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## CITY OF NORWICH CONNECTICUT

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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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Plans are under way to reopen City Hall to the Public in accordance with the Governors rules which come into effect on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2021. Department heads will be submitting their plans to Human Resources Director for review on how their departments will comply if social distancing is not possible in their areas.

Meetings attended via conference call or video were weekly Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Board of Directors Meeting, NPU-City Coordination Meeting, Region 4 Emergency Support Plan, Department of Health COVID-19 updates, NCDC Board Meeting and Director Search Committee, and Board of Education Ad Hoc Committee.

To date, in conjunction with Uncas Health, 5343 individuals have been vaccinated at the Senior Center and an additional 34 homebound individuals. There will be a 2 day mobile clinic held at St. Mary Church on 70 Central Avenue on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration of appointments is highly encouraged and can be made by calling 860-679-6547 Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Thank you to UConn Health, FEMA and the Connecticut Department of Health for providing this clinic in our town and to St. Mary Church for welcoming the Norwich community.

The City will be holding a Tax Sale for 31 properties on July 7, 2021. Attorney Adam Cohen of Pullman & Comley will be handling the sales for the City and can be contacted with any questions, comments or payments. Additional Information can be found on the City's website and Facebook page with a link to [www.cttaxsales.com](http://www.cttaxsales.com).

The Public Works Department held a pre-construction meeting with the Nunes Companies, contractor for the Franklin Square Roundabout. The contractor is scheduled to start on May 17<sup>th</sup> and will have 120 days to complete the project. Paving has started on Curtis St. and Wilderness Road and should be completed the first week of May. These streets will be followed by nearly two and one half miles of streets in the Blueberry Hill Rd., Mountain View Dr., and Bayberry Hill Road area. Public Works is now taking reservations for the Group Pavilion at Mohegan Park for dates after May 20<sup>th</sup>.

May is Suicide Prevention month and Norwich Youth and Family Services will be hosting a virtual walk in recognition of the 48,300 people who commit suicide each year. Additional information can be found on YFS webpage.

The Recreation Department's Vacation Camp held in April was at 95% capacity. People are excited to get outside with the City fields being open and sports leagues are playing. Spaulding Pond Beach is scheduled to open on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

A swearing-in-ceremony was held for newly appointed Director of Training and Safety, Mark Waters and newly promoted Fire Lieutenant Adam Griffin. Congratulations to them both.