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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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Meetings attended were with State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee and Board of Directors Meeting, the National League of Cities RISC Trustees Conference sponsored by Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA).

Governor Ned Lamont visited the City on April 21st, and met with Mattern Construction Inc. who was approved for a \$2,000,000 CT Communities Challenge Grant for the former YMCA property at 337 to 355 Main Street that was submitted by Norwich Public Works. Mayor Nystrom, Pro-tempore DeLucia and Alderman Singh also attended to welcome this exciting project to the City that will redevelop the prominent gateway. It will be matched approximately dollar-for-dollar by private and other non-state funding.

Public Works Department has removed over 20 hazardous trees with their new bucket truck including a large tree downtown and have cleaned and inspected over 300 catch basins in the last few weeks. Annual road paving has begun in the downtown at Ferry Street, City Landing, and a portion of Franklin Street.

The Community Development Office received 18 Block Grant application requests totaling \$1,480,157.80 for Program Year 48 which runs from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. Anticipated funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development is \$1,150,769.08. The Community Development Advisory Committee met on April 26<sup>th</sup> to finalize their recommendation for Council approval in June.

Film crews are back in town and Mohegan Park filming a thriller/drama called "How to Live your Best Death". The movie is independently produced by Synthetic Cinema but targeted to show on the Lifetime Network.

I received two press releases from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Norwich Police Department's assistance with the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force for the prosecution and imprisonment of local drug dealers.

Thank you again to David Bishop who refurbished the Welcome/No wake buoy sign in the Norwich Harbor. Mr. Bishop continues to volunteer his painting services to beautify the City.

Congratulations to Ross Blinderman, Nahomi Labajos, Nayelis Martinez, and Rachel McNally, recipients of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Norwich Youth Service Day Awards.