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The Bristol Farmers Market Continues to Be a Great Saturday Destination in Downtown Bristol

(BRISTOL, CT: August 26, 2021) – The Bristol Farmers Market season continues to be a great destination for families and individuals looking to purchase products ranging from farm fresh vegetables, fruits and products from local farms; to hand-made beef jerky; to baked goods, coffee, maple syrup, all natural pet food, plant-based organic farm snacks, beer and craft spirits. Weekly food trucks range from BBQ to freshly-made donuts.

Held rain or shine every Saturday through October 30 from 10 am until 1 pm at Centre Square in Downtown Bristol, the Bristol Farmers Market currently hosts up to 18 vendors each week.

“With the last days of summer and busy fall schedules starting, the Farmers Market is the perfect place to stop and purchase farm fresh fruits and vegetables for preparing healthy meals to enjoy after a busy day,” stated Dawn Nielsen, Marketing & Public Relations Specialist for the City of Bristol. “The free musical entertainment along with a place to enjoy food from the food trucks and a game or two of corn hole rounds out the many reasons to visit the Bristol Farmers Market on Saturdays.”

On Saturday August 28, members of the **BEST (Bristol Eliminating Substance Use Together)** coalition along with the staff from **Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services** will be at the market to provide resources and helpful information about substance misuse and how they are working to bring awareness to work toward unifying the community to promote wellness through increasing education to prevent substance misuse by youth. The **Bristol Public Library** will also be a guest vendor on Saturday and will have information about their programs and services offered at the Main Library and the Manross Library.

In addition to being an authorized SNAP/EBT farmers market, 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 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers for \$21 are available through the Bristol Senior Center. If you are a Bristol senior and are eligible for this program based on your income – you must provide proof of income – please contact the Senior Center Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm 860-584-7895. You will need to show your license to pick up the vouchers.

For a map, a list of vendors and to stay up to date on weekly vendors, guest vendors, and musical entertainment, visit: bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket

Photos Attached:



Free musical entertainment is part of the Farmers Market each week. In photo is Django's Reserve performing on a recent Saturday.



The Bristol Farmers Market is host to up to 18 vendors each week with a wide variety of locally-grown and locally-made products to choose from. Pictured here left to right are three of the vendors: Amazing Love Farm selling plant-based organic farm snacks, Tonn's Orchard selling seasonal fruits and vegetables along with freshly-picked flower bouquets, and Ridgerunner Soap Company selling all-natural soap products and soy candles.

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