



Global City Currents

The Pulse of Norwich Events, Stories, & Community

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GREEK FLAG RAISING

MARCH 22 | 12PM

Honoring the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Greek community. Gather as the Greek flag is raised in recognition at City Hall. All are welcome to attend and take part in this meaningful cultural celebration.

TOGO FLAG RAISING

APRIL 24 | 4PM

Come celebrate Norwich's vibrant Togolese community with a ceremony that will recognize the culture, resilience, and contributions of the Togolese and highlight the global connections that strengthen our city.

HAITI FLAG RAISING

MAY 16 | 11:30AM

The Haitian Heritage Flag Raising will be held at City Hall, honoring Haiti's history, independence, and the enduring contributions of the Haitian community in Norwich.



Global City Norwich

Who We Are & What We Do

Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) is the City of Norwich's economic development agency, dedicated to helping our community grow and thrive. NCDC brings this work to life through initiatives like Foundry66, our collaborative coworking space for entrepreneurs and small business; Envision360, an online hub for staying up to date on city developments, and Global City Norwich (GCN).

Global City Norwich is the community engagement arm of this work. At GCN we celebrate our multicultural community, elevate community voices, and create spaces where residents, organizations, and businesses can connect.

Through *Global City Currents*, we share events, news, and stories that keep Norwich informed about local events and activities.



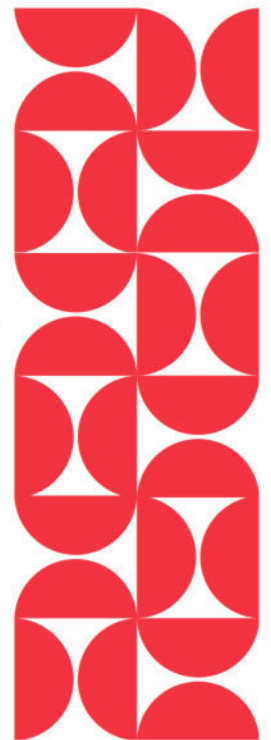
Scan the QR code to visit askncdc.com to find out more about all the services and programs offered.

News From the Mayor

There's exciting momentum coming out of the Mayor's Office this season. A new Mayor's Dashboard is now live on the City of Norwich website, giving residents one easy place to stay connected and engaged (Scan the QR code to check it out!). Through the Dashboard, community members can request Certificates of Recognition and Proclamations, invite the Mayor to events, request meetings, submit suggestions, and sign up for the new monthly Mayor's Newsletter. The newsletter will provide updates from the Mayor's Office, highlight local events, and offer direct communication with residents.

Two new initiatives are also underway. The Mayor's Local Business Recognition Initiative will spotlight one Norwich business each month, in partnership with organizations including Norwich Community Development Corporation, Global City Norwich, the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce, and Norwich Public Utilities. Businesses can be nominated through the Mayor's Dashboard. Additionally, applications are now open for the voluntary Mayor's Community Interest Panel, which will convene quarterly to provide non-binding, strategic insight on policy and community priorities.


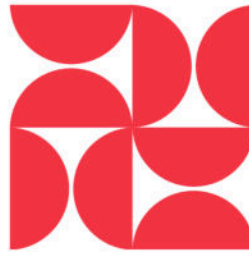
The Mayor shares, "I am grateful and honored to serve the City of Norwich. I believe deeply in our people, our potential, and our promise. With focus, discipline, and unity, we can continue building a Norwich that is fair, inclusive, and sustainable for all."



Follow Us

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**Gambling and Technology:
Innovation, Risk &
Responsibility**
March 4 | 10AM

Join Keith Whyte, a 30-year veteran in the responsible gambling field, for an engaging and interactive discussion of these cutting-edge issues.

Location: Teams -
<https://tinyurl.com/PGAM2026>

Trivia Night @ Bella Fiore
March 20 | 6PM

Join Rose City Learning Center for a night of trivia, laughs, fun and food! Head to Bella Fiore Restorante with your family for the chance to win some cool prizes.

Norwich Housing Forum
April 25 | 11AM-2PM

Save the date for a fun day of learning about and connecting with local housing resources and organizations. Stay tuned by going to:
<https://pschousing.org/norwich-initiative/>



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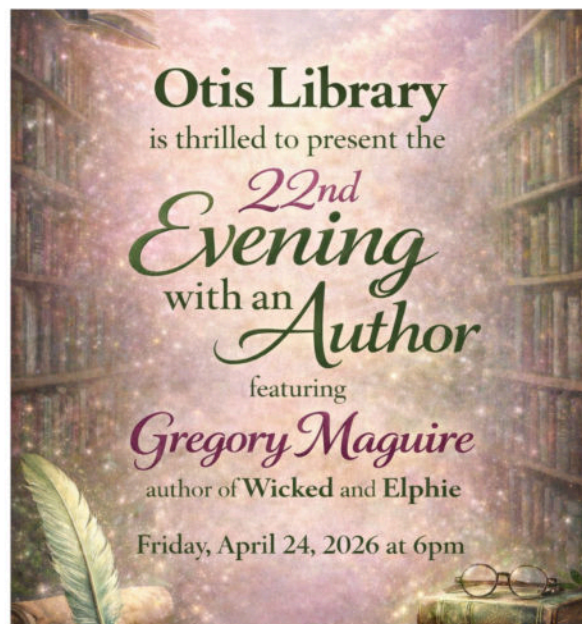
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Evening With an Author

Friday April 24 | 6PM

Join us for our 22nd Annual Evening with an Author featuring Gregory Maguire, author of *Wicked* and *Elphie*, on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 6pm at Otis Library. Visit our website, otislibrarynorwich.org, or contact Andrea Kaiser at 860-889-2365 x127 or akaiser@otislibrarynorwich.org for tickets and sponsorship information!

Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy

Exhibit Open: February 23 - March 20

Otis Library is hosting the traveling exhibit "Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of American Democracy," on loan from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. This exhibit uses primary sources to illustrate how Americans and people across the world have been inspired by the Declaration in their pursuit of equality and self-determination. This exhibit is on view in the library's atrium and is free and open to the public.



YA Writing Group

3/6 & 3/20 | 3:00-4:30pm

Join the Young Adult Writing Group in the Young Adult Room. This group offers opportunities for guided writing prompts, free writing time, and supportive feedback. Build confidence, spark creativity, and connect with fellow writers in a welcoming space. All experience levels are welcome. Drop in; no registration required. Ages 12-18.



Homeschool Meetup

March 13 | 11am-12pm

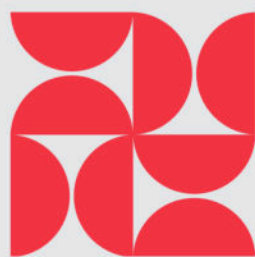
Meet up with homeschool families and see what Otis library has to offer; materials, meeting space, programs, and more. Children and teens ages 6+ will learn engineering concepts while creating a hand-crank craft using paper rolls, straws, ribbon, and decorative tape. Crafts available for younger children as well.



Norwich Youth & Family

Check out their newsletter too!

The Norwich Youth, Family & Recreation Department is dedicated to promoting the social, emotional, and physical well-being of children, youth, and families in the community. They offer a wide range of recreational, educational, and prevention programs designed to engage young people, strengthen families, and foster healthy development. Their services include youth development activities, community events, prevention and family support resources, and collaboration with local partners to ensure accessible opportunities for all residents. You can view their current program offerings and seasonal activities in their online brochure. Scan the QR Code.



First Fridays in Norwich

ft. NEO and Downtown Sounds

Join us in Downtown Norwich for an unforgettable First Friday experience! Live music will fill the streets across the Downtown Sounds Music District, creating an energetic soundtrack as you explore everything our vibrant downtown has to offer. In addition, Norwich Events Organization will be hosting their signature First Friday festivities, bringing even more excitement, creativity, and community spirit to the evening.

First Friday is the perfect night out for adults looking for something fun, music-filled, and full of flavor. Enjoy delicious food and drinks from our diverse lineup of downtown restaurants, discover local talent, and soak in the welcoming atmosphere that makes Norwich shine. Grab your friends, make a plan, and experience First Friday in Downtown Norwich.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Norwich Events Organization will host the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on **Sunday March 8th**. Festivities begin at 11am and parade stepoff is at 1:00pm in Downtown. This year's Parade Marshal, Kevin Brown, will lead the march! Come dressed in your favorite green and share a little luck of the Irish.

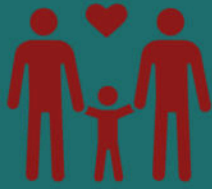
Rose City Senior Center

Check out their newsletter too!

The Senior Center continues to be a vibrant hub for connection, wellness, and lifelong learning in our community. Offering a wide range of programs from fitness classes and health workshops to social activities, educational seminars, and special events, the Center provides meaningful opportunities for older adults to stay active, engaged, and connected. Whether you're looking to try a new class, meet new friends, or access supportive resources, the Senior Center welcomes you. Explore the monthly calendar and discover all the ways you can stay involved and energized in Norwich.



Community Connections Saturdays



Open to all Norwich Families!

Connecting residents, especially multilingual and immigrant families, to community resources to reduce isolation and improve stability. This program builds family literacy skills and access to support, aligning with goals to strengthen families, improve public safety, and expand opportunities.

Register here



 **Rose City Learning Center**
Starting February 28th
10am-12pm
257 Main St Floor 5
Norwich

Contact us:
860-917-2481
rosecitylearning@gmail.com



Female Empowerment Group



Register here!



Join us for our new female empowerment group!

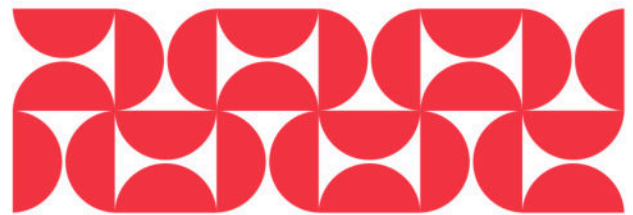
📅 Every Tuesday

🕒 5:00 PM

📍 LEAD Mosaic – 48 Franklin St, Norwich

💬 Connect, grow, and discover how to be the best YOU!

Free & open to all women (18+)



LEAD presents NPS art shows



Norwich Art Shows

Come see artwork from NPS
Second Tuesday of each month at 4PM
February 10, March 10, April 14
LEAD 48 Franklin St. Norwich



SCAN QR CODE



NPS TALENT SHOW

Talent Show:
MARCH 27 ★
6:00 – 8:00 PM
at Kelly Middle School

Admission: \$5 per person

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR TALENTED STUDENTS!

All proceeds benefit the NPS Loft & School Events.

New Biz on the Block

Clark & Co.

Norwich's newest destination for exceptional coffee, freshly baked treats, and thoughtfully crafted meals! Opened in late 2025 by local owners Jenny and Geoff LaMarche with help from family, Clark & Co. brings a warm, community-focused eatery to 307 Washington Street in the heart of downtown.

Working Lab Update

Program Launches 2026 Cohort

This year's cohort launched with 15 ambitious students. Building on the success of last year's program, Working Lab offers practical, hands-on training and support designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the skills, tools, and confidence needed to grow their business ideas and make meaningful progress on their ventures



GNACC Ribbon Cutting at the TT Investments Property on Broadway

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Pair of Zeros

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Ball Game

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