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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

Over the past two weeks, I participated in the following meetings and events:

- Executive Committee meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG)
- Board of Directors meeting of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)
- CIRMA Investment Committee session
- City Coordination Meeting, Fire Chiefs, Public Safety Committee, City Departments, and Waterfront Stakeholders

I also attended an event at Brown Park alongside Kevin Brown, President and Executive Director of the Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC), Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, and other local officials. The event highlighted the \$5.8 million in state funding allocated for improvements to Brown Park and the waterfront area.

City Website

The City's website will launch its refreshed design on Wednesday, June 26th. Key updates include:

- A redesigned homepage and modern visual styling throughout the site
- Retention of existing content, seamlessly integrated into the new design
- A domain change from **norwichct.org** to **norwichct.gov**

The new ".gov" domain, administered by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), enhances recognition of the website as an official government resource. Existing links to the old address will automatically redirect to the new domain.

Acknowledgments to Ray LaRose (IT Manager), Orla McKiernan-Raftery (Deputy Comptroller), and Jacquie Barbarossa (Executive Assistant) for their contributions to this successful update.

Public Works

Norwich's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event was held on Saturday, June 14th at the Public Works facility, servicing a record 655 vehicles from Norwich and neighboring communities. Of the participants, 58% brought Household Hazardous Waste, 23% came for paper shredding, and 19% utilized both services.

Human Services and Youth Programming

Mohegan Park's Spaulding will open to the public beginning June 21st.

- Operating hours:
 - Saturday, Sunday, Monday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 - Tuesday, Thursday: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Closed Wednesdays and Fridays for swimming lessons and staff development

Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 30th, across three sites with approximately 140 participants. The camp will run for seven weeks. Special thanks to Bully Busters for their partnership with the middle school camp program.

Police Department

On June 4, members of the Norwich Police Department conducted a detailed tour of the current police station, attended by approximately 20 residents. The two-hour tour offered insight regarding the challenges, efficiencies, and lack of space, in the current location.

The next tour is scheduled for July at the former Chelsea Groton Bank Building (300 Main Street), the proposed location for the department's future headquarters.

City Clerk's Office

Dog owners are reminded to register their pets by June 30 to avoid a late fee of \$1 per month. Dogs must have up-to-date rabies vaccinations. To register by mail, download and complete the form from the City's website and include a self-addressed stamped envelope for processing

Public Art

The Cultural Coalition is proud to announce the official unveiling of *Promised Day*, a new public sculpture by artist D Derek, located in the roundabout at the intersection of Main and Franklin Streets in Norwich. Commissioned by the City of Norwich, administered by the Cultural Coalition, and funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), this vibrant three-panel installation transforms public space through art, storytelling, and community connection.

An unveiling and ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 26, at 10:00 AM, in collaboration with the Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce.

Community Events

The Rose Arts Festival will be held Saturday, June 28th from 11 am to 8 pm at Chelsea Parade and the Norwich Fireworks will be held Thursday, July 3rd with a rain date of July 6th. Thank you to the Rose Arts Festival Committee and Norwich Events Organization, volunteers and sponsors, for making these events possible.