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## The City of Bristol Announces a Successful Start to the Farmers Market Season and Updates the Community on June 26 Market Happenings

(BRISTOL, CT June 23, 2021) – The 2021 season of the Farmers Market is off to a great start, thanks in part to the vendors, the volunteers, and the community who attended the market on Saturday.



The June 26 Farmers Market will feature music by Vardo Swing along with guests from City departments: the Bristol Public Library; The Department of Public Works to promote the Solar for All program; Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services; and the Veteran's Strong Community Center will also be on hand to hand out information about their services as well as collecting non-perishable items for their food pantry, Cohen's Corner. Items needed include: cereals, granola bars, canned fruit/veggies, spices and condiments, personal hygiene (no toothpaste or shampoo/conditioner needed), and cleaning supplies/paper goods.



This year, the Bristol Farmers Market shifted to the other side of Hope Street, which will accommodate the many returning vendors along with new ones. In addition, the new location will allow for dedicated areas for the free musical entertainment and a food truck area with picnic tables and corn hole games for customers to enjoy after they shop. Parking is available in the new City parking lot at Centre Square and on North Main Street or on Riverside Avenue. ADA accessible parking spaces are available in the new City parking lot and golf cart transportation to the entrance of the market will be available for anyone who may

need it. Additional parking is also available at the Bristol Health Medical Center with access from Hope Street. Parking and the entrance to the market is accessible from Hope Street.

“It was great to see the new City parking lot at Centre Square being utilized, just about every parking spot was filled during market hours. The layout of the new location allows room for picnic tables to enjoy food from the food trucks and playing corn hole games after shopping, which many people took advantage of on Saturday,” stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. “

The Bristol Farmers Market offers products ranging from farm fresh vegetables, fruits and products from local farms; to hand-made beef jerky; to baked goods; coffee; maple syrup; beer; craft spirits; organic snacks; and other locally-produced products. Some new additions to this year’s market are Better Half Brewing, offering their canned beer and 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Nutraceuticals, offering locally-made natural remedies for allergies, inflammation, hydration, and immunity.

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. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program for 2021 will begin in July. If you are a senior, you may contact the Senior Center at 860-584-7895 weekdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to see if you are eligible. All participating farms are certified by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

For a map, a list of vendors and to stay up to date on weekly food trucks, guest nonprofits and City departments attending, and musical entertainment, visit: [bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket](http://bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket)

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