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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 NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Board of Directors meeting, State of CT Task Force to Study Indoor Air Quality in School Buildings, participated in a ratings call with Standard & Poors on December 1st for the City's \$9.5 million bond issue which will take place later in December, and staff meeting regarding next round of AARP funding. I also had the pleasure of attending the Connecticut Economic Development Summit which was organized by the state's Development of Economic and Community Development. The standing room only event was attended by hundreds of business leaders and policymakers and focused on the 100,000 job openings in the state that are waiting for people to fill.

There will be a virtual public Informational meeting regarding the pedestrian improvement on Norwich New London Turnpike at 5pm on December 14th. Information has been posted on the City website at www.norwichct.org and on the City's Facebook page. The project spans from Town Street to Rt. 82 and included pedestrian improvements and bicycle lanes.

The Otrobando Avenue culvert repairs have been completed and the road was reopened to traffic on November 30th on schedule.

Norwich Human Services met with Norwich Public Utilities to expand their collaborative fee matching program and are formalizing their client service protocols. These changes will eliminate existing delays in fee payment and will reduce financial burdens for Norwich residents. The Adult & Family Services Division supplied food gift cards to 25 Norwich families to use for Thanksgiving thanks to the Norwich Rotary Club.

Rose City Sr. Center has added 127 new members to the Center from July 1 thru November 2022. The Outreach Administrator and Benefits Counselor have provided over 100 seniors with Medicare open enrollment assistance which started October 15th and runs thru December 7th.

Thank you to John and Bill Post who donated the plaque for employees of the former Norwich Savings Society who served in World War II. The plaque is displayed outside the City Clerk's office thanks to our Norwich Public Works Department.

Thank you to the committee volunteers, and entertainers for the 31st annual *Light Up City Hall*. Brown Park is also decorated again this year and can be viewed on the City website by clicking on the red tree at the top of the page. Thank you to Public Works team who designed and fabricated the metal lighted tree in the downtown roundabout when the cost of buying a tree of lights seemed excessive and the delivery time was questionable.

Norwich Events Organization Light Parade was post-phoned due to weather and will be held on Friday December 9th at 6 pm.