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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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I received an update from Christine Rogers, Sr. Development Manager from the Women's Institute regarding the Reid & Hughes building. She stated that the stabilization phase has been completed slightly ahead of schedule and thanked the City of Norwich and others involved with the project. She also stated they have applied for a \$500,000 grant and are working in earnest on predevelopment for the next phase of the project to create the 20 residential units and ground floor commercial space in downtown Norwich.

The RFP has been posted on the City's website with the specifications for the five new firetrucks for the City's volunteer fire departments. The trucks will be purchased from the 3.2 million bond that was approved by voters in November 2017 to purchase the trucks and radio equipment. The five new trucks will be replacing 6 vehicles to be removed from service.

The second Narcan training session was held at City Hall on August 23rd. A total of 16 people attended the session bringing the total to 30 individuals who have the ability to administer Narcan in the event of an accidental overdose. Additional training sessions for Norwich organizations can be requested through the Norwich Youth and Family Services Department.

Otis Library held a Digital Bookmobile at Brown Park on Tuesday August 28th. Several families were in attendance to view the high-tech bookmobile that tours North America as a community outreach vehicle for public libraries and schools to promote their digital catalog of eBooks, audio books and streaming video to their communities.

Norwich Fire Department Headquarters held a retirement ceremony and reception on Friday, August 31st for Chief "Scan". More than 100 people including local dignitaries attended the event to congratulate him on this upcoming retirement. The Mayor presented him with a proclamation from the City and thanked him for his 13 years of service to the City. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement.

Numerous annual events take place in September in Norwich. The 43rd Annual Greek Food Festival will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church from September 6th to 9th, the 27th Annual Taste of Italy will be held on Saturday, September 8th at Brown Park, the 15th Annual Norwich Family Day takes place on Sunday, September 16th at Mohegan Park along with the Harry "O" Fun Run and Celebrate Cultural Diversity will be held for the 6th year on September 17th at Brown Park. I invite you all to mark your calendars for these upcoming events.