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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Board of Directors meeting, CIF Stakeholder Meeting, and CT Main Street Center's (CMSC) Accelerator Check presentation. NCDC and the City of Norwich collaborated for over six months through the Main Street Accelerator Program, resulting in a \$5,000 grant from the Connecticut Main Street Center, to help improve wayfinding signage downtown. I also attended Congressman Courtney's visit to the Norwich Fire Department last Monday to discuss the recent Assistance to Fire Grants Operations and Safety Awards received for education programs and equipment. The approved budget is \$282,450 -\$256,773 in Federal funds supplemented by \$25,667 City of Norwich 10% match.

The Board of Assessment Appeals will be meeting regarding motor vehicles on September 12th from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at City Hall. Applications are needed and can be obtained at the Assessor's office. Personal property declarations for all business owners will be mailed out before October 1st.

The City's street paving in August will include Jones Court #1 and #2, Gardner Acres Road, Thomas Avenue and Lexington Avenue.

All three Divisions of Human Services partnered with the Norwich Interfaith Association to serve 75 Community Meals on August 11th. Youth, Family, and Recreation just released their Fall Program Book and registration is now open.

Adult and Family Services along with the Community Care Team will be having discussion with representatives from The 119 Commission on August 21st. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) 119K Commission was formed to address at-risk and disconnected youth and brings together municipal leaders from across the state to address Connecticut's unspoken crisis which threatens every town and city.

The Office of Community Development has applied for another Lead Hazard Reduction Grant which also has Healthy Homes Supplemental funding for other issues such as radon testing, pest infestation, mold and other housing issues. The City will know whether they have been awarded the funds by early November. The Staff is in the process of closing out the existing Lead Hazard grant. The funds from the new grant are projected to make 85 units lead safe.