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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.
- City Coordination Meeting.
- Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) Executive Committee Meeting.
- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee and Board of Directors meetings.
- Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Audit and Investment Committee Meeting.
- Community Investment Fund (CIF).

I also issued press releases on March 4 and March 12 regarding response times and Unified Command support. Both releases have been posted on the City's website under the News section as well as on the City's Facebook page. As noted in those communications, the City has an obligation to ensure safe, reliable, and consistent fire and EMS coverage for residents in every neighborhood. While we value our volunteer firefighters and want them to remain a permanent part of our fire service, we must also ensure that modern public safety standards are consistently met.

The City has entered into mediation with 4 of the volunteer fire companies with the goal of reaching a resolution that prioritizes public safety and operational continuity. The City remains ready to reinstate any volunteer company that agrees to meet these professional benchmarks, ensuring a combined fire service that is safe, professional, and unified.

Public Works

Spring citywide brush pickup will begin March 30. Residents can view the collection schedule for their area on the Public Works page of the City website.

Recreation and Parks crews are also preparing parks and athletic fields for the upcoming spring season through routine cleanup and maintenance.

Youth, Family, and Recreation Department

Session Two of the department's winter programs has begun with more than 100 participants registered in various activities.

The department recently hosted a Teens Empowering Norwich event at Norwich Technical High School, where participants designed and customized their own sneakers, promoting creativity and youth engagement.

Upcoming events include a City-Wide Egg Scavenger Hunt and a Sensory-Friendly Egg Hunt on March 28 to provide inclusive opportunities for families throughout the community.

Neighborhood Assistance Program

The City Manager's Office is accepting applications from Norwich organizations for the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program. Information and fillable applications are available through the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services website. Applications must be submitted to the City Manager's Office by June 1, 2026.

The NAA program provides funding opportunities for municipal and tax-exempt organizations by offering corporation business tax credits to businesses that make qualifying cash contributions to approved projects. Organizations interested in applying for or seeking additional information may contact the City Manager's Office.