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The ECD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 5pm in Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Participation
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VIII. Committee Reports

A. City Council Member Report

IX. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Jeff Caggiano
Mayor

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 1, 2024 5:00pm

Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 N. Main Street and on Zoom

ATTENDEES: Council Member Panioto, Commissioners Goldwasser (Acting Chair), Mills, Rasmussen-Tuller and Provenzano

ABSENT: Mayor Caggiano, Commissioners Schmelder and Hick, Dr. Dawn Leger - Grants Administrator, and Dawn Nielsen - Marketing & Public Relations Specialist

STAFF PRESENT: Justin Malley - Executive Director

GUESTS: Charlie Nyberg, Architect for the HEXi Corp Project

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Commissioner Goldwasser called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Participation

There was no Public Participation.

III. Minutes: July 11, 2024

Commissioner Goldwasser asked for a motion to accept the Minutes from July 11, 2024. Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller noted the need for a spelling correction to his name in the Adjournment section. The needed correction was noted and will be updated. No other changes were needed. Commissioner Mills made the motion to accept the minutes with the noted spelling correction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Panioto. All were in favor and the updated Minutes were accepted into the record.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Communications

B. Economic Development/Grants/Marketing Report

Commissioner Goldwasser requested a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Mills. All were in favor and the Consent Agenda was passed into the record.

V. New Business

A. Southeast Bristol Business Park Proposal

Justin Malley advised the Board about HEXi Corp, a business looking to buy and develop Lot#6 in the Southeast Bristol Business Park (SEBBP). Malley introduced Charlie Nyberg, HEXi Corp's architect, who was present to speak to the Board. Charlie Nyberg presented HEXi Corp's plans to develop a 14,000 square foot facility with parking and loading docks. The building will be one story high. Additional discussion included the proposed roof pitch, exterior appearance and building materials, and similar details.

Justin Malley added that HEXi Corp builds and uses high energy x-ray equipment. They've been in business for over 30 years and are currently located in Wallingford, CT. The x-ray equipment is used in US Government and commercial applications.

Commissioner Goldwasser confirmed that Eco Smart had been previously approved for Lot #6 but they hadn't moved forward with their project. This means that Eco Smart is no longer associated with Lot #6, and HEXi Corp is a new contender for it. He also requested clarification from Mr. Nyberg that the building would be built with environmental guidelines met in regards to safety with the x-rays. Mr. Nyberg confirmed the structure would meet all required guidelines.

Commissioner Goldwasser called for the motion to be read. Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller read the motion as follows:

Motion to authorize Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, or Acting Mayor, to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and to complete the property transaction, subject to the approval of Corporation Counsel, with High Energy X-Rays International Corporation or its assigns, doing business as HEXi Corp, for the sale of the Southeast Bristol Business Park property known as "Lot 6" as reflected on the map known as Roadway Plan from A-N Consulting Engineers dated August 2006 for the purchase price of \$156,000.

I further move that this matter be referred to the City Council, Planning Commission for completion of a C.G.S. 8-24 Report, and to the City Council Real Estate Committee for completion of a C.G.S. 7-163e Public Hearing for the sale of municipally owned property.

Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. There was discussion that HEXi Corp would be moving from Wallingford to Bristol which allows them to own in Bristol rather than lease in Wallingford.

Commissioner Goldwasser called for a vote on the motion. All were in favor and the Motion passed into the record.

B. BOF Transfer and Carryover Requests

Justin Malley advised the Board of the ECD's Carryovers and Transfers requests from the previous fiscal year to the current one as part of the end of the city's fiscal

year processes. The accounts and amount requests were provided to the Board as part of the agenda packet.

Commissioner Goldwasser requested a motion to waive the reading of the full BOF Transfer and Carryover Requests due to their length. Commissioner Mills made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller. Counsel Member Panioto requested clarification on the Additional Appropriation request. Justin Malley advised that those represent adjustments to the CDBG Grant Awards based on the actual funds which were provided to the city from HUD. Commissioner Goldwasser called for a vote. All were in favor and the Motion passed into the record.

The full motion of the BOF Transfer and Carryover Requests is as follows:

Carryover Request

To approve the request to carry over from fiscal year 2023/2024 to fiscal year 2024/2025 the following account balances within the "City Share" ECD department budget: \$12,275 or remaining balance in "Advertising"

To approve the request to carry over from fiscal year 2023/2024 to fiscal year 2024/2025 the following account balances within the "CDBG Project" ECD Department budget: \$12,000 in CDBG funding originally awarded to the New England Carousel Museum and being reprogrammed to Residential Rehab funding in 2024/2025 and \$217 in CDBG funding originally awarded to the Bristol Historical Society and reprogrammed to Residential Rehab for 2024/2025.

Transfers to Reconcile Account Balances

To approve the following transfer requests to reconcile ECD account balances:

- *Transfer \$170 from 1044101 BDA City Share "Regular Wages" to 1044101 BDA City Share "Overtime Wages"*
- *Transfer \$352 from 1044101 BDA City Share "Regular Wages" to 1044101 BDA City Share "Transfer Out"*
- *Transfer \$2 from 1044102 CDBG "Regular Wages" to 1044102 CDBG Share "Life Insurance"*
- *Transfer \$152 from 1044102 CDBG "Regular Wages" to 1044102 CDBG "Transfer Out"*
- *Transfer \$1,097 from 1044103 CDBG "Professional Fees" to 1044103 CDBG "Regular Wages"*
- *Transfer \$61 from 1044103 CDBG "Professional Fees" to 1044103 CDBG "FICA"*
- *Transfer \$15 from 1044103 CDBG "Professional Fees" to 1044103 CDBG "Medicare Insurance"*
- *Transfer \$558 from 1044103 CDBG "Office Supplies" to 1044103 CDBG "Advertising"*

- *Transfer \$121 from 1044103 CDBG "Professional Fees" to 1044103 CDBG "Transfer Out"*
- *Transfer \$218 from 1044105 CDBG "Bristol Historical Society" to 1044102 CDBG "Residential Rehab"*
- *Transfer \$12,000 from 1044105 CDBG "NE Carousel Museum" to 1044102 CDBG "Residential Rehab"*

Additional Appropriations

- *Reduce Account #1044104-585024-G2025 Salvation Army from \$14,000 to \$11,000*
- *Reduce Account #1044104-587343-G2025 Grace Community Food Pantry from \$4,731 to \$4,281*

C. 273 Riverside Avenue Update

Justin Malley updated the Board about the main developer that is interested in the project. They're gathering additional information including a more thorough site visit to allow them to make the most accurate budget proposal to the ECD Downtown Committee. He confirmed that this movement comes after the additional feedback received from Goman and York as the city's consultants.

VI. New Business by Commissioners

There was no New Business.

VII. Old Business by Commissioners

Commissioner Goldwasser spoke to the purchase of the former Shaw's to Ocean State and to the Wheeler Health grand opening ceremonies that were held since the last Board Meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. City Council Member Report

Council Member Panioto advised that due to the results of the recent Special Election, this will be his last meeting as an ECD Board Member. The new Council Member will be appointed to the Board. The Board thanked Panioto for his service on the Board and to the city.

I. Adjournment

Commissioner Goldwasser called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Provenzano. All were in agreement and the meeting adjourned at 5:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Arsego

Recording Secretary

Unapproved

Maduro asks for audit

Pressure building on Venezuela chief as results disputed. **NATION & WORLD PAGE 4**

Stepping down

Goodspeed Musicals' managing director will be leaving. **CONNECTICUT PAGE 1**

Ivan the terrific

Lendell's Adaptive Sports Camp gives kids a way to get on the court. **SPORTS PAGE 1**

Warming up

Sunny to partly cloudy, humid and warmer. **LIVING PAGE 6**

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

Campaign: RFK Jr. will be on ballot

State's verification of signatures in presidential race may take a month

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s upstart presidential campaign says it has gathered enough signatures to be on the ballot in Connecticut in November.

Kennedy's campaign reportedly submitted more than 17,000 petition signatures, with 7,500 valid signatures required in order to gain a spot against Vice President Kamala Harris, the presumptive Democratic nominee, and former President Donald Trump, the GOP

nominee. The signatures must still be verified by election officials. "We will absolutely be on the ballot this November," said Amanda Webster, one of three volunteer statewide coordinators for Kennedy in Connecticut. While Webster says she is highly

confident, she added that the time-consuming verification task to officially gaining a spot on the ballot could take until Labor Day. Kennedy's team of nearly 100 volunteers collected signatures in all 169 cities and towns, she said. The deadline to submit signatures to the Secretary of the State's office in Hartford was 4 p.m. Wednesday, but

signatures can still be dropped off at town halls until Aug. 7. The town clerks have until Aug. 21 to verify the signatures and submit their information to the state, officials said. Political pundits and some voters view Kennedy as a spoiler in a potentially close national race

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JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT PHOTOS

FLYING LESSONS

Pilots of all ages get a chance at the controls at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. Find out about hours and days at neam.org.

Above: Jacqueline Travisono and son Lucas, 2, of Rhode Island enjoy the view from the cockpit of a Republic P-47 Thunderbolt WWII fighter-bomber during a visit to the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks on Monday.

Right: Maeve Hanrahan, 5, right, takes control of a helicopter while father Frank, back and sister, Eileen B, left, look on during a visit to the museum.



New health center brings jobs, solutions to Bristol

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

As community leaders applauded the opening of Wheeler Health's gleaming new three-story headquarters and health center in Bristol, Mayor Jeff Caggiano said it's much more than a source of jobs and an attractive element in rebuilding the city's center.

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Wheeler is bringing about 200 counselors, lab technicians and others employees to its new 46,000-square-foot facility at North Main Street and Hope Street. When it fully opens in August,

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Third person takes plea deal in case of beating death of elderly man

By Justin Muszynski
Hartford Courant

A Connecticut man has accepted a plea deal to a manslaughter charge for his role in the beating death of an elderly Rocky Hill man involving two co-conspirators, including the victim's caretaker, in a plot that began as a robbery and turned deadly.

Franklyn Cruz, 45, of New Britain, accepted a plea deal during a hearing this week in New Britain Superior Court where he appeared via a video monitor from the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution in Suffield.

During the virtual hearing, he pleaded guilty under the Alford doctrine to one count of first-degree manslaughter in the death

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Hamas leader's killing sends jolt throughout Mideast

US joining others in trying to fend off deadlier war

By Abby Sewell
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Hamas' top political leader was killed Wednesday by a pre-dawn airstrike in the Iranian

capital, Iran and Hamas said, blaming Israel for a shock assassination that risked escalating into an all-out regional war. Iran's supreme leader vowed revenge against Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel "will exact a very heavy price from any aggression against us on any front" but did not mention the killing. "There are challenging days ahead," he added. Israel had pledged to kill Ismail

Haniyeh and other Hamas leaders over the group's Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel that sparked the war in Gaza. The airstrike came just after Haniyeh had attended the inauguration of Iran's new

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Beloved cafe closes

Ana's Kitchen Cafe, a cafe in Simsbury known for its fabulous lunches and baked goods, writes goodbye post on Facebook thanking loyal customers. **Connecticut Page 1**

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Campaign

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between Harris and Trump. Previous polls had shown that Kennedy pulled some support from Trump and some from President Joe Biden, who was in the race at the time and has since dropped out.

But Kennedy has been far down in the national polls overall, and most voters — except his most ardent supporters — believe he has essentially no chance of winning the race.

During an event Wednesday in Windsor, Gov. Ned Lamont, the state's top Democrat, said that Kennedy would have "not much impact in Connecticut" in November.

"Nationally, I think in two or three battleground states, he maybe has 4 or 5%," Lamont said when asked by The Courant.

He added that most voters would be casting ballots for "two credible alternatives" to Kennedy, which he then acknowledged were Harris and Trump.

Webster, 31, is a student who is majoring in biology, which helped lead to her interest in Kennedy.

"I'm a big medical freedom advocate," Webster told The Courant. "There's a local grassroots organization called Connecticut Residents Against Medical Mandates. When the religious exemption in Connecticut was swiftly removed by our Democratic leaders here in the state, Connecticut was raising awareness about that and Bobby Kennedy came out and spoke to us in 2021 when we were rallying up at the Capitol. Here we are a couple of years later, and he's running for president — a dream candidate."

Webster rejects the characterizations of Kennedy, the son of former Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy.

"I don't think he's a vaccine skeptic," Webster said. "I definitely don't like that characterization, and I think it's just the media's way of trying to portray him as somebody who is maybe a little crazy or a little out there because they don't want



The campaign of independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. says he will qualify for the ballot in Connecticut. He is trying to get on the ballot in all 50 states. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

to lend any credence to anything he's saying."

Webster added, "He himself is vaccinated. He says all the time his children are vaccinated. I think he wants to make sure that things are safe, thorough and are properly being reviewed and tested. There's nothing wrong with going through something and making sure it is as safe as it can possibly be."

While Kennedy is trying to get on the ballot in all 50 states, it is a difficult task for any independent candidate in a nation dominated by

the two-party system.

The national campaign says Kennedy has gathered enough signatures to be on the ballot in 42 states, while 13 states have verified those signatures so far. Kennedy is already on the ballot in the key swing state of Michigan, as well as Delaware, Tennessee, Utah, Indiana, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, among others. He is also battling lawsuits to block him in major states and like New York, New Jersey, Nevada, and North Carolina, among others.

While numerous third-party

candidates have run for president in recent decades, no independent candidate has been on the ballot in all 50 states since Ross Perot in 1992.

"I think that Kennedy is the only candidate taking a common-sense approach to a lot of the divisive issues in America," Webster said. "He wants to clean up the corporate capture of our government, make our children healthier, make home ownership affordable, and really make the American Dream something that's attainable and achievable for everyone."



Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump are the two leading candidates in the race for president. **AP PHOTOS**

Center

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Wheeler Health's new community health center in downtown Bristol is pictured. **DON STACOM/THE HARTFORD COURANT**

Plea

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of 75-year-old Robert Iacobucci. An Alford plea means he disputes some of the allegations but believes there's a risk he could be convicted after a trial and face a lengthier prison sentence.

The deal Cruz accepted includes an agreed upon 20-year prison term. In exchange for his plea, prosecutors agreed not to pursue charges of murder, murder in the commission of a felony, first-degree robbery, third-degree larceny and second-degree larceny.

According to the Connecticut State Police report supporting Cruz's arrest, Iacobucci was

found dead in his home at 60 Ponds Lane on April 5 after authorities responded to the residence just before 7:30 p.m. Police were alerted to the killing by a concerned citizen who told them a local resident had been tied up and assaulted and that his home had been burglarized.

The caller also said the individuals responsible were planning to head back to the home that evening to "get rid of the homeowner," according to the report.

Police found Iacobucci with his hands bound behind his back. He had suffered serious head and facial wounds.

Investigators believe Cruz, Madeline Dickey of New Britain and Iacobucci's home health aide,

Melissa Feliciano, devised a plot to rob the elderly man in the late hours on April 4, according to the report. The trio were at the home into the early morning hours in an attempt to extort money and other valuables from him.

