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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I attended the monthly City Coordination Meeting at Norwich Public Utilities and the Public Safety Meeting.

The Mayor and I attended the Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce legislative breakfast meeting on June 12th. Among some of the topics our legislators discussed were tolls, nonprofits and health care costs. We also attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Mr. Handyman at Foundry 66. I attended the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) board meeting where the featured topic was *Policy Forum on Public Pension Reform*.

The Mutual Release and Lease Termination Agreement with Chelsea Gardens Foundation, Inc. were filed with the City Clerk on June 1, 2018.

The Human Resources Department has held 7 Sexual Harassment Training sessions to date with 164 employees participating. They will be scheduling 2 to 3 more sessions until all employees have completed the training.

The Norwich Prevention Council, facilitated by Norwich Youth and Family Services, received a \$2,800 grant earlier this year from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The grant provided training to community groups to dispense Narcan in response to the Opioid Crisis in Connecticut, particularly Norwich. One hundred people participated in the 4 training sessions and kits have been distributed at Reliance Health, St. Vincent De Paul Place and Otis Library. Bob Farwell, Otis Library Executive Director, used the training he received to save a life last week when someone overdosed at the library. Thank you to Bob for your actions, and to Angelo Callis, Norwich Youth and Family Services, and Christine Poscich, Partnership for Success, who work closely with the community to address the issue of drug use, especially opioid addiction which is a nationwide epidemic.

Norwich Youth and Family services also held a recognition event on June 6th for those who participated in the "Joining Forces Program". Six of our police officers and 16 local middle school students participated in the program that supported youth with learning leadership skills and to build positive connections between local police officers and youth. Congratulations to those that participated.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, attended the 2018 Eastern Connecticut Heart Walk Campaign Kick-Off event. This year's sponsors are the Mohegan Tribe and Hartford HealthCare. The City of Norwich will be participating at the walk that will be held at the Mohegan Reservation on Sunday, September 23, 2018.

The Pleasant Street Bridge in Norwichtown will be closed for reconstruction for approximately 3 months. Notices have been sent to the press. The bridge reconstruction is 80% federally funded with the remaining 20% from the City's capital improvement fund.