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## CITY OF NORWICH CONNECTICUT

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

During this reporting period, I attended the following meetings and professional engagements in support of ongoing City initiatives and regional collaboration:

- Continued collective bargaining negotiations with representatives of the 911 Emergency Dispatch personnel and City Hall staff
- Weekly coordination meetings with the Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC)
- Stakeholder discussions concerning the Community Investment Fund (CIF)
- Regular City Coordination meeting with Norwich Public Utilities (NPU)
- Executive Committee meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG)
- Badge pinning ceremony for newly appointed firefighter

Additionally, I attended the Swearing-In Ceremony for retired Police Captain John Perry. We extend our sincere congratulations to Captain Perry and wish him continued success in his new role as Deputy Chief with the New London Police Department.

### Public Works Update

The Department of Public Works has made significant progress on several initiatives:

- Rose Garden: Preparatory work for the seasonal bloom has been completed. All rose plants have been pruned, mulch beds have been properly edged, and fresh mulch has been applied throughout the garden.
- Cemeteries: Grounds maintenance, including mowing, was completed in advance of Memorial Day. Additionally, logistical support for the Memorial Day Parade was successfully provided, with all setup and post-event cleanup completed in a timely manner.

- South Thames Street Drainage Improvements: Substantial progress has been made in addressing long-standing drainage concerns in this area. The improvements are nearing completion and will facilitate the forthcoming roadway paving project.
- Line Painting: Roadway line painting has been completed across the City to enhance roadway safety and compliance with traffic standards.
- The City's annual **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** event will be held on Saturday, June 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, located at 50 Clinton Avenue. Residents are strongly encouraged to utilize this opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous materials.

## Human Services and Youth Programming

The Department of Human Services reports the following updates for this year's summer programming:

- **Summer Day Camp:** Registration is open with an average weekly enrollment of approximately 80 participants.
- **Kindercamp:** Registration currently stands at 15 participants (with a program capacity of 30). Historically, this program typically experiences a surge in late registrations as the season progresses.

## Elementary School Construction Updates

As part of the City's commitment to transparency and community engagement, Downes Construction Company conducted two recent "Good Neighbor" informational meetings in May for the Stanton and Greeneville Schools.

Both sessions were well-attended, with approximately 15 residents present at each meeting. Presentations covered key topics including project overview, construction timeline, anticipated work schedules, site safety protocols, delivery logistics, and potential impacts on local traffic.

At the Greeneville School presentation, an industrial seismologist provided a comprehensive overview of the blasting analysis prepared for the project. The session also addressed community questions and outlined what residents may expect during blasting operations.

## Police Department

The public tour of the existing Norwich Police Department facility, originally scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, at 70 Thames Street.

The tour will provide members of the public with an opportunity to view the current facility, assess its limitations, and better understand the City's proposal to construct a new modern police facility at the former Chelsea Groton Bank building site.