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The Final Weeks of the 2020 Season of the Bristol Farmers Market

(BRISTOL, CT October 13, 2020) – The City of Bristol announces guest nonprofits and activities planned for the final three weeks of the 2020 season of the Bristol Farmers Market. The last three weeks of the Bristol Farmers Market will take place from 10 am until 1 pm at Centre Square in downtown Bristol on October 17, 24, and 31.

The **Bristol Historical Society** will be in attendance selling their 2020 commemorative holiday ornaments for the next three weeks. The ornaments represent one of Bristol Hospital to commemorate their 100-year anniversary, and the other to commemorate the impact of Covid-19 and the response of essential workers and volunteers. The ornaments are also on sale at the Bristol Historical Society and at True Value Hardware.

“We appreciate the support of the community and the great response for these ornaments this year,” stated Tom Dickau from the Bristol Historical Society. “We will most likely sell out so come down to the Bristol Farmers Market to get your ornaments.”

“There are only three weeks left for the community to take advantage of shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables at the Bristol Farmers Market,” stated Dawn Nielsen, Farmers Market Manager and Marketing & Public Relations Specialist for the City of Bristol. “The weekly Electronics Recycling program will also end on October 31 so if you have old, unused electronics you would like to dispose of safely be sure to bring them to the market between 10 am and 1 pm on either October 17, 24, or 31.”

On **Saturday, October 17** the **Bristol Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** will be in attendance to showcase their involvement in the Bristol community and to educate people about disaster preparedness.

“The City of Bristol CERT is comprised of volunteer citizens, who are trained in basic life safety and emergency preparedness skills. The program is community based in order to provide rapid and safe care for our residents and to provide support to the City’s emergency personnel in the event of a major incident or large scale disaster,” stated Harley Graime, Emergency Management Director for the City of Bristol.

Trash-to-Treasure will also be back at the Farmers Market on October 17 and will be located in the empty parking lot off of Hope Street, south of the Farmers Market. The popular Trash-to-Treasure program offers 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. All items must be picked up between 10 am and 1 pm on Saturday, October 17.

On **Saturday, October 24 Bristol Health** will have a booth to promote Breast Cancer Awareness month and the importance of early detection through mammograms and yearly exams with their health providers. Attending will be Bristol Health's Breast Nurse Navigator/Program Coordinator, Rachael Marlin, and Dr. Elizabeth Brady, the new Medical Director and Breast Surgeon of the Beekley Center for Breast Health and Wellness. Nurse Navigator of the Cancer Care Center, Robyn Rakowski and Jeannie Robbins, MSN, RN, NE-BC, RN-BC, Clinical Service Line Director for the Bristol Health Cancer Care Center will be providing educational information and materials to the community.

"This will give the community an opportunity to meet Dr. Brady, receive education, and increase awareness," said Jeannie Robbins, MSN, RN, NE-BC, RN-BC, Clinical Service Line Director for the Bristol Health Cancer Care Center. "Kathy Cruz, a Patient Access Representative from the Cancer Care Center will be donating free chocolate dipped strawberries and pretzels to the public, compliments of Dipped by Kat. We are excited to be part of the Farmers Market on October 24."

October 24, 2020 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. The **Bristol Police Department** will in attendance for 'Drug Take Back Day' and will be collecting unused prescription drugs.

"This is an opportunity for members of the public to properly dispose of prescription drugs or vaping products (batteries removed) which are no longer needed, wanted, or expired," stated Chief Gould of the Bristol Police Department.

In addition, the **Bristol Police Youth Cadets** will have a table at the Bristol Farmers Market to sell raffle calendars for the month of November to help raise money and bring awareness to and for Stations Day, High Stress Day, the Cadet Police Academy, and to fund the Youth Cadet's CPR Training. Please support them by purchasing a raffle on October 24.

On **Saturday, October 31**, the last day of the season, the Bristol Farmers Market will be celebrating Halloween with several activities for kids, along with a costume contest. A free goodie bag with clues for a scavenger hunt will be provided to all children wearing a costume. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

The **B.E.S.T.** team will also be at the Farmers Market on October 31 to share how the coalition is working to promote positive youth development and a healthier community. The B.E.S.T tent will have free giveaways and informational materials along with candy for the kids for Halloween.

"We look forward to participating in the last Farmers Market of the season," stated Jenelle Howard, B.E.S.T. Projector Coordinator. "We invite everyone to visit our tent to learn more

about how we are working to reduce youth substance abuse in the community. We will also be showcasing the new B.E.S.T. logo which was recently updated to better reflect our mission.”

“As the 2020 season of the Bristol Farmers Market comes to a close, we’d like to thank the vendors, the various City departments, and the customers of the Farmers Market that assisted in making the 2020 season a success,” said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu.

Visit: <https://www.bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket> for a listing of weekly vendors and market safety guidelines.

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