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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings and Professional Engagements

Over the past period, I participated in several key meetings and engagements:

- Ongoing negotiations with 911 Emergency Dispatch personnel
- Weekly sessions with the Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC)
- Stakeholder discussions for the Community Investment Fund (CIF)
- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee
- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG) Executive Committee

Additionally, I attended the Annual RISC Trustees Conference, which brought together pool executives and governing board members from across the country. The conference featured workshops, expert-led programs, and networking sessions focused on fiduciary responsibilities and strategic challenges impacting pooling organizations. It remains a valuable platform for collaboration and knowledge-sharing in a non-competitive environment.

Assessor's Office Update

Between February 1 and May 15, 2025, the Elderly/Disabled Homeowners Tax Relief Program, commonly known as the Circuit Breaker Program processed a total of 256 applications: 145 returning applicants and 111 new applicants. Eligibility requirements are: age 65 or older by December 31, 2024, or Social Security certified total disability and property ownership as of October 1, 2024. The program is income-based, with 2024 thresholds set at:

- \$45,200 for single individuals
- \$55,100 for married couples

Enrollment provides relief for a two-year term and reminder notices are issued prior to reapplication deadlines. Applications are currently being processed.

Public Works Update

The Norwich Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, June 14th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Public Works Facility at 50 Clinton Avenue. Residents are encouraged to safely dispose of hazardous materials during this event.

Human Services and Youth Programming

- The 13th Annual Suicide Prevention Walk saw strong community participation and served as a source of support and healing for those affected by suicide.
- During National Prevention Week (May 11–17), the Norwich Prevention Council reached over 100 students and hosted substance use prevention training sessions for parents at local schools.

Flood Mitigation and 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 address flood risks, mitigation strategies, and infrastructure challenges near the Upper Falls Dam. All residents of Norwich, Bozrah, and Franklin affected by flood impacts are urged to attend and contribute to the ongoing dialogue.

Elementary School Construction Updates

As part of the Good Neighbor Policy, Downes Construction Company aims to keep nearby residents fully informed and engaged throughout upcoming school construction projects. The meetings will be held as follows:

- Stanton School construction will be held Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 PM, at Stanton School.
- Greeneville Elementary School construction will be held Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Kelly Middle School.

These events have been posted on the City's Facebook page.

Memorial Day Observances

Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday May 26th at noon from St. Patrick's Cathedral to Monument area of Chelsea Parade. Memorial Day Ceremony will start at 1 pm on Chelsea Parade. All are invited to attend and honor those who have served.