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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Boxer Square

STAMFORD, Conn. — City officials and local community partners will hold a ceremonial rededication and ribbon cutting for the new and improved "Boxer Square" on Stillwater Avenue at Smith Street. Anthony Pellicci, a local business owner, coined the nickname "Boxer Square" in 1995 after local community members erected the now-iconic boxing sculpture created by local Stamford artist A. D. Richardson. The sculpture depicts the historic final fight between Mohammad Ali and Joe Frasier, known as the "Thrilla in Manila."

The City's Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department secured a Community Connectivity Grant through the State of Connecticut to create a new community space, restore the iconic boxing sculptures, and improve the overall roadway operations while providing new accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians.

WHO: Mayor David Martin, Traffic and Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, Traffic Engineer Garrett Bolella, CTDOT Transportation Planning Director Robert Bell, members of the Board of Representatives, and other community partners.

WHAT: Rededication and Ribbon cutting for the restoration of Boxer Square

WHERE: 96 Stillwater Avenue, Stamford, CT, 06902

WHEN: Monday, September 16th at 12:00 p.m.

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