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**BRISTOL PARKS, RECREATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO HOST ICE SKATING EVENT THIS FRIDAY!**

Bristol, CT – January 25, 2022 – The Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) department will be hosting a pop-up afternoon full of ice skating and hot chocolate at the Rockwell Park Lagoon this Friday. The pop-up ice skating event is scheduled for Friday, January 28 beginning at 4:00 PM. Guests are invited to lace up their skates and enjoy time with family and friends on the ice.

The BPRYCS pop up ice skating event will take place on Friday, January 28 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. During this time, the Rockwell Park Lagoon will be open for ice skating and Mrs. Rockwell Pavilion will be available to warm up with a fire, use the restroom, and enjoy hot chocolate.

Amry Shelby, the department’s Recreation Supervisor commented, “Last year’s day of ice skating at Rockwell Park was extremely well received by those who attended. We’ve been monitoring the winter weather temperatures and ice conditions for over 6 weeks now, but at the end of the day, we’re at the mercy of Mother Nature. Now that we have had some colder weather, we are ready to take the ice again and look forward to seeing our community outdoors and enjoying what the parks have to offer.”

After hosting an extremely successful ice skating event last year, the BPRYCS department wanted to find a way to bring back Bristol’s beloved ice skating tradition in 2022. This winter has brought inconsistent weather patterns, with temperature fluctuating above and below freezing. Bristol has finally seen consistent temperatures below freezing, allowing the lagoon to properly freeze and provide a safe environment for ice skating. Page Park Pond was considered as a location for the pop-up event, but after checking ice conditions at the Page Park Pond, it was determined that Rockwell Park Lagoon was more suitable for Friday’s event.

Those attending this weekend should bring their own ice skates, as there are no ice skates to rent. Masks are not required while ice skating, but participants are encouraged to practice social distancing. Masks will be required when entering Mrs. Rockwell Pavilion and there will be a limited number of patrons allowed inside the pavilion at one time.

Ready to lace up your skates? Ice skating outdoors in Bristol’s parks is completely free. Provided the weather remains suitable, the Rockwell Park Lagoon will remain open following the event for ice skating at your own risk. BPRYCS encourages everyone to check [www.bristolrec.com](http://www.bristolrec.com) for updates on ice conditions following the pop up ice skating event.



Participants from the 2021 pop up ice skating event enjoying their time on the Rockwell Park Lagoon.

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***About the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services***

It is the mission of the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) to deliver high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community's quality of life, meet the diverse needs of all citizens, and build a sustainable future.

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