

City Manager's Status and Information Update

March 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:

✓ Supervising Lifeguard	✓ City Forester
✓ Librarian I	✓ Motor Equipment Mechanic
✓ Golf Course Maintenance Supervisor	✓ Facilities Maintenance Worker
✓ Refuse/Recycle MEO	✓ Transit Operator

For more opportunities click the QR Code here:



Civil Service

THE CITY OF WATERTOWN
We are hiring!

Current Vacancies

- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Laborer I & II
- Librarian I
- Lifeguard I & II
- Motor Equipment Mechanic
- Motor Equipment Operator
- Municipal Worker I
- Parks & Rec Attendant
- Refuse/Recycle MEO
- School Crossing Guard
- Secretary
- Transit Operator
- Urban Forestry Assistant
- WTP Maintenance Supervisor

Exam Opportunities

- Building Systems Supervisor
 - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Human Resources Benefits Specialist
 - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Librarian I
 - Application deadline is 4/13/25
- Maintenance Mechanic (WHA)
 - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Modernization Coordinator
 - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Police Officer
 - Application Deadline is 3/24/25

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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 March 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 March are **Monday, March 3rd**, and **Monday, March 17th, 2025**. The March City Council Work Session was on **Monday, March 10th**.

Purchasing

The City of Watertown's Purchasing Department is responsible for acquiring goods, services and construction projects on behalf of the City. The department ensures that procurement processes are fair, transparent and competitive through a formal bidding process.

The following Bid opportunities are available:

Bid #2025-03 Turf Treatment Chemicals, Fertilizer, & Seed Products – Park & Recreation – Deadline 3/20/25

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of Turf Treatment Chemicals, Fertilizer, & Seed Products for the City's Parks & Recreation Department, per departmental specifications. Please use the link below for additional information.

<https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/425/>

If you are not already in our Evobid system, you will have to create a login to our website system to download the specifications. Once you submit your information, you will be notified of any changes on the Bid or RFP. You will also automatically be invited to view any other project related to your company and have access to our EvoBids platform to view any bids/RFPs currently open by the City of Watertown. Thank you.

For additional information, feel free to reach out to the Purchasing Department at 315-785-7749 or visit our website at [City of Watertown - Purchasing Department](#)

Police Department

Police Academy:

The Black River/St. Lawrence Police Academy Class of 2024-2025 is now in the twenty-seventh week of classes. Over the past few weeks, the recruits have been training in topics such as: NY Penal Law, accusatory instruments, NY Public Health Law, human trafficking, defensive tactics, traffic control, fundamental crisis intervention, eye-witness identification, child abuse investigation, crash investigation, civil liability, building searches and physical fitness & wellness.

Police Recruiting:

The last day to submit applications for May 3rd (Saturday) police exam is Monday, March 24th. The online application can be found at the City of Watertown Civil Service Employment Portal at this link- <https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

DARE Graduation:

WPD Officer Lindsey Maitland attended the two-week DARE Officer Course from 02/10/25-02/28/25 in Montour Falls, NY. She is pictured below at the graduation ceremony on 2/28/25.



Officer Maitland received her DARE certificate during the graduation ceremony.



The DARE class graduates pose for a post-graduation picture. Officer Maitland is pictured second from the right.

Community:



WPD Officer Virginia Sherrill stopped by to say hello to the “Mighty Mites” hockey team (under 8 yrs) on March 1st, during the weekend hockey tournament at the Watertown Fairgrounds Arena.



Kids love the fist-bump!

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:

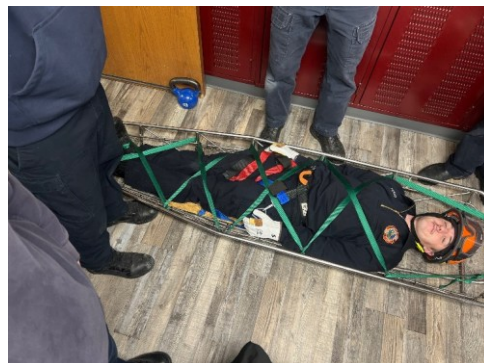
<https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Fire Department

Confined Space Rescue Training:



The Watertown Fire Department is currently training our members in Confined Space Technician. This training is being provided by grant funds through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant that was awarded to our department. The training takes each shift a week to complete and is being offered to the entire department. When this training is completed, the department will move into Trench Rescue Technician training, which is also funded by the same grant.



