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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 CIRMA meetings of the Investment Committee and Board of Directors and the Southeastern Council of Governments, (SCCOG) and South Eastern Area Transit (SEAT) meetings. The Mayor and I attended a meeting at the Montville Town Hall where the Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz spoke with local town leaders about state and local issues.

The Norwich Downtown Preservation & Development Conference was held on June 19th at the Wauregan Ballroom. Representatives from the Connecticut Main Street Center and the state Historic Preservation Office spoke on the use of historic preservation grants and tax credits. Patrick McMahon, CEO of the Connecticut Main Street Center pointed out that the Wauregan is an example of successful redevelopment which was restored with the help of historic preservation grants and tax credits. Developers, City and local officials also toured the downtown and saw a number of new businesses including the former Majestic Rose dinner theater which will be converted into a 31-room boutique hotel.

I participated in an informative webinar "Establishing an Effective Social Media Policy for Your Jurisdiction" provided by ICMA.

Tax Bills were mailed on June 28th and are now due. The City has again partnered with People's United Bank Norwich locations to accept current Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle tax bills during the month of July in addition to mail or in-person payments at City Hall. A press release has been sent to the local media and posted on the City's website with additional information.

The 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Applications have been delivered and received by the CT Department of Revenue Services prior to the July 1st deadline.

Global Cities/NCDC held the 2nd Polish Festival on Franklin Street on June 23rd which will surely become an annual celebration based on the attendance of over 1,600.

The Norwich Events Organization honored Sheila Hayes and the Edward and Mary Lord Foundation as this year's recipients of the Ron Aliano Service Awards at a gala held on June 26th. Congratulations to them and to the Norwich Events Organization for organizing the event. Proceeds raised at the event will go towards the Norwich Harbor Fireworks event that will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd from 5 pm to 10 pm. Thank you to the Norwich Events Organization for their commitment in keeping with this Norwich tradition."

Thank you to the Rose Arst Festival Committee, Norwich Police, Norwich Public Works, Norwich Fire Department, Norwich Public Utilities, sponsors and volunteers for the 3rd Rose Arts Festival celebration that was held at Chelsea Parade and downtown Norwich on June 29th. The event continues to grow and provides entertainment and activities for all ages.