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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 Meeting (SCCOG), NCDC Executive Board of Directors meeting, and NPU-City Coordination Meeting.

The City of Norwich Community Development Office received a new 4-year grant to abate Lead hazards in private housing in the City from the Department of U.S. Housing and Urban Development. The grant is for \$3,157,991 and is composed of \$350,000 in Healthy Homes funding and \$2,807,991 for lead abatement. The funds will be used for abatement, job training of contractors and outreach and education. The project focuses on low-income households with children under the age of six with the goal to complete 85 Norwich homes.

The Assessor's Office is conducting real estate inspections for any new construction or building permits that have been issued since October 1st, 2023. Another round of Municipal Tax Service (MTS) bills will be going out for November 1st for vehicles found here in Norwich but are registered elsewhere. The 2024 Personal property declarations have been mailed and are due back to the Assessor's office by 11/1/2024.

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All three Divisions of Norwich Human Services have heavily participated in the community response to support the Hoffman family who recently suffered a tragic house fire and the loss of their young daughter. We'd like to thank Susan Lessard of Norwich Public Schools and her whole response team including Yelitza Brooks who is managing donations and the upcoming Vigil at the Senior Center, SRO Homand and Captain Perry from the Norwich Police Department, the United Way of Southeastern CT, and the Norwich Sunrise Rotary Club for their immediate and immense support and collaboration.

The Recreation/Youth and Family Services Trunk or Treat was a huge success with 1,500 people in attendance. The City will participate in Red Ribbon Week doing assemblies and City Wide initiatives to spread awareness about substance use and prevention.

Early voting started today at 10:00 am in room 335 at City Hall only and will continue every day through November 3rd from 10:00 am-6:00 pm except the 29th and 31st from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. As of noon over 150 people had voted.

The 3rd annual NorWitch Strut will be held on October 26th starting at 5 pm. Thank you to the committee, sponsors, volunteers, Norwich Events Organization, Norwich Public Utilities, Public Works Department, and Police, for their assistance for this family event.

The Uncas Leap heritage Parke Dedication Ceremony will be held on Friday, November, 1st at 9 am with a rain date of Monday, November 4th, 2024.

I have attached the City Departments, and Otis Library reports for quarter ending September 30th, 2024.