

Engineering Department

Thompson Park Pool

The masons have completed installation of the exterior 8" CMU bathhouse walls under a heated poly tent enclosure in order to maintain specified temperatures during construction. The bathhouse structural fill stone floor base is installed and compacted to grade with compacted haunched areas for interior CMU partition placement. Two layers of 2x8 treated top wall plates were installed to receive trusses. The sill, jamb, and header treated plates were installed around the windows and doors. The roof trusses have arrived on site and are scheduled to be installed by a crane on January 14, 2020. The under-slab electrical and concrete slab prep and pour is scheduled the week of January 20, 2020. The interior bathhouse masonry walls are scheduled for the week of January 27, 2020.



Photo 1 – Exterior Bathhouse Wall Construction



Photo 2 –Trusses

Fire Department

The below is information is from the United States Fire Administration based on 2017 fire data throughout the United States.

Causes of fires and fire losses Residential:

At 52%, cooking was the leading cause of residential building fires. Heating caused another 9%. These percentages (and those that follow) are adjusted, which proportionally spreads the unknown causes over the other 15 cause categories. The leading causes of residential fatal fires were other unintentional or careless actions at 17%, cause under investigation at 14%, intentional actions at 13%, and smoking at 12%. These four causes accounted for more than half of the residential fatal fires. The cause category “other unintentional or careless actions” includes the misuse of materials or products, abandoned or discarded materials or products, heat source too close to combustibles, and other unintentional actions. The leading cause of residential fires that resulted in injuries was cooking (32%). Cooking was, by far, the leading cause of fires resulting in dollar loss at 27%, followed by electrical malfunction and other unintentional or careless actions (12% each).

The Fire Department is looking into ways to get information out to the public, through education and programs to help diminish the fires caused by unattended cooking fires.

Parks and Recreation

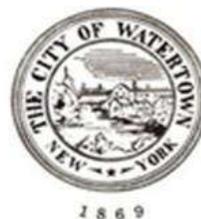
The All Army Hockey team played against the Watertown Wolves on New Year's Eve at the Watertown Municipal Arena. The All Army team beat the Watertown Wolves with a score of 5-3. It was a great game with about 900 people attending.



The Watertown Wolves take on the Elmira Enforcers on Friday, January 10th and Saturday, January 11th. Puck drop is at 7:30 for both games.



The City of Watertown and the Watertown Wolves will be hosting the Greater Watertown Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on January 22nd from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at the Watertown Municipal Arena. The Watertown Wolves will play the Elmira Enforcers immediately following the Business After Hours.



City Manager's
Status and Information Update
January 10, 2020



Snowtown USA will start on January 17th and continue through January 26th at varying locations throughout Watertown. For a full list of events, go to www.snowtownusa.com.

Planning Department

Crow Harassment

Loomacres Wildlife Management conducted back-to-back crow harassment efforts on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 9-10, 2020. Loomacres continued to focus their efforts on Washington Street in the area around City Hall, the Flower Memorial Library and Jefferson County Historical Society.

These mark Loomacres' fifth and sixth nights of harassment this season, respectively. Loomacres will return for another two back-to-back nights of harassment in early February.



Sewall's Island and Factory Square Redevelopment Plan

Next Thursday, January 16, 2020, will be the first public open house for the redevelopment plan. MKSK Studios will be doing a presentation on the information that they've gathered during the first phase of the project and engage participants to hear what they feel should be developed in the area of Sewall's Island and Factory Square. The meeting is being held at 6:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension. See the Press Release on the next page.

Police Department

Neighborhood Watch

Officer Ryan met with the first Neighborhood Watch group this week! There is a tentative plan to have a public informational meeting at the Flower Memorial Library later this month. We will pass on additional information once the meeting details are confirmed.

For information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch Group, the "National Neighborhood Watch" website at nnw.org is a great place to start! We encourage any NW groups to make contact with Officer Ryan by email at ryan@watertown-ny.gov. He will be available to attend NW group meetings and will assist with communication between WPD and NW groups.

SEWALL'S ISLAND FACTORY SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

PRESS RELEASE

January 6th, 2020

The City of Watertown is undertaking the creation of a Redevelopment Plan and Vision for the Sewall's Island and Factory Square Areas. The City has hired MKSK, a landscape architecture and urban design firm from Columbus, Ohio to lead the planning and visioning effort. MKSK has extensive experience in designing and implementing the vision for world-class districts and parks throughout the country. The consultant team, led by MKSK, is also comprised of market analysts, engineers, and bridge designers to ensure the creation of an aspirational, yet-realistic vision for the future of these sites.

The City and consultant team recognize the significance of these sites within the Watertown community. These sites have played a significant role as economic drivers for Watertown's past and this plan sets out to shape their role in enhancing the future of the city. The plan will focus on:

- Creating development plans and defining the highest and best land uses for the sites.
- Designing a vision for parkland on Sewall's Island and Factory Square Park.
- Turning the former rail bridges into pedestrian and bicycle bridges as part of expanding the trail network throughout the region.
- Improving the access to the Black River corridor.
- Creating a unique new asset for the City that serves as a hub of activity and regional attraction.

The project is kicking off this month. We are asking the public to participate in our online survey to gather initial thoughts and ideas for the area. The City is inviting the public to attend the first public open house on **Thursday, January 16th at 6pm at the Cornell Cooperative Extension** located at 203 N Hamilton Street in Watertown.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

PHASE 1:
LEARNING

OCTOBER - JANUARY



PHASE 2:
IDEA TESTING

JANUARY - MARCH



PHASE 3:
DECIDING & DOING

MARCH - JUNE



WE ARE HERE

The online survey is available at:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/watertownny