Authorities believe Feliciano told Cruz and Dickey that Iacobucci had no family and was intending to leave his money to her, the police report said. During an interview with state police detectives, Dickey said it was Feliciano's idea to "frighten" the victim into giving them money, according to the report.

The extortion plot at one point turned violent and ended with the 75-year-old being tied up before he was punched and kicked in the face

until he began bleeding, police wrote.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner ruled the death a homicide, finding that Iacobucci died of homicidal asphyxia and blunt trauma to the head, torso and upper extremities.

Cruz and Dickey were arrested a day after Iacobucci was found dead. They were found in New Britain in possession of his vehicle, state police said at the time.

Feliciano was arrested days later in Windsor.

Judge Maureen Keegan said in court that New Britain State's Attorney Christian M. Watson was initially pursuing a murder charge against Cruz and seeking a 45-year prison sentence. That offer was modified based on the deals

Feliciano and Dickey accepted, according to Keegan.

Judicial Branch records indicate Dickey pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit murder and was sentenced in February to 12 years in prison.

Feliciano pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree robbery and was sentenced in April to six years behind bars, records show.

Helen McLellan, a prosecutor who stood in for Watson during Tuesday's proceedings, said Iacobucci's family was "not actively involved" in the cases against his accused killers.

Cruz remains held on \$2 million bond while he awaits sentencing, which has been scheduled for Oct. 24.

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Wrong-way detectors going up at Route 72 exit this week

BRIAN M. JOHNSON
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PLAINVILLE — The Connecticut Department of Transportation announced it is installing a wrong-way detector at westbound Route 72 Exit 2 in town. The project is part of CTDOT Project 170-3608, which will also see detectors installed at I-91 at northbound Exit 24 in Rocky Hill and I-84 at eastbound Exit 16 in Southbury. The work began on Tuesday and is expected to complete by Aug. 4.

According to a statement from the DOT, which was shared on the town website, the purpose of the installations is to "reduce wrong-way crashes on high-risk freeway exit ramps."

The CTDOT stated that a typical wrong-way detection system consists of a 360-degree camera deployed at the ramp intersection to detect vehicles traveling in the wrong direction. Additionally, there will be wrong-way signs fitted with red, cir-

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Dem Dickau wins 3rd District seat

BRIAN M. JOHNSON
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BRISTOL — Calling it an "historic turnout for a special election," the Bristol Democratic Town Committee was thankful for those voters who came out to elect Democrat Mark Dickau in the third district Tuesday to fill the vacant city council seat.

Dickau received 691 votes to Republican candidate Sal Mazzarella's 446 votes when the polls closed Tuesday night. Voting took

place at the Bristol Arts & Innovation Magnet School.

The vacancy was created when Republican Andrew Howe announced that he would be stepping down from the City Council in June. Dickau will now be the only Democrat sitting on the council following Republican victories in the past two local elections.

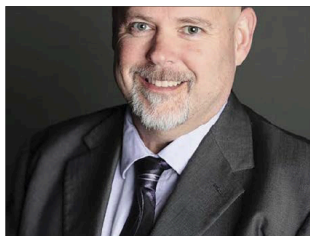
When Dickau's candidacy was announced, Bristol Democratic Town Committee Chair Mike Nicastro said that it would be an opportunity for

Bristol residents to "end the toxic one-party control that has ruled the roost since 2021."

Dickau thanked his supporters on the Mark Dickau for Bristol CT Facebook page. He said that it was "an incredible 44 days culminating in this momentous day."

"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who reached out to me on this remarkable Bristol City Council victory," he said. "Special thanks to Logan

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Mark Dickau

Bristol Democratic Town Committee

Hope springs eternal



Brian M. Johnson

Sabrina Trocchi, president and CEO of Wheeler Health, speaking at the grand opening of Wheeler's new downtown building.

Wheeler Health opens long-awaited facility

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BRISTOL — Wheeler Health celebrated the opening of its new, 46,000-square-foot facility at One Hope Street with Bristol city leaders Wednesday.

The grand opening included a ribbon cutting and a guided tour of the

facility. There were several speakers, including Wheeler's leadership, city leaders and heads of supportive civic organizations. More than 200 people came out to show their support.

Wheeler's new building will offer integrated primary and behavioral health care and other services for all ages under one

roof. It consolidates the services that were previously offered at 10 N. Main St. and 225 N. Main St. and also houses Wheeler's administrative staff. The new building will offer a full array of behavioral health, primary care, and addiction treatment, new services.

It also houses an on-site

Genoa Healthcare pharmacy and Bristol Health Outpatient Lab Services. More than 204 employees will be working at the new downtown building.

Sabrina Trocchi, president and CEO of Wheeler Health, thanked all who made the new building possible. She acknowl-

edged past and present

leadership at Wheeler, the mayor, the City Council, the Bristol economic development team, the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, and the hundreds of individuals and organizations who donated in support of the new facility and the construction teams who physically

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Town Manager Michael Paulhus

FILE

Solar farm at newly capped landfill? Paulhus hopes so

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PLAINVILLE — Following a walking tour of the capped Plainville landfill with consultants Tuesday, Town Manager Michael Paulhus shared new information about its

potential capabilities as a solar farm.

Paulhus previously announced the capping off of the town's landfill on Monday in one of his "Manager's Minute" videos on the town's Facebook page. In that video, he said

that it was determined that the landfill was too small for the recycling company Carbothura to work with. Therefore, town leaders were looking at the next best option — converting it into a solar farm.

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Detector signs go up

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lar LED lights, which are activated to flash when a wrong-way vehicle is detected.

"Almost all construction will occur above the ground, with the installation of additional 360-degree cameras at the intersections and corresponding revisions to

the traffic signal controller," the statement read.

In Plainville, the Route 72 westbound Exit 2 off-ramp was closed to traffic this Tuesday, westbound traffic is advised to get off at Exit 5, left on Rte 177 (N. Washington Street) and left on Route 372 (W. Main Street), which takes drivers back

to Exit 2, from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m.

The project is administered by the Bureau of Engineering and Construction, Office of Construction, District 3 in New Haven. It was awarded to Ferguson Electric Co. Inc. at a cost of \$1,827,462.00 on Oct. 12, 2022.

Wheeler Health unveils Hope Street facility

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built it. She also spoke to how Wheeler had grown since its founding in 1968 and become recognized for the quality care that they provide.

"This location of One Hope Street is very fitting," she said. "Our 1,000 employees provide hope every day. They understand our mission, our work and our values. They don't come in every day in search of recognition, but because they know they are doing the right thing."

Mayor Jeff Caggiano congratulated Wheeler Health on the culmination of the building project. He said that, despite the project almost not being approved in Nov. 2021, he was glad that the City Council "set things right" and "found a new path" to make it possible.

The building was approved on Feb. 8, 2022, which Caggiano said is the day that "hope turned into reality." He said that the approval of the new Wheeler Health building also helped to spur other development projects downtown.

"My son came to Bristol for the first time in many years recently and told me 'wow,' things look a lot different," he said.

Caggiano said that some of the opposition Wheeler faced in 2021 was from people who didn't want a behavioral health treatment center downtown. He said that was very disappointing coming out of the pandemic and said that Wheeler will do great work to "eliminate the stigma" of seeking mental health treatment.

Nancy Navarretta, commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, said that the new building was "fabulous."

"It is a stellar example of what can be achieved when the health and wellness of a community is prioritized," she said.

Mary Rodier, chair of Wheeler's Board of Trustees, said that the opening of the new building was a "great milestone" for Wheeler Health.

"We are so pleased to have arrived at this point," she said. "One Hope Street will provide comfort, hope and healing. It will be a place where everybody feels welcome."

Thomas Barnes, chairman emeritus with Barnes Group Inc., spoke to the many families and political leaders who helped to shape Bristol over the years. He acknowledged

the work of former Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu in bringing the Wheeler Health building "almost to approval" during her term. He then thanked Caggiano for seeing it to the finish.

"Thank you for choosing Bristol as your new home," he said to the Wheeler Health leadership.

Kurt Barwis, president and CEO of Bristol Health, discussed the partnership with Wheeler Health that will allow Bristol Health to house their Outpatient Lab Services in the new building at One Hope Street.

"I am happy to be part of this celebration," he said. "Having you here makes all of the difference in the world."

Barwis spoke about how Bristol Health was one of the first to construct a new building at Centre Square. He said that he always hoped he would have "good neighbors" and that Wheeler Health certainly were.

Julia Burkhardt, director of operations at Genoa Healthcare, also thanked Wheeler for housing their pharmacy in the lobby of the new building. She said that it will provide "top notch services and better outcomes for all."

Dr. Frank Gregory, administrator of the Children's Behavioral Health Community Service System with the Department of Children and Families, said Wheeler Health has been a leader "at the forefront" of healthcare services for decades.

"Your employees, with their expertise, engagement and empathy have brought hope and healing to countless Connecticut youths," he said. "DCF is proud to partner with you."

Katie D'Agostino, president and CEO of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, said that the Chamber was "honored" to welcome Wheeler to its new location.

"It is inspiring to see this place where more than 200 people will come to work every day, aligning with the mayor's vision for the redevelopment of downtown," she said.

Finally, state Rep. Mary Fortier, who attended the event along with state Sen. Henri Martin, and state Reps. Joe Hoxha and Cara Pavalock-D'Amato, spoke.

"Hope has a new home in Bristol," said Fortier. "This expanded building will provide services to support some of our most vulnerable residents."

Paulhus tours landfill

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Paulhus said that the former landfill on Granger Lane constitutes 3 to 4 acres of useable space. He was informed by the consultant that it "should equate to approximately 1 megawatt of production."

"This is, of course, is a preliminary estimate," he said.

Town Council Chair

Chris Wazorko said Tuesday that the closure of the landfill had been in the works for the past 10 years or so. He expressed support of Paulhus' proposal for re-use of the land.

"I think making it a solar farm makes sense," he said. "There's not much else you can do with what's there. The question now is to figure out how

a solar farm can best be used to benefit the community."

Wazorko also said previously that he expects the process to move along faster now that the landfill is capped.

"I'm sure that it will be something that the town council discusses before the end of the year," he said.

Dickau gets council seat nod

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Williams by spearheading the campaign and my dedicated chauffeur Melissa Dickau for the countless hours spent supporting me. Kudos also to the Bristol CT Democratic Town Committee and all its members. I also want to

thank all of the people on the 3rd district that came out and voted and I promise to do my best to represent all of you."

On its Facebook page, the DTC said: "This will likely be a historic turnout for a special election," the post read. "We did this together."

Now let's get to work."

When Dickau announced his candidacy in June, he said that he met hundreds of people during his bid for the City Council in 2023 and was ready to "hit the ground running."

"The key issues haven't changed much in the last eight months, other than Bristol taxpayers are being asked to pay more for less services and no new programs," he said.

Dickau said that his top priorities for Bristol include:

- Investing in Bristol's infrastructure and identifying ways to control utility expenses through a variety of Energy Commission initiatives.
- Encouraging targeted investment and business growth in Forestville center, which has had several businesses close.
- Supporting Bristol Hospital and its vital role in the community as a health care provider and second largest employer from within local government.
- Improving traffic safety and responding to neighborhood concerns.

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Shoppes at Larson Farms in Bristol for sale by auction; starting bid \$5M



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The Shoppes at Larson Farms on Farmington Avenue in Bristol is for sale. Chili's is a tenant in the three-building property.

By Greg Bordonaro

A three-building Bristol retail center anchored by a recently opened gym has hit the market.

The Shoppes at Larson Farms has been put up for sale and will be auctioned Sept. 9 on commercial real estate auction platform Ten-X.

The opening bid for the three properties is \$5 million, according to the auction materials.

The Shoppes at Larson Farms includes three Farmington Avenue buildings — at 1345 , 1379,

1425 — with 56,271 square feet of space.

The retail center is anchored by GF Fitness, which opened in May following the closure of former tenant Esporta (L.A.) Fitness.

Other tenants within the plaza include fast-food restaurant Sonic, Chili's and Starling Physicians.

The Shoppes at Larson Farms is owned by W/L Properties LLC, which is controlled by Stephen Larson, of Bristol, property records show.

Henri Martin, a state senator who also owns Henri Marin Real Estate, is handling the sale.



FILE
Mayor Jeff Caggiano

Economic development funds measure gets hearing on Aug. 14

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BRISTOL — The City of Bristol will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Aug. 14 on the five-year renewal of a policy that allows the city to use public funds to provide incentives that support economic development.

The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers at City Hall at 111 N. Main St. It will concern the "Connecticut City and Town Development Act."

Mayor Jeff Caggiano said that this act was originally passed in 1974. Every five years, the city council has to vote on whether or not to continue to allow public funds to be used for this purpose.

"Originally we went to referendum, but then the state changed its regulations so now it can be voted on following a public hearing," Caggiano said.

The Connecticut City and Town Development Act, Caggiano explained,

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Hearing date set for Reworld plant

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BRISTOL — The state Department of Energy & Environmental Protection has set a date for a public hearing on the waste-to-energy company Reworld's five applications for air and solid waste permits for a proposed waste-to-energy incinerator to include biomedical waste.

During a status conference held by DEEP

Wednesday via Zoom, DEEP case officer Kathleen Reiser set up the hearing via Zoom for Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. That hearing will follow a pre-hearing conference on Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. (via Zoom) and a site visit to the Bristol plant at 170 Enterprise Drive on Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.

If needed, an evidentiary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

The pre-hearing conference on Oct. 1 will seek

to reach an agreement on the qualification of expert witnesses and admissibility of exhibits, according to DEEP.

After the public hearing, public comments may still be submitted to Reiser until 5 p.m. on Nov. 1. For more information on the public hearing and comment period, visit DEEP's Events List website under the DEEP tab on CT.gov.

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Gary Larkin

Reworld's Bristol plant at 170 Enterprise Drive.

A 'Sound' View



Brian M. Johnson

Nick Cimadon with SoundView's cannabis-infused gummies that are created and sold at the new Bristol manufacturer SoundView on East Main Street.

Bristol man opens cannabis operation

BRIAN M. JOHNSON
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BRISTOL — A new cannabis product manufacturer, SoundView, has opened in the original Truelieve/Healing Corner location on East Main Street.

SoundView is owned by Nick Cimadon, who served as an officer in the U.S. Navy before deciding to return to Bristol to open his business in the community where his family lives. At his location at 159 E. Main St., he employs a team of 10 people, which he said

works "effectively and efficiently" and include many friends and family members. Also working at SoundView is his finance, Bristol resident Kelsey Rivera.

SoundView first moved into the former Truelieve/Healing Corner building,

which is where Connecticut's first medical marijuana products were sold, in August 2023, following a two-year approval from the state and city. Cimadon thanked Mayor Jeff Caggiano and Economic Development Director Justin Malley

for helping him to work through this process. The building came with much of the equipment that is required by state regulation for his type of business, including a storage vault.

