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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were with State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), Region 4 Emergency Support Plan, NPU-City Coordination meeting, Parking Commission, and meeting with the Fire Chiefs.

Through March 18th, Norwich Public Works, has responded to 16 winter weather events this season. While many of these events did not produce significant amounts of snow, they did require treatment of the roads. Many of the storms occurred on weekends and nights, requiring a fairly significant amount of overtime. NPW also plowed and treated the Dodd Stadium lot for the COVID testing. They have used nearly 1800 tons of salt to date, for a material cost of \$75,000. On Friday March 11th, NPW assisted with a Community Clean-up which Jason Bakoulis of NFA had organized, as in in-service afternoon for teachers and staff. NPW provided gloves and bags, and then collected the trash bags in the downtown area, and along the Heritage trail.

The City of Norwich Departments of Community Development, Planning & Neighborhood Services, and Human Services, in collaboration with the Norwich Housing Authority, have been working toward the development of an Affordable Housing Plan which is due to the State of Connecticut by June 1, 2022. Input is requested from residents, property owners, and other stakeholders at a community meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:00 pm at City Hall, room 319 or via Zoom. Details are available on the City's website at www.norwichct.org.

The Recreation Spring Session has begun with over 40 classes including youth yoga, safe sitter babysitting and an April vacation camp. Scholarships are available for all classes and programs. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.

The 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Proposal applications are available through the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services and the City website. The City Manager's Office will be accepting applications until June 1st, 2022 with a public hearing scheduled for June 20th to ensure the applications can be submitted to the state before the July 1st deadline.

Thank you to the employees that donated to the 2022 United Way Campaign and to Deanna Rhodes, Director of Planning and Neighborhood Services, for her assistance with this year's campaign.