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The Bristol Farmers Market Will Include a Community Shred Day Event on Saturday, September 18th Along with a Visit from Bryan Hurlburt, CT State Department of Agriculture Commissioner

(BRISTOL, CT September 14, 2021) – The September 18th Farmers Market will feature a variety of vendors offering early fall produce, mum plants, and locally-made products along with guest vendors **Bristol Public Library**, who will be promoting their fall programs as well as issuing library cards for Bristol residents, and **City of Bristol CERT** will be providing an opportunity for the public to meet and greet the hard-working volunteers who make up Bristol’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) who have been providing support to the community and the City’s first responders during the last 18 months and when there are major community incidents or large scale disasters. Emergency preparedness educational materials will also be provided for residents.

“We are also excited that the State Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Bryan Hurlburt, will be visiting the Bristol Farmers Market on Saturday with Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz,” said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. “The Farmers Market has grown significantly in the last 3 years, especially in terms of providing access to fresh food during the pandemic as an essential service. We are looking forward to showcasing everything we do here to promote the farmers, non-profits and other vendors.”

A Community Shred Day Event will be held adjacent to the Farmers Market at Centre Square on Saturday as well. Bring up to four boxes of household paper to be shred for FREE from 9 am until 12 pm (or until the truck is full). The City of Bristol Public Works Department is partnering with the Bristol Public Library to help the community protect their identity by offering this free service which will be provided by FileShred of Glastonbury. Volunteers will be on site to assist and unload boxes from your vehicle. Entrance and Exit from North Main Street across from City Hall – see map attached.

In addition and as a reminder, the community can safely dispose of their unwanted electronics at the Farmers Market each week until Saturday, October 30. Community volunteers will be on hand from 10 am until 1 pm each week to assist with items that are dropped off. Electronics recycling services are being provided by Take2 Secure Electronics Recycling. Items that can be dropped off include: computers, tablets, cell phones, printers, keyboards, computer monitors, laptops, cameras, TVs, and video game consoles. For a full list of eligible items and what is not accepted, please visit: <https://www.take2recycle.com/accepted-items>

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

Attached: Information for the community and where to go for the Community Shred Day Event.

Saturday, September 18, 2021
Centre Square 9 am - 12 pm or until truck is full

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY



PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY!
Bring up to 4 boxes of household paper to be shredded for FREE at the Farmers Market. The City of Bristol Public Works Department is partnering with Bristol Public Library to help you protect your personal information – destroy old and unneeded documents safely, immediately on site. Shredding services are being provided by **FileShred**

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