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To: Mayor Singh and members of the City Council
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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)
- Norwich Waterfront Design Committee
- City Coordination Meeting

Tax Office

The second installment of real estate taxes, personal property taxes, and motor vehicle supplemental taxes is now due. Taxes may be paid at any time without interest if paid in full by **February 2, 2026**. Payments can be made online through the City's website, by mail, or in person at the Tax Office. Residents who are current on their taxes may also pay by cash or check at either of the two Norwich M&T Bank branches; the original tax bill is required when paying at the bank. Payments made or postmarked after February 2, 2026, will be subject to applicable late charges.

Public Works

Under the City's new contract with Willimantic Waste, residents remain entitled to two bulky waste pickups per year. Pickup scheduling has been consolidated into four collection periods during the first weeks of February, May, August, and November. This consolidated schedule helps control costs while continuing to provide this service. Additional pickups outside of these scheduled periods may be arranged at an additional cost.

Curbside Christmas tree collection will begin on Monday, January 12th. Trees will be collected as staffing resources allow, and there is no formal schedule. Residents are asked to use discretion when placing trees curbside, particularly when snow or icy conditions are forecast. Christmas trees may also be dropped off free of charge at the Rogers Road Transfer Station during normal operating hours.

Since mid-December, Public Works crews have responded to four snowstorms, totaling approximately 14.5 inches of snowfall.

Human Services and Senior Programming

The Senior Center will be closed on January 13th to hold a Special Election. Adult and Family Services are preparing a workshop in February to educate Norwich residents about the Fair Rent Commission. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the department directly.

Youth, Family, and Recreation Department

The Youth, Family, and Recreation Department will launch its winter programming beginning January 12. The department is offering 20 youth programs and 15 teen and adult programs this season. New offerings include open gym basketball for ages 6–18, Intro to Magic, new art programs, open gym volleyball, and Zumba. In addition, the Prevention Coordinator is initiating a Seven Challenges group at Norwich Free Academy to support youth with substance use needs, and the department's clinician will begin a new round of social-emotional learning programming at the Sachem Campus and the Norwich Transition Academy.

Upcoming Events

The annual **"Lights Out for Benedict Arnold"** program will take place on Friday, January 9th, at 5:30 p.m. in the second-floor hallway of City Hall. This event, in conjunction with America's 250th Norwich CT and the Norwich Historical Society, continues a long-standing tradition recognizing an important chapter in the City's history.