The name SoundView is inspired by the beach in Old See SOUNDVIEW ON PAGE 4

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Nicole Zappone

106 Chapman Street, a halfway house in Willimantic.

In-Home Safety Grant helps healthcare workers

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WILLIMANTIC — Gov. Ned Lamont announced the impending launch of the In-Home Safety Grant Program, a new state grant program administered by

the Connecticut Department of Social Services aimed at enhancing the safety and security of home healthcare workers in Connecticut.

Home Health and Access Agencies can now apply for the grants.

This program was estab-

lished by the enactment of Public Act 24-19, which concerns the health and safety of Connecticut residents.

The Connecticut General Assembly approved this during the 2024 regular legislative session and then signed

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PLAINVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

Joshua H. Kelly, 30, of 81 W. Main St., Meriden, was charged Aug. 1 with interfering with an officer, resisting arrest and criminal impersonation.

Shaun Jordan, 44, of 62 City Ave., New Britain, was charged Aug. 5 with third degree assault and disorderly conduct.

Anthony J. Bartolucci, 43, of 12 Spring St., was charged Aug. 6 with third degree assault, disorderly conduct and first degree criminal trespass.

Brian Dery, 45, of 378 S. Main St., New Britain (last known address), was charged Aug. 8 with fourth degree larceny.

SoundView opens in Bristol

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Lyme, where Cimadon had many fond memories growing up, and the "sound state of mind" that his products help to produce. He said that the cannabis products that he sells, which include a variety of flavors of gummies and chocolate bars, can help to reduce stress and anxiety, provide pain relief and aid with sleep. Soon, SoundView will also be looking to expand to offer vape products.

"I think what people like about coming to us are our flavors," said Cimadon. "We have truly edible edibles, with flavors like margarita. For cookies, we have wild berry, s'mores, and midnight mint - which is CBN-infused and helps with sleep."

Cimadon said that Connecticut's cannabis market is in the early stages of its growth. More and more people,

he said, are trying cannabis products. And, many of them are trying gummies as an alternative to smoking.

"We have customers all over the state," said Cimadon. "We are the first product manufacturer that has opened in the state and we sell to all 42 dispensaries. We opened our business in a building that has a lot of history as the first cannabis establishment."

Cimadon provided a tour of his facility, showing how his equipment extracts pure THC, from cannabis. They are then infused into the gummies and chocolate bars. He sells bottles that contain 48 gummies for between \$30 and \$34.

For more information, visitgetsoundview.com, follow @getsoundview on Instagram or X (formerly Twitter) or @getsoundviewct on Facebook.

Reworld waste to energy plant hearing scheduled for Oct. 22

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public hearing. Francis Pickering of Southington, gave his reasons for petitioning DEEP on the five permit applications by Reworld (formerly Covanta).

"I collected signatures on behalf of the Bristol Residents for Clean Air, for which I am one," Pickering said. "We cover other municipalities surrounding the (Reworld incinerator) facility. We submitted a number of concerns during the comment period. Those concerns cover the current noise pollution violations that we have observed. (There are) concerns about testing requirements, and failures to abide by commitments made during the public involvement process for these permits."

He also listed transportation of medical waste issues. During a July 29 Bristol Residents for Clean Air meeting at Bristol Public Library, Michael Ewall, a Pennsylvania-based attorney and founder of the Environmental Justice Network, gave the 100 people who showed up an update on the environmental concerns of the proposed plant.

He explained how companies like Covanta, now Reworld, are dealing with aging waste-to-energy incinerators across the country. "They are trying to pump as much money out of the

plant before they close them down," Ewall said. "The costs to incinerate trash are far greater than going straight to a landfill. Covanta wants to displace some of the industrial waste with medical waste."

He said that since most waste incinerators only have a lifespan of 24 years, companies like Covanta want to make as much revenue from them before they have to close them. "This particular incinerator in Bristol is past its prime," he added.

The Bristol plant was built in 1988 processing more than 650 tons of waste per day and creating 16.3MW. According to Ewall, it serves 373,150 people. As for Reworld's many plants, the Bristol one is the fourth smallest.

Ewall included a list of the medical waste Reworld is looking to include in its incinerator plans. They include:

- *Bloody and bodily fluids
- *Microbiological waste
- *Renal dialysis waste
- *Surgical waste
- *Pathological material
- *Trace chemotherapy waste

In addition to complaints and concerns from Bristol residents who live near the Enterprise Drive facility, the town of Southington is working with the South Central Health District to look into Reworld's (former-

ly Covanta) application. The air and solid waste permits would allow Reworld to burn 114 tons of biomedical waste per day at the new incinerator.

"As a lack of available information for this application (to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection), my concern for public health in our community, ongoing noise complaints from this facility and general public concern I have asked our Health Director to look into the matter and provide a written professional assessment," Town Council Chair Paul Chaplinsky stated in a recent Facebook post.

He added that the matter is included on agenda for the next Town Council meeting on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. for those who want to provide comments. The Council will have an opportunity to collect public input and create a written response of concerns and recommendations for a follow-up public hearing planned by DEEP, according to Chaplinsky.

In a July 29 letter to Southington Town Manager Alex Ricciardone, the South Central Health District Director of Health Susan Bencivenga-Lonczak reported that it appears there is enough of a public response on the proposed biomedical waste incinerator to merit a public hearing.

In-Home safety grant

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it into law by Lamont.

The program will provide grants to home health and access agencies to fund improved safety protocols and support services for their workers. This includes items such as emergency alert buttons, buddy escort systems, tracking devices, safety training, risk-scoring tools, safety consultants, and the establishment of dedicated phone lines for staff in the field to access immediate support.

"Ensuring the safety and well-being of both our home healthcare workers and the individuals they serve is a top priority for the state," Lamont said. "This grant program is a significant step toward providing the necessary tools and training to protect workers who pro-

vide an invaluable service to our state, especially for those who are most vulnerable. I look forward to a continued collaboration with our community partners to maximize the impact of these resources and increase the safety of home healthcare workers."

This grant comes after convicted rapist Michael Reese was charged in April with the murder and attempted sexual assault of a visiting nurse at a Connecticut halfway house for sex offenders in Willimantic.

Reese appeared in court on April 19 for a related larceny and drug paraphernalia case. Police arrested him on the allegations as he was leaving the halfway house in Willimantic on the day when Joyce Grayson was found dead in the basement on Oct. 28, 2023.

"Prioritizing the safety of our caretakers took

precedence this year," Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz said. "A disproportionate number of home healthcare workers are women and women of color who serve in our vulnerable communities every single day. It is important we provide safer environments and the training and skills necessary for them to do their jobs without personal risk."

Reese was held on a \$2 million cash/surety bond, presented for a same-day arraignment and remains in the custody of the CT Department of Corrections.

Attorney Kelly Reardon, who represents the Grayson family, announced after Reese's conviction the family would be filing a civil suit for wrongful death.

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allows the city's economic and community development department to provide financial incentives to assist with the costs of developing businesses in Bristol.

"This has been an effective tool that has led to a lot of our downtown development,"

Caggiano said.

Five years ago, the mayor said, the Connecticut City and Town Development Act was renewed with "overwhelming support" from city leaders. He said that he is optimistic that the city council will vote similarly next week.

Hearing for develop funds

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22-acre retail plaza is up for auction

Long-term lease with GF Fitness boosts property's marketability

BY DON STACOM HARTFORD COURANT

Less than three months after signing a replacement tenants for Esporta, the owners of The Shoppes at Larson Farms in Bristol are putting their nearly 22-acre retail plaza up for auction.

Bidding is to start at \$5 million when the property goes to a two-day online auction beginning Sept. 9, according to the company running the sale.

The property is toward the eastern end of Bristol's long Route 6 retail strip, and is home to a Chili's Grill & Bar, a Sonic fast-food outlet and a medical office.

Its largest tenant by far is the 45,000-square-foot gym that had been Esporta until it closed in March. City leaders dreaded the prospect of a big-box vacancy along Route 6, and were relieved in May when the property owner signed Georgia-based GF Fitness to a 15-year lease on that space. That deal also sharply raised the marketability of the property.

"The Shoppes at Larson Farms is a 100% leased expansive retail center with in-line and outparcel storefronts," reads the auction notice at Ten-X, the California-based company that will conduct the sale.

"This neighborhood center is perched on Farmington Avenue, which sees upward of 23,255 vehicles. Farmington Avenue is dotted with demand-driving retail including Walmart Supercenter, Hobby Lobby, Big Lots, The Home Depot and others," the Ten-X notice reads.

"There are long-term leases in place with the nearest end term in 2033. This creates several opportunities for new ownership moving forward. The buyers can continue to lease the spaces as-is while collecting significant incomes," according to the notice. "Alternatively, the new owner has the option to develop the remaining acreage for more tenants."

The property played a key role in extending Bristol's commercial corridor to the east. It had been the northern acreage of the popular Larson Farm for decades, but was cleared for retail use in 2007. The opposite side of Route 6 had been the farm's southern section; it was turned into a 120,000-square-foot WalMart around 2001.

That stretch of Route 6 has seen steady growth in the years since, and the pattern is still continuing.

Last year, Targeted Endurance Bristol LLC of Ponta Verde, Fla. spent more than \$3 million acquiring small, vacant properties along Route 6 about a quarter mile west of the Shoppes at Larson Farms. The company has zoning approvals for a 30,000-square-foot medical office building along with a car wash and a fast-food restaurant with drive-through operation.

Unlike Bristol's downtown, the eastern Route 6 area was never heavily industrialized. Instead it was largely agricultural, and generations of the Larson family grew and sold vegetables at their farm for more than half a century after family matriarch Lydia Larson emigrated from Sweden.

As late as the 1980s, the Larsons ran tractor-drawn hayrides across Route 6 between the northern and southern sides of their property. As a supplement, the family operated a garden center there, too; that business relocated to Burlington and has become even more popular in recent years.

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Economic development funds measure gets hearing on Aug. 14

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BRISTOL — The City of Bristol will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Aug. 14 on the five-year renewal of a policy that allows the city to use public funds to provide incentives that support economic development.

The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers at City Hall at 111 N. Main St. It will concern the "Connecticut City and Town Development Act."

Mayor Jeff Caggiano said that this act was originally passed in 1974. Every five years, the city council has to vote on whether or not to continue to allow public funds to be used for this purpose.

"Originally we went to referendum, but then the state changed its regulations so now it can be voted on following a public hearing," Caggiano said.

The Connecticut City and Town Development Act, Caggiano explained,

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Hearing date set for Reworld plant

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BRISTOL — The state Department of Energy & Environmental Protection has set a date for a public hearing on the waste-to-energy company Reworld's five applications for air and solid waste permits for a proposed waste-to-energy incinerator to include biomedical waste.

During a status conference held by DEEP

Wednesday via Zoom, DEEP case officer Kathleen Reiser set up the hearing via Zoom for Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. That hearing will follow a pre-hearing conference on Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. (via Zoom) and a site visit to the Bristol plant at 170 Enterprise Drive on Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.

If needed, an evidentiary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

The pre-hearing conference on Oct. 1 will seek

to reach an agreement on the qualification of expert witnesses and admissibility of exhibits, according to DEEP.

After the public hearing, public comments may still be submitted to Reiser until 5 p.m. on Nov. 1. For more information on the public hearing and comment period, visit DEEP's Events List website under the DEEP tab on CT.gov.

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Reworld's Bristol plant at 170 Enterprise Drive.

Gary Larkin

A 'Sound' View



Nick Cimadon with SoundView's cannabis-infused gummies that are created and sold at the new Bristol manufacturer SoundView on East Main Street.

Brian M. Johnson

Bristol man opens cannabis operation

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BRISTOL — A new cannabis product manufacturer, SoundView, has opened in the original Truelieve/Healing Corner location on East Main Street.

SoundView is owned by Nick Cimadon, who served as an officer in the U.S. Navy before deciding to return to Bristol to open his business in the community where his family lives. At his location at 159 E. Main St., he employs a team of 10 people, which he said

works "effectively and efficiently" and include many friends and family members. Also working at SoundView is his fiancée, Bristol resident Kelsey Rivera.

SoundView first moved into the former Truelieve/Healing Corner build-

ing, which is where Connecticut's first medical marijuana products were sold, in August 2023, following a two-year approval from the state and city. Cimadon thanked Mayor Jeff Caggiano and Economic Development Director Justin Malley

for helping him to work through this process. The building came with much of the equipment that is required by state regulation for his type of business, including a storage vault.

The name SoundView is inspired by the beach in Old See SOUNDVIEW ON PAGE 4

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106 Chapman Street, a halfway house in Willimantic.

Nicole Zappone

In-Home Safety Grant helps healthcare workers

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WILLIMANTIC — Gov. Ned Lamont announced the impending launch of the In-Home Safety Grant Program, a new state grant program administered by

the Connecticut Department of Social Services aimed at enhancing the safety and security of home healthcare workers in Connecticut.

Home Health and Access Agencies can now apply for the grants.

This program was estab-

lished by the enactment of Public Act 24-19, which concerns the health and safety of Connecticut residents.

The Connecticut General Assembly approved this during the 2024 regular legislative session and then signed

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PLAINVILLE POLICE BLOTTER

Joshua H. Kelly, 30, of 81 W. Main St., Meriden, was charged Aug. 1 with interfering with an officer, resisting arrest and criminal impersonation.

Shaun Jordan, 44, of 62 City Ave., New Britain, was charged Aug. 5 with third degree assault and disorderly conduct.

Anthony J. Bartolucci, 43, of 12 Spring St., was charged Aug. 6 with third degree assault, disorderly conduct and first degree criminal trespass.

Brian Dery, 45, of 378 S. Main St., New Britain (last known address), was charged Aug. 8 with fourth degree larceny.

SoundView opens in Bristol

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Lyme, where Cimadon had many fond memories growing up, and the "sound state of mind" that his products help to produce. He said that the cannabis products that he sells, which include a variety of flavors of gummies and chocolate bars, can help to reduce stress and anxiety, provide pain relief and aid with sleep. Soon, SoundView will also be looking to expand to offer vape products.

"I think what people like about coming to us are our flavors," said Cimadon. "We have truly edible edibles, with flavors like margarita. For cookies, we have wild berry, s'mores, and midnight mint - which is CBN-infused and helps with sleep."

Cimadon said that Connecticut's cannabis market is in the early stages of its growth. More and more people,

he said, are trying cannabis products. And, many of them are trying gummies as an alternative to smoking.

"We have customers all over the state," said Cimadon. "We are the first product manufacturer that has opened in the state and we sell to all 42 dispensaries. We opened our business in a building that has a lot of history as the first cannabis establishment."

Cimadon provided a tour of his facility, showing how his equipment extracts pure THC, from cannabis. They are then infused into the gummies and chocolate bars. He sells bottles that contain 48 gummies for between \$30 and \$34.

For more information, visitgetsoundview.com, follow @getsoundview on Instagram or X (formerly Twitter) or @getsoundviewct on Facebook.

Reworld waste to energy plant hearing scheduled for Oct. 22

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public hearing. Francis Pickering of Southington, gave his reasons for petitioning DEEP on the five permit applications by Reworld (formerly Covanta).

