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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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Due to the uptick in the spread of COVID over the holiday season masks are required in City Hall and City owned buildings until further notice. The tax office will also be closed for in-person payments until January 10, 2022 due to staffing shortage caused by the COVID virus. We encourage taxpayers to pay taxes remotely if possible. Non-delinquent taxes can be made at any Norwich Peoples United Bank. Taxpayers do not need to be a People's United Bank customer to make their payment at a branch location. The City also offers payments via mail drop box located at the City Hall Broadway entrance or online at <http://norwichct.org/taxes>.

I attended Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG) meeting and met with Emergency Management personnel several times regarding the distribution of COVID test kits.

The City received a limited quantity of COVID self-test kits from the State for local distribution for those who are symptomatic or have had a high-risk exposure. Kits were distributed to City employees on January 3rd and the remaining kits were distributed at the drive through distribution site on Stonington Road. We understand the concern of our community members as case numbers increase and unfortunately cannot provide one for each resident at this time. We hope to receive more test kits for the State in the coming weeks to have future distributions.

The Public Works Engineering Department met with Norwich Public Utilities to discuss the paving priorities and schedule for next construction season. Unfortunately some of the roads which had been identified to be paved will not be ready for the coming season, as there is still utility work pending. Other roads that do not require utility work will be identified. Engineering staff also met with paving Contractor Charles Pasteryak Jr. Inc., to discuss the roads, which will be paved next year. Public Works crew made some emergency repairs to the culvert at Leffingwell Place to mitigate further flooding issues for the adjacent house. Repairs were also made at the Lakeside Pavilion at Mohegan Park for deterioration that had been caused by carpenter ants and weather.

Attached are the Fire Chiefs report for the December meeting that will be presented at the January Public Safety Meeting and the Treasurer's report for quarter ending September 30, 2021.