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Engineering Department

Flower Avenue East Reconstruction –



The contractor, Luck Brothers, is wrapping up minor punchlist items, survey monumentation, handicap ramps, and lawn restoration work.

Flynn Pool Filter Replacement

J.E. Sheehan Construction, the contractor, has installed the new pool filter piping, strainer and accessories, and is about 90% Complete. The filter system will be tested and ready for deployment for the 2019 swim season.



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Central Street Sidewalk Project

The Contractor, Luck Brothers, has completed excavation and removal of over 2,000 feet of sidewalk on Central Street and Remington Street, in preparation for installation of new sidewalk.

Cooper Street Sanitary Sewer Outfall

Atlantic Testing Laboratories completed boring samples to determine depth to bedrock for the new sewer main alignment which runs through backyards between Thompson Street and Leray Street. The design of the Cooper Street Outfall is progressing. Detailed evaluation of certain sections of pipe, which were not passable for televising, will be completed in the next few weeks by a contractor with specialized equipment. Once results are in, the amount of 24" sewer pipe replacement will be known, and the remaining sections will receive a cured in place liner, which reduces excavation costs significantly by using the existing pipe as the host for the liner.

Harrison Street Sewer Project

Design is progressing for the sewer reconstruction project.

Huntington Street Sidewalk Project CDBG Phase 3-4

Concrete Slipform Inc (CSI) has completed about 95% of the \$266,203 project, including 11,000 square feet of sidewalk and (16) handicap ramps.



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Sherman-Iroquois Intersection Improvements



Plans were sent out for bid this week to make geometry changes to the right turn from Iroquois onto Sherman Street and improve handicap ramps.

Sidewalk Improvement District #13

The Contractor, Luck Brothers, has completed excavation and removal of sidewalk on Pleasant Street North. Gill Street sidewalk removal will begin next week. The \$244,438 project includes almost 15,000 square feet of sidewalk in the areas of Indiana Avenue North, Gill Street, and Bronson Street.

Thompson Park Retaining Wall #7 Project

DEW Builders is the Construction Company at the Thompson Park Retaining Wall #7 Project. Work is 90 % complete with only the new 8' blacktop walkway and Grass Margin remaining to be installed.



Thompson Blvd Reconstruction (Franklin St to Park Circle)

Design is underway on reconstruction of this 2,000 foot section of road. Drainage design is being finalized so DPW can order catch basins and plan for installation this summer, before the cold in place pavement recycling operation is performed by contractor.

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Western Boulevard

The contractor, Black Horse Group, installed remaining curbing and directional islands on the Gaffney Drive and Commerce Park Drive approaches this week and prepped remaining areas for sidewalk and paved multi-purpose trails.



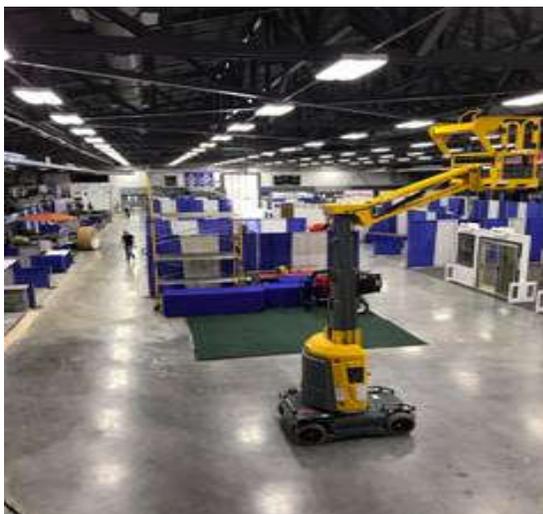
WWTP Chemical Building Roof Replacement Project

This project is in the Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Budget Cost is \$55,000. Seven bids were submitted, and the lowest qualified bid was received for \$54,000. The bid will be presented to Council for award at the May 20th meeting.

Zombie 2.0 Grant

The City was notified it was NOT awarded the requested \$100,000 funding we applied for in the Zombie 2.0 Grant administered by NYS LISC. Work is continuing with our \$150,000 Zombie 1.0 funding with software improvements, increased efficiencies and capacity for enforcement, and further development of public outreach efforts.

Parks and Recreation



May 3rd – 5th the Parks & Recreation Department hosted the 43rd Annual North Country Home show.

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On Tuesday, May 7th the Parks & Recreation Department conducted a safety review with staff regarding the trash packer and its operations.



Youth Archery
Ages 8-15

This 8-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 technique of archery and develop a new interest that is out of the ordinary!

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

Important Information	Program Fees
Ages: 8-15 Begins: May 7th Days & Times: Tuesdays 4:45-5:45pm (Aiming) 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.	YMCA Member: *City Resident: \$40 Non Member: Non City Resident: \$80 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 315-755-7775 www@watertown-ny.gov

Please bring
-Sneakers & comfortable clothing-Water Bottle & Snack

Questions on Registration?
Email: asouza@anyymca.org Phone: 315-755-9622

Tuesday, May 7th marked the start of the spring archery program. This program is run in partnership with the YMCA. Two classes are offered; both are at capacity.

The Parks & Recreation Department is looking to hire seasonal help. We need Laborers, Lifeguards and Playground staff. A press release was sent out earlier this week.

The City of Watertown
Parks & Recreation Department
is looking for Laborers,
Playground staff and Lifeguards!

