

## Fire Department



Off duty members, retirees and our department Chaplains participated in Monsignor Mac kids' day at the fair, where the midway grants free rides for children with disabilities if they are accompanied by a firefighter. Members participating in this year's event include: Retired Fire Captain Charlie Holland, who has participated for 18 years, Rev. Sam Lundy, Rev. Leon VanWie, Retired Firefighter Terry Curtis, Captains R. Little, A. Denney, D. Gardner, Firefighters Jeff Holland, Jonathan Stetson, Matt

Carpenter, and George Yarnall. After the rides, the kids were treated to a midway hotdog, chips and a drink, and a bag of cotton candy for the ride home.

## Department of Public Works

### **Public Works Roads**

DPW is preparing to undertake a cold-in-place recycling project on Thompson Boulevard next week, between Franklin Street and the Park Circle.

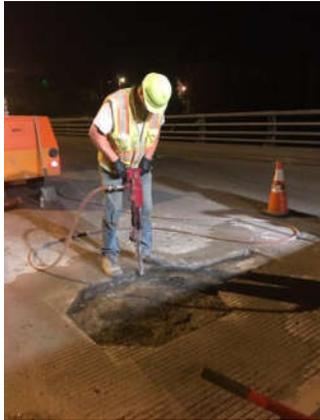
Thompson Boulevard will be closed to accommodate this work. The work will consist of a "train" of equipment that will remove the existing pavement to a 3" depth, combining it with new stone aggregate and liquid asphalt emulsion. The resulting cold-mix will then be placed back down to create a new pavement base layer. After a settling period, City crews will place pin-on curbing followed by a 2" hot mix asphalt top course.



Crews

have also used an asphalt hot box to conduct overnight patching work at the Arsenal Street / South Massey Street intersection. The hot box allows hot-mix asphalt to be maintained at lay down temperatures for extended periods which allows overnight operations to be conducted in off-peak times.

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In addition, crews worked overnight on spot repairs to the Court Street bridge deck where delaminated concrete was chipped out and patched with new material.



Street paving and curbing operations are also underway on South Indiana Avenue, as well as South Pleasant Streets.

DPW Sign Crews have worked in the downtown area painting parking stalls, lane lines and arrows. During the week of July 22, crews will begin preliminary work to reconfigure the lanes markings associated with the West Main Street road diet project, phase 2.



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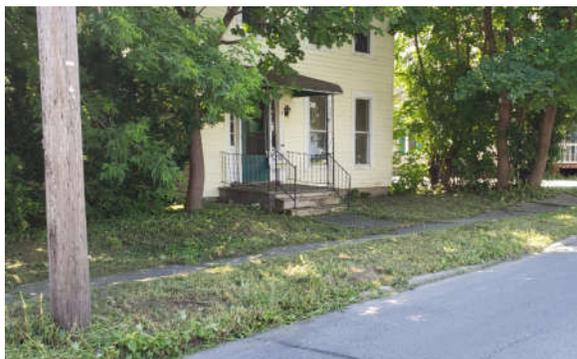
**Public Works Building & Grounds**



B&G crews have been continuing work in Thompson Park to remove hazardous trees identified during the urban forestry inspection project.



DPW Building & Grounds have been tasked with mowing private properties that are in violation of City codes. This past week, crews had requests to mow 13 parcels.



### **Thompson Park Public Parking**

Temporary signage for a Public Parking lot in Thompson Park have been erected. Permanent signs will be installed pending excavation clearance from underground utilities.



### **Engineering Department**

#### **Hydro Power**



The excitation system from ABB underwent factory testing this week. Jeff Hammond was at ABB's testing facility to witness the testing. The equipment is being prepared for shipping.

### Mill Street and Pearl Street Bridges



The pedestrian bridge alongside the Pearl Street bridge is being used. The demolition of the north bound lane will be completed next week.



### Thompson Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Project

Pre bid meeting took place Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Five construction companies attended the meeting.

**Parks and Recreation**



There will be a "Ribbon Cutting" ceremony at William J. Flynn Pool on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Special thanks to Mark Henry and the family of William J. Flynn for donating the new sign, as well as 10 concrete benches for the William J. Flynn Pool. Also, the William J. Flynn Pool underwent an inspection from the New York State Department of Health on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and passed.



A new electrical switch at the main diamond has been installed to provide City employees a safer way to turn the field lights on and off.

The Jefferson County Fair started on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and will end on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> the Jefferson County Fair was presented an "Outstanding Concessionaire" award.



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The Parks and Recreation Department has worked with the Work Place Youth and Young Adult Training Program to employ three employees. To date, the two employees who have started with us are doing very well. The third employee will be starting next week.

The Jeff Dunham show filled the arena on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> as part of the DPAO Summer Concert Series.



## **Planning Department**

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Lisa Nagle from Elan Planning presented their Zoning Diagnostic, complete evaluation of the City's Zoning Ordinance and its current functionality, to the Steering Committee at the ninth committee meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. This discussion also included some zoning history and a look at potential future zoning tools, such as form-based code. Committee members also discussed the City's housing market with Margaret Irwin of River Street Planning, specifically some of the different types of housing products that exist inside and outside the City. Conceptual plans for the Newell Street waterfront also received discussion during the meeting. The next Steering Committee meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, and will have a transportation focus, with GYMO D.P.C. presenting.

### **Consolidated Funding Applications**

Staff has been working with Strategic Development Specialists assembling information for various grant programs included in this year's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). There are a number of programs that could provide funding for proposed City projects. **This year's applications will be for the following:**

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- The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for funds to update the City's LWRP Plan, prior to adoption, and also for funding to implement recommendations from the recently completed Downtown-Riverfront Parks Connection Feasibility Study. This would include improving and enhancing a direct and safe pedestrian connection from Public Square, through the JB Wise Parking Lot down to the Riverwalk.
- The New York State Parks Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for grant funding to repair the stonework within Thompson Park which is in need of re-pointing to preserve them from further deterioration. The proposed project would focus on the Pinnacle Pavilion structure and the retaining walls and stairs located nearby.
- The Local Government Efficiency Program for a shared application with the Town of Watertown for the purchase of a spray injection road patching unit. Spray injection is recognized as one of the more efficient methods to provide repairs to distressed asphalt. Applications are due July 26.

### **Police Department**

#### **Police Academy Update**

The Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th at 10:30 a.m. at the Savory Café banquet room. Members of the City Council, as well as the public, are invited to attend.

#### **Police Applicants**

A total of 10 police applicants passed the agility testing phase of the application process on July 8th. The next phase will be the background investigations, followed by interviews. There are currently two unfilled positions in the police department. The next police academy is scheduled to begin on September 9th, 2019.