Haz-Mat Response:

On February 19, 2025, the Watertown Fire Department responded to the Town of Henderson as mutual aid to the Henderson Fire Department for a hazardous materials incident involving a 1,000-gallon underground propane tank that had been struck by a snowplow and was leaking. Christman Fuels was on the scene before the fire department's arrival and attempted to stop the leak; however, the service valve was sheared off. The Henderson Fire Department stretched a precautionary hose line for crew

protection. Watertown Fire Department HazMat crews applied a wet towel to the plugged valve in an attempt to auto-refrigerate the leak while a propane flaring kit was being prepared for use. Propane flaring is a controlled operation used to safely empty a damaged propane vessel. The Henderson Fire Department and Watertown Fire Department utilized meters to monitor the atmosphere and nearby buildings. Flaring operations continued until the tank was emptied.

Engineering

Wastewater Treatment Plant Women's Locker Room and Emergency Generator Relocation:



The new generator and concrete pad for this project were delivered and installed.

Department of Public Works

Sewer Repair:



DPW crews work on critical infrastructure throughout the city. This lateral sewer repair is an example of the types and age of pipe often found.



Buildings and Grounds:



DPW crews take care of Tree City USA with various tree removal and pruning

operations. Crew members are highly efficient in using our bucket truck and attend annual training to continue their certifications and expand their skills.



Electrical



Our Electrical team is seen throughout the city. This recent snowmelt has highlighted damaged traffic signs and pedestrian crosswalk buttons that need replacement. Crews work through frost but get the job done.

Did you know they even replace lights in the clock tower in Downtown Watertown? **So cool!**



Court Street Bridge Clean-up:



DPW crews clean under the Court Street bridge. As winter fades, more areas will need clearing of debris and large items that have accumulated over the past months.



Water Department



Operator and maintenance staff at the Pollution Control Facility replaced the impeller on #2 grit pump. The grit removal system at the treatment plant removes inorganic coarse materials- such as sand, dirt, and coffee grounds- to protect downstream equipment from damage.

Trickling Filter gate 1 is now fully operational. During the repair process, the crew at the Pollution Control Facility took advantage of the opportunity as a valuable training exercise. Senior and junior staff worked together to learn how to repair the shaft and set the high and low limits on the gate actuator.



participants with management training and leadership development through a blended learning approach. It explores complex challenges in the water and wastewater industries while fostering networking opportunities with professionals from both the public and private sectors.

The Chief Operator at the Pollution Control Facility was accepted into the Water Leadership Institute (WLI). Out of 184 applicants, only 84 were selected for the WLI 2025 program. This intensive program provides



Final A sludge pump 2 has been reinstalled after a complete rebuild, while Pump 1 has been removed for reconstruction. Final A settling tank removes 90-95% of the settleable solids before the disinfection process. The sludge pump plays a crucial role in removing these solids from the system.

Staff at the WWTP utilized their expertise and innovative problem-solving skills to design and install a new piping section. This will enhance the efficiency of future digester cleaning and inspections. Their proactive approach reflects a dedication to enhancing plant operations and preserving critical infrastructure.



Cleaning and inspecting a digester at the WWTP requires extensive preparation. Maintenance and operations staff removed a 6-inch pump that previously fed the digester and are installing new piping to accommodate a new piston pump. The new piping arrangement will provide flexibility, allowing operators to use the new pump for feeding the digester, transferring digested sludge between digesters, or directing it to the drain.

Service Repair:

Multiple service repairs have been conducted by the Watertown Distribution Department. The work performed included ball valve replacements, curb box resets, and frozen meter or service repairs. One service was repaired on Thompson Blvd.

**Main Break/Leak Investigation:**

Staff have continued to perform leak studies on various sections of the Distribution System. On 2/27/25 a 10-inch main was repaired on Pearl Street, and on 3/2/25, a 6-inch main was repaired on Bishop Street.



Hydrants operated for fire flow testing on State Street.

Parks and Recreation Department

Slip, Slide & Skate:



The Slip, Slide & Skate program recently wrapped up its second week. Throughout the program kids focus on maintaining their balance, getting up if they fall, and how to skate between obstacles. This is a great program for someone who wants to learn to skate or is just beginning to skate. Throughout the program, participants will play a variety of fun skating games such as

red-light green-light. Two sessions are held annually, and often each class reaches capacity weeks before the session begins. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department for additional information and class schedules.



Thompson Park Golf Course:



2025 Season Passes

Season Pass	Resident / Military	Non-Resident
18 & under	\$175	\$200
22 & under	\$325	\$375
Adult	\$800	\$875
Senior (62)	\$650	\$725
Senior Couple (62)	\$900	\$975
Family (2 Adults)	\$1,000	\$1,100
Per additional student	\$80	\$90

The Thompson Park Golf Course has 2025 season passes available. To purchase your pass, please visit: <https://thompsonparkgolfcourse.watertown-ny.gov/> .



