



## CITY OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

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## CITY OF WATERTOWN CELEBRATES 150 YEARS!

The City of Watertown was incorporated on May 8, 1869 and will be celebrating 150 Years! We would like to invite all residents to join us in the celebration. The committee has planned various events throughout May and June and is partnering with the Watertown Daily Times, WPBS, and Garland City. The following is the list of events that have been planned.

### *History of Watertown Movie*

Location: Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4, 2019 12:30 pm and Monday, May 6, 2019 6:00 pm

Description: Showing of the WPBS-TV "Discovering Watertown" – a three part documentary series

Part 1: Settlement & Early Years

Part 2: Industrial Growth & Prosperity

Part 3: The Modern Era

### *Historical Displays*

Location: Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Dates: Monday, May 6, 2019 through May 24, 2019

Description: Display boards of historical pictures, newspaper articles and maps

### *Tree Planting and Dedication Ceremony – Mayor's Speech*

Location: City Hall Park

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 12:30 pm

Description: Tree planting and dedication in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Watertown.

Mayor Butler will provide a speech.

***Watertown History Trivia Night***

Location: Garland City

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:00 pm

Description: Trivia Night Contest based on the history of Watertown.

***Essay Writing Contest – What do you think the City of Watertown will be like in 150 years?***

Location: Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Submission received by: Friday, May 31, 2019 (by email or drop off at the Library)

Winner will be chosen by: Friday, June 7, 2019

Description: Writing Contest Form will be distributed to Watertown School District and Immaculate Heart Central School District, as well as available at the Library.

Participants will be asked to answer the question “What do you think the City of Watertown will be like in 150 years?” There will be two age groups: 10 – 13 years old (150-300 words) and 14-18 years old (300-500 words).

Winners of Contest:

- Contest winners will be asked to attend the June 17, 2019 Council Meeting, in which their essay will be read aloud and made part of the permanent record of Watertown’s history and placed on file in the City Clerk’s Office.
- Two newly planted trees in City Hall Park will be dedicated to the winner of each age group prior to the June 17 Council Meeting
- Public recognition by the Mayor at the beginning of the festivities of Block Party to be held on June 28
- The winning essays would be published by the Watertown Daily Times.

***WPBS host “Discovering Watertown” Event at the Arena***

Location: Watertown Arena

Date and Time: Saturday, June 1, 2019

Description: This will be an interactive event to include the showing of the WPBS-TV “Discovering Watertown” – a three part documentary series

Part 1: Settlement & Early Years

Part 2: Industrial Growth & Prosperity

Part 3: The Modern Era

***Watertown Daily Times – Historical Articles Publication***

Time period: Month of May

Description: Publication of old articles on the City’s history to appear through the month of May