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Bristol, CT, June 19, 2006 - In a prepared release, Mayor William T. Stortz announced the reopening of the newly renovated Brackett Park on School Street will take place on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 5:30 pm. A flag-raising ceremony will be the highlight of the event. "Brackett Park has never had a flag pole and the one installed will be a very nice final touch to the renovations," said Stortz.

In addition, a full-size, regulation basketball court with glass backboards has been installed. Gateway entry points from North Main and School Street with a lamp lit path and a gazebo add an inviting look to the park. A newly designed, fenced-in playground gives ample room for children to enjoy outdoor recreation and for the more relaxed activities, two chess and checker tables have been installed.

The design by Milone and MacBroom Architects utilizes the most out of the two-acre area. Carpenter and Companies executed the plan, which began in September 2005.

In 1917, Carlyle Barnes, grandfather to Wallace and Carlyle Barnes of Associated Spring, was quick to recognize the need for a neighborhood playground in the south side area of Bristol because of the heavy population of youngsters. It was the wish of Mr. Barnes to name the park after the Bristol Health Director at that time, Dr. Brackett.

Stortz commented, "Bristol's extensive system of Parks has always been a huge asset to the City. The Park Revitalization Committee, since its inception in February 2005, has committed many hours to the plans for the city parks, while the work being done under the supervision of Ed Swicklas, Park Superintendent and the Park Commissioners will ensure the continuation of safe and well maintained recreation areas for the citizens of Bristol." The public is invited to attend the re-opening ceremonies.

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