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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), and NPU-City Coordination Meeting. I also attended the press conference of Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz at Howard Brown Park to celebrate the Community Investment Fund \$2 million in state funding to revitalize the harbor. The money will go towards gas tanks at the Marina and improvements to Brown Park including a public restroom, permanent stage and family activity area featuring a splash pad or ice rink.

July tax collection was steady at City Hall. M & T Bank processed 10,266 lock box payments of \$7,416,673.64, a 40% increase from last year's 6,112 payments. Total tax payments received as of August 2nd was \$47,072,085.51.

Sherman and Asylum streets were opened to traffic on July 26th one month ahead of schedule after a 2 year closure to replace the two bridges over the Yantic River. The 10 million replacement project is wider and higher than the previous road for flood prevention and utilities protection beneath.

The Sachem Fund Board is accepting applications until August 30th for projects or programs that can provide a return on investment and/or create a self-sustaining legacy for both the City and the Sachem Fund. There is approximately \$90,000 available from the fund that was established in January 2007. The Mohegan Tribe and the City manage the distribution of the funds and have awarded approximately \$1.3 million in grants since its inception. Additional information can be found on the City website www.norwichct.org under Bids &/RFPS.

The City Clerk's office has been awarded the Historic Documents Preservation Program Grant FY 2025 in the amount of \$7,500.00. This Grant program has been awarded annually since 2013 in the Clerk's office to do in house "back scanning" of older documents. This process is aimed at digitizing the older documents for ease of searching and reproducing documents for searchers. They are currently working from April 1916 back.

The Rose City Senior Center welcomed Congressman Courtney on Friday, August 2nd to talk about updates to Social Security and Medicare.

Norwich Police will be hosting the 41st annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th at Brown Park. National Night Out enhances the relationship between law enforcement and neighbors in communities under positive circumstances. Families can enjoy free food, activities, and demonstrations from 6 pm to 9 pm.