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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 SCCOG and Public Safety meetings. The SCCOG Task Force also held a meeting *To Analyze the Municipal Tax Impact of Non-profit Agencies* where they reviewed a draft of the proposed legislation to attendees. I attended a panel discussion on Connecticut's Fiscal Future by the CT Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth Commission. The Commission was charged with stabilizing state finances and putting the state on the path to stronger economic growth.

Staff and I had a conference call to Standard & Poor's Global Rating Agency and they have reaffirmed the City's AA rating.

I had the pleasure of attending the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woman in Military event that was held on Chelsea Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor, several council members, and local dignitaries were in attendance. The event coincided with the City's attempt to restore a World War 1 howitzer that had been previously displayed on Chelsea Parade but was removed due to its poor condition. The estimated cost to restore is \$60,000. Once restored, it will be on permanent display as a reminder for future generations. The City's Finance Department has received just over \$6800 to date.

I met with Gregory Allard, Vice President of American Ambulance in regards to renewing the application designating the City of Norwich as a HEART Safe community from the State of CT Department of Public Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services. The CT DPH works in conjunction with the America Heart Association to encourage and promote community awareness of the potential for saving the lives of sudden cardiac arrest victims through CPR training and public access to defibrillation.

The City was notified that the Uncas Leap Heritage Area was nominated for the American Planning Association's Great Places in America awards. On line voting on the American Planning Association website took place from October 17<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This historic passive recreation site came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Peoples' Choice category.

The Host Community Reception Center (HCRC) exercise was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Norwich Technical High School. Along with invited City staff, representatives from Norwich Public Utilities, Norwich Public Schools, Uncas Health, local city, state and federal organizations participated in the event. The exercise was well organized and handled with professionalism for all involved and was evaluated by FEMA and the CDC (Center for Disease Control). Norwich is a host community in the event of a nuclear emergency.

The holiday trees have arrived at City Hall and Franklin Square. Thank you to Kris and Tom Nickerson from Norwichtown and Charles Kucharski from Greeneville for donating their trees for the upcoming holiday season.