

Planning Department

The Strategic Plan process identified the Black River as an important resource within the City. Staff is currently in the early stages of exploring ways to improve river access, redevelopment opportunities along the river and increasing recreational opportunities within the river. Opportunities are being explored for the redevelopment or restoration of the Route 3 wave for whitewater kayakers, as well as other whitewater park development features in conjunction with the revitalization efforts on Sewall's Island. Staff conducted a field visit at the Route 3 wave site and along the river on either side of Sewall's Island to discuss the potential for future improvements to increase recreational opportunities within the river.



Police Department

Neighborhood Watch:

The Watertown Police Department will be working with community members who are forming “Neighborhood Watch” groups. We have several officers who have volunteered to act as liaisons between the police department and Neighborhood Watch groups that are interested in working with the police department. We recommend that anyone interested in forming a group go to the “National Neighborhood Watch” website at <https://nnw.org/start> to see how they can start their own Neighborhood Watch group. They can register a group (free of charge) on the site and can also apply for membership (there is a fee for membership). We will have more information in the coming weeks.

Water Department

Hydroelectric

Hydro-electric production is still down due to lack of flow in the Black River.

The hydro excitation equipment is on-site and will be installed in October.

Wastewater Treatment/Water Treatment

The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Drinking Water Treatment Plant hosted tours for the Jefferson and Lewis County Water Quality Coordinating Committees.

Water Distribution



The Pearl Street Bridge contractors accidentally struck a 16” water main on Wednesday afternoon, which caused water supply interruptions throughout the City and dirty water complaints as well. The main was repaired, and service was restored.

