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### ALL HEART PARKS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD SEEKS NOMINATIONS

Bristol, CT – [January 18, 2024] – The City of Bristol is seeking nominations for it's the *2024 All Heart Parks Advocate of the Year Award*. Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, the Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services (BPRYCS), and the Board of Park Commissioners will be recognizing a volunteer in the community that has made significant contributions to improving the quality of the Bristol park system.

“This award program is designed to recognize exemplary contributors that have really gone above and beyond to make a significant positive impact on the park system,” explained Josh Medeiros, Superintendent of Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services. “Through the years so many community members have donated, volunteered their time, and contributed to making the Bristol park system one of the best in the state”.

Community members are encouraged to nominate individuals who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to parks and recreation in the form of land, money, services, equipment, in-kind labor or other relevant forms of donation or assistance rendered. While active commissioners and current elected city officials do not qualify, past commissioners and city officials may be considered. Applications are open through March 29, 2024 and those interested in applying for or submitting a nomination for the award can access the form at [www.BristolRec.com](http://www.BristolRec.com).

Community Engagement Coordinator, Erica Benoit remarked “Whether it be stewardship, advocacy, leading programs, championing new projects, and/or other kinds of volunteerism – we want to know and we want to celebrate and honor those contributions! I’m really looking forward to shining a spotlight on the remarkable community members who dedicate their time, energy, and talents to making a difference and strengthening the fabric of the Bristol community.”

The award recipient will be honored at the 3rd Annual Dinner on the Diamond Fundraiser on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Muzzy Field. Individual and couple tickets for Dinner on the Diamond are open to the public at [www.BristolRec.com](http://www.BristolRec.com) and provide a rare view from the playing field with tables set up on the infield. Each table will seat eight people and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, with tickets starting at \$125 for individuals and couple tickets priced at \$250. Attire is business casual/cocktail and guests are encouraged to use caution if planning to wear heels.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and more information on Dinner on the Diamond is available at [www.BristolRec.com](http://www.BristolRec.com). For table and sponsorship inquiries, or to reserve a table, please contact [ericabenoit@bristolct.gov](mailto:ericabenoit@bristolct.gov).

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**Photos and Graphic Attached:**



*Photos from last year's Dinner on the Diamond Fundraiser and the 2023 All Heart Parks Advocate of the Year Award recipient, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu.*

**About the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services**

It is the mission of the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) to deliver high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community's quality of life, meet the diverse needs of all citizens, and build a sustainable future.

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