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**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor’s Back to School Pencil Hunt to be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Bristol, CT – [August 15, 2023] – Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS), in conjunction with the Mayor’s Office, will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor’s Back to School Pencil Hunt on August 24<sup>th</sup>. This year’s Pencil Hunt will provide Bristol Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with the school supplies they need to better ensure a successful start to the 2023-2024 school year.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor’s Back to School Pencil Hunt is scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Muzzy Field. Participants will be divided by grade level and will hunt for pencils spread across the historic field.

“Our goal is not just to create excitement surrounding going back to school,” explained Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent of BPRYCS, “but also to connect students and their families with the resources they need to have a successful school year, whether that is school supplies or community partners.”

Each participant will take home an age-appropriate goodie bag filled with school supplies. Children who pull specially-marked pencils will take home surprise Silver or Gold prizes, in addition to their school supply goodie bag.

Registration is free and can be completed online at [www.bristolct.myrec.com](http://www.bristolct.myrec.com) or by calling the BPRYCS Main Office at (860)584-6160. Participants should allow fifteen minutes for check-in prior to the beginning of their designated start time.

For more information, please visit [www.bristolct.myrec.com](http://www.bristolct.myrec.com)



*Photos from the 2022 event.*

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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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