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Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services to host

72nd Annual Perry J. Spinelli Fishing Derby

March 24, 2023 – [Bristol, CT] The City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) will host its 72nd Annual Perry J. Spinelli Fishing Derby on April 29, 2023. This year's fishing derby will be a morning filled with great catches, fun prizes, and memories to last a lifetime. Children of all skill levels 13 years old or younger are welcome to bring their fishing poles to Page Park Pond to reel in some great catches with BPRYCS.

The 72nd Annual Perry J. Spinelli Fishing Derby will take place at Page Park Pond on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. There is no cost for registration or participation in the fishing derby. Registration for this free event will take place between 6:30 AM and 7:00 AM at the pond with the first cast starting right at 7:00 AM.

Madison Fostervold, Recreation Program Assistant, commented, "We are looking forward to another great fishing derby and watching the community come together for a fun morning of fishing and prizes."

Participants in this year's Derby are asked to follow a few rules in order to secure their catch. Each participant may use 1 fishing pole, 1 hook, and 1 bobber to catch their fish. Participants may lure their catches in with any legal bait, but artificial lures and gang hooks are not allowed. While this event is a family event, we ask that parents or guardians may assist in casting, but ensure the children land their own fish. Prizes will be awarded for a variety of categories.

Fostervold stated, "We cannot thank our sponsors enough for their generosity and support to keep this event going for 72 years. We would like to thank Bristol Police Union, City True Value, Local 233 AFSCME Union, Oakland LLC, and Bristol Professionals & Supervisors Association for their continued support ensuring we have another great year out on the pond. The community support helps us provide prizes and memories for our participants to leave the event with."

For more information regarding the 72nd Annual Perry J. Spinelli Fishing Derby, and for a full set of rules, please visit www.bristolrec.com. This year's fishing derby will be held rain or shine, and all participants are encouraged to arrive at the Page Park Pond between 6:30 AM and 7:00 AM to register. For questions, please contact Madison Fostervold, Recreation Program Assistant, at madisonfostervold@bristolct.gov.

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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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Photos from the 2022 Perry J. Spinelli Fishing Derby

