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Turning Progress Into Results

By Mayor Bobby Sanchez

As we begin July and celebrate our nation's independence, I am proud to share the progress we continue to make together in New Britain. Every day, our administration is focused on turning ideas into action, addressing long-standing challenges, and delivering real results for our residents. June was another month of meaningful accomplishments that reflect our commitment to building a stronger, safer, and more vibrant city.

One of the most significant milestones last month was securing a \$788,210 Community Connectivity Grant to modernize pedestrian signals throughout downtown and improve safety at key crossings across the city. This investment will make our streets safer, improve accessibility, and strengthen the connection between our neighborhoods, businesses, and public spaces. It is another example of how we are aggressively pursuing outside funding to bring critical improvements to New Britain without placing additional burdens on taxpayers.

That commitment to our downtown was also reflected in a walking tour I hosted with business owners, property owners, and community stakeholders. Walking the district together allowed us to hear firsthand about both the opportunities and challenges facing our downtown, discuss ways to support local businesses, and identify improvements that will help strengthen New Britain's economic heart. These conversations are invaluable because the best ideas often come directly from the people who live, work, and invest here.

We also celebrated the groundbreaking of the Willow Street Park Expansion Project, turning years of planning into visible progress. This exciting project will create new recreational opportunities, expand green space, and enhance neighborhood amenities for families and residents. Seeing construction begin is a reminder that our administration is committed not only to planning for the future, but to delivering projects that improve quality of life today.

Public safety remains at the forefront of everything we do. Last month, we welcomed additional recruits into the New Britain Police Department pipeline as we continue rebuilding staffing levels and strengthening our police force. Combined with the work of our Public Safety Task Force, these efforts are helping create a safer community and ensuring our first responders have the resources they need to protect our residents.

We also achieved a major victory for education. As part of this year's budget, we delivered a \$1



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million increase in recurring local education funding, while our administration's relentless advocacy secured nearly \$18 million in additional state funding and savings for New Britain schools and our city.

June also reminded us of the strength found in our diversity and community spirit. From the Little Poland Festival to our Juneteenth Celebration at the New Britain Museum of American Art and many other community events, residents came together to celebrate the cultures, traditions, and shared values that make New Britain unique.

It was also a privilege to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. Speaking to the graduating classes of New Britain High School and Adult Education was a powerful reminder that the future of our city is bright. Their perseverance, determination, and ambition reflect the very best of New Britain.

While these accomplishments are worth celebrating, our work is far from finished. My administration remains committed to staying visible, accessible, and engaged in every neighborhood. Listening to residents, business owners, and community organizations continues to guide our decisions and ensures City Hall remains focused on the priorities that matter most.

As we enter July, we remain focused on building momentum. More projects are moving forward, more investments are being made, and more opportunities are being created for our residents. I look forward to celebrating with many of you at our annual Great American Boom on July 4 at Walnut Hill Park, a day that brings our community together to celebrate our country, our city, and all that we can accomplish when we work together.

Thank you for your continued support, engagement, and belief in New Britain's future.

Together, we are not just talking about progress—we are delivering it.

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