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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
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### **Meetings and City Activities**

I attended several meetings this period, including: The Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG) Executive Committee, the City Coordination Meeting, and the Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) weekly meeting.

Additionally, staff from the Planning and Public Works Departments, in collaboration with licensed environmental planning consultants and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), toured Capehart to assess existing conditions for historic preservation and mitigation efforts.

### **Community Investment Fund 2030 Grants**

The **State's Community Investment Fund 2030** has approved two significant grants for Norwich:

- \$4.9 million to upgrade Fontaine Field, including a promenade connection to the Senior Center.
- \$250,000 for a planning grant to hire a consultant to develop the city's portion of the Norwich State Hospital.

Both grants require final approval from Governor Lamont and the State Bond Commission within the next 60 days.

### **Public Works and Parks Updates**

- Spring Brush Pickup: City-wide brush collection begins on March 31<sup>st</sup>. A full schedule of collection dates by area is available on the Public Works page of the City website at [www.norwichct.org](http://www.norwichct.org).
- Parks and Recreation: Crews are preparing sports fields and parks for the upcoming season with spring cleaning efforts.

### **Substance Use Prevention and Human Services**

The Norwich Substance Use Prevention Coordinator has provided educational programs to over 600 students in Norwich Public Schools. This spring, these programs will expand to the Integrated Day Charter School, Norwich Transition Academy and Bully Busters' Youth Collective Program.

- Adult and Family Services will administer additional funds from the United Way to help prevent homelessness.

### **CT Neighborhood Assistance Act Applications**

The City Manager's Office is now accepting applications from Norwich organizations for the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program. This program provides tax credits for businesses that make financial contributions to municipal and tax-exempt organizations.

- **Application Deadline:** June 2, 2025
- **Where to Apply:** Forms and information are available at the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services website: [portal.ct.gov/DRS](https://portal.ct.gov/DRS) and returned to the City Managers office.
- For further details, contact the City Manager's Office at (860) 823-3750.

### **Fire Chiefs Meeting Report**

Attached is my Fire Chiefs Meeting report, which was presented at the Public Safety Meeting on March 12, 2025.