"I collected signatures on behalf of the Bristol Residents for Clean Air, for which I am one," Pickering said. "We cover other municipalities surrounding the (Reworld incinerator) facility. We submitted a number of concerns during the comment period. Those concerns cover the current noise pollution violations that we have observed. (There are) concerns about testing requirements, and failures to abide by commitments made during the public involvement process for these permits."

He also listed transportation of medical waste issues.

During a July 29 Bristol Residents for Clean Air meeting at Bristol Public Library, Michael Ewall, a Pennsylvania-based attorney and founder of the Environmental Justice Network, gave the 100 people who showed up an update on the environmental concerns of the proposed plant.

He explained how companies like Covanta, now Reworld, are dealing with aging waste-to-energy incinerators across the country.

"They are trying to pump as much money out of the

plant before they close them down," Ewall said. "The costs to incinerate trash are far greater than going straight to a landfill. Covanta wants to displace some of the industrial waste with medical waste."

He said that since most waste incinerators only have a lifespan of 24 years, companies like Covanta want to make as much revenue from them before they have to close them. "This particular incinerator in Bristol is past its prime," he added.

The Bristol plant was built in 1988 processing more than 650 tons of waste per day and creating 16.3MW. According to Ewall, it serves 373,150 people. As for Reworld's many plants, the Bristol one is the fourth smallest.

Ewall included a list of the medical waste Reworld is looking to include in its incinerator plans. They include:

- *Bloody and bodily fluids
- *Microbiological waste
- *Renal dialysis waste
- *Surgical waste
- *Pathological material
- *Trace chemotherapy waste

In addition to complaints and concerns from Bristol residents who live near the Enterprise Drive facility, the town of Southington is working with the South Central Health District to look into Reworld's (former-

ly Covanta) application. The air and solid waste permits would allow Reworld to burn 114 tons of biomedical waste per day at the new incinerator.

"As a lack of available information for this application (to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection), my concern for public health in our community, ongoing noise complaints from this facility and general public concern I have asked our Health Director to look into the matter and provide a written professional assessment," Town Council Chair Paul Chaplinsky stated in a recent Facebook post.

He added that the matter is included on agenda for the next Town Council meeting on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. for those who want to provide comments. The Council will have an opportunity to collect public input and create a written response of concerns and recommendations for a follow-up public hearing planned by DEEP, according to Chaplinsky.

In a July 29 letter to Southington Town Manager Alex Ricciardone, the South Central Health District Director of Health Susan Bencivenga-Lonczak reported that it appears there is enough of a public response on the proposed biomedical waste incinerator to merit a public hearing.

In-Home safety grant

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it into law by Lamont.

The program will provide grants to home health and access agencies to fund improved safety protocols and support services for their workers. This includes items such as emergency alert buttons, buddy escort systems, tracking devices, safety training, risk-scoring tools, safety consultants, and the establishment of dedicated phone lines for staff in the field to access immediate support.

"Ensuring the safety and well-being of both our home healthcare workers and the individuals they serve is a top priority for the state," Lamont said. "This grant program is a significant step toward providing the necessary tools and training to protect workers who pro-

vide an invaluable service to our state, especially for those who are most vulnerable. I look forward to a continued collaboration with our community partners to maximize the impact of these resources and increase the safety of home healthcare workers."

This grant comes after convicted rapist Michael Reese was charged in April with the murder and attempted sexual assault of a visiting nurse at a Connecticut halfway house for sex offenders in Willimantic.

Reese appeared in court on April 19 for a related larceny and drug paraphernalia case. Police arrested him on the allegations as he was leaving the halfway house in Willimantic on the day when Joyce Grayson was found dead in the basement on Oct. 28, 2023.

"Prioritizing the safety of our caretakers took

precedence this year," Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz said. "A disproportionate number of home healthcare workers are women and women of color who serve in our vulnerable communities every single day. It is important we provide safer environments and the training and skills necessary for them to do their jobs without personal risk."

Reese was held on a \$2 million cash/surety bond, presented for a same-day arraignment and remains in the custody of the CT Department of Corrections.

Attorney Kelly Reardon, who represents the Grayson family, announced after Reese's conviction the family would be filing a civil suit for wrongful death.

An online application form is available at portal.ct.gov/dss/common-elements/home-and-community-based-services.

Hearing for develop funds

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allows the city's economic and community development department to provide financial incentives to assist with the costs of developing businesses in Bristol.

"This has been an effective tool that has led to a lot of our downtown development,"

Caggiano said.

Five years ago, the mayor said, the Connecticut City and Town Development Act was renewed with "overwhelming support" from city leaders. He said that he is optimistic that the city council will vote similarly next week.



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Signs for Matt Corey, a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, stand posted outside the Sayles School in Sprague, Tuesday, Aug. 13, for a state-wide primary.

Voters tap Corey to challenge Murphy

SUSAN HAIGH
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Matt Corey, a Connecticut entrepreneur who unsuccessfully ran for the U.S. House and Senate in the past, won the Republican nomination Tuesday to take on Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy again, saying he believes voters are more receptive to his message.

Corey, whose victory in the primary came against Gerry Smith, the top elected official in the small town of Beacon Falls, said voters are fed up with high energy costs, inflation and job losses.

"It's just affordability, job opportunities. It's pretty much similar to what I ran last time," he said in a phone interview. "And all the policies that are coming out of Washington and what Sen. Murphy is embracing, it's not going to move Connecticut forward."

Officer cleared in Jan. '23 shoot

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BRISTOL -- The state Office of the Inspector General has found that the decision by a Bristol police officer to fire his weapon at an oncoming stolen police cruiser during a January 2023 carjacking was justified.

Bristol Police "Officer Seth Petzing fired four rounds at the fleeing cruiser striking and

wounding (Jimmie) Shoemaker-Gonzalez, 41, of Avon. Shoemaker-Gonzalez continued to flee, traveling approximately two and a half miles before crashing into an occupied restaurant (Palma's Diner at 100 Stafford Ave.)," according to the inspector general report released Wednesday.

"As detailed herein (the report), the question of whether Officer Petzing's

use of deadly force was justified is not free from doubt," Inspector General Robert J. Devlin Jr. stated. "Indeed, some would argue that shooting at a moving vehicle under the circumstances here is per se unjustified. Given the exigencies of this fast-moving dynamic event, however, I have concluded that the evidence is insufficient to establish beyond a rea-

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The stolen Bristol police cruiser that crashed into Palma's Diner in January 2023 after a suspected carjacker led police on a foot and car chase.

Accessible housing



The homes being built at 63 Gridley St., left, and 147 Gridley St. are the latest moderate income homes from Greater Bristol Homes.

Greater Bristol Homes

Greater Bristol Homes building 2 new homes

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BRISTOL — Greater Bristol Homes is constructing two new, moderate income homes on Gridley Street and will award grants for neighborhood streetscape improvements.

Greater Bristol Homes, a local not-for-profit organization, is "dedicated to creating opportunities for families of modest income and enabling them to realize their dreams of home ownership." The organization "partners with like-minded organizations

to acquire land, creatively develop building lots, identify and educate home buyers, raise capital and build homes in Bristol and its surrounding communities."

Mark Reich, president of Greater Bristol Homes, said that the organization has

already built nine homes in the area, including some around Pine Lake.

"We have turned vacant lots, which pay maybe \$500 a year in taxes, to developed properties that pay \$6,000 a year," he said. "We've added about \$50,000 to \$60,000 back

onto the tax rolls, which can be used for things like hiring another teacher position."

Greater Bristol Homes is constructing two homes in the West End, at 62 Gridley St. and 147 Gridley St., respectively. They are aiming to be completed by late 2024.

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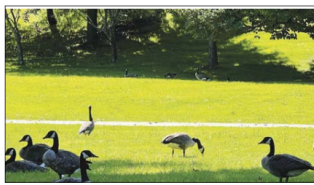
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Canada geese all over Memorial Boulevard in Bristol have been an issue for residents and officials for quite some time.

Short-term geese fix? 'Don't feed me' signs

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BRISTOL — Educational signs that warn people not to feed the Canada geese who have taken up residence on Memorial Boulevard in an

effort to solve the ongoing overpopulation problem in Bristol will be going up in the near future.

In April, the Board of Park Commissioners heard from a Department of Energy and Environmental

Protection (DEEP) representative in a proposed solution to roundup and kill many of the geese in a way to control the population. The Boulevard sees a lot of Canada geese that

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Homes return to the tax rolls

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ing to cut the ribbon on these properties by Sept. 25.

"The two-family home at 63 Gridley is complete and the single-family home at 147 Gridley is nearing completion," information on Greater Bristol Homes' website reads. "Both homes will be sold to families of moderate income. Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, our partner in this project, is offering the homes for sale to first-time home buyers who meet income limits and other qualifications."

The homes, Reich said, will "replace two long-standing vacant lots that were an eyesore in the neighborhood." He said that they have "already improved the look and feel" of Gridley Street.

Additionally, Greater Bristol Homes has committed \$5,000 to a streetscape improvement grant program. This program will award 10, \$500 grants to qualifying homeowners to make improvements to their properties and further enhance Gridley Street's appearance.

"We've already seen the pick-up, clean-up, spruce-up phenomenon happening in the neighborhood and we're hopeful the grant program will serve to expand and accelerate that process," said Reich.

Reich said that he will further explain the project

at a Sept. 10 meeting of the Bristol City Council.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano said that Greater Bristol Homes has already made a positive impact on the community. He called partnering with the organization a "no-brainer."

"Their rehabilitation of these properties on Gridley Street goes along with what we are doing with the West End realignment," he said. "Working with this non-profit has been a great partnership. We would like to help them succeed and we applaud their efforts."

Reich joined the volunteer board at Greater Bristol Homes around 10 years ago. The organization was originally founded in the mid-90s to help those in the programs at the Bristol Housing Authority become homeowners. He said that the focus has now become identifying, acquiring and developing land as well as raising money to build homes. Future projects, he said, will also include rehabilitations of existing homes.

In the next four years, we hope to rehabilitate five homes," he said.

Reich said that when looking at Bristol and its six surrounding towns, Bristol is the largest of these communities. It also has the lowest average income of any of these towns besides Plymouth. Bristol's West End, he added, has the largest amount of aging homes and is thus an area of focus.

Committee still mulling solution

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leave behind a mess of droppings and feathers.

This caused an outrage from citizens, and the organization, Friends of Animals.

Priscilla Feral, president of Darien-based Friends of Animals, made the organization's stance clear and offered alternatives.

"Violent, lethal responses are not only unethical, they offer only temporary answers," she said. "Geese are smart enough figure out what humans are doing and ignore harassment."

"Efforts," Feral said. "Nature abhors a vacuum. Canada geese aren't going away. The only thing to do is clean up after them and us."

Friends of Animals is a non-profit international animal advocacy organization working to free animals around the world from cruelty and institutionalized exploitation.

This outrage was heard, and the plan to kill the geese was sidelined. Policy Committee Chair Cindy Donovan said she was very encouraged by the amount of interest and energy the public showed regarding the

geese.

"We're looking to get a volunteer group in the future to keep that interest going, because this will be an ongoing effort, and funding is always a challenge," Donovan said.

In a Board of Park Commissioners July meeting, five new alternatives were pitched. These included geese spray, which deters geese from staying in the area; boundary fencing/guard nets; geese poop clean-up services, where a third-party would clean up the droppings; riparian buffers, which modify the landscape to alter the habitat and deter geese; or a geese management company to handle the eggs, bring dogs and lasers, in an effort to train the geese the area is unsafe for them.

After discussing these, the board voted to move it to its Policy and Strategy Committee. Superintendent Josh Medeiros, who is on the Board of Park Commissioners, reported that latest action taken by the city.

"The committee met on July 17 and made a recom-

mendation to the full board to withdraw \$5,000 from the Friends of Bristol Parks and Recreation Fund through the Main Street Communication Foundation for educational signs around the ponds," Medeiros said.

These signs would inform people in the area to not feed the geese. Medeiros believes there will be more changes.

"This is a first step of likely additional habitat modifications such as riparian buffers coming in the future," Medeiros said. Feral was happy to hear the new alternatives that the committee is pursuing.

Medeiros said the signs are in the process of being developed currently, and he expects them to be installed by late 2024 or early 2025.

"We see this as a positive development and we're going to stay involved because attitude changes occur over time, not immediate results of enlightenment or public pressure," Feral said. "We don't believe there have to be fewer geese; just a continued plan to clean up after them. We've told Bristol officials about equipment that they could purchase, if needed."

OIG: Shooting justified

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sonable doubt that the shooting was not justified. Accordingly, the OIG will take no further action in this matter."

The Bristol Police Department issued the following statement regarding the OIG report:

"The Bristol Police Department would like to thank the Office of Inspector General for their efforts in conducting a thorough and objective investigation into the January 12, 2023 officer-involved shooting and agree with their assessment that Officer Petzing was justified when he discharged his firearm to protect himself from the imminent threat of serious physical injury and or death posed by a violent fleeing Felon in a stolen police car that day."

According to a written statement by Officer Petzing given to OIG in April 2023, he describes the Jan. 12, 2023 incident:

"On January 12, 2023, at approximately 10:16 a.m., the Hartford Police Department notified Bristol dispatch that Hartford had a carjacking in which the suspect used a knife. The suspect was described as a black Hispanic male with salt and pepper colored

hair. The stolen vehicle was a 2004 Durango.

"At 11:49 a.m., two Bristol police officers were dispatched to a hit-and-run accident in the area of Farmington Avenue and Hoover Avenue. The evading vehicle was a blue Dodge Durango. Officer Petzing also responded to the call believing that the evading vehicle was the same vehicle in Hartford."

Then, the report states, Officer Petzing heard a call over the radio that the Farmington Police Department had responded to a motor vehicle accident involving the same Durango. It was reported after that the suspect then carjacked a Toyota RAV4 heading westbound on Farmington Avenue into Bristol. Eventually, the suspect ditched the RAV4 on Davis Drive in Bristol and he came upon fellow officers chasing the suspect who was on foot brandishing a knife.

"I then observed officers pointing their firearms at the opened driver's door to a police cruiser and a female crunched down near the door and she then ran in my direction," Petzing said in his statement. "I realized that the suspect was sitting in the driver's seat of

the running police cruiser. I then positioned myself in front of another police cruiser, on the passenger side closer to the parking spaces."

Petzing goes on to write that he said he heard the cruiser's engine revving and observed the suspect "manipulating" the gear shift to "make the cruiser mobile" as the suspect put the vehicle in reverse before putting it into drive and driving at Petzing at a high rate of speed.

"As I was standing there, I made eye contact with the suspect whose eyes were wide open and staring directly into my eyes," according to Petzing. "Based on the stare, the look on the suspect's face and direction and speed of the vehicle, I believed I was going to be struck and killed. I then fired four rounds at the vehicle."

According to the report, between the shots fired and the crash into Palma's Diner Shoemaker-Gonzalez had four gunshot wounds, two in his right thigh and two in his left lower leg.

