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## CITY OF NORWICH CONNECTICUT

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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 (SECCOG), NCDL Board of Directors and meeting with Fire Chiefs. I also met with Corporation Council and members of the newly created City's Fair Rent Commission to hand out literature and discuss scheduling. Public Act No. 22-30 required any municipality with populations of 25,000 or more to establish this committee by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Work on the floating docks at Brown Park is scheduled to start September 18<sup>th</sup>, and be completed before the end of the year. The Park will remain open during construction, with a portion of the easterly parking area closed off. Majority of funding is from a grant from the Connecticut Port Authority.

The Armstrong Tennis Courts parking lot construction will begin by the second week of September. The southern portion of the lot will be kept open for the public to use during construction.

On August 23, 2023, the State of CT Historic Preservation Council voted to award a \$20,000 Certified Local Government, Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant (funded by the Historic Preservation Fund of the Department of the Interior, National Park Service) to the City of Norwich. The grant will be used for consulting a qualified architect/engineer team to prepare a condition assessment report for the Dr. Patrick Cassidy House (c.1890) located at 98 Washington Street. The application was a coordinated effort between the Norwich Historical Society, Planning Department and Public Works.

Norwich Human Services' Youth Employment Program had 125 participants across 17 worksites, 13 of which were hired on to continue employment by the work site.

Youth, Family, & Recreations Services reported that there were just under 7,500 patrons at Spaulding Pond beach this summer season which was similar to last years attendance.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, who is also the City's Municipal Liaison for the Neighborhood Assistant Program has notified this year's applicants of their approvals. Norwich had 7 projects totaling \$555,899. Businesses requesting tax credits must electronically submit pledges to the Department of Revenue Services between September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Norwich Rotary will hold its annual Cultural Diversity Celebration on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm at Chelsea Parade. There will be music, food tastings, entertainment and activities.

Attached are the Treasurer's reports for quarters ended March 31<sup>st</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.