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## CITY OF NORWICH CONNECTICUT

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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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Meetings attended were with State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT) Board meeting, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, (CCM), NPU-City Coordination meeting, City Department Heads and the Fire Chiefs.

The annual goal setting session with the City Council will be held on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting information will be forthcoming.

The City of Norwich received a second distribution of COVID self-test kits and N95 Masks from the State. In the second distribution, the city received 29 cases of COVID self-test kits that each contained 90 kits per case. Ten cases of N95 masks containing 960 masks each were also received. Tara Booker, Director of Norwich Human Services worked with Emergency Management on targeted distribution of 1100 self-test kits to reach those who are elderly or have transportation and other barriers that would prevent them from accessing tests in the public distribution. The remaining COVID self-test kits and masks were then distributed to the public, in front of Kelly Middle School on January 8, 2022, until supplies were depleted.

On Friday January 14<sup>th</sup>, Norwich Public Works assisted with a State distribution of COVID supplies for School Districts from the main garage at Clinton Avenue. The National Guard supplied the majority of the manpower, with public works providing the building, as supplies were distributed from inside the garage.

Norwich Human Services has started a *Move Meditate Connect* program for teens to help improve coping strategies in order to make healthier choices. They have also implemented a Suicide Prevention and Mental Health program for 25 students at NFA with another 50 slated to engage in the program starting in February to help address the wellness of students, youth and families in Norwich. They are also wrapping up three programs in the elementary school, involving 80 students, one of which is a peer mentoring program where students are paired with NFA students, and two of which are focused on helping kids learn how to manage their feelings and respond appropriately to them, rather than acting out. All of these groups will run again starting in February with new groups of students.

The Tax office is open for in person payments and has been steady for the January tax installment. The City of Norwich continues to encourage taxpayers to pay their taxes remotely if possible. The City's Lock Box tax payments as of Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> were 651 payments totaling \$1,098,737.22 and payments at Norwich People's Bank branches were 244 payments totaling \$373,748.44.

I have attached the City Departments, and Otis Library reports for quarter ending December 31, 2021.