The suspect was tested and showed a blood alcohol level of 0.102 and that he tested positive for Benzoyllecgonine, oxycodone, and PCP.

He is due in Hartford court on Sept. 24.

Members of the public are invited to CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0171-0488

Signing and Pavement Marking Improvements at Unsignalized
Municipal Intersections in District 1

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 6 p.m.

Register: <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTDistrict10171-0488>

YouTube Livestream: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpinarchive>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to implement signing and pavement marking improvements at unsignalized municipally owned and maintained intersections as needed to improve visibility and compliance. This project will replace existing stop signs, double yellow centerlines, and stop bars as well as introduce oversized stop signs and stop ahead and intersection ahead warning signs.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project are not anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin Fall 2025 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$2,580,000. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 100% federal funds.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTDistrict10171-0488>. Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Please direct comments and questions by September 5 to Jonathan J. Corilla, Project Manager at Jonathan.Corilla@ct.gov; (860) 594-2755).

ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and closed captioning will be available. Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpinarchive>

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 893 9670 9216. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Jonathan J. Corilla, Project Manager at Jonathan.Corilla@ct.gov; (860) 594-2755).

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State launches new marketing campaign to find young manufacturers



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Connecticut Chief Manufacturing Officer Paul Lavoie stands in Birdon America's facility in Portland.

By Skyler Frazer

The state is launching a new marketing campaign that aims to bring more young people into the manufacturing sector.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and the state's Chief Manufacturing Officer Paul Lavoie this week unveiled the "I Got It Made," campaign to showcase the different types of jobs available in Connecticut's manufacturing industry. There are about 10,000 open jobs in Connecticut's manufacturing sector, according to data from the state, and more job vacancies are expected nationwide across the next decade if employment in the industry isn't ramped up.

The new marketing campaign was developed based on research that shows young people and their parents in Connecticut are largely unaware of industrial opportunities in the state. In particular, research shows non-college bound high schoolers have uncertainty about their futures, so the manufacturing sector could be a good place to think about.

The marketing campaign will include a mix of both traditional and digital media advertising, streaming content and a dedicated website landing page, among other things, and is set to launch statewide at the end of August.

“Our companies manufacture a wide array of products and employ nearly 10% of the state’s total workforce. These jobs represent good-paying career opportunities for residents, including young adults,” Lavoie said when announcing the campaign earlier this week. “In a culture that heavily emphasizes the college pathway, manufacturing gives young adults another viable option to a bright future. Our goal is to shine a spotlight on these opportunities and show young adults that they can ‘have it made’ with a career in manufacturing.”

The new marketing campaign was unveiled at a Connecticut Manufacturing Ambassador event hosted by Birdon America in Portland.

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FILE
Iris White, acting superintendent of schools.

A 'bash' to welcome students back to school

BRIAN M. JOHNSON
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BRISTOL — Families are invited to celebrate the new school year with a "Back to School Bash" Monday, Aug. 26 at the Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School.

The event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school at 70 Memorial Boulevard. It will include opportunities to meet with local school staff and community providers. There will also be face painting, music from DJ Bretty B, raffles and prizes, food trucks, free haircuts, and an opportunity to dunk a principal. The first 250 students will receive free backpacks.

Acting Superintendent of Schools Iris White encouraged local families to come out and have fun at the "Bash."

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Believe it or not, Jimmy's hit

BRIAN M. JOHNSON
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BRISTOL — Jimmy's On The River is closed until further notice following the restaurant being struck by a motor vehicle for the second time in two years on Monday.

Jimmy Driscoll, owner of Jimmy's On The River, shared several photos of a flatbed truck which smashed through the side

of his building at 249 Terryville Road around 10:30 a.m. on Monday.

"We had a lot of people inside at the time; fortunately no one was hurt," he said. "A lot of our customers helped our staff with the clean-up."

Driscoll said that Jimmy's On The River was also hit by a vehicle in 2022. He had received a \$60,000 grant from the city's economic develop-

ment department which was being used for interior and exterior renovations. The renovations, which will include a new facade and patio, began last November and are still moving forward. Driscoll said that after this most recent damage, his building needs to be made sturdier before it can re-open.

"Life goes on — we're hoping that we'll be able to see JIMMY'S ON PAGE 4



Jimmy Driscoll, owner of Jimmy's On The River. The damage to Jimmy's On The River after it was struck by a vehicle for the second time in two years.

A brick on the walk



An architectural rendering of the new Southington Public Library building under construction.

Southington Public Library

Southington library selling custom pavers

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PLYMOUTH — The Southington Public Library and museum board has announced that it is selling customized bricks that will be installed at the new Southington Public Library building now under construction.

Board member Joanne

Kelleher, who chairs the advocacy committee, said that the 4-inch by 8-inch pavers, which can be customized with up to three lines of text, are being sold for \$175 each. Orders are due by Nov. 10 and quantities are limited.

Board members will sell bricks and answer questions about the library project at the Southington Farmers

Market on the town green on Aug. 23 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and at the Apple Harvest Festival in front of the town hall. Brick order forms can also be found and returned near the library's Information Desk and online.

Kelleher said the bricks will be part of the outdoor courtyard that extends north of the Community Room

in the new Southington Library.

"The patio will be located where a portion of the existing building stands today," she said.

The new building is currently under construction and on target to open in late November. The current building will be demolished over the winter. The patio brick installation is

expected to start mid-Feb. 2025, weather permitting, with the landscaping to be completed in the spring of 2025.

"I remember when the customized pavers were installed on the sidewalks downtown," said Tina Riccio, chair of the library board. "Families were excited to walk around and

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AP FILE

Public school buses are parked in Springfield, Ill., on Jan. 7, 2015. Illinois is going to ban corporal punishment soon.

Hitting kids should not be allowed: New Ill. law

JOHN O'CONNOR
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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — This school year, Illinois will become just the fifth state in the nation to prohibit corporal punishment in all schools. Legislation that Gov. JB

Pritzker signed into law this month bans physical punishment in private schools while reiterating a prohibition on the practice in public schools implemented 30 years ago.

When the ban takes effect in January, Illinois will join New Jersey, Iowa,

Maryland and New York in prohibiting paddling, spanking or hitting in every school.

State Rep. Margaret Croke, a Chicago Democrat, was inspired to take up the issue after an updated call by the American

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FILE
Students prepare to go on pencil scavenger hunt in a past Back to School Pencil Hunt in Bristol.

Pencil hunt very well attended in Bristol

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BRISTOL — The 7th Annual Mayor's Back to School Pencil Hunt Thursday evening at Muzzy Field was "very well attended" says Mayor Jeff Caggiano.

The event, which is put on by the mayor along with the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services Department, offers local youths in Kindergarten through Middle School the chance to run around the outfield of Muzzy Field in a scavenger hunt for pencils. Those who pulled out specially marked pencils were able to take home additional, surprise "gold" and "silver" prizes. Participants were also all given goodie bags with school supplies.

There were four separate, staggered start times for children in

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Art gallery to feature Zaccheo

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NEW BRITAIN — The Chen Art Gallery at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) will showcase the work of local artist Thomas J. Zaccheo in the exhibition "Transformed by Fire: Feats of Clay" from Sept. 5 to Oct. 4.

Zaccheo, a retired doctor from New Britain, has been

working with ceramics for over 50 years. Recently, the artist, who now lives in Farmington, has been experimenting with mixed media, fiber clay, and a technique he calls the "lost cloth" method, which transforms cloth, weaving, and crochet into ceramic replicas.

He also works with public art using materials like aluminum and steel, as well as computer-aided

design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM).

Zaccheo's large art installation, "Flight of Fancy," displayed on the Recorder Building in Greenfield, Massachusetts, received support from the Massachusetts Arts Council.

His art has been shown in many exhibitions and galleries throughout the

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Contributed
Thomas J. Zaccheo holding one of its aluminum birds for the "Flight of Fancy" installation.

Urban podcasters



Brian M. Johnson

City and Chamber leaders celebrate the grand opening of Urban Studios in downtown Bristol on Friday.

Bristol couple open studios for creativity

BRIAN M. JOHNSON
@BRIANJOHNSONBP

BRISTOL — Urban Studios celebrated its grand opening in downtown Bristol on Friday, offering a space where people can utilize in-house equipment for photography, podcasting, special events and more.

The studio, located at 225 N. Main St., Suite

407, is owned by Laquita Kearney-Gonzales and her husband Dayvon Kearney-Gonzales. The two began renovating the space, which was formerly a call center, back in April.

Laquita Kearney-Gonzales has a background in event planning and Dayvon Kearney-Gonzales had previously been doing photography out of their

home on Federal Hill. The two decided that they wanted a space where they could express their creativity and help others to do the same.

"We are residents of Bristol," said Laquita Kearney-Gonzales. "My husband is a photographer and wanted a space where he could do his photography outside of our home."

I love to decorate and I wanted to turn my hobby into a business. We are empty-nesters and so we decided that we wanted to get out and do what we love to do."

Dayvon Kearney-Gonzales said he first became interested in photography a couple years ago when he was shooting his mother-in-law's wedding.

She told him that she liked his "attention to detail", which led to him purchasing his own camera and equipment.

Laquita and Dayvon Kearney-Gonzales thanked Carpenter Realty for helping them to find their location. They also thanked the city for their support throughout the process of

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Rep. Lucy McBath, D-Ga., stands onstage and is joined by Abby Clements of Newtown, Conn., Kim Rubio of Uvalde, Texas, Melody McFadden of Charleston, S.C., and Ediger Vilchez of Chicago, during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Thursday, Aug. 22.

At DNC, Sandy Hook teacher tells of fateful day

MICHELLE L. PRICE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survivors and family members of victims of gun violence testified at the Democratic National Convention on Thursday as the ways shootings impact-

ed their lives and spurred them to advocacy.

One of the most potent speeches came from Gabrielle Giffords, the former Democratic congresswoman who was wounded in a 2011 shooting in her Arizona district.

Giffords, who was shot in the head while out greeting constituents, spoke Thursday about her long road to recovery.

"I learned to walk again, one step at a time. I learned to talk again, one word at a time."

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Gun violence marked Podcast studio lands in Bristol

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a time," said Giffords, who
appeared with her husband,
Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly.

"I almost died, but I fought
for life and I survived,"
Giffords said, thrusting her
arm into the air and drawing
cheers from the crowd.

She praised Vice President
Kamala Harris and endorsed
her.

"Kamala can beat the gun
lobby and can beat gun traf-
ficking," said Giffords, who
opened the Giffords Law
Center to track and analyze
firearm legislation in all 50
states.

Harris, a former pros-
ecutor, has advocated for
more laws to stop gun vio-
lence, including reinstating
a ban on assault weapons.
President Joe Biden in 2023
tapped Harris to lead the
first-ever federal office of
gun violence prevention.

Republican nominee
Donald Trump has posi-
tioned himself directly
against gun-control mea-
sures and downplayed a
ban he instituted on bump
stocks, the attachments that
allow semi-automatic weap-
ons to fire like machine
guns and were used during
the October 2017 shooting
massacre in Las Vegas.

Harris has changed her
position on some gun
issues. Since becoming vice

president, she has backed
away from her previous
support for mandatory gun
buy-back programs. The
policies, which she backed
in 2019 while running in the
Democratic presidential pri-
mary, would force millions
of gun owners to sell their
AR-15s and similar firearms
to the government.

Harris now supports more
moderate proposals such
as universal background
checks on gun sales.

The other survivors and
family members turned
advocates each told their
stories Thursday, at times
becoming emotional.
Democrats in the arena
could be seen wiping their
eyes at one point as a screen
behind the speakers pro-
jected the words, "Freedom
From Gun Violence."

The advocates were led
by Georgia Rep. Lucy
McBath, who became an
activist against gun violence
after her 17-year-old son
was shot in 2012 by a white
man who was angry over
the loud music the Black
teenager and his friends
were playing.

McBath said she was
moved to run for office after
the 2018 shooting mass-
acre at Parkland, Florida's
Marjory Stoneman Douglas
High School, where 17 were
killed.

The Georgia Democrat
won her election, flipping
a House seat long held by
Republicans.

"Our losses do not weak-
en us," McBath said. They
strengthen our resolve."

Abbey Clements, who
was teaching second grade
at the Sandy Hook school in
Newtown, Connecticut when
a gunman in 2012 killed 26
people, 20 of them first grade
children, described the day
and the sounds of more than
150 gunshots ringing out.

"Hiding in the coats, try-
ing to sing with my students,
trying to read to them, try-
ing to drown out the sounds.
Terror. Crying. Running. I
carry that horrific day with
me," Clements said.

As she spoke about the
children and her coworkers
who were killed, Clements'
voice caught as she said,
"They should still be here."

Kimberly Rubio, whose
10-year-old daughter Lexi
was among the 19 children
killed in the 2022 shooting
at Robb Elementary School
in Uvalde, Texas, became
emotional as she described
her daughter, right before she
was killed, with her "smile
that lights up the room."

Other speakers includ-
ed Melody McFadden of
Charleston, South Carolina,
whose mother and niece were
both killed by gun violence.

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getting their business open
and for providing a grant
to assist with renovations.
Laquita Kearney-Gonzales
added that the studio is a
"transformative space,"
which can be decorated for
clients.

"We can curate the space
according to their needs,"
she said. "We can also pro-
vide guidance and technical
assistance on how to use the
equipment."

Laquita Kearney-
Gonzales said that she will
be glad to assist anyone
who is looking to start a
podcast of their own. She
has a podcast, "Emerge and
See," which she does twice
a month. She said that her
son, David, has been talking
about doing a fitness pod-
cast.

Laquita and Dayvon
Kearney-Gonzales also
thanked God and said that
opening their new business
would not be possible with-
out him. The two regularly
attend services at Bridge
Community Church.

"We are family-oriented
and we put God first with
everything that we do," said
Laquita Kearney-Gonzales.
Mayor Jeff Caggiano and
Justin Malley and Dawn

Nielsen from the city's
economic development
department welcomed
Urban Studios along with
the Central Connecticut
Chambers of Commerce on
Friday. They were joined
by Pastor Todd Williams, of
Bridge Community Church,
who blessed the new busi-
ness. Williams asked God
to do good by them just
as they were looking to do
good by the community. He
asked God to fill the space
with peace and joy.

D'Agostino, president
and CEO of the Central
Connecticut Chambers of
Commerce, said that she
always loves to see a new
business downtown.

"Everyone wants to be
featured in a podcast these
days," she said. "It's the
new norm."

Caggiano said that it was
"very cool" to see a studio
like this open in downtown
Bristol.

"Podcasting is what
everyone is interested in
now," he said. "It will be a
cool opportunity to bring in
people from the neighbor-
hood and give them access
to something like this."

For more information on
Urban Studios, call 203-
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Artist showcased at CCSU gallery

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Airport. One of his pic-
es, "Yellow Begonia,"
recently won 3rd prize at
the Hill-Stead Museum

Invitational Show and is
also featured in the New
Britain Museum of Art's
"Nor Easter" juried show.

