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Mayor Reminds Citizens of Safe Summer Swimming and Recreation

Bristol, CT, June 11, 2008— In a prepared release, Mayor Arthur J. Ward stated, “This summer we can anticipate more people taking advantage of municipal recreation services because of the tight economy and cost of travel.” Ward went on to say, “Swimming and other activities are excellent opportunities for family fun, but families need to be aware of the risks and take steps to prevent unnecessary accidents. Whether at a municipal swimming facility, lake or family pool, vigilance is key to keeping people safe near water. Do not rely solely on the lifeguard staff at a public venue, always know where your family members are and that they are practicing water safety.”

Along with the Mayor’s suggestions, Guy Morin of the Bristol Building Department stated that “With the advent of warm weather and the upcoming summer months, the Bristol Building department has begun to receive inquiries and permit applications for home swimming pools.”

Morin points out, “Pool Retailers and stores have begun to advertise inflatable and PVC- framed above ground pools. These ‘portable’ swimming pools range from 24” to 42” deep by 12 or 18 feet in diameter. Any swimming pool having a depth at any point of 48 inches or more will require a Building Permit and some type of ‘barrier’ (fence and self closing gate) enclosing the pool entry ladder which meets the State building code. Morin went on to say, “The ONLY pools that do not require building and electrical permits are those pools that DO NOT have a Filter, and are emptied EVERY NIGHT, and are LESS THAN 48 inches deep.”

If you are looking for the local outdoor or indoor pool hours for this summer, you can call the Dennis Malone Aquatic Center at 584-3837 or the Park Department at 584-6160. If you have internet access, you can go the City of Bristol website at www.ci.bristol.ct.us and click on Park Department. Any questions concerning the construction or set up of swimming pools or hot tubs should be directed to the Bristol Building Department at 860-584-6215.