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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, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Board of Directors Meeting, Public Safety, NPU-City Coordination Meeting, and NCDC Board of Directors meeting. Budget Hearings have been scheduled and are posted on the City's website at [www.norwichct.org](http://www.norwichct.org).

The mild winter has allowed the Public Works Department to complete work that normally couldn't be done in February, such as installation of the new playground equipment in Mohegan Park and some significant grade changes to allow for a more level area for the equipment. Public Works also spent some time on headstone repairs in the Yantic Cemetery, repairing or re-setting approximately 40 headstones. The Public Works Tree Crew also utilized the new bucket truck to remove nearly 20 trees in the last month. The trees included those overhanging the Lake Street Park near the soon to be refurbished basketball court. The Public Works Mason Crew repaired a large semi-collapsed stone headwall on a large culvert on White Plains Road.

Human Services Youth, Family, and Recreation Division recently partnered with our local WNBA team, the CT Sun, to provide a unique basketball experience every Saturday at Kelly Middle School. The CT Sun Team representatives and players have also made appearances to run drills, answer questions, and talk with players about sportsmanship, the importance of school, and the dedication that goes into being a professional athlete. Thank you to the dedicated coaches and the CT Sun for making this a special experience.

AARP tax assistance program at the Norwich Senior Center is in progress with over 500 appointments booked to date with only a few spots remaining. Congressman Courtney will be visiting the Sr. Center on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to discuss senior health issues including prescription medications and Medicare. For more information call 860-889-5960.

Human Services' Adult & Family Division has tripled their matching payment plan with NPU. Help is available at 860-823-3778. Please don't wait until the shut-off moratorium ends to get caught up on your utilities.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, the City and local legislators welcomed the Norwich Youth Football League Cheerleaders and Football team to congratulate their respective state, regional and national championships. Congratulations to the participants and their coaches.

Thank you to the United Way, city employees and volunteers who served a record 242 households at their Mobile Pantry in Norwich.