This exhibition has been
organized by Professor
Priya Green, director of the
Chen Art Gallery, along
with gallery staff Courtney
Silvia and Kathleen
Gauthier, and CCSU stu-
dents Olivia Benson and

Brayton Price from the
ART490 Curatorship class.
All the pieces in this
exhibition are available for
purchase, and the proceeds
will go to the Ceramics,
Sculpture Department at
CCSU. Anyone interested
in buying a piece can con-
tact the artist directly.

The public is invited to
an opening reception on
Sept. 5, from 4 p.m. to 7
p.m. The artist will give a
short talk about his work at
4:30 p.m.

Refreshments and appeti-
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Chen Art Gallery is locat-
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Mayor leads the hunt

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grades K to 1, 2 to 3, 4
to 5 and 6, with the event
beginning at 5 p.m. and
wrapping up around 6:50
p.m. Caggiano said that so
many children participated
this year that they "almost
ran out of pencils."

"It was a beautiful day
and a great way to get kids
and parents in the mood for
going back to school," said

Caggiano. "I love to see
parents and grandparents
come back every year and
really get engaged with this
event."

Caggiano added that, for
the past few years, he has
helped push the wheelchair
of a child with cerebral palsy,
whom he said laughed with
joy picking up the pencils.

"It was very nice to see,"
he said.

*"I love to see
parents and
grandparents
come back every
year and really
get engaged with
this event."*

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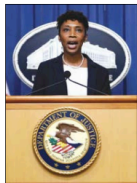
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Vanessa Roberts Avery

Farmington accountant admits filing false tax returns

A Farmington accountant waived his right to be indicted and pleaded guilty to filing false tax returns Friday, said Vanessa Roberts Avery, U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Harry T. Chavis, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation in New England.

Mark Legowski, 60, of Farmington, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Kari A. Dooley in Bridgeport to filing false tax returns.

According to court documents and statements made in court, from January 2015 through December 2017, Legowski was a self-employed accountant and tax return preparer doing business as Legowski & Company, Inc. ("LCT") in Farmington. Legowski prepared income tax returns for approximately 400 to

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Healthy juice bar opens in city

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BRISTOL — City and Chamber leaders on Wednesday welcomed Divine Health Juice Bar LLC, which offers "healthy, all-natural, vegan options" to the city.

Divine Health Juice Bar, which is located at 724 Farmington Ave., is owned by Damion Newton, who also has a location in

Waterbury that he opened five years ago. Newton said he has been living a healthy lifestyle for 24 years and wishes to give the community a chance to experience the foods which have made a positive impact on him.

Divine Health LLC offers juices, smoothies, shakes including protein shakes, salads and fruit bowls.

"Our drinks are all made with all-natural fruits and vegetables," said Newton.

He said that he has received a lot of positive feedback and a strong turnout since his soft opening on July 22.

"People tell me 'it's fire,'" he said. "It brings a lot of smiles to their faces. We create a happy, welcoming environment for everyone who comes through the door. People have been coming non-stop, like it's not going to

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City and Chamber leaders and owner Damion Newton cut the ribbon on Divine Health Juice Bar's new Bristol location.

She's All Heart



Mayor Jeff Caggiano and Dawn Nielsen, marketing and public relations specialist with the City of Bristol, present Suzanne Zimmerman with the All Heart Award honoring her service Wednesday at Ingraham Manor.

City Army veteran Zimmerman gets honor

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BRISTOL — Bristol U.S. Army veteran Suzanne Zimmerman was paid a visit by the Memorial Military Museum and City Leaders Wednesday at Ingraham Manor. She was presented with an All Heart Award for her service in West Germany during the Cold War.

Carol Denehy, of the Memorial Military Museum at 98 Summer St., said that the "Bristol Women in the Military Committee" had been working with genealogist Cat Schilling to honor local women for their service. Those identified, especially those from World War II, will be the subject of programs at the Memorial Military Museum in 2025.

Zimmerman was the first of these female veterans to be recognized. She was visited by the Memorial Military Museum and city leaders on Wednesday on the 39th anniversary of the day that she left for the Army. The museum organized the gathering.

Zimmerman was presented with an All Heart Award from Mayor Jeff Caggiano and Dawn

Nielsen, city marketing and public relations specialist. Nielsen said she was friends with Zimmerman since they were 5 and throughout their school years. Several family members were also present, including Zimmerman's mother Alice Deschaine and Zimmerman's sister Jackie. Her son Tim and Sandra Brino, Tim's mother in law, attended remotely

via FaceTime.

Tim Zimmerman, 36, now works for the government in cybersecurity. He commented on his mother's service.

"It was probably the highest point in my mom's life in terms of giving back to the American people," he said.

Caggiano congratulated Zimmerman and said he

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Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire, which is an adult correctional facility can no longer place children in isolation according to a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice.

DOJ: No more isolation at Manson Youth Institution

CHESHIRE — The Justice Department announced Friday that it has reached an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Correction addressing conditions for

children at Manson Youth Institution, an adult correctional facility in Cheshire housing children charged in the criminal justice system.

Under the agreement, Manson will eliminate the

use of disciplinary isolation to manage the behavior of children in its custody. It will also implement a comprehensive behavior management program that incentivizes positive

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Army veteran from Bristol served during Cold War and Chernobyl

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was glad that she was being honored.

"We call this our All Heart Award," he said. "We give this out to people in the community that have served the community greatly in any way, whether it is economic development or service to our country. So I am very grateful for your service to our country -- somebody from my neighborhood, my sister's best friend, this makes it even greater."

The award reads: "Presented to Suzanne Zimmerman in recognition of your service and

dedication to our country serving with the 56th Field Brigade Pershing II in West Germany." She was also given an All Heart pin.

"Thank you very much and congratulations from the city," said Caggiano.

According to Schilling, Zimmerman was born in Bristol on Feb. 17, 1965. She attended Ivy Drive, Northeast Middle School and then St. Paul. She entered military service on Aug. 29, 1985 and was relieved from active duty honorably on March 28, 1989.

Zimmerman had a Rank E4 (Specialist SP4) whose

specialty was an MOS: 75B, or administration specialist. She served overseas with the Schwäbisch Gmünd, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. 56th Field Artillery Command, where the Pershing nuclear missiles were stationed.

"The brigade was dismantled starting in the end of 1987 due to the INF Treaty being signed," said Schilling. "The Pershing Missiles were nuclear missiles. She pulled a lot of guard duty due to the fact that they had plenty of protesters. They were not aware that they did not have the actual warheads in

Gmünd, only the missiles, but they certainly made their presence known."

Zimmerman said during a conversation with Denehy that she was not afraid of the protesters on the base.

Schilling also said that Zimmerman was serving in Germany during the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and subsequent fallout. Her family believes that her health issues may have been a result of this exposure. Zimmerman is now retired.

When her son was 4, she was diagnosed with cancer and survived a bone marrow transplant. She experiences

balance and memory issues and has suffered from multiple TIAs (transient ischaemic attack), "mini-strokes" caused by a temporary disruption in the blood supply to part of the brain. Last July, she had a stroke which placed her at Ingham Manor.

Zimmerman's decorations for her service include the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal and Rifle Marksman. She is also a four-time recipient of the Army Achievement Medal.

Child inmate isolation halted at Manson

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behavior and provides a skills-based curriculum to help children regulate their own behaviors. The program will include a daily schedule of age-appropriate, structured activities.

"We know that isolation can cause real harm to children -- increasing risk of depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicide -- because their brains are still developing and they lack adequate coping mechanisms," said

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "Placing a child in an 'adult facility' does not make children any less vulnerable to these risks."

Nationally, more than 2,000 children each year are held in jails and prisons designed for adults, according to Clarke. Too often, adult facilities fail to provide children with the age-appropriate services and care essential to development of the requisite

skills to become healthy and productive adults, including educational and mental health services required by law, she said.

In addition to phasing out disciplinary isolation for children, the agreement requires Manson to conduct thorough mental health assessments and provide appropriate treatment for children. The agreement also requires Manson to provide adequate special education services for children with disabili-

ties, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

"We commend the Connecticut Department of Correction for its commitment to eliminate harmful disciplinary isolation practices and adopt age-appropriate treatment and services for children at Manson," said U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery for the District of Connecticut. "We look forward to our ongoing collaboration as the Connecticut

Department of Correction implements these reforms."

The agreement resolves the department's investigation of Manson under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. In December 2021, the department notified Manson that there is reasonable cause to believe that conditions for children at Manson violate the Eighth and 14th Amendments and IDEA.

Juice bar now open in Bristol

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be open again."

Newton said that, in the coming months, customers can look forward to seeing more specials and coupon deals.

Mayor Jeff Caggiano said in a video interview with Newton that many people

in Bristol had been asking for more vegan options. He came to congratulate Newton along with members of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, the city's economic development staff and city Councilor Sue Tyler.

"If you haven't tried it

yet, you need to add Divine Health Juice Bar LLC to your list of places to try here in Bristol," said Caggiano. Congratulations to owner Damon and his staff on the opening of their new business here in Bristol. It was an honor to be part of today's ribbon-cutting celebration."

Guilty plea made in tax case

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500 individual clients and approximately 50 to 60 businesses. For the 2015 through 2017 tax years, in order to reduce his personal income tax liability, Legowski willfully underreported LCI's gross receipts in LCI's computer bookkeeping system by excluding some customer payment checks. He then filed

false personal income tax returns that failed to report a total of more than \$1.4 million in business income, which resulted in a loss to the IRS of \$499,289.

For example, on his 2017 income tax return, Legowski reported taxable income of \$56,060 and a tax liability of \$6,070, and failed to report an additional \$496,808 in business income, which

resulted in an income tax deficiency of \$178,581.

Dooley scheduled sentencing for November 25, at which time Legowski faces a maximum term of imprisonment of three years. Legowski also has agreed to cooperate with the IRS to pay \$499,289 in back taxes, as well as penalties and interest.

Legowski is released on a \$50,000 bond pending sentencing.

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BUSINESSES



Investing In Bristol

Helping Advance Your Business Goals

The Economic and Community Development department for the City of Bristol serves as a friendly resource to help businesses invest and expand.



ABOUT BRISTOL

Bristol enjoys the important advantages of a central location close to several major metropolitan markets: New York and Boston each lie within 100 miles of Bristol, Hartford is 16 miles away, and New Haven is 25 miles south. Connecticut’s Interstate 84 is less than five miles south of Bristol off CT Route 229. CT Route 72 through Bristol connects Interstate 84 with Interstate 91, providing access to Fairfield County, New Haven County, and New York City to the south; Hartford County to the east; and Springfield to the north. Pratt and Whitney, General Dynamics Electric Boat, Sikorsky, and other major manufacturers are a short car ride away.



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TOP INDUSTRIES*

INFORMATION

Employment 4,600
Share of Industry 58%



HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Employment 4,572
Share of Industry 49%



MANUFACTURING

Employment 3,154
Share of Industry 28%



RETAIL TRADE

Employment 2,827
Share of Industry 28%



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Employment 1,898
Share of Industry 55%



TOTAL JOBS ALL INDUSTRIES
25,361

TOTAL ACTIVE BUSINESSES:

3,824*

KEY EMPLOYERS

(Data from Municipalities, 2024)

- 1 ESPN, Inc.
- 2 Bristol Health
- 3 Amazon
- 4 Arthur G. Russell Co.
- 5 Bauer Aerospace



Current Population*
61,052



Total Active Businesses*
3,824



Median Age*
38



Median Home Value*
\$235,700

*Source: 2024 Bristol, Connecticut Town Profile – AdvanceCT.com and CTData.com

AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

For more information about any of the below incentives along with application requirements for each, contact **Justin Malley**, Executive Director of Economic & Community Development: justinmalley@bristolct.gov | 860-584-6187 or visit the Bristol All Heart website: bristolallheart.com/incentives to learn how to apply.

LOAN PROGRAMS

FORGIVABLE REVOLVING LOAN FUND: For small business growth to help create/retain jobs and to stimulate commercial property improvements. For businesses looking to relocate to Bristol or for existing Bristol businesses.

Visit bristolallheart.com/incentives to download the guidelines and to begin the pre-qualification process.



TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAMS

TAX ABATEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE: To attract redevelopment, renewed investment, and job opportunities to the downtown area.

URBAN JOBS PROGRAM: A five-year 80% tax abatement program for manufacturers and distributors with similar eligibility requirements and benefits as the Enterprise Zone.

BIOSCIENCE ENTERPRISE CORRIDOR ZONE: For eligible businesses engaged in bioscience, biotechnology, pharmaceutical or photonics research, development or production with no more than 300 employees at any time during the preceding 12 months.

TAX INCREMENT FININCING (TIF): Tax increment financing (TIF) is an economic development tool used to incentivize private development, public infrastructure design/ construction, and more.



IMPACT ON BRISTOL BUSINESSES

To read testimonials and view videos on how these incentives have helped Bristol businesses achieve success, visit the **FOR BUSINESSES** page of the Bristol All Heart website: bristolallheart.com and click on the "Made in Bristol" tab.



Economic Development/Marketing/Grants/CDBG Report

September 2024

Downtown/West End Updates

- Centre Square:
 - Wheeler Health has opened its headquarters on Hope Street. Approximately 160 employees are currently based in the building, with over 100 visitors each day.
 - Carrier anticipates receiving a Certificate of Occupancy for Phase I Centre Square Village on October 1. Construction of “Phase II” to begin in late 2024.
 - Hope Street Parking Garage construction is expected to be complete in early 2025.
 - Streetscape construction for North Main Street (in front of Centre Square Village, McDonalds, and former Dunkin) is ongoing.
 - The final parcel available for development must temporarily be used for parking during the Hope Street Garage construction.
- Golden Years is preparing to open on Main Street in September 2024. The building at 118 Main Street will serve as headquarters for Golden Years’ home healthcare operation, adult daycare, and a small café that will provide food for the agency’s programs as well as take-away options for retail.
- Staff are working with Ironhorse Pub as it prepares to open at 150 Main Street this fall.
- Staff are working with the owner of Ventanas, a new Caribbean restaurant opening at the former Better Half Brewing space on North Main Street in early fall.
- Staff anticipate a small pizza shop opening in the former Armed Services location that fronts Laurel Street although a timeline is unknown at this time.
- An update on the J.H. Sessions project will be provided at the September ECD Board meeting.
- Design for the Route 72 Streetscape is ongoing. To review, the first construction work will take place on Park Street in 2025 and on Riverside Avenue in 2026
- The Mum Festival is back downtown! Experience the excitement Sept. 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Development Outside Downtown

- Industrial Update:
 - FORCE Automation and Hexi Corp. are working on details for their projects on Lot #3 and Lot #6, respectively.
 - Staff continue to work with potential suitors for the half-completed building on Lot #2 that is for sale.
 - A small, family-owned manufacturer from a nearby community is set to lease approximately 30,000 square feet at 780 James P. Casey Road.
 - After years of discussions, a small manufacturer from a nearby community is set to purchase 492 Birch Street. More to come.
- Route 6:
 - Divine Health, a fresh juice/smooth bar, is open at 724 Farmington Ave. next to Benjamin Moore paint.

