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FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION HAPPENING TOMORROW, OCT. 30TH

(BRISTOL, CT) – The Mayor's Office, United Way, and FoodShare are working together to offer another Farmers to Families Produce Distribution programs this Friday, October 30th. Distribution will take place from 3pm-5:30pm at the new location--Lake Compounce Parking Lot. (185 Enterprise Drive). **Important to note that times are subject to change based on the arrival of the truck. To get updated information for these weekly deliveries, please call 860-582-9559.*

"The Fall food boxes have been upgraded to include not only fresh produce, but also dairy and meat products," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "The free program is sponsored from a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture and is not income-based. The boxes include meat products, vegetables and dairy products like yogurt, cheese and milk."

"The boxes are large, so we also encourage people to share with a neighbor or family members to ensure nothing goes to waste," said Donna Osuch, President of the United Way. "We also encourage people to carpool and we will give more than one box per car if that is the case. Area soup kitchens and pantries are also invited to pick up boxes, as are residents of the other United Way communities – Plymouth, Burlington and Plainville."

Osuch noted that there is discussion about continuing the program into November, but nothing has been confirmed to date.

"The weather looks like it will be clear by 3pm and we hope that everyone will attend this last distribution of the Fall series," said Councilwoman Mary Fortier who has been heading the City's Covid/Bristol All Heart Response since last March. "We are very appreciative of Lake Compounce's generosity in allowing this operation to occur at their parking area, which is a much larger space and much safer from a traffic perspective."

The pallets of food boxes will be unloaded from the trucks and divided with volunteers at each station. The line of cars will be directed into drive-thru lines where the food will be placed into the back seat or trunk of each vehicle. The entire distribution is contact-less and adheres to all Covid precautions. The distribution event is rain or shine.

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