

City Manager's Status and Information Update

February 14, 2025

Check out our Website!

[City of Watertown, New York – City Manager \(watertown-ny.gov\)](http://www.cityofwatertown-ny.gov)



Opportunities with Watertown

There are several exciting job opportunities open with the City of Watertown, including:

✓ Lifeguard I & II	✓ Laborer I & II
✓ School Crossing Guard	✓ Motor Equipment Mechanic
✓ Parks & Recreation Attendant	✓ Municipal Worker I
✓ Refuse/Recycle MEO	✓ Transit Operator

For more opportunities click the QR Code here:



Civil Service

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAM ANNOUNCEMENT
POLICE OFFICER
APPLY NOW!**

Exam Date:
May 3, 2025
Application Deadline:
March 24, 2025

LIFEGUARD OPENINGS
WITH THE CITY OF WATERTOWN

Now accepting applications for Lifeguard I and Lifeguard II.

Apply today!

New Hires

We are pleased to welcome the newest member of the City of Watertown team and are excited to have him on board!!

- Christian Plummer – Water Department

City Manager's Annual Report

The City Manager recently released his 2024 City of Watertown Annual Report. Click the link below to check it out:

[City of Watertown, New York - City Manager Annual Report](#)

City Council Meetings



Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the February 3, 2025, City Council Meeting:

[Click Photo for Meeting Minutes](#)

Reminder:

The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 245 Washington St, Watertown NY. The 2nd Monday of each month is held for Work Sessions, which are open discussions of topics requested by the Mayor and City Council. If there is a holiday on Monday, the Council Meeting or Work Session will take place on the following day, Tuesday. Public is welcome to attend all meetings. City Council Minutes & Agendas are available online and the Meetings and Work Sessions are captured on video by Steve Weed Productions.

The City has recently transitioned to Rumble as the new platform for broadcasting City Council meetings. Residents can view live broadcasts of City Council meetings at [Rumble Livestreams](#). Archived meeting videos can be accessed at [Rumble Channels](#), and those links, organized by meeting, available through the City's website on the [Meeting Dashboard](#) have been updated through 2020.

The City Council Meetings for February are **Monday, February 3rd**, and **Tuesday, February 18th**, due to Presidents' Day. The February City Council Work Session is on **Monday, February 10th**.

City Hall Goes Red for Women's Heart Health



On February 10, 2025, representatives from the American Heart Association visited City Hall for the Wear Red for Women event, which raises awareness about women's heart health.

Mayor Sarah Pierce presented a proclamation, and Wendy Hinman shared her personal heart health journey.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and wore red in support of this important cause!



Police Department

Police Academy:

The Black River/St. Lawrence Police Academy Class of 2024-2025 is now in the twentieth week of classes. Over the past few weeks, the recruits have been training in topics such as: Extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs), appearance tickets, physical fitness & wellness, defensive tactics & principles of control, Tasers, NY Penal Law, breath analysis operator course, NY Environmental Conservation Law, laws of arrest, crime scene and evidence collection, electronic communications, and active shooter.



Recruit officers trained in marking and collecting evidence



Learning to properly document evidence and keep a solid chain of custody is very important!

Recruiting:



Watertown Police Department continued the recruiting drive at the Fort Drum Career Fair on February 6th.

WPD Officer Pearce Parsons and Sergeant Joshua O'Hearn represented the department at the Fort Drum Career Fair.

WPD Therapy Dog:

WPD Detective Scott Freeman brought “Luna” to work to meet some of our officers. Luna still needs to go to school, but that’s still a few weeks out!



Det. Freeman and Luna paid a visit to the Chief’s Office.



Luna may have been a little sleepy after meeting everyone!



WPD Officer Miranda Kolb was in the building during Luna’s visit.



City Manager Eric Wagenaar welcomed Luna to City Hall!

Police Lateral Transfers:

The Watertown Police Department is continuing to look for **police officer transfers**. NY State certified police officers may apply by visiting the City of Watertown Civil Service website at:

<https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Engineering

Burlington Street Reconstruction:

The bids for this project were opened and are under review. The selected bid will be presented to the City Council for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Fire Station Exterior Door Replacement:

The contractor will begin installing the new doors on 02-17-2025.

Department of Public Works

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DPW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WATERTOWN NY

CALL TODAY 315.785.7842

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PER 32 GAL BAG
CAN BE PURCHASED AT PARTICIPATING RETAILERS

32/ 64 / 96 GAL TOTE
QUARTERLY RATE - \$65/ \$97.50/ \$130
WEEKLY RATE - \$5 / \$7.50/ \$10

CITY OF WATERTOWN
32 GAL TOTE
HOLDS 2-3
KITCHEN BAGS

STICKERS MUST BE VISIBLE ON EACH BAG

CITY OF WATERTOWN

BEST DEAL IN TOWN!

RECYCLING SERVICES INCLUDED TO ALL REFUSE CUSTOMERS

Refuse & Recycling:



DPW crews continue to work through bitter temperatures and harsh conditions to pick up garbage and recyclables every day of the week. These crew members take their jobs seriously and are committed to giving our customers reliable and quality services. Way to go!

Bridges & Sidewalks:



DPW crews are not only clearing roads but bridges and sidewalks throughout the city. These areas are tougher to maneuver and require specific machinery.

