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Buy/Sell Group at JB Wise Parking Lot

The City Manager and Police Department visited both the JB Wise Parking Lot group and the Stone Street group one week ago. They reached out to both groups and invited them to come to City Hall for a meeting to assist them in setting up a safe space to meet as long as they comply with providing a Certificate of Insurance for use of City property and abide by some common City rules. Only the JB Wise group came to City Hall, and we have issued them a Letter of Authorization since they produced the required Certificate of Insurance. The City Manager has set some common City conditions for them to follow.

We have tried following up with the Stone Street group and have been informed that they are now using property owned by The Cutting Edge lawn service on Water Street. The City, along with the Police Department, will continue to monitor the situation. Their continued use of the City's Stone Street Parking Lot has been prohibited since they did not apply for the required authorization from the City.

Engineering Department

On Thursday April 18th the bid opening for the WWTP Truck Scale Project was held. There were two bidders, and the results are as follows:

Continental Construction	\$263,114.28
D.C. Building Systems	\$323,987.57
FY 2018/19 Budget for the project	\$150,000



The storm sewer lines at the State Street Fire Station were videoed this week after being cleaned out. They seem to be in good condition. However, the upper a portion of catch basins have deteriorated, and will need to be repaired as part of this project.

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Western Boulevard Project
Black Horse Group has mobilized for the Spring. The anticipated finish date for the project is June 1st.



**Huntington Phase 3 and 4
CDBG Project**
All 10,000 ft² sidewalk has been poured, and the wall is being capped and back filled today.

WWTP Chemical Building Roof Replacement Project

This project is in the Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Budget Cost is \$55,000. Paradigm Environmental has completed the Roof Asbestos Survey Report and results confirm no asbestos present. Specifications and Drawings are out to bid with the bid opening as Tuesday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Thompson Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Project

Because the projected costs were higher than FY 2018-19 Budget, the project bid date has been delayed to accommodate a redesign of the facility.



Thompson Park Retaining Wall #7 Project
DEW Builders started back working on the wall #7 Monday. Work completed this past week included installing crushed compacted stone up to grade for the new 8' blacktop walkway, which will be installed as soon as the blacktop plant reopens. DEW Builders have also performed site rehabilitation with topsoil and seeding the lower lawn area.

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Flower Avenue East

Approximately 1250 ft² of 5 foot sidewalks on 300 block was poured.

Parks and Recreation

The Watertown Wolves lost in the first round of playoffs, and their season is over. Currently, City officials and the Wolves' owner are negotiating a contract for next season.

We have been preparing for the close of the ice season. The last day of ice is this Saturday, the 20th. Staff will begin removing the ice on Monday.



Youth Archery Ages 8-15

This 6-week program will be held on Tuesday nights for youth ages 8-15, and is taught by certified Level 2 USA Archery instructors. This program is designed to be a fun and safe way to teach the correct beginner techniques of archery and develop a new interest that is out of the ordinary!

***Archery* prerequisite:** Past experience with Archery or having taken the Archery camp with Watertown Parks & Rec and YMCA.

Important Information

Ages: 8-15
Begin: May 7th
Days & Times:
Tuesdays
4:45-5:45pm (Intro)
6:00-7:00pm (Archery)
***If weather permits, classes will be held outside of the YMCA Basketball courts. Rain Days will be inside the Basketball Court.**

Please bring

-Sneakers &
comfortable clothing-Water
Bottle & Snack

Program Fees

YMCA Member: \$40
*City Resident:

Non Member: \$80
Non City Resident:

Register at the YMCA
Welcome Center.
For availability call:
315-755-9622

*City Resident cards can be
picked up at the Watertown
Parks and Rec office.
315-785-7775
sweller@watertown-ny.gov

Questions on Registration?

Email: asouza@nnyymca.org Phone: 315-755-9622



Spring sports are beginning, and registrations are opening up for Youth Baseball, T-ball & Coach Pitch as well as COED Softball, Girls Softball and most recently Youth Archery. We partnered with the YMCA again this year to be able to offer the Archery Program at no cost to the City.

An Event Calendar for the upcoming season has been drafted and is attached at the end of this update. This week, the Disabled Persons Action Organization announced three concerts that will be held here in the Arena this Summer. Also, Signature Productions has just reserved the Arena for Memorial Day weekend for their annual Hot Tub Show.

We have exceeded our budgeted revenue for this year in the Concession Stand and still have a few events lined up before the end of the budget year. The Concession Stand has been open each day this week due to school vacation.

Planning is under way for the hiring of Summer laborers, lifeguards and playground staff.

