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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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The Mayor, Council Members Gould and Nash, NCDC President Bob Mills and I attended a "Meet and Greet" at the Mohegan Tribal Government office building. We had the pleasure of meeting Kevin Brown, Mohegan Tribal Chairman and other Tribal Council members.

I attended the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> where they discussed an overview of their "Shared Services Study" regarding regional revaluation. John Filchak, Executive Director of Northeastern CT Council of Governments spoke at the round table event. There was also discussion regarding the tax impact of non-profits on municipalities.

I attended the Harbor Management Commission and NCDC monthly meetings and the workshop for the City Council and Board of Education. I attended the Connecticut Town & City Management Association annual meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> that was held in Portland, CT. I met with Jeff Brining, Norwich Public Utilities Division Manager, who updated me on the status of the installation of LED street lighting in the city. I also met with the Fire Chiefs regarding the ICM Bridge Communications system.

I received notification from Christine Rogers, Senior Development Manager of the Women's Institute that they have their building permit and the stabilization of the Reid & Hughes building has started.

I attended a presentation by the New Jersey developer, who purchased the former restaurant building located at 327 Laurel Hill Avenue. He presented plans for the property and is very excited about the project.

I attended the Norwich Historical Society's press conference at the Buckingham Memorial on Main Street. The Historic Society announced the energy related renovations that will take place at this historic site. The group participated in the 2017 CT Neighborhood Assistance Program which offers companies a tax credit in the amount they donate to tax-exempt organizations.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, who is also the city's liaison for the Neighborhood Assistance Act has received 10 applications for the 2018 program year. The public hearing for the applications will be held at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

My assistant attended the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut 2018 Norwich Youth Grants presentation that was held at Otis Library. The Norwich Recreation Department, Norwich Youth and Family Services, and Norwich Public Schools each received grants in the amount of \$10,000. The Norwich Youth Grants totaled \$183,650 this year. The grants support youth development programs and services for economically and socially disadvantaged Norwich youth, to help fill the gap in services left by the closing of the YMCA of Southeastern CT in Norwich. Congratulations to all them and to the children who will benefit from these programs.

The charcoal art work from Our Piece of the Pie (OPP) that had been on display at City Hall last year will have a permanent home here. It is currently displayed on the second floor and will be hung on the wall in the next few weeks. Thank you OPP for letting us display the vision of the 15 young adults who participated in creating the artwork.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Jacob Manke, and Firefighter Joseph Muscarella who were sworn in at the Badge Pinning ceremony on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Fire Headquarters. Roseanne Muscarella, Assistant City Clerk swore in the candidates. I mention this since Roseanne is also Joe's mother. Congratulations to all.