

City Manager's  
Status and Information Update  
November 1, 2019



**Department of Public Works**



**PUBLIC MEETING**

Let's talk about the future of transit services in Jefferson County and adjacent communities

**WHERE** Jefferson Community College  
Building 2, Room 107  
1220 Coffeen St. Watertown, NY

**WHEN** Thursday, November 7, 2019  
Doors open at 6 p.m. Presentation to begin at 7 p.m.

**WHY** The Watertown-Jefferson County Area Transportation Council has prepared a study recommending a potential regional transit network for Watertown, Fort Drum and surrounding communities.

*Come hear the results of our study!*



Please note that a public meeting is set up for November 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Jefferson Community College to talk about the future of transit services.

**Safety**

This week, members of the City's safety committee traveled to Cicero, NY, to partake in a slip simulator. Members wore protective harnesses, shoes with wheels on the soles, and walked along a slippery surface. Instructors guided members on using proper techniques when walking on slippery surfaces in order to prevent slips and falls. It was a great time and a special thanks to the Town of Cicero for allowing us to participate.



## **Engineering Department**

### **Black River Parkway/Commerce Park Drive**

Project is complete.

### **Iroquois/Sherman Street Intersection Road Diet Project**

The crew will be back onsite pending weather to complete the asphalt placement next week.

### **Mill Street and Pearl Street Bridge Projects**

NYSDOT notified the City that the FHWA Compliance Assessment Program is reviewing the Project. The project has been determined to be substantial complete by the Engineering Department.

### **State Street Fire Station**

Project is complete the driveway has been reopened to the fire department.

### **Hydroelectric Repairs**

Units one and two have been recertified for power production the units have been up and running throughout the week generating power. Unit three's recertification was interrupted because of the car accident on Water Street Wednesday morning that impacted a power pole.

### **Waste Water Treatment Plant Truck Scale**

The request for quote package, for the WWTP Truck Scale Pads Project was issued this week. The quote opening date is November 14, 2019 and the project is scheduled to be implemented in the spring of 2020.

### **Thompson Park Pool**

The GC Con Tech is on schedule with the Site Contractor AMI Earth & Asphalt completing excavation of the Pool and Stone Base compaction to grade. The pool base edge forming and the main drain are in place for Concrete pour. The balance surge tank has been installed and sealed. The fabrication of the rebar and pool wall forms will continue this week. Pouring of the concrete for the pool base is scheduled for next week. Atlantic Testing has been notified for Concrete Inspection Testing.



### **Newell Street HVAC Replacement**

Ontario HVAC Solutions is substantially complete on the project with 5 Unit Heaters, Furnace, ACCU, Water Heater, Ductwork, Gas Service Lines, Exhaust Duct Lines, Insulated Window Panels, Transfer Duct Grilles, Supply Diffusers, Return Grilles, Louver, Condensate Lines, Boiler Abatement, and Mechanical Room Unit Heater installed. A Final Inspection Meeting took place with the Architect and Owners on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The balancing of the System and connection of Condenser Exhaust Fan to exterior Louver remains.



### **JB Wise Retaining Wall Project**

A Notification of Award has been sent to Driscoll Masonry for this project as a resolution was approved at the October 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. Once the Contract Agreement has been signed and all Insurances have been received. The contractor was contacted mobilization is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2019.

### **Parks and Recreation**

The Watertown Wolves are hosting the Port Huron Prowlers on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Watertown Municipal Arena. Puck drop is at 7:30 pm for both games.





Fort Drum has agreed to donate a 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division flag to be displayed in Thompson Park when the new flag poles are installed.

### **Planning Department**

#### **Sewall's Island**

A kickoff meeting was held this week for the Revitalization and Redevelopment Design Plan for Sewall's Island and Factory Square, with MKSK Studios and Highland Planning. The City was awarded a Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies grant from the NYS DOS for the project. The Plan will create a vision for the area and capitalize on community assets and recreation opportunities, guide redevelopment and help attract new investments and businesses, and identify transformational projects in this area of Watertown.

The project involves the development of preliminary designs and cost estimates for the commercial development of the island and Factory Square, along with the park and trail development on the eastern portion of the island. The preliminary designs and cost estimates will be used for future budgeting and potential grant applications for construction.



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**Strategic Plan Public Hearing** A large crowd of several dozen citizens and other stakeholders attended the City Council's Public Hearing on October 28, 2019 at Watertown High School to learn and ask questions about the Council's Strategic Goals and Objectives. Attendees asked questions on multiple topics, including tree maintenance, elimination of blight and City communication. The event also included informal discussion opportunities with Staff and before Council Members before and after the formal hearing.



**Franklin Street Bus Shelter**

City crews from the Department of Public Works (DPW) are in the process of installing a new bus shelter on Franklin Street, across from the Asbury United Methodist Church. The City purchased the shelter using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement funds. The project also includes new sidewalk in front of the shelter location, which crews have finished installing. DPW expects to complete the project soon.



**Black River Trail**

Construction on the Black River Trail-City of Watertown Connection Project was started recently by the contractor, Luck Brothers, Inc. The project will extend the Black River Trail from its current terminus at Walker Avenue in the Meadowbrook apartment complex to Waterworks Park via Eastern Boulevard and Huntington Street. The project will complete a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian connection between the eastern part of the City and the Village of Black River that will measure just over five miles. The project is being funded with a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from the NYS DOT that was awarded to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS OPRHP) Thousand Islands region and the City, who was a co-applicant. The City's share of the \$950,000 project is \$57,000 which will be paid for from the Black River Fund. The contractor will be working for the next few weeks until they shut down for the winter. It is anticipated that construction will be complete next summer.

