have the most loyal customers at the Bristol Market and we look forward to seeing everyone again real soon.”

The City of Bristol Farmers Market is recognized by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture as accepting payment vouchers from the Women, Infants, and Children Farmers Market

Nutrition Program and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. All participating farms are certified by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

To stay up to date on the Bristol Farmers Market, opening date information, and weekly vendors, visit: bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket.

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