Upcoming Waterstown Wolves Games:

Friday, March 14th

Friday, March 21st

Saturday, March 22nd

For a full schedule visit www.waterstownwolves.net

WATERTOWN WOLVES

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT
THURSDAY, MARCH 13th / 7:30pm
ALL TICKETS - \$5.00 OFF PER PERSON

BLACK OUT NIGHT
FRIDAY, MARCH 14th / 7:30PM

VS

Hat Tricks

VS

ERIE OTTERS

BEST DRESSED IN THEIR ST. PATTY'S DAY GREENS
WILL WIN A 4 PACK OF TICKETS TO ANY
REGULAR SEASON HOME GAME
10% OFF MERCHANDISE IN THE WOLVES DEN

JERSEY AUCTION IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE GAME II

GROUP SALES AVAILABLE 10 OR MORE PEOPLE TICKETS \$10 EACH
GO TO WATERTOWNWOLVES.NET

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
YOUR LOCAL KINNEY DRUGS
& POWER PLAY SPORTS

EMBRACE THE WILD

ALL CUB SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS
DRESSED IN CLASS A UNIFORMS
ADMISSION ONLY \$5.00 EACH

girl scouts



St. Patrick's Classic Benefit Hockey Games
Saturday, March 15th – 6:00pm
Free Admission – Donations Welcome

- Game 1 – Jefferson County Fire vs North Country Mountaineers
- Game 2 – Watertown City Fire vs Binghamton Fire

**Proceeds to benefit the family of fallen Binghamton Firefighter
John R. "JR" Gaude.*

For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19wBPb1z2H/>

<https://allevents.in/watertown/st-patricks-classic-benefit-hockey-game/200027808682909>

Baseball & Softball Leagues:

City of Watertown 

MEN'S SUNDAY SOFTBALL

Registration Period
Monday March 3-Friday April 4

Captain's Meeting:
Tuesday April 15th 6pm

Season Begins
Sunday April 27, Weather Permitting

Final day of roster additions or changes is June 13
Team Registration fee is \$300 using the link below:
<https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
Call 315-785-7775 for more information



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CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Mondays & Wednesdays: 6:30 & 8:00
Make up games Fridays
Registration Period
Monday April 7-Friday May 9th


Captain's Meeting:
Wednesday May 21st
Season Begins the week of June 2nd

A DIVISION	B DIVISION
	
COMPETITIVE	RECREATIONAL

Final day of roster additions or changes is July 11
Team Registration fee is \$325 using the link below:
<https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
Call 315-785-7775 for more information

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10U YOUTH BASEBALL



League Runs
JUNE 24 TO JULY 31

Tues/Thurs Game Days

REGISTRATION PERIOD:
APRIL 14 - JUNE 6

COACHES MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH

Registration open to ages 8-10 as of April 15, 2025
City Residents/Military: \$15 Non-City Residents: \$30
Volunteer coaches are needed!

Accepting all individual players, as well as teams from local Little League Affiliations! Teams must submit Roster Forms. Scan to register or register online using the link below:
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13U YOUTH BASEBALL



League Runs
June 23 to July 30

Mon/Wed Game Days

Registration Period:
April 14 - June 6

COACHES MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH

Registration open to ages 10-13 as of April 15, 2025
City Residents/Military: \$15 Non-City Residents: \$30
Volunteer coaches are needed!

Accepting all individual players, as well as teams from local Little League Affiliations! Teams must submit Roster Forms. Scan to register or register online using the link below:
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PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF WATERTOWN
NY

TEE-BALL & COACH PITCH

6U: Ages 5-6 as of April 30
8U: 6-8 as of April 30
City Residents/Military: \$15
Non-City Residents: \$30
Volunteer coaches are needed!

Registration Period
May 5- June 13

League Dates
June 30 - August 7

6U: Tuesdays/Thursdays
8U: Mondays/Wednesdays

Coaches Meeting
Wednesday June 18th

Schedule Available
June 23

Scan for 6U Scan for 8U

Scan to register or register online:
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If you need assistance please call 315-785-7775

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Book Display Brigade


Volunteer opportunity

Ages 12-17 welcome
Teen Space from 4-5 pm

Channel your inner designer & help make a book display for the Teen Space.
Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

March 20th
April 17th

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Questions? Contact Ms. Amanda: 315.785.7715



YOUTH ART MONTH


WATERTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary Art Show

MARCH 20 5:30-6:30 PM

Featuring artwork by students in grades K-6
 Hosted by Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
 229 Washington St | Watertown, NY

Artwork on display until April 3




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

