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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
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Meetings attended were State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), Conference of Municipalities (CCM), Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), Region 4 Emergency support Plan, NCDC Board meeting, NPU-City Coordination meeting and Fire Chiefs.

City Comptroller, Josh Pothier, Treasurer, Michael Gualtieri and I participated in a radio interview with Stu Bryer from WICH on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We gave an explanation of the Pension Obligation Bonds that will be before the voters in November.

Pat McLaughlin, Director of Public Works was also on the Stu Bryer radio show in recognition of National Roundabout Week. He answered questions, and addressed concerns about the newly installed roundabout. He emphasized the three basic principles of a roundabout. Slowdown, always yield to anyone on the left, and stop for pedestrians. Signage and pavement markings should be complete the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>.

In support of National Anti-Bullying Month, Norwich Youth & Family Services is offering a free screening of the Indieflix film, Upstanders. The Upstanders is a film-based education program about resilience, attention, and the power of connection to end bullying. Information is available on NYFS and the City's Facebook page.

The Recreation Department fall session has started with a record number of participants and the Joe Lornadelli XC race for youth will be held on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in Mohegan Park. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk or Treat event will take place on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rose City Center. Participants in support of this community event. Information is available at [www.norwichct.org/recreation](http://www.norwichct.org/recreation).

Absentee ballots are available in the City Clerk's office for anyone that may need one. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 860-823-3732 soon as possible for a timely delivery. The drop box to return ballots is located outside City Hall at 100 Broadway.

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual "Walktober" has begun. The City of Norwich participates with the Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor on this annual event. Norwich has over 30 walks and events scheduled including a tour of City Hall, Uncas Leap, and numerous heritage sites and points of interest throughout the City. Thank you to the volunteers that make this event possible. The Walktober Guide is available on line at [www.thelastgreenvally.org](http://www.thelastgreenvally.org).

Mr. David Bishop, a steadfast volunteer, has recently completed a repainting of the Welcome Mural overlooking the Norwich Harbor. This was truly a yeoman's effort, taking nearly four months to complete. If the City had contracted out this work, it would have been many thousands of dollars. Many thanks are in order for Mr. Bishop and his son John who assisted him on many days.