Planning Department

Sewall's Island Site Remediation Project Update

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation recently entered into a contract with The Environmental Service Group NY Inc, of Tonawanda to complete the Sewall's Island Remediation Project. As the City Council may recall, the Record of Decision for the site that was issued in 2013 and amended in 2015 calls for the placement of a site cover over most of the island. The cover will consist of existing concrete slabs in a several areas, primarily along Pearl Street, and either a one foot or two foot soil cover in other areas. The area along Pearl Street will be designated for commercial uses while the old railroad parcel, as well as two parcels on the southeast side of the island, are

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designated as parkland and will be redeveloped in the future for park and recreational use. Planning and Engineering Staff recently attended a preconstruction meeting with representatives from DEC, EA Engineering and the contractor. Some tree removal work occurred in March and additional brush and site clearing will soon follow. The construction work to grade and level the site and install the soil cover will be starting in the next few weeks. Grant funding from the NY Works II Environmental Restoration Program is paying for 90% of the project costs. The City will be responsible for 10% of the total project cost or approximately \$150,000. A portion of the matching funds have been budgeted in the FY 18/19 budget and the balance is proposed for FY 19/20.

Earth Day 2019

On Monday, April 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., City Council members are invited to join members of Tree Watertown in front of City Hall to unveil the City's new Downtown Arboretum sign. The arboretum is made up of a unique collection of trees on public and private property in the 200 Block of Washington Street. This ceremony will also include the planting of a tree to honor the life of the late Brian Skinner, a former National Grid forester, for his longtime commitment and effort in the field of urban forestry.



Arbor Day 2019

Friday April 26, 2019 is Arbor Day and Tree Watertown, the City's Street Tree Advisory Board, invites members of the City Council, City Staff and the public to celebrate the occasion with the planting of a Norway spruce at Lansingdorf Park located at Katherine Street and Seymour Street. The ceremony will start at 9:30 a.m. During the event, we will celebrate the centennial of the Lansingdorf Park neighborhood and will dedicate the planting of this year's Arbor Day tree to the late Daniel A. Buduson, who grew up on Katherine Street. Students from North Elementary will also be participating in the celebration.

2019 Annual Rotary Tree Planting Event

On Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., the Watertown Noon Rotary Club will be conducting its annual tree planting in Thompson Park in the area located just north of the Water Tower near the Pinnacle Outlook. Join members of the Rotary Club, Tree Watertown, Friends of Thompson Park, NYS DEC, students from Watertown City School District, Immaculate Heart Centrals and others as we plant 47 new trees in an effort to preserve the future tree canopy of Watertown's historic Thompson Park.



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2019 EVENT CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, April 27	Monster Yard Sale	Municipal Arena & Fair Building
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 3, 4 & 5	NNY Builders Exchange Home Show	Municipal Arena
Saturday, May 11	MMA Fighting Alliance	Municipal Arena
Saturday, May 12	Horse Fun Show	Fairgrounds Horse Ring
Sunday, May 19	Veteran's Outreach 5K run	Thompson Park Large Pavilion
Sunday, May 12, 19	Horse Show	Fairgrounds Horse Ring
Wednesday, May 15	Mental Health Awareness Walk	Thompson Park Large Pavilion
Thursday, May 16	The Workplace Career Jam	Municipal Arena
Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18	Shrine Circus	Municipal Arena
Sunday, May 19	Veteran's Outreach 5K	Thompson Park Large Pavilion
Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, May 24-27	Signature Productions Hot Tub Show	Municipal Arena
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 7, 8 & 9	FX Caprara Car Sale	Fairgrounds
Saturday, June 8	Girls on the Run 5K Event	Thompson Park Large Pavilion
Saturday, June 8	DPW Spring Drop Off	Municipal Arena Parking Lot
Friday & Saturday, June 14 & 15	Relay for Life	Fairgrounds
Saturday, June 15	4H Horse Show	Fairgrounds Horse Ring
Monday, July 1	Public Pools & Playgrounds Open for the Season	
Tuesday, July 2	Concert in the Park/Fireworks	Thompson Park
Tuesday - Sunday, July 9-14	Jefferson County Fair	Fairgrounds
Thursday, July 18	DPAO Presents Ronnie Milsap	Municipal Arena
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 26, 27 & 28	Gun Show	Municipal Arena
Sunday, July 28	Horse Show	Fairgrounds Horse Ring
Saturday, August 10	DPAO Presents Brett Young	Municipal Arena
Saturday, August 10	Movies Under the Stars	Thompson Park Kite Hill
Saturday, August 17	Faery & Earth Festival	Thompson Park Picnic Areas
Sunday, August 18	Silver Dollar Horse Show	Fairgrounds Horse Ring
Wednesday, August 21	DPAO Presents Foreigner	Municipal Arena
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 23, 24 & 25	IACA Italian Festival	Municipal Arena
Saturday, September 7	Horse Show	Fairgrounds Horse Ring
Saturday, September 14	Memorial to Monument Run	Thompson Park
Sunday, September 15	AIM at Melanoma Walk	Thompson Park Large Pavilion
Saturday, September 21	Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk	Thompson Park Large Pavilion
Saturday, September 28	Harvest Festival	Thompson Park Large Pavilion
Saturday, September 28	Paws 4 Potter Walk	Thompson Park Rotary Pavilion
Saturday, October 5	Daniel Briggs Memorial Walk	Thompson Park Large Pavilion