- Urban Studios is open on North Main Street. Urban Studios is a locally owned podcast and photography studio.
- Ocean State Job Lot has purchased the former Walmart Neighborhood Grocery at 325 Oakland Street.
- A potential Asian food buffet style restaurant is opening in the Market32 plaza. More to come soon.
- GF Fitness has opened for business at 1379 Farmington Ave.
- A Wing Stop location is planned for a retail space adjacent to Hobby Lobby.
- Construction on the ProHealth/car wash/fast casual restaurant project on Route 6 is well underway.
- ECD staff are working with the owner of an Indian Grocery Store that will occupy the former Eblens space.
- Both gas stations are back under construction
- Jimmy's on the River is quickly recovering from the flatbed truck driving into the building and may reopen the week of Sept. 1.
- Staff continue to work with CTtransit to maximize bus service in Bristol while potentially opening up development opportunities on CTDOT-owned properties.
- RecycleX is a bottle and can redemption facility preparing to open on Wooster Court. RecycleX is partnering with Clynk, a company that will provide several bottle/can redemption locations in the area. Customers use a special bag to drop off at the redemption locations connected to user accounts. More information to come.

Business Incentives

Small Business Micro Grants

- ForkPlusBand Slingshot: Assisting with a renovation cost for 99 Main Street.
- Urban Collab Studios: Assisted with a renovation including lighting and soundproofing for a new podcasting studio.
- Pine Street Package Store: ECD is assisting with a Small Business Grant application to help with the cost of new signage infrastructure and fence.

State of CT Urban Jobs Tax Abatement for Manufacturers

- G&M Woodworking: This small manufacturing business is new to Bristol, with a new lease at 210 Redstone Hill Road. G&M is applying for tax assistance via the State-sponsored "Urban Jobs" tax abatement program.
- Bauer Inc.: Assisting on an application for tax relief on Bauer's large addition that opened Nov. 2022.

Downtown/West End/Forestville Façade Program

- ECD staff will present a recent grant approval for a group of buildings at 350 Riverside Ave.
- Positano Plumbing has completed its façade project.
- Future projects include Ironhorse Pub, Smith Cycles on Riverside Ave., and more.
- We will directly market this project to Forestville Center property owners this fall.

Forgivable Revolving Loan

- A report will be provided for the September ECD board meeting. Two loans are closed with several loans in process.

Marketing

Marketing and Public Relations Initiatives:

1) New Business Openings:

- A ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony was held on August 23rd for **Urban Studios** and August 29th for **Divine Health Juice Bar**

Upcoming for September:

- A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for two homes on Gridley Street on Wednesday, September 25th.
- 2) A New Business brochure has been developed to highlight business incentives, local resources, and other ways in which the Economic & Community Development department can assist new and existing businesses to thrive and succeed here in Bristol. This new brochure mimics the recent update of the Visitor's Guide and the newly-updated Bristol All Heart website and will be used as a hand out when Justin and/or the Mayor visit existing or new businesses to make them aware of what the City can do to assist them. See draft layout in Communications.
 - 3) Dawn N. will be representing the City of Bristol as a Board member of the Western CT Tourism District to promote the All Heart City at the Big E on Thursday, September 26th in the Connecticut Building along with The Bristol Bazaar who has been invited to showcase their vendors' products throughout the duration of the Big E from September 13th through September 29th.
 - 4) A video is being developed to create a "clearing house" to showcase the many transformational ARPA projects that were funded by the City's ARPA application process. This video will be posted to social media channels as well as both the City's website and the Bristol All Heart website to make the community aware of how the City spent their ARPA dollar allocation.

Grants Administration

Grants *still* Pending:

- Cybersecurity grant funded by the Connecticut DEMHS.
- EPA dollars via NVCOG for Brownfields Assessment grant -- 43 East Main Street
- 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA.
- DEEP Recreation and Legacy Parks program – grant to update Rockwell Park.

CDBG Program Highlights

- CDBG Year 49 – CAPER due to HUD in the fall.
- CDBG Year 50 – Annual Action Plan verbally approved, waiting for official letter.
- 5-Year Consolidated Plan – Development of goals to begin in September.
- 2024 NAA Approved Program Proposals have been announced (see the following list):

Bristol

2024 Approved Neighborhood Assistance Act Programs

Organization	Program Title	Credit Percentage	Amount Requested
Bristol Boys & Girls Club Association, Inc.	Pioneering Sustainability for Tomorrow	100%	\$96,300
Bristol Historical Society	BHS Energy Conservation	100%	\$150,000
Greater Bristol Homes Co.	West End Phase I	100%	\$150,000
Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc.	Lake Avenue Family Center Energy Remodel	100%	\$75,000
New England Carousel Museum, Inc.	Carousel Museum Energy Conservation Upgrades	100%	\$150,000
Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra	Concert Series and Educational Children's Concerts	60%	\$64,460
Prudence Crandall Center, Inc.	Annual Appeal	60%	\$150,000
Prudence Crandall Center, Inc.	Energy Conservation	100%	\$42,060
Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center, Inc.	Telecommunications/Intranet/Safety and Security	60%	\$75,000
The Family Center, Inc.	Imagining Healthy Futures	100%	\$100,468
United Way of West Central Connecticut, Inc.	Neighbors in Need	60%	\$125,000

City of Bristol
Façade Improvement Program
APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all items carefully. **Construction work started before project approval by the Economic & Community Development Board is not eligible for reimbursement.** Return completed application with all required documentation to andrewarmstrong@bristolct.gov. If you have any questions regarding this application, call Andrew Armstrong at 860-584-6185.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION – Specify the contact person and address to which the façade improvement correspondence should be sent:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Primary contact person:

Telephone: Email:

Are you a: ☒ Landlord ☐ Owner/Occupant ☐ Tenant

Is applicant: ☐ Corporation ☐ Sole Proprietor Business

☒ Partnership ☐ Non-Profit Organization

2. PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address of subject property:

Date building was constructed:

Number of floors: Total square footage:

Business tenants, uses and size/square footage (attach additional sheet if needed):

Tenant Name

Type of Business

Size/square footage

3. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

Building owner's name if different from applicant:

Building owner's mailing address if different from applicant:

Building owner's telephone:

Email:

4. RENOVATION PROJECT INFORMATION – Please provide a detailed description of the proposed renovation. Identify each component or category such as carpentry, painting, masonry, awning, signage, lighting, architectural services, etc. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

We would like to repair the holes in the side of the concrete and caulk all of the cracks.
Removed peeling paint so new paint will not peel after being painted
Sand rusted garage doors and doors and Prime the doors.
Paint the building grey and paint the window trims black. The building is 3 different colors at right now.
Color samples attached.
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Estimated renovation cost:

Proposed start date: Expected completion date:

5. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:** Please provide this information with your application. The Economic & Community Development Board will review only those application packages that are complete. (Checklist)

- 1. If you are a tenant, a letter from the landlord/property owner approving the proposed renovation work.
- 2. Provide drawings/specifications for the improvement.
- 3. Sign design and specifications, if applicable.
- 4. Awning design and specifications, if applicable, including a fabric/color sample. Two copies needed.
- 5. Painting plan, if applicable, and paint color samples. Two copies needed.
- 6. Provide a current photograph showing the front, side and rear facades of the building.

The undersigned applicant(s) affirms that:

- A . All information submitted in this application, and all documentation furnished in its support, is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.
- B. I (we) agree to secure all applicable local and state permits and approvals prior to commencing this renovation project.
- C. I (we) have read and understand the Project Description for the Façade Improvement Program. I (we) agree to abide by all program conditions and rules.
- D. I (we) agree to abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations including Equal Employment Opportunity and non-discrimination regulations.
- E. To the best of my (our) knowledge, the building proposed for improvement is not in violation of any zoning or building codes and the property taxes are fully paid.

Signature of Applicant(s)



Date: 8/5/2024

Date:

Signature of Building Owner (if different from Applicant)

Date:

City of Bristol Use Only

General Contractor for Project _____

Amount \$ _____

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**CITY OF BRISTOL
BOARD OF FINANCE AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

To: Board of Finance Commissioners

From: Economic & Community Development
(Requesting Department)

Date: September 6, 2024
(Submission Date)

For the: Board of Finance Meeting Agenda
September 24, 2024
(Date of Meeting)

This request is for:
(Please check the type of request and list in whole dollar amounts)

- ☐ Additional Appropriation \$ _____
- ☐ Transfer from Contingency \$ _____
- ☒ Transfer(s) \$ 82,348.33 _____
- ☐ Grant \$ _____
- ☐ Carry-over(s) \$ _____
- ☐ Other \$ _____

Approval:

This request was approved by the Economic and Community Development Board at its Regular Meeting held on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

(Department Head's signature)

(Date)

All requests to appear on the Board of Finance meeting agenda for consideration must be submitted to Jodi McGrane in the Comptroller's Office by 10:00 a.m. Monday of the preceding week of the meeting. Board of Finance Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Board of Finance Agenda Request Form

Reason for request:

The purpose of this transfer is to replenish the popular Façade Improvement Grant Program account.

Transfer(s) complete the following:

From:	Economic Dev. Expenses 1044109-589300	To:	Façade Improvement Grant Program 1044109-589335	Amount:	\$75,000.00
From:	Development Grant – Ctr. Sq. 1044109-589320	To:	Façade Improvement Grant Program 1044109-589335	Amount:	\$7,348.33
From:		To:		Amount:	
From:		To:		Amount:	
From:		To:		Amount:	

Grants:

Total Amount: Grant \$_____

City Share \$_____ %_____

Federal/State Share \$_____ %_____

Carry-overs list the following:

Account	Account Name	Amount



ARPA OBJECTIVES

BristolWORKS! is a collaborative workforce development training center providing individuals with foundational skills, certifications, and employability skills to pathway to advanced training programs and/or obtain employment.

Objective: To provide secure based training programs for unemployed or underemployed residents of Bristol.

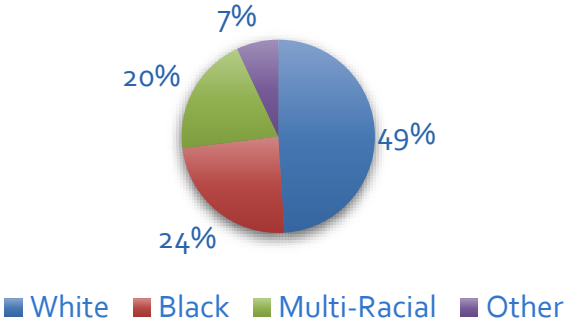
- Create four training programs that meet the identified needs of the greater Bristol business community. Currently those needs are Manufacturing, Information Technology, Early Childhood Education, and Healthcare.
- Design specific training for each sector in conjunction with area employers.
- Develop and implement Employability Skills training for all applicants.

Timeline: Each program will have a different timeline based on specific industry programs.

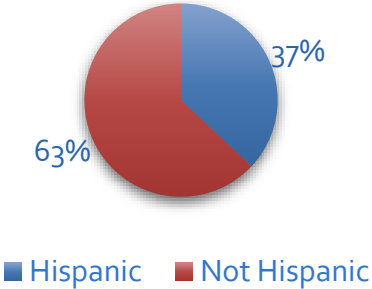
- Manufacturing - 9-12 month program - Nationally-recognized credential through MSSC
- Healthcare - 15-week Medical Terminology & Occupations class - pathways to CT State
- Early Childhood Education: 8-week program - Employment and/or advanced training in ECE
- Information Technology - 24-hour program that prepares participants for the digital workforce and/or advanced training in IT

OUR PARTICIPANTS

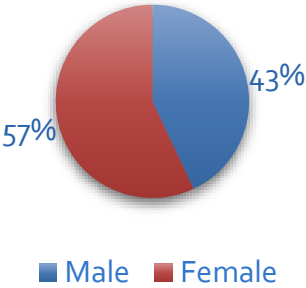
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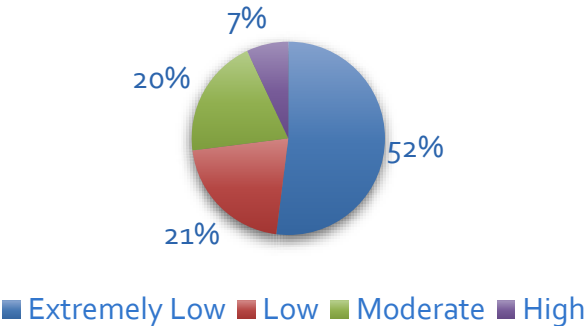
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Gender



