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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments (SECCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Board of Directors and meeting with Fire Chiefs.

The Connecticut Port Authority has approved an additional grant of \$289,490 for the decaying pilings at Brown Park. The approximately \$1 million project with 20 percent city share will replace the public docks and metal ramps in addition to the pilings. Their approval will be forward to the state bond Commission for consideration in October. The Connecticut Port Authority also approved a \$45,000 no-match grant for design improvements along the Heritage Walkway to the bank of the Yantic River.

Youth & Family Services' partnerships with local schools continues to expand. They attended Freshman Orientation at NFA, talking with over 250 families about their programs and services along with 6 other community events in the past month providing information on substance use prevention, and mental health, as well as providing free backpacks and school supplies to hundreds of Norwich families. They have launched a partnership with Otis Library recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month and will have a table at the library with information and activities for adults and youth on mental health & suicide prevention, culminating with a training for community members on how to recognize the signs of suicide and how to support others in obtaining the help they need to prevent suicide.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, who is also the City's Municipal Liaison for the Neighborhood Assistant Program has notified the applicants of the approvals. Corporations can submit pledges to the Department of Revenue Services electronically between September 15th and October 3rd.

Thank you to the Norwich Street Art Collective for the 2 most recent murals at 59 Broadway and 147 Franklin Street. The murals which are privately funded continue to brighten the downtown. The City looks forward to the next work of art.

Public Works Fall Brush Pick Up will take place the weeks of September 19th and September 26th. Information has been posted on the City's Facebook page and Public works website at www.norwichct.org.

The Norwich Rotary will hold its annual Cultural Diversity Celebration on Monday, September 19th from 5 to 8 pm at Brown Park. There will be music, food tastings, entertainment and activities.