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Progress in Our Neighborhoods. Pride in Our Community.

By Mayor Bobby Sanchez

October has been a busy and productive month here in New Britain. From advancing critical infrastructure improvements and creating opportunities for our residents to celebrating the many cultures and organizations that make our city special, we continue to focus on delivering results and building a stronger New Britain for everyone.

One of the most significant developments this month was the announcement of additional funding and assistance for residents impacted by ongoing flooding issues along Allen Street. Working alongside Governor Ned Lamont, Comptroller Sean Scanlon, and our state legislative delegation, we announced $6.9 million in state funding to support much-needed drainage, sewer, water, and roadway improvements. We also announced $250,000 in funding to provide assistance to eligible homeowners who have experienced repeated flooding.

For far too long, families in this neighborhood have been ignored and dealt with the uncertainty and frustration that comes with these flooding issues. This project represents an important step toward providing long-term solutions, protecting property, and improving the quality of life for our residents. With construction anticipated to begin in early 2027, we are committed to keeping this project moving forward.

Public safety also remains a priority for my administration, and in October we celebrated several important milestones among our public safety professionals, including the graduation of Police Academy Session 27, Assistant Fire Marshal Eddie Irizarry's completion of the prestigious Executive Fire Officer Program, and New Britain EMS earning a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). These achievements highlight the exceptional training, professionalism, and dedication of those who work every day to keep our community safe.

Another important focus has been improving the health and safety of our neighborhoods. Through our recently announced $5.6 million federal Lead Hazard Reduction Grant, the City is working to make approximately 166 housing units lead-safe while providing additional Healthy Homes improvements to eligible properties. We are also continuing to educate residents about property maintenance and rodent prevention, because clean, safe, and healthy neighborhoods are essential to a thriving city.

Of course, October has also been a wonderful reminder of the diversity, generosity, and community spirit that define New Britain.

We kicked off the month with our One City Celebration at Walnut Hill Park, bringing residents together for an afternoon of cultural performances, food, entertainment, and a spectacular drone show. Seeing families and neighbors from across our city come together to celebrate our shared community was a reminder of what makes New Britain such a special place to call home.

Throughout the month, we also celebrated Polish-American, Italian-American, and Hispanic heritage, recognizing the generations of families whose traditions, hard work, and contributions have helped shape our city. From flag-raising ceremonies and community banquets to performances by the Paderewski Polish Choir and the many Hispanic Heritage celebrations throughout the City, these events gave us opportunities to honor our history while celebrating the diversity of our future.

I was also pleased to support several organizations making a difference in the lives of our residents. We recognized CCARC as it celebrated 75 years of service, supported the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner, and helped bring attention to youth homelessness through the annual Hoops for Homeless initiative. We also recognized Ageism Awareness Day, reaffirming the importance of treating our older residents with the dignity, respect, and appreciation they deserve.

These organizations, and the countless volunteers behind them, play an important role in making New Britain a more compassionate and connected community.

As we look ahead to the final months of the year, my administration remains focused on the work that matters most to our residents: safer streets, stronger neighborhoods, responsible investments, economic opportunity, and a City Hall that is responsive to the people it serves.

There is still much work to do, but progress is happening across New Britain. Whether it is addressing long-standing infrastructure challenges, connecting residents with resources, or celebrating the people who make our community special, we are moving forward together.

Thank you to our residents, community partners, city employees, and everyone who continues to invest their time and energy into making New Britain a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

New Britain deserves progress, opportunity, and results. That remains our commitment every day.

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