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The City of Bristol Announces Opening Day and New Location for the Bristol Farmers Market

(BRISTOL, CT June 3, 2022) – The City of Bristol is happy to announce the Downtown Bristol Farmers Market will open for the season on Saturday, June 18th at 10 a.m. and will run for 20 weeks until Saturday, October 29th. The hours of the market will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. each Saturday and will be held rain or shine.

This year the Bristol Farmers Market is shifting to the Bristol Health Medical Care Center’s parking lot just east of where the market was held off Hope Street in 2021. Due to the sale of the parcels at Centre Square and construction beginning for Wheeler Health this summer, the City worked to find an accessible and convenient location for the Bristol Farmers Market for the next several years while construction on Centre Square continues. This new location will accommodate the many returning vendors, along with new ones and will allow for dedicated areas for parking, vendors, free musical entertainment, and food trucks all in the same area, making it easily accessible for all customers. Parking and the entrance to the market will be accessible from Hope Street.

“After extensive planning and looking into several different locations to hold the market, the City is happy to be able to keep the Farmers Market downtown while construction continues for the next several years at Centre Square,” stated Mayor Caggiano. “The City greatly appreciates Bristol Health for allowing the Farmers Market to continue to be accessible to everyone in the community in this centrally-located downtown area.”

The Bristol Farmers Market will offer products ranging from farm fresh vegetables, fruits and products from local farms; to hand-made soaps and candles; to baked goods; coffee; maple syrup; beer; craft spirits; organic snacks; and other locally-produced consumable products.

The following returning vendors will be participating at this year’s market:

Amazing Love Farm – offering organic snacks
Better Baking by Beth – offering baked goods
Café Real – offering Colombian coffee
Continuum Distilling – offering craft spirits
Eaton Farm – offering seasonal fruits and vegetables
Firefly Hollow Brewing – offering craft beer
Green Acres Farm – offering grass-fed beef
Gressczyk Farms – offering seasonal fruits, vegetables, and plants
Oma’s Pride – offering organic pet food products
Perkins Pure Sugar House – offering maple sugar and maple syrup products
Ridge Runner Soap Co. – offering handmade soaps and candles

Tonn's Orchard – offering seasonal fruits, vegetables, and freshly picked flowers
Twin Pines Farm – offering seasonal fruits, vegetables, jams, pickles, and cheese

New vendors for the 2022 season will be:

Anna's Organic Vegetables – offering organic, locally-grown vegetables

Barbarian Salsa – offering several varieties of locally-made salsa

The CBG Gurus – offering organically-grown hemp products

Soothing Ways Candles – offering handmade soy candles

This year's food trucks will participate on a rotating schedule and will include:

Heavenly Smoke BBQ – returning to the market to offer Texas-style BBQ

Mana Palace – offering healthy smoothies

Blue Chip Creamery – offering ice cream products

Doc Popcorn/Dip N' Dots – offering a variety of popcorn flavors and Dip N' Dots ice cream

“We are happy to welcome back vendors from previous seasons and excited to welcome new vendors as well. In past years, the Farmers Market has attracted up to 1,000 people to the downtown area where they can shop for healthy food and locally-made products. It is our hope that with the new location of the market and new vendors, this will continue to be a downtown destination for the community each Saturday,” stated Dawn Nielsen, Marketing & Public Relations Specialist for the City of Bristol and City Liaison for the Bristol Farmers Market.

The City of Bristol Farmers Market is an authorized SNAP/EBT Farmers Market and 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.

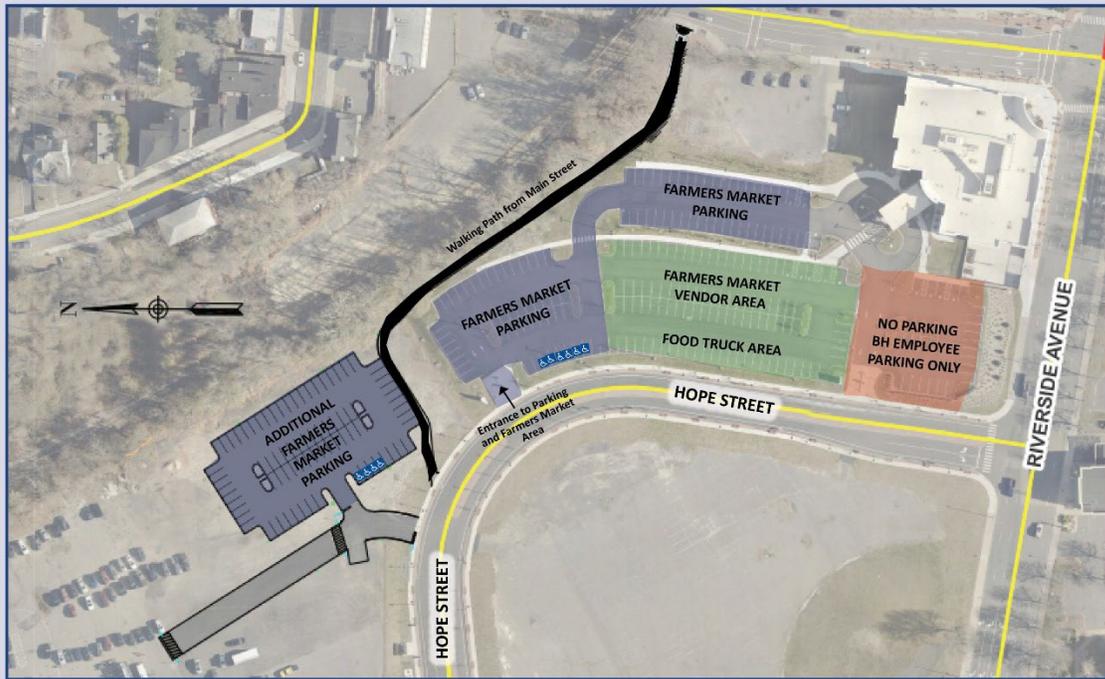
In addition for the 2022 season, the City will be partnering with the Rotary Club of Bristol who will be the primary contact for all vendors and will assist City staff each week to coordinate the scheduling of vendors, entertainment, and guest vendors along with providing volunteers for the opening of the market, to be on site for customer questions, and to ensure a successful market each Saturday.

The community is encouraged to follow Bristol All Heart social media and the Bristol All Heart website for updates and other information about opening day.

See Map of new location for the Bristol Farmers Market 2022 season on next page which can be downloaded at <https://www.bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket>

Saturdays: June 18-October 29, 2022 | 10 am - 1 pm
at Centre Square in Downtown Bristol

BRISTOL FARMERS MARKET



*PLEASE NOTE: The Farmers Market will be held rain or shine unless there is severe weather; be sure to check Bristol All Heart social media and the website for updates each week.
BristolAllHeart.com/FarmersMarket

- Farmers Market Area
- Farmers Market Parking Areas
- NO PARKING

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