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Bristol Farmers Market and Trash To Treasure Returns for Saturday, June 27

(BRISTOL, CT June 24, 2020) – The City of Bristol would like to thank the Bristol community for supporting opening day of the Bristol Farmers Market this past Saturday. The Farmers Market returns this Saturday at Centre Square across from City Hall from 10 am to 1 pm. This week will feature new vendors and the popular Trash to Treasure.

New vendors expected for this week will include: Oma's Pride, offering all natural pet food products and Gulf Shrimp, offering a variety of fresh seafood.

“Oma's Pride is proud to participate in the Bristol Farmers Market this year. We are looking forward to sharing our premium pet treats while supporting our local community!” – Capri Brighenti, President of Oma's Pride

"Gulf Shrimp Company is so excited to join Bristol Farmers Market. We believe in the importance of community and everyone involved in this market truly comes together as a family. As soon as I met Dawn & Justin, I knew we had to participate. We are looking forward to serving everyone the freshest seafood with safety and health as a top priority," stated Casandra Govoni, Owner in Training of Gulf Shrimp Company.

Green Acres Farm, a returning vendor from 2019, will also be joining the Farmers Market this Saturday.

The Bristol Department of Public Works will bring back the popular Trash to Treasure program offering unwanted and gently used furniture items recovered from the Bristol Transfer Station. Items will be available FREE to the public on Saturday from 10 am until 1 pm. This year the Trash to Treasure program will be located in the empty lot off of Hope Street south of the Farmers Market. All items must be picked up between 10 am and 1 pm on Saturday.

In order to continue to ensure a safe shopping environment for both the vendors and customers of the market, changes in the setup of the market have been made for this Saturday, June 27. To download a map of the list of vendors, please visit the Farmers Market web page on the Bristol All Heart website: <https://www.bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket>

Before visiting the market on Saturday, we ask the community to please review the following guidelines, which can also be downloaded on the Farmers Market web page (see link above):

- If you are feeling sick – stay home, ask a friend or family member to shop for you.
- We may be required to limit the number of customers into the market at one time, in accordance with guidance from the State of CT Department of Agriculture, so be prepared to briefly wait in line to enter the market.
- Follow the directional signs which indicate parking areas and the market entrance.
- If you are unable to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others, it is recommended that you wear a face mask or cloth face covering while shopping at the market.
- Upon entering the market use the hand sanitizer – hand sanitizer stations are located at both the entrance and exit.
- Please practice social distancing by keeping a distance of at least 6 feet from other customers and vendors.
- Please shop with your eyes, not your hands. Vendors will be happy to assist you with items you wish to purchase.
- Wash all produce thoroughly before using it.

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.

The 2020 season of the Bristol Farmers Market will be held in Downtown Bristol at Centre Square (across the street from City Hall) every Saturday from 10 am-1 pm until October 31, 2020.

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