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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting (SCCOG), NPU-City Coordination Meeting and Uncas Leap Heritage Park Groundbreaking Ceremony.

The Uncas Leap ground breaking was attended by more than 50 people as Mohegan Tribal Elders joined local and state officials for the ceremony. The heritage park celebrates Native American, colonial, and Industrial Revolution history and culture and is expected to be completed next summer. The City's 2.8 million American Rescue Plan funds will be used to preserve the town and Tribal history at this site.

Norwich Human Services has partnered with the Three Rivers College Foundation and awarded \$150,000 of ARP funding to support year-round scholarship funding for Norwich residents, particularly some of the most vulnerable students. They will be able to assist Norwich students with the costs of tuition, fees, books, and laptops. Norwich Youth, Family, and Recreation Division had 15 kids from Uncas Camp participate in the Summer Invention Convention program through camp, and two will be headed to the State Convention in Hartford to present their inventions. Thank you to YFR and sponsors for the City's Backpack Program. Eight hundred backpacks, were filled with supplies and given to the community through various partner agencies.

Norwich Public Works annual road paving work continues with the City's paving Contractor Charles Pasteryak Jr. Inc. Work will continue in the Greenville section of the City, including: Barnes, Lois, Margerie, Sylvester, Tilton, Cooper, Friendship, and Elijah Streets. Over four miles of roads were chip sealed this month, including Brownwood and Dupont Lanes, Gifford St., Greenwich Court, Gulliver Circle, Mathieu St., McClellan Ave., Pleasant St., Reservoir Rd., Vergason Ave., and Wallstone Lane.

The Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) was approved on August 15th. Thank you again to the efforts of the Commission on the City Plan (CCP), POCD, and the Planning Department for their work over the past few years.

Thank you again to our volunteer painter David Bishop. He is currently restoring the City's welcome signs and has completed the first of several. Public Works has reinstalled the first completed one by Backus Hospital.

A Multicultural Festival will be held on August 26th downtown from 1 to 6 pm and will include food, games music, and art.