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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Board of Directors, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NDCD and Board of Directors meeting. I also met with Emergency Operation staff due to hurricane possibilities. The storm remained out to sea but the City was on alert for wind damage and power outages.

The City has issued the first bill for the 3% tax on gross receipts of cannabis. For the first partial month the tax will be \$5,245.37

The first of several Land Use Trainings was held on September 7, 2023 through the Center of Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) and SCCOG. The State of Connecticut Public Act 21-29 requires 4 hours of training for all land use officials, members, and commissions by January 1, 2024 and every other year thereafter which includes City Council, CCP, IWWC and ZBA members. My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa is tracking participant's hours and informing them of upcoming training sessions to fulfill their credits. The City must report training compliance by March 1, 2024.

The Human Services Divisions were represented in the past month at six back-to-school events and two other Community-wide events, providing resources, information, and school supplies to hundreds of Norwich students and families. Norwich Youth, Family, and Recreation fall activities start this week with over 40+ programs available. They are also holding the Rose City Block Party on September 23rd, 2023 with a rain date of the 24th at 75 Mohegan Road.

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) has received a CTDOT grant to conduct a Corridor Study of downtown Norwich. The study goals include improvements to livability, mobility, access to essential services, safe routes to the waterfront and Howard T. Brown Park, the Intermodal Transportation Center, the Norwich Marina and other downtown destinations. The study process includes a number of opportunities for public engagement. To take the short survey, please visit the study website at: <https://www.downtownnorwichmobilitystudy.com/> or visit the City's Facebook page.

The *46th Annual Greek Food Festival* will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church from September 28th – September 30th after a 3 year hiatus.

Attached is the Fire Chiefs Report to Public Safety held September 13, 2023.