Visit the Watertown Municipal Arena to obtain an application or visit www.watertown-ny.gov to download an Application for Temporary Employment* from the Civil Service Department page.

Planning Department

Downtown Riverfront Connection Feasibility Study

The final Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, May 8, where the Committee members discussed the draft study and schematics. Staff from the NYSDEC suggested the need for a vegetation management plan in order to better control the vegetation along the riverbank and open up views of the river to users of the trail. Additionally, Committee members suggested a connection between the Veteran's Memorial Riverwalk and Marshall Place parking lot. The Consultants are going to incorporate committee members' suggestions, as well as create more enhanced recommendations in the final version of the study.



ADA Accessible Sidewalk Ramp Construction Project Phase 3

Contractors have begun installing ramps for this project, all of which are located within the Near East Target Area. Funds for this project are from the 2017 CDBG Program Year, for which the Near East was the City's focus area. Contractors will install a total of 16 ramps at seven different intersections as part of this project.



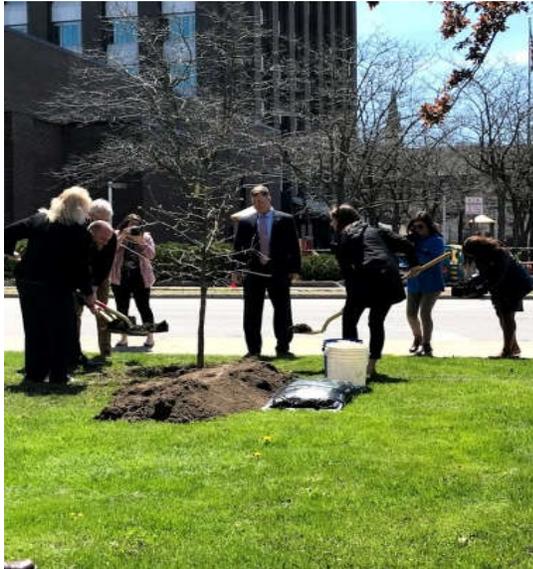
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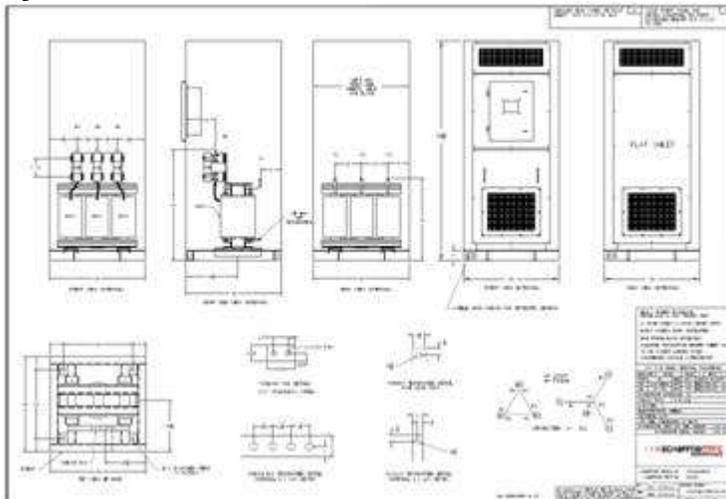
Anniversary Tree Planting Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 8th, Watertown City Council and other dignitaries from around the region gathered at City Hall to participate in the planting of a tree to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City. A Cornell University hybrid oak tree was chosen for this event. This tree will be used in future research by the university in an effort to create oaks that are tolerant to urban stresses, such as: drought, road salt and elevated soil pH levels.



Water Department

Hydroelectric



All three turbines continued to run all week. The new excitation system cabinet drawings at the hydro plant, from ABB, were approved this week.

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Engineering performed a thermal image inspection of the hydro plant. The only issue found was an oil heater that is not needed this time of year.

Water Treatment

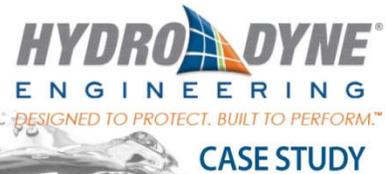
The BCA engineering agreement was signed for the Soda Ash System Improvements Project.

Wastewater

The attached article (at the end of this report) regarding the City of Watertown's Wastewater Treatment Plant will appear in the NYWEA magazine.

Distribution

Distribution crews completed replacement of two lead services this week and have prepped other locations that will be replaced next week. Flushing of the distribution system began Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and will continue through June 27th. Water main flushing is a routine operation done every year to clean and maintain the City's water system.



PROBLEM:

Watertown Sewage Treatment Plant

The Watertown plant was experiencing ongoing plugging of their RAS and WAS pumps as well as ragging in their primary clarifiers.

SOLUTION:

The Hydro-Dyne Great White Center Flow Screen

The plant installed two Hydro-Dyne Great White Center Flow screens. Both screens are 30' tall and are sized for 8 MGD average and 20 MGD max.

Since both screens have been in operation, all plugging has stopped, and the clarifiers are clean.

The installation of the screens has resulted in significantly less maintenance at the plant and less down time.

*Testimonial courtesy of Mark Crandall,
Chief Operator, Watertown Sewage Treatment Plant*



Please contact your local Siewert Outside Sales Engineer
to discuss the right screen for your application.

Call 800-333-0598 or visit SiewertEquipment.com