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REOPENING OF MEMORIAL BOULEVARD TO TRAFFIC NOTICE

(BRISTOL, CT) – Effective on Tuesday, May 26th, the City of Bristol will re-open the lower half of Memorial Boulevard to traffic. This is being done to coincide with the State's Phase 1 re-opening and to alleviate traffic congestion due to the construction on Riverside Avenue.

It will continue to be closed over the Memorial Day weekend and will open to commuter traffic on Tuesday morning by 8:00 am.

"We have been evaluating the balance between providing additional space for passive recreation and the fact that we have a major road project that has Riverside Avenue partially blocked," stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "As this project will continue for the next several weeks and traffic is increasing, we thought this was a prudent move at this time."

"I hope everyone takes the opportunity to enjoy the Boulevard this weekend, and remember all those from Bristol who served," said Councilman Scott Rosado, a Navy veteran who is the City Council liaison to the Bristol Veterans Council.

In addition to being closed for the Memorial Day weekend, the Boulevard will be closed following the morning commutes on Monday, June 8th and Tuesday June 9th to celebrate the graduating classes of 2020. The Board of Education will host a drive-through tribute to graduating seniors from Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol Central High School, and the Bristol Preparatory Academy.

"Bristol parks have played a critical role since the start of the Covid-19 outbreak. In addition to providing safe and accessible spaces for individuals and families to engage in mental and physical health benefits they have also been the site of food distribution services for Bristol Public School students," said Parks Superintendent Josh Medeiros. "The Parks is looking forward to continue our partnership to serve the community by hosting the Senior Nights on the Boulevard."

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