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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Meetings & Engagements

Over the past reporting period, I attended several important meetings, including:

- Norwich Waterfront Design and Engineering Meeting
- Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) City Coordination Meeting
- Collective bargaining sessions for 911 Dispatchers, City Hall workers, and Public Works employees
- Meetings with Norwich's Fire Chiefs and Department Heads

I also attended the Norwich Police Department's promotional ceremony for Sergeant Steve Callender and had the pleasure of joining Governor Lamont at the event recognizing the 4.8 million CIF grant for Fontaine Field and walkway to Senior Center.

Public Works Updates

- Spring Brush Collection has been successfully completed. Residents are reminded that brush can still be brought to the Transfer Station at no cost.
- The Annual Paving Program is underway, beginning with Laura Boulevard. The next areas scheduled are South Thames Street and Lee Avenue.
- At the Armstrong Tennis Courts, the restroom structure was delivered in late April. Site work and utility connections are anticipated to be completed by the end of May.

Human Services & Youth Programs

The Human Services' Adult and Family Division reminds residents that the **Renters' Rebate Program** is now open. Applications are being accepted at City Hall.

Youth engagement highlights include:

- A group of 8 local teens visited the Capitol for **Youth Service Bureau Day**, where they met with legislators to discuss youth issues.

- Norwich students were honored as **Youth Leaders** in celebration of **National Youth Leadership Day**.

Transportation & Streetscape Planning

City staff will be collaborating with representatives from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG) to address bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as streetscape improvements. CTDOT is in the process of revising its **Active Transportation Plan**, and SECOG will be hosting a regional tour on May 5th to gather feedback and highlight best practices. The focus will be on state roads, but local perspectives and participation are encouraged.

Flood Mitigation & Community Resilience

The **Resilient Yantic River Community Conversation Open House** will be held on May 21, 2025, at Otis Library, starting at 5:00 PM. This event will provide a corridor-wide overview of flood risks, mitigation strategies, and challenges related to the Upper Falls Dam area. Residents from Norwich, Bozrah, and Franklin who have experienced flood impacts are urged to attend and engage in the dialogue on flood risk reduction solutions and trade-offs.

Stanton Elementary School Construction

As part of the **Good Neighbor Policy** initiative, Downes Construction Company has distributed over 200 invitations to nearby residents regarding the Stanton Elementary School Project. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 PM, at Stanton School. This event has also been posted on the City's Facebook page.

Topics to be covered include:

- Project overview and construction timeline
- Work hours and site procedures
- Emergency contact information for reporting concerns such as noise, dust, or unauthorized activity