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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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Meetings and Professional Engagements

During the reporting period, I represented the City of Norwich at the following meetings and events:

- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG)
- Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT)
- Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Board of Directors
- City Coordination Meeting
- Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC)

In addition, I attended the Norwich Police Department promotional ceremony on September 26th, honoring Captain Tom Lazzaro, Lieutenant Stephanie Reichard, and Sergeant Christopher Nott. Congratulations to all on their well-deserved achievements.

Public Works

- The fall brush collection was completed in September.
- Bagged leaf collection will begin on November 17th. Residents are reminded to use only brown paper yard waste bags, as plastic bags will not be collected.
- Public Works crews rebuilt or replaced the tops of 40 catch basins to stay ahead of the annual paving schedule.
- The City's paving contractor has commenced work in the Laurel Hill neighborhood, including Yerrington Avenue, Crouch Avenue, Laurel Heights, Center Street, Thermos Avenue, and Crown Street.

Human Services and Senior Programming

- Norwich Human Services registered approximately 20 participants for its Financial Literacy program, offered in partnership with Norwich Public Utilities and Liberty Bank at Otis Library on October 6th with a follow-up session scheduled for January.
- The Rose City Senior Center is partnering with Liberty Bank to host a session on Preventing Elder Financial Exploitation on November 6th at the Senior Center.

Youth, Family, and Recreation

- The Department has been provided a satellite office at Norwich Free Academy for the second consecutive year. This space will be used for counseling, substance use prevention programming, and leadership groups during and after school hours.
- Staff participated in the Healthy Living Festival on October 4th to share information about available programs.

Upcoming community events include free Halloween-Themed Bingo Night on October 16th and the 8th Annual Trunk or Treat event on October 17th.

Community Development

- The Office of Community Development received confirmation of approval for both the 2025 CDBG Consolidated Plan and the 2024 Substantial Amendment, which recaptures 2018–2023 funds.
- Per HUD's Contingency Plan for Possible Lapse in Appropriations (2025), both the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) and the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLCCHH) will continue to make previously obligated funds available to grantees.
- As of October 2, 2025, all HUD reporting systems (IDIS, HEROS, HHGMS) are fully operational, and all pending claims have been approved and paid.

Community Events and Acknowledgements

- Special thanks to Uncas Health District for providing flu clinics at City Hall and Police and Fire departments.
- Appreciation is extended to my assistant Jacquie Barbarossa, Mayor's Secretary Bonnie Cuprak, and Facilities & Grounds Manager Mike Pszyk for coordinating a City Hall tour as part of the Last Green Valley's 35th annual Walktober. Twenty-two participants, along with Last Green Valley representative Reagan Miner, attended the event. Additional information on walks and events is available at www.thelastgreenvalley.org.
- On March 17, 2025, the City passed a resolution to "opt-in" and join the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority as a member municipality, and I was directed to negotiate any future agreements. As a member municipality the City will now enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Authority, which was established under CGS 8-165(j), with that agreement incentivizing housing and economic development in the Chelsea development district. This agreement will provide the framework to allow the Authority and the City to proceed with the planning, design, contracting and other activities necessary for the development of District. The types of assistance this facilitates may include but is not limited to: (i) planning studies, (ii) stakeholder engagement processes, (iii) development regulations, (iv) marketing materials, (v) permitting, (vi) infrastructure grants, and (vii) infrastructure loans and in some instances can provide access to significant funding streams for those efforts