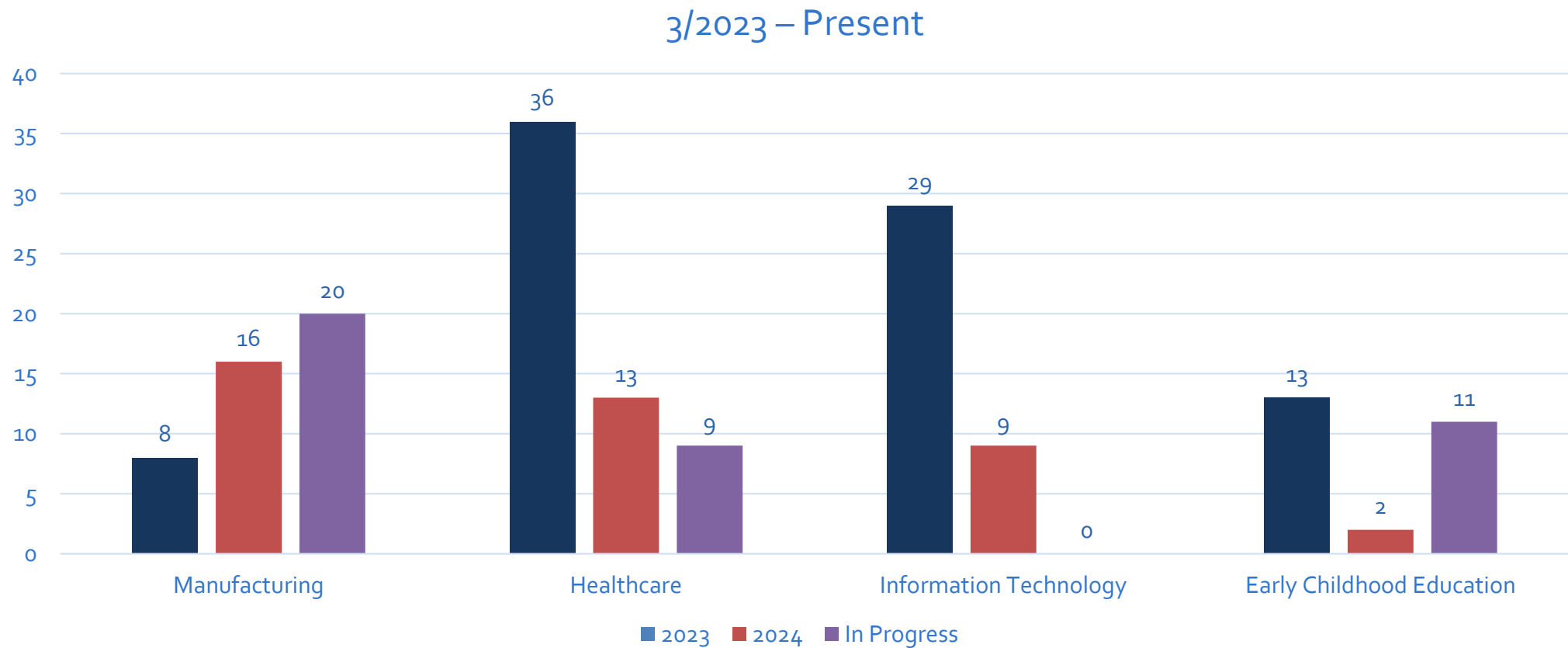
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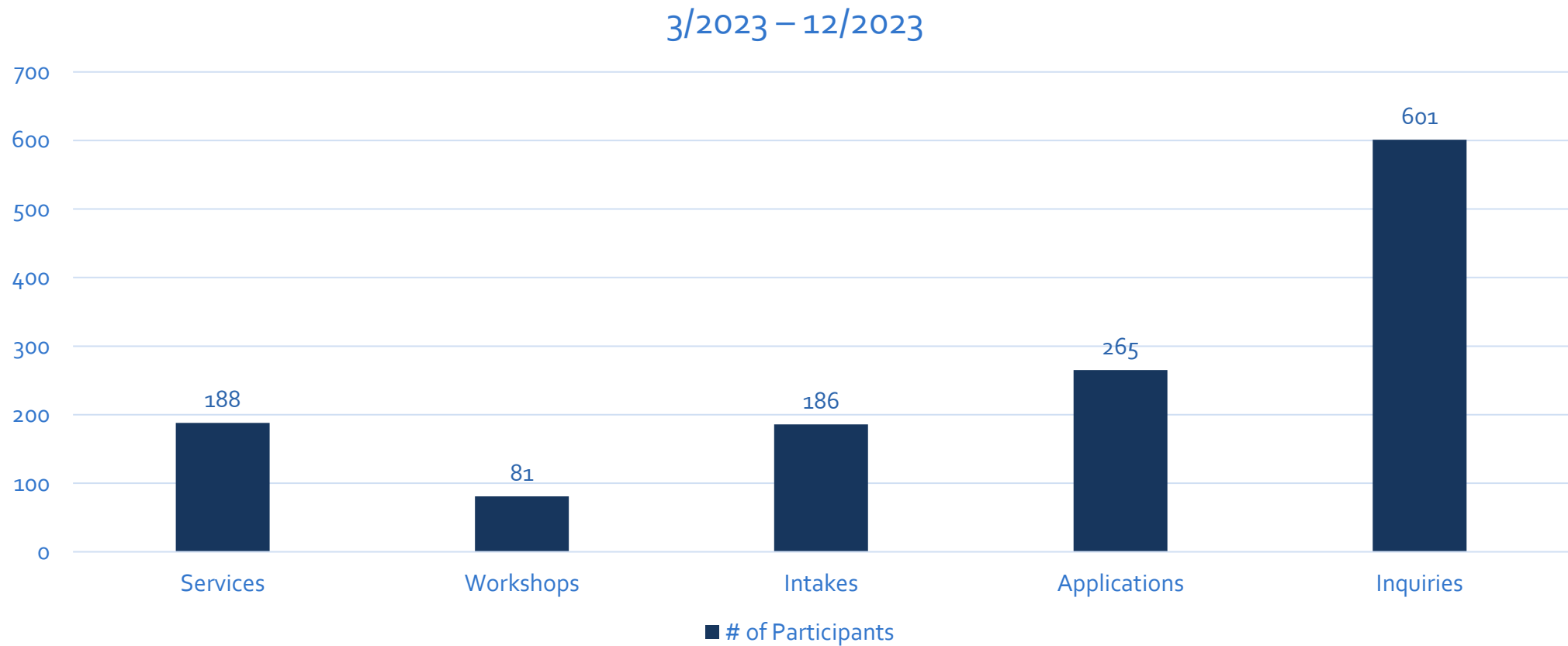
Income categories are defined by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program guidelines.

CDBG – Final Reporting
7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024

TRAINING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



OUR SERVICE PARTICIPANTS



EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES

Employability
Skills

Soft Skills

Resume Writing
Support

Interviewing
Skills

Communication
Skills

Job Application
Support

Shadowing,
Internships

Agency
Referrals

Leadership

Mock Interviews

Difficult
Conversations

Re-Entry Job
Strategies

Get a Job, Keep
the Job

Networking

Teamwork

2023 PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES HEALTHCARE

Medical Terminology & Occupations

Total Cohorts	Total Participants	Participants Responsive to Outreach	Participants Employed	Participants Employed in Healthcare	Participants Pursuing Further Healthcare Training
3	36	31	20	11	16

Healthcare positions include: Certified Nurse Assistant, Patient Care Assistant, Dietary Aide, Patient Access Representative, Direct Support Professional, Companion, Registration Technician, and Caretaker

Training programs include: Certified Nurse Assistant, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, EMT, Pharmacy Technician

Schools include: CT State - Tunxis, Academy of Medical Training, Lincoln Technical Institute, and Porter and Chester Institute.

2023 PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES MANUFACTURING

MSSC Certified Production Technician – CPT 4.0

Total Cohorts	Total Participants	Participants Responsive to Outreach	Participants Employed	Participants Employed in Manufacturing	Participants Pursuing Further Manufacturing Training
1	8	8	7	7	n/a

Manufacturing positions include: Quality Control Technician, Quality Assurance Trainee, Tool Setter, Quality Control Inspector, Assembler, and Integration Technician.

2023 PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education (Child Development Associate) - CDA

Total Cohorts	Total Participants	Participants Responsive to Outreach	Participants Employed	Participants Employed in Early Childhood	Participants Pursuing Further Early Childhood Training
1	13	13	11	10	5

ECE Facilities include: Bristol Child Development Center, Whiz Kids, Imagine Nation Learning Center, Immanuel Lutheran, Bristol Head Start (HRA), YMCA New Britain

2023 PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

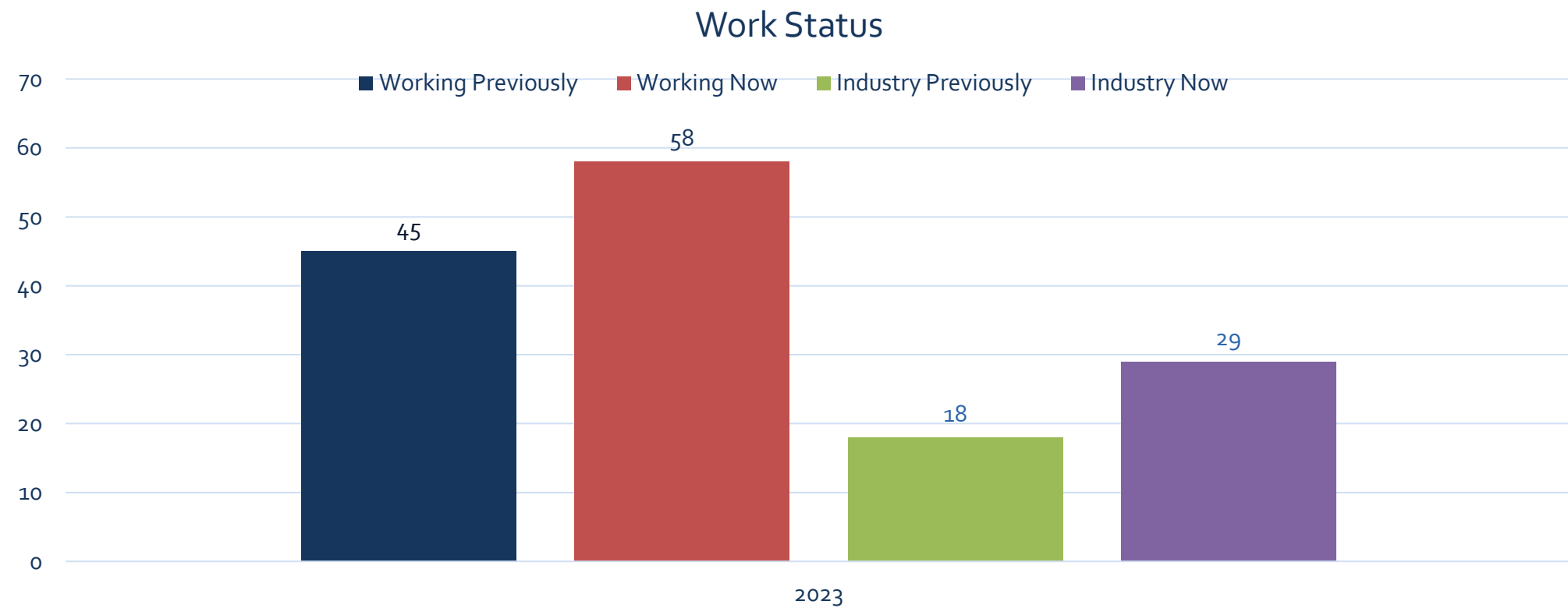
IT Basics

Total Cohorts	Total Participants	Participants Responsive to Outreach	Participants Employed	Participants Employed in Information Technology	Participants Pursuing Further IT Training
4	29	27	18	1	9

IT position attained: Resident Technical Support Specialist

Training programs pursued include: Bachelor's in computer science from Central Connecticut State University, Bachelor's in Computer Science from Herkimer College, and BristolWORKS! Advanced IT Training: Test Out PC Pro.

EMPLOYABILITY DATA – TRAINING PARTICIPANTS



WHO'S HIRING OUR



PARTICIPANTS?



WORKFORCE SUCCESSES

Healthcare Successes:

Husband and wife moved to Bristol from Texas to help their daughter who has two kids and was due with her third baby. Husband, wife, and daughter were not working. They all enrolled in the BristolWORKS! Healthcare Classes and we worked with them to make sure they attended different sessions so there was always someone to watch the children. All three finished the Medical Terminology Healthcare program but before the program ended, the husband and wife were hired by BARC. The daughter was hired just recently at CT Children's Hospital. The husband is now enrolled in advanced training.

Isabelle landed a job with Companions & Homemakers.

James, Monica, and Taneisha were employed almost immediately at BARC.

Stefany is now thriving as a General Support Associate in the OR at Bristol Hospital.

Kelly landed a great position with Hartford Healthcare!

Lainey is now employed at Bristol Hospital as an ER Registration Technician.



WORKFORCE SUCCESSES

Manufacturing Successes:

Manuel and his daughter, Ashley, enrolled at BristolWORKS!. Manuel worked in manufacturing for years but not getting pay increases. Daughter was high school graduate, unemployed, and unsure about college. Father is almost done with BristolWORKS! Manufacturing Program. He just took a higher-paid position at a different manufacturer who is paying him more due to his manufacturing certifications. Daughter finished the BristolWORKS! Manufacturing Program, acquired a job at a local manufacturer, is being groomed for a higher position at that company, and has enrolled at CCSU for the fall in engineering. Brother was high school graduate, unemployed, and unsure of future. Joined BristolWORKS! and is now working at same manufacturer as his sister and attending our Manufacturing Program.

Bobby is a single mother of two boys, receives housing through Bristol Housing Authority and was working at Dollar General. She enrolled in our Manufacturing Program, is almost finished with her program, visited Lee Spring for a day through our connections, and was hired. She continues to do well, and her ultimate goal is to move her children out of public housing.

Jason worked for many years at ESPN but had recently been laid off. Unsure of what to do but knowing that he needed a job, Jason enrolled at BristolWORKS! in our Manufacturing Program. Within a couple weeks, Jason found a great position working in a field he loved. Jason is completing his program this month and hopes to stay with this company for years.

Hunter was a high school graduate, taking community college classes, but unsure of what he wanted to do next. Hunter enrolled in our program, received his CPT 4.0 certification, and gained employment at Acme Monaco where he works as a Quality Inspector.

WORKFORCE SUCCESSES

Early Childhood Education Successes:

A number of our ECE participants were working in the ECE field; however, in many cases, they needed additional credits and training to be able to promote or get pay increases. While each program has their own salary scale, our local partner programs have increased their staff's pay when they completed certain stepping stones, like the class completion, CDA attainment, credits, associates, bachelors, etc. These increase range from \$0.50 - \$1.00 per hour.

Our program is supporting our partners as state-funded programs must have what's called a Qualified Staff Member (QSM) assigned to every classroom. Our pathway to the CDA credential is a starting point that helps move teachers up the education and career ladder.

IT Successes:

Our IT program provides our participants with IT basics and prepares them for the 2024 digital workforce, as well as pathways them to a career in Information Technology. One of our participants was unsure of what to do after high school. He took our IT program and then decided to attend a four-year college in NY for Information Technology. Additionally, we have approximately 8 participants who are currently preparing to take the CompTIA A+ exam which is a credential that is highly recognized in the IT field and one that can potentially open employment doors into the IT field.

SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

- Academy of Medical Training
- Acme Monaco
- AI Staffing
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Job Center
- Athena Healthcare Systems
- Atlantic Precision Spring, Inc.
- Baumer Ltd.
- Bristol Adult Education
- Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC)
- Bristol Child Development Center
- Bristol Early Childhood Alliance & School Readiness Council
- Bristol Health
- Bristol Housing Authority
- Bristol Public Schools
- CCARC
- Central CT Chambers of Commerce
- City of Bristol
- Clark Dietrich
- COCC
- Collinville Bank
- Connex Markets
- Connstep
- Conntac EOC
- CT Center for Nursing Workforce, Inc.
- CT Small Business Development Ctr.
- CT Spring and Stamping
- CT State - Tunxis
- CT Wealth Management Company
- CTC Tools
- DACRUZ Mfg.
- Diabetes with Dave Oliver
- ebm-papst
- Farmington Continuing Education
- Farmington High School
- Hartford Courant Media Group
- Home Instead
- Hospital for Special Care
- Hypertherm Ventures
- Imagine Nation
- Immanuel Lutheran School
- Kelly Services
- KindCare
- LAB Security Systems
- Lee Spring
- Life Family Chiropractic
- Lighthouse Professional
- Little Scholars Learning Academy
- M.R. Homecare
- M & T Bank
- MaidOrganic
- Main Street Community Foundation
- Minuteman Press - Hartford
- NESMA
- NW Regional Workforce Investment Board
- ReadyCT
- Reed & Stefanow Machine Tool Co. Inc.
- Susee Biz Solution, LLC
- Talem Home Care
- The Arthur G Russell Company (AGR)
- The Boyer Group, LLC
- The Pines at Bristol
- Thomaston Savings Bank
- Torrington Savings Bank
- Trumpf
- Ultimate Wireforms
- United Way of West Central CT
- Whiz Kids
- Wholeness Acupuncture Center
- YMCA – New Britain

and many more.....





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