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The Bristol Farmers Market Announces 501(c)3 Designation and New Website

Bristol, CT— The Board of Directors of The Bristol Farmers Market has been working to grow, enhance, and fully focus on taking the market to the next level as a new nonprofit. The Bristol Farmers Market, Inc. is now recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit organization. In addition, a new website has been created to allow the community to access information about market hours, vendors, and the latest happenings at the market. Visit: <https://bristolfarmersmarket.com/> to view the website. And be sure to continue to follow the Bristol Farmers Market on social media @bristolctfarmersmarket on Facebook and Instagram.

At its annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the following were elected to serve a one-year term: Dawn Nielsen, Board Chair; Lindsey Rivers, Secretary; Cheryl Thibeault, Treasurer; Lorry LeMaire, Vendor Liaison; Jason Messier, Business Liaison; Maya Bringe, Nonprofit Liaison; and Mickey Goldwasser, Community Liaison.

"With the success of the first season as a new nonprofit organization, the Board of Directors is thrilled to be entrusted with the responsibility of continuing to be able to manage the Bristol Farmers Market," said Dawn Nielsen, Board Chair of The Bristol Farmers Market, Inc. "The 501(c)3 designation will allow us to uphold the market's legacy while enhancing its accessibility and offerings for the entire community."

Patrons can expect a wide array of products, from fresh produce, hemp, herbs, and baked goods to specialty items such as maple products, craft spirits, and organic snacks. The market will also showcase locally produced consumables, including soaps, candles, and more. Live entertainment and demonstrations will also continue to be a focal point of the market for the 2025 season.

"The initial season of doubling SNAP/EBT benefits was a huge success for the participating vendors and provided eligible patrons of the market double the amount of fresh produce, bread, cheese, and meat for themselves and their families," said Lorry LeMaire, Vendor Liaison. "Depending on funding and available grants, the Bristol Farmers Market hopes to once again offer double SNAP/EBT benefits to those who are eligible."

The mission of The Bristol Farmers Market, Inc. is to create a sustainable platform that supports and promotes access to fresh local food and products for all residents. By connecting the community with local farmers and producers, the market aims to foster a thriving environment for both vendors and patrons.

The Bristol Farmers Market invites businesses and organizations to become sponsors for the upcoming season. Interested parties can download the Sponsorship package on the new website: <https://bristolfarmersmarket.com/>

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