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The American Rescue Plan Act Food Distribution Program Will Continue in September

(BRISTOL, CT) – The Mayor's Office, United Way, the Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare together are offering another round of ARPA Food Distribution in Bristol during the month of September. **Thursdays, September 16 and 30.** Distribution will take place from 4 pm-6 pm or until the boxes run out at the **Bristol Department of Public Works Garage at 95 Vincent P. Kelly Road.**

"We know that residents continue to deal with food insecurity and we are grateful that the Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare are continuing its emergency drive-thru food distributions through September," stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "The All-Heart Hotline (860-584-6253) is also still open for anyone experiencing difficulty. We encourage people to call so we can match them with resources of all kinds."

"Since the program began in July of 2020, over 32,505 boxes of food weighing 1,077,900 pounds have been distributed to our community. 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.

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.

Traffic should follow signage from Middle Street to Cross Street to Vincent P. Kelly Rd, following the traffic pattern developed by the Traffic division.

The free program is sponsored by the American Rescue Plan Act and is being handled through the Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare. Each box will contain approximately 25 pounds of produce.

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