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**To:** Mayor Singh and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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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) meeting
- Emergency Operations potential opening discussion
- Department Head Storm Update Meeting
- City coordination meetings
- Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) Executive Committee and Annual Meeting

In addition, a City Council Goal Setting Session was held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Foundry 66. The session included invited department heads and was moderated by Donna Hamzy Carroccia and Michael Muszynski of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM). Participants reviewed and discussed short-, mid-, and long-term goals, including those identified in prior years. A final summary report will be posted on the City Manager's page of the City's webpage.

### Public Works

Through Friday, January 30, 2026, Norwich Public Works (NPW) has responded to seven winter weather events this season. The most recent storm, occurring on January 25, deposited approximately 16 inches of snow, bringing the season total to 37 inches.

The January 25 storm required an all-hands-on-deck response. Plowing operations began Sunday morning and continued through Monday afternoon. Fleet Mechanics and Building Maintenance staff supported operations throughout the duration of the storm. Approximately 400 tons of salt were used during this event and subsequent cleanup efforts, bringing total seasonal salt usage to approximately 1,300 tons—nearly equal to last season's total usage.

Despite the severity of the storms, there were no accidents or major equipment failures during storm response or cleanup operations.

Post-storm cleanup remains ongoing, with snow removal focused on downtown, Greeneville, and Taftville streets to improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians. Most cleanup work has been completed during regular working hours, with some additional overtime as needed. Between Tuesday and Friday, loaders and

two large snow blowers were used to remove approximately 350 truckloads of snow—totaling nearly 3,500 tons—from the downtown and surrounding areas.

The City appreciates the proactive enforcement of parking bans by the Norwich Police Department during both storm events and post-storm cleanup, as well as the assistance provided by Norwich Public Utilities, which supplied four large ten-wheel dump trucks and drivers for snow removal operations.

The total cost of responding to the seven winter storms this season is estimated at approximately \$223,000. Costs are higher than budgeted primarily due to overtime expenditures. Notably, 36 of the 37 inches of snowfall occurred during weekends or holidays, significantly impacting overtime usage.

## **Senior Programming**

During the first half of the fiscal year, the following grant-funded services were provided:

- 165 appointments with Hartford HealthCare Community Nurse Barbara Boiselle
- 571 appointments with Mental Health Counselor Kerri Redner
- 393 appointments at the Senior Center Clinic with Registered Nurse and Dr. Walter, Licensed Podiatrist

## **Youth, Family, and Recreation Department**

The Youth, Family, and Recreation Department partnered with Reynolds Subaru Love Promise to distribute 25 donated winter coats to Norwich youth. The department also received \$8,700 in grant funding through Project Peace to support the Rugby Program and a \$1,500 sponsorship from General Dynamics/Electric Boat to provide t-shirts for youth participating in basketball and rugby programs during the upcoming Spring and Summer seasons.

Field permitting activities are currently underway. Nine youth sports leagues, including Norwich Public Schools (NPS), Integrated Day Charter School (IDCS), and Norwich Free Academy (NFA) as well as three adult sports leagues, have reserved fields for the Spring/Summer season.

## **Art Exhibition**

Thank you to Public Works staff for their assistance with the removal of the Ellis Ruley Quilt from its display case. The quilt will be on loan to the Slater Memorial Museum as part of the *“We the People”* exhibition opening on February 7, 2026.