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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended included, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), Region 4 Emergency support Plan, NPU-City Coordination Meeting, Fire Chief and Public Safety. I also met with the Project Managers for the American Rescue Plan to coordinate and advise them of the informational presentations for August 17th and August 30th in Council Chambers.

The City received the Live United Award for Community Collaboration from the United Way at an event held at the Mohegan Sun on August 12th. The City received the award based on our involvement with food drives, hosting the Tommy Toy Collection and increased donations. Thank you to Lee-Ann Gomes, Director of Norwich Human Services who was campaign co-chair and Mayor Peter Nystrom for spearheading the food drives that were held in memory of Jason Vincent and to all the volunteers and contributors.

The Recreation Department Summer Day Camp has had record numbers of children this summer and ends on August 20th. Our youth have experienced sports, enrichment, positive youth development and field trips. Registration is still open for basketball camp, which will be held August 23rd – 27th. Details are on the City website at www.norwichct.org. The Spaulding Pond beach will be closing on Tuesday, August 24th after a great season and steady turnout throughout the summer. The Fall brochure guide will be out the end of August with programs starting the week of September 20th.

Rayallen Bergman from Youth and Family Services collaborated with the Eastern Connecticut Prevention Coalitions to create a film about youth substance and risky behaviors. The film called Exposed: What every parent of teens should know to prevent risky behaviors will be a Facebook live event on Wednesday, August 18th at 6pm and include a follow-up discussion to answer questions and provide resources. A registration link is on the City and Norwich Prevention Councils Facebook page.

Uncas Falls was featured in a Bronx news broadcast on August 5th called "Explore eastern Connecticut's Shetucket River Water Trail." It highlights the 22 mile scenic river that is part of the National Heritage Corridor with its waterfalls and dams. A link has been posted on the City's Facebook page.

Thank you to Griffin Health who administered 55 Covid-19 vaccines during the five days they were at City Hall during tax time in July.

Construction work will begin at North Main St. and Roosevelt Ave. this week. NPU and contractor crews in partnership with Providence and Worcester railroad will be replacing a water main. This project will require a two-week alternating traffic pattern and a four-day road closure. The 8th St Bridge will be completely closed to all traffic from North Main St. to Roosevelt Ave. from August 19th – 23rd. Detour signs and traffic patterns will be in place and are posted on our website.

Attached is the Fire Chiefs report that I presented at the August Public Safety meeting.