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FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10 AND 24

The Mayor's Office, United Way, and Foodshare are working together to offer another Farmers to Families Produce Distribution program in Bristol. Upcoming dates have been scheduled for the following **Saturdays: April 10 and 24**. Distribution will take place from 10 am-Noon or until all boxes are distributed. The location for the April distributions is the Public Works Garage, located at 95 Vincent P Kelly Road. Those participating are advised to follow the signs from Middle Street to Cross Street, right onto Lake Avenue and a right onto Vincent P Kelly Road.

"The free program is sponsored from a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture and is being handled through Foodshare. The boxes include meat products, vegetables, and dairy products like yogurt, cheese and milk," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "It's been a great value added program during Covid, and also demonstrated to us, as policymakers, that more needs to be done on food insecurity across the City."

"In the last 9 months over 22,000 boxes valued at over \$660,000 have been brought into the community, said Donna Osuch, President of the United Way. "This program is available to anyone who could use a boost and will utilize the groceries. We also encourage people to split up and share the contents with other family members or neighbors.

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.

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