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Local Business Recognition Initiative Kicks Off!

Earlier this month, the Mayor's Office was able to kick off the new Local Business Recognition Initiative at Dixie Donuts! The Mayor's Local Business Recognition Initiative has partnered with Global City Norwich, NCDC, Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce, Norwich Public Utilities (NPU), SECTER, and media partners, to uplift and highlight the business sector in the Rose City. The business that has been chosen for the month will be featured on the mayor's social media page, the Global City Norwich Newsletter, the Mayor's Monthly Newsletter, NPU Newsletter, and any other available community and media outlets. Growing Norwich wouldn't be possible without showcasing the hard work of these diverse business communities.

Dixie Donuts Visit



Thank you Jennifer Baker (Owner of Dixie Donuts) for providing a comforting and familiar place to the Norwich Community!

Opened since 1999, Dixie Donuts offer donuts, bagels, and pastries made freshly daily. They sell up to 1,000+ donuts a day, with their most popular being Sprinkle and Boston Crème. Dixie Donuts has been a staple in the Norwich community for decades, especially as they actively participate in sponsoring community events like the Rose Arts Festival and help fundraise different non-profits and causes (e.g. Tommy Toy Fund).



Dixie Donuts Visit

Dixie Donuts
275 W. Town St.
Norwich CT 06360

Hours:

Mon. - Sat.: 5:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Sunday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Please nominate a business through the Mayor's Dashboard or scan the QR Code!



<https://www.norwichct.gov/FormCenter/City-Council-9/Mayors-Local-Business-Recognition-Initia-118>

HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Inside the Mayor's Schedule

Community Events



Pictured is One of the Directors of RCLC Mikayla LaRue & Intern Jacinieda

Otis Library Tour with Executive Director Cathleen Special

Participated in Rose City Learning Center's Black History Month Video Series



SCADD Event: Eastern CT Legislative Forum

Recognizing Brave Citizen, Evan Aucamp, who helped his neighbors in Sunnyside Avenue escape the fire in their home on 01/29/2026



Thanks to Mr. Aucamp's quick action, the residents were able to escape with only minor injuries. Mr. Aucamp's bravery and selflessness to help his neighbors at this moment of crisis showcases the ideal of humanitarian citizenry and compassion.

Community Events



Interviewed by Three Rivers Student Angel Garcia for his segment on: 'The Current Magazine'



St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Norwich



Abraham Lincoln Event in the Norwich City Hall (Cooper Union Speech)



Chinese New Year Celebration at CT State Community College

Hosted by the Asian Pacific American Coalition & CT Museum of Culture & History



Meeting List of Leaders Not Pictured

- 1) Norwich Public Schools Superintendent, Susan Lessard
- 2) Senator Bob Duff
- 3) Norwich Prevention Council, Erin Haggan & Hannah Ornburn
- 4) Norwich Events Organization
- 5) US Foods President, Joe Downey & Former President, Dean DiGregorio
- 6) Chief Advocacy Officer at CT LEAD, Maria Matos
- 7) Electric Boat, General Dynamics
- 11) Various Developers
Re: Workforce Housing, Reviving Dodd Stadium, & Constituents with Community Initiative Ideas for Recreational Spaces in Norwich.
- 12) Advocacy with various State Leaders in regards to CIF funding for Norwich Projects
- 13) Reverend Lynell Axson
- 14) Hartford Healthcare President, Donna Handley

... and more with Constituents via phone or in-person, New & Current Norwich Businesses Owners, and others!

Business Events/Visits



Annual Tourism Conference Hosted by Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT



Visited Norwix Marking Systems Center



CEO of the Arc of Eastern CT, Kathleen Stauffer



CT Governor Ned Lamont



Toured 101 Water Street Lofts

Business News

Norwich, Secures \$600,000 Federal Funding to Support Enhancement of Waterfront.

Press Conference: Joined by Congressman Joe Courtney ,Mayor Swarnjit Singh ,Kevin Brown President NCDC,Alderwoman Shiela Hayes , Jeff Brining General Manager NPU, Michael J. O'Connor, Executive Director Connecticut Port Authority, Brian Long Director Norwich Public Works and Tucker Braddock & Bob Phoenix Harbor Commission Norwich.



This grant is “the cherry on the top” of the other money that went into the project, Mayor Swarnjit Singh said.

Other plans for the park include moving the boat launch from the park to the state-owned parking lot on Viaduct Street, where the city already acquired parking spaces, Singh said.

I look forward working with Congressman Joe Courtney and our other federal delegation to bring more resources from D.C to Norwich.



Congressman
Joe Courtney
Serving Connecticut's Second District



Singh
MAYOR OF NORWICH



**Norwich Commission
Approved 58-Unit Waterfront
Apartment Plan**

School Building Update from CSG Construction Group

The School Construction Program is well underway. The program includes construction of four new elementary schools, a new middle school, and conversion of Huntington into Central Office space. Two schools (Stanton and Greeneville) are under construction, and two schools (Uncas and Moriarty) will start construction in the next couple of months.

