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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting (SCCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT) NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Board of Directors meeting, Norwich Human Services Department wide *Lunch and Learn* and Peruvian Flag Day Event held at City Hall Plaza.

I also attended the groundbreaking at the former YMCA. The City partnered with NCDC to host a groundbreaking for the Mattern Construction project. Many dignitaries, including Congressman Joe Courtney, State of CT DECD Deputy Commissioner Robert Hotaling and our state senator and representatives were in attendance as well as approximately 50 people including downtown stakeholders. The project is a Public-Private Partnership and funding sources are being provided by a DECD Community Challenge grant, Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) EPA brownfield grant and loan funds, the City of Norwich Federal ARPA funds and developer financing.

July tax collections went very smoothly this year. M&T Bank assisted in processing a large volume of mail payments and collected \$7,151,050.50 at their branches out of the City's total of \$40,218,589.75.

The Public Works Department oversaw the construction of the City's first Pickle Ball courts over the last few weeks. The two courts at the Senior Center were just completed.

Work has started on the Uncas Leap Heritage Park. There will be a formal ground breaking on August 10th, at 11:00am. The \$2.8 Million project is funded with ARP funds, and will be complete next summer. Residents and visitors can learn about the site's rich history and enjoy the natural beauty which will include a small venue for performing arts.

The Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Public Hearing will be held on August 15th in room 335 starting at 7:00 pm thanks to the efforts by the Commission on the City Plan (CCP), POCD, and the Planning Department.

Norwich Police hosted the 40th annual National Night Out on August 1st at Brown Park. National Night Out enhances the relationship between law enforcement and neighbors in communities under positive circumstances. Families enjoyed free food, music, activities, and demonstrations along with local civic groups, and City fire and emergency vehicles on site. Thank you to the sponsors and participants.