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The Bristol Farmers Market Will Be Included in the “Virtual” Boston Marathon Route on October 9
Two runners representing Bristol will include the Bristol Farmers Market on their route as they run the Boston Marathon “virtually” this year.

(BRISTOL, CT October 1, 2021) – The October 9 Farmers Market will feature two runners who are participating in the “Virtual” Boston Marathon this year.

Adam Levine, a Bristol resident and respiratory therapist at Hartford Hospital, will be participating in his fourth marathon which has included the Hartford Marathon twice and the Newport Marathon once. Adam plans to start the 26.2 mile route at his home in Bristol passing by the Bristol Farmers Market around 12:15 pm then by Bristol Hospital and will then run another 23 miles through the streets of Bristol, Farmington, West Hartford, and Hartford before ending at the entrance to Hartford Hospital. Adam is dedicating his run to the patients that have lost their lives this past year to COVID-19.

“It has been a lifelong dream to run in the Boston Marathon. This year I am living the dream virtually to raise money for Hartford Hospital’s COVID-19 Fund in honor of the lives lost and to salute my colleagues’ hard work during the pandemic,” stated Adam Levine, Respiratory Therapist at Hartford Hospital.

To support Adam’s run, visit: <https://giving.hartfordhospital.org/adams-run>

Mary Etter, Executive Director of Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC) will also be running through the Bristol Farmers Market at 10:45 am on October 9. Mary will be running on behalf of the individuals served at BARC and the BARC staff. Mary decided to run the virtual marathon as both a fundraiser and awareness builder for BARC which has been dedicated to assisting individuals with developmental disabilities and promoting their personal growth and community inclusion since 1957. Because of the tremendous support of the community, Mary has increased her original goal of raising \$2,500 to \$5,000 which will be used to fund programs at BARC.

“A marathon is 26.2 miles...it’s hard work! I’ve done four half-marathons, but I’ve never done a full marathon before. Because the staff and individuals at BARC inspire me so much every day, I look forward to attempting this ambitious goal! I will be running past BARC’s group homes so that the individuals we serve can cheer me on,” stated Mary Etter, Executive Director of BARC.

To support Mary’s run, visit: <https://www.bristolarc.org/marathon.html>

Please stop by the Bristol Farmers Market on October 9 to support both Adam and Mary’s virtual run in the Boston Marathon where they will be stopping to take a quick photo.

“We are looking forward to cheering on Mary and Adam at the Farmers Market - a central location for all kinds of community events,” said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. “Both of their causes are really important to our community and we want to support them.”

Visit the Bristol Farmers Market on October 9 to enjoy all the fall products offered by the many vendors along with music by Sweet Stache and Dude's Donuts and Heavenly Smoke BBQ food trucks.

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 and in the empty parking lot across the street from City Hall. Parking and the entrance to the market is accessible from Hope Street.

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.

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

Photos attached:



Mary Etter, Executive Director of BARC as she trains for the "Virtual" Boston Marathon.



Adam Levine, Bristol resident and respiratory therapist for Hartford Hospital trains for the "Virtual" Boston Marathon.

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