Stanton Elementary School:

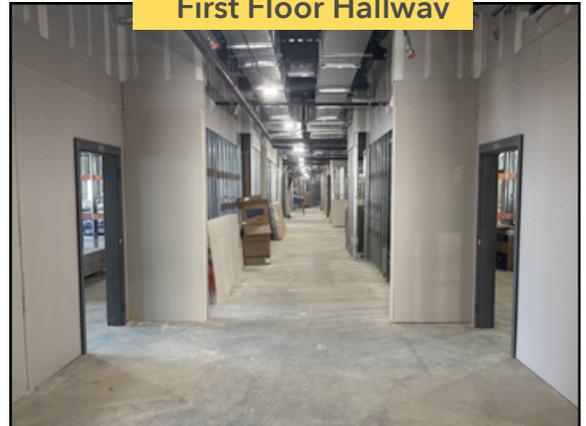
Overall Project Description: The new 79,978 square foot school designed for 597 students is scheduled to open for the 2026-2027 school year. Final interior work of the new school will be completed during this summer, and furniture will be delivered before the new school opening. During the 2026-2027 school year, the current building will be abated and demolished. Also, during this time, final site improvements will be done to create parking lots, sidewalks, and play areas to the west and north of the existing school.

Current Status: The exterior masonry work continues. Drywall is being installed. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire alarm systems are in progress. Painting has started. The site work contractor has re-mobilized to complete water line and gas line installations. Electrical switchgear will be shipped on March 18th with installation to begin the following week. Window installation will begin by the end of March.

Main Entrance



First Floor Hallway



Inside Gymnasium



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Greeneville Elementary School:

Overall Project Description: Greeneville Elementary School is being constructed at the site of the original school, which was demolished in 2011. The new facility will span 79,978 SF, providing ample room for 597 students to learn and grow. Final interior work for the new school will be conducted in late fall. During this time, site improvements will be made to create parking lots and sidewalks finishing in early winter. The project is slated for completion in early 2027 and will welcome its first students in August of 2027.

Current Status: Structural steel has been erected on the lower level of the site. Three retaining walls have been completed with the fourth wall in progress. The next phase will include concrete installation of slab on deck and slab on grade with roofing set to start by April. Also, by April, work will begin near the Boswell Avenue entrance, which will cause some traffic disruptions over several weeks.

South View



North View



Retaining Wall North of Building



Upcoming Community Events!



Season 13
Begins March 28

Starting Weight
327,488 lbs

Clean Up the Streets 2026

Everyone is welcome to join us- no registration required!
All that is needed is you- we provide everything to clean with- bags, grabbers, gloves and so much more.

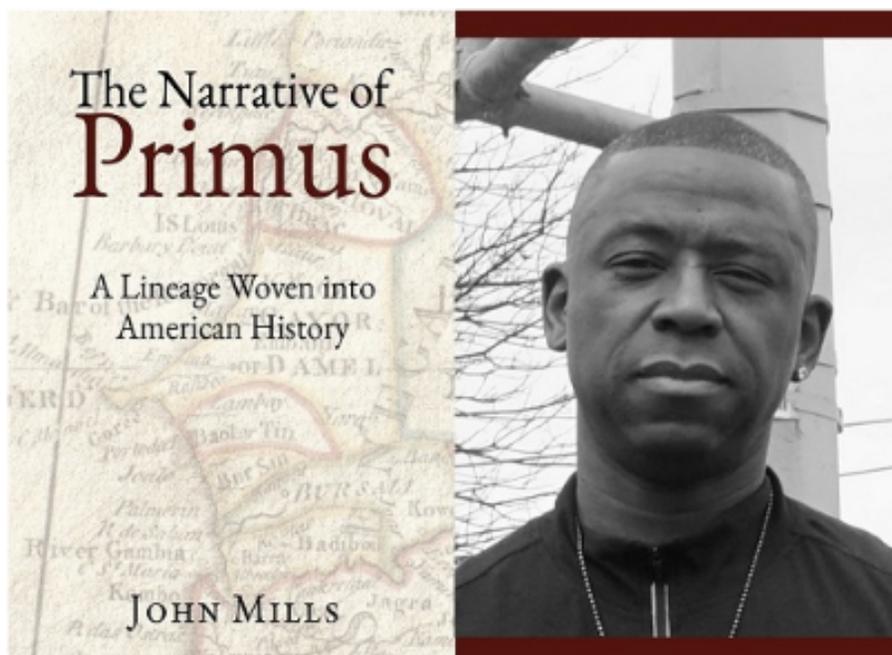
Our first clean up will be Saturday, March 28
9am to 11am

We will begin at St. Vincent de Paul Place
120 Cliff Street, Norwich

For more information please email us at norwich.cuts@gmail.com



Upcoming Community Events!



You're Invited!
**The Narrative of Primus: a Talk About
the Upcoming Book by John Mills
- and Annual Meeting**

Monday, March 23rd, 2026 at 5:30 PM

**Dr. Daniel Lathrop Schoolhouse / Norwich Heritage & Regional
Visitors' Center, 69 East Town Street, Norwich, CT, 06360**