Salt Delivery:



The North Country and its fluctuation in temperatures can require a lot of salt. We rely on deliveries from the Greater New York State Area to keep our salt barn stocked. We track and navigate this stockpile daily, as well as plan for future weather patterns.

Electrical:

DPW crews clear pedestrian crosswalk solar light panels. Ensuring the safety of our residents is a daily task. Crews keep these and others clear from the snow after events and are monitored often.

Water Department



Repairs on the Trickling Filters gates continue. Senior and junior operators at the WWTP have been working together to repair and reinstall gates 1 and 2. The shafts and bearings have been replaced, while the actuators (originally installed over 40 years ago) required our team to collaborate in learning how to reinstall them and set high and low limits. These electrically controlled gates regulate flow to the trickling filters based on the volume sent to the trickling filter side of the plant. Gate 2 is now fully operational.

Work has begun at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to replace the control building's emergency generator. This upgrade became necessary as replacement parts for the existing generator we no longer available. The new generator will ensure that, in the event of a power outage, the WWTP can continue treating water – our most essential natural resource.





At the WWTP, operators and maintenance staff work together to address a long-standing issue that has challenged operators for years. Digesters play a crucial role in stabilizing biosolids, requiring consistent temperature to function efficiently. To improve stability, operators installed a timer on Primary Digester #2 heat recirculation pumps, ensuring better temperature control.



On January 31st the Water Department successfully deployed its new Hydro Excavator to repair a water main break on E. Main Street. Once the pavement was removed, crews were able to locate and fix the break in less than an hour – a task that would have taken much longer using traditional methods. Thanks to the



advanced equipment, hours of work were saved with reduced risk to our crew, and water service was quickly restored to residents. This marks a significant step forward in improving efficiency and response times for future repairs.



Service Repair:



Multiple service repairs have been conducted work performed ranged from ball valve replacement, to curb box resets and frozen meter replacements. One Service was repaired on Anne Street.



On February 7th a water service line was replaced from the water main to the curb stop on Hoard Street. This was actively leaking and was called in by DPW staff.



Parks and Recreation Department

The Watertown Hockey Association recently hosted a 12U hockey tournament, featuring teams from NY State and Canada. A total of twelve teams participated throughout the weekend! For additional information on youth hockey, please visit: <https://watertownhockeyassociation.sportngin.com/>



The Figure Skating Club of Watertown will host their 13th Annual Snow Town Invitational figure skating competition, Friday February 14th – Sunday February 16th. For additional information, please visit www.skatewatertown.org or <https://www.facebook.com/skatewatertown>.



Upcoming Watertown Wolves Games:

Friday, February 21st
 Sunday, February 23rd
 Friday, February 28th
 Saturday, March 1st
 Sunday, March 2nd

For a full schedule visit www.watertownwolves.net

TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT IN WATERTOWN

ALL TEACHERS ADMISSION \$10 (WITH VALID ID) *TICKETS AT THE DOOR ONLY

WATERTOWN WOLVES VS. HAT TRICKS

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
 FEBRUARY 21st @ 7:30PM

Price Chopper

SHOW YOUR PRICE CHOPPER CARD AT THE DOOR AND GET \$2 OFF ADMISSION

GROUP SALE OF 10 OR MORE - TICKETS ONLY \$10 EACH
 PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY AT WATERTOWNWOLVES.NET
 OR AT KINNEY DRUGS / POWER PLAY SPORTS

Thank you teachers

Sams CLUB DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Trails At Thompson Park Now Open



PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF WATERTOWN
NY



Cross Country Rentals City Resident: \$7 Military: \$7 Non-City Resident: \$10	Snowshoe Rentals City Resident: \$5 Military: \$5 Non-City Resident: \$7
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Rentals for skis include: Skis, poles, & boots. Rentals will be available at the Thompson Park Bathhouse Saturday & Sunday from 9:30am-3pm and for select school breaks only. If you don't need rentals feel free to go right to the trail which is on the Thompson Park Golf Course.
Limited availability of rentals ***Weather Dependent***

Groomed Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe trails at Thompson Park Golf Course



Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

**3rd Annual
PUZZLE TOURNAMENT
at Flower Library**



Saturday, February 22nd @ 10am
Held throughout Flower Library's first floor

Gather a team of up to 4 adults (ages 18+) and put your puzzle skills to the test! Compete to be the fastest team to finish a 500 piece puzzle. The 1st place team will receive a prize, and all teams will get to keep their puzzle.

Registration is required! Registration begins on February 1st and is open until all eight team spots are full. You can register by filling out an online form (scan the QR code below) or by calling Ashley at 315-785-7714. This will reserve one of eight spots for your team. When registering, please have all team member names, a phone number for at least one team member, and a team name.

Spots fill in quickly, so don't delay registering!

This event is free and open to adults of all abilities.
It is held at Flower Library.

 Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Call Ashley for event questions at 315-785-7714.
www.FlowerLibrary.org



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Art CLUB



For ages 6-12
Hosted by Local Art Educator
SHALAINA THOMPSON
4pm to 5 pm in the Children's Room
Projects announced in class

MARCH 7 * APRIL 4 * MAY 2

 Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library



LEGO club

with Jack Falge

Join us one Thursday a month in the South Reading Room from 4 pm-5:30 pm for LEGO CLUB! All ages are welcome to attend. All the Legos will be provided for you. Theme builds will be announced during each program.

March 20
April 17
May 15

 Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library



