

Engineering Department

Bridge Reconstruction – Mill and Pearl St

Temporary Signals are in place at both Mill and Pearl St Bridges, with single lane alternating traffic flow. **Mill St will be reopened to two way traffic now for the rest of the project, except for limited short term closures.** Pearl St Bridge will be reduced to a single lane with alternating single lane traffic for the entirety of the project. Occasional closures will be required at certain phases of the project

Flower Avenue East Reconstruction

The contractor, Luck Brothers, is wrapping up minor punchlist items.



Fairgrounds Grandstand Improvements

Plans to improve the ventilation system at the lockers rooms in the Grandstand are out for bidding and we've been meeting with contractors to review the project. Improvements include new exhaust fans, ductwork, and ventilation to replace the inadequate system in place now, which is creating moisture and mold issues, and increasing maintenance costs on an annual basis.

Central Street Sidewalk Project

The Contractor, Luck Brothers, has completed a majority of new sidewalk, driveway repairs, and paving. Only Minor punchlist items remain.

Cooper Street Sanitary Sewer Outfall

Design and scope of work is wrapping up based on the results of the sewer televising and investigation.

Harrison Street Sewer Project

Design and scope of work is wrapping up based on the results of the sewer televising and investigation.

Huntington Street Sidewalk Project CDBG Phase 3-4

Concrete Slipform Inc (CSI) has completed 100% of the \$266,203 project, including 11,000 square feet of sidewalk and (16) handicap ramps.

Main Street West Restriping and Parking changes

Design was finalized on the reconfiguration and striping of Main Street West, from Bradley St to Leray St, which will improve safety by defining travel lanes and transitions, adding a center turn lane and bike lanes, and restricting parking on both sides of the street. DPW and Engineering are planning and coordinating execution of the work

Newell Street Boiler Replacement

Jade Stone Engineering has been contracted to provide final design and construction administration services for a new Steam Boiler Replacement System at the DPW Building located at 521 Newell Street. The steam boiler, which is estimated over 75 years old, suffered a catastrophic failure and must be replaced with a new system by this fall. Asbestos testing of the piping, insulation, and smokestack have been completed and results are show ACM abatement will be necessary. Once evaluation and design of a the replacement system and alternatives is complete, the project will be put out to bid, tentatively this July, for construction this fall.

Sherman-Iroquois Intersection Improvements

A contract has been awarded for construction to make geometry changes to the right turn from Iroquois onto Sherman St and improve handicap ramps.

Sidewalk Improvement District #13

Luck Brothers, has completed sidewalk and retaining walls on Pleasant Street North and Gill St. The contractor will be resuming sidewalk construction next week and the project is still on schedule for completion. The \$244,438 project includes almost 15,000 square feet of sidewalk in the areas of Indiana Ave North, Gill St, and Bronson St.

Thompson Blvd Street Reconstruction (Franklin St to Park Circle)

Catch basins have been delivered and will be installed next week. The cold in place pavement recycling operation will be performed by Suit-Kote and is slated for later in July or August depending on weather.

Thompson Park Flagpole

Design of the new lighted flag pole near the 10th Mountain Division Memorial has begun, as per the direction of City Council. The existing 60' flagpole will be removed and a new flagpole will be installed near Tower Square, where it will be more visible. Final location is being selected in consultation with multiple interested parties. Electrical and site work will also provide an opportunity to eliminate overhead wires and unsightly National Grid light poles as part of the work. The final cost and schedule are being firmed up, but will likely be a fall 2019 or spring 2020 construction project.

Western Blvd – The contractor, Black Horse Group, is finishing up punchlist items including topsoil and seeding, and handicap ramps tactile plates.

Thompson Park Parking Ordinance

After further review of the City's ordinance, it has been determined that existing language under the Chapter 216 for Parks, will cover the parking restrictions recently installed near the splash pad. No further action is required by City Council.



Huntington Street Sidewalk Project

Here are some praiseworthy before and after photos of Huntington Street. Job well done by the Engineering and Planning Departments, a good plan and design followed by solid construction.



BEFORE



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The FX Caprara Car Auction took place in the Watertown Municipal Arena on **Saturday, June 15th**.



Planning

What is a Business Improvement District? What can it do for my business?

Date: Monday,
June 24, 2019

**BID
Breakfast**

Time: 07:30 a.m.

The Downtown Business Association and the City of Watertown invite you to get your questions answered.

The DBA and the City are partnering to co-present the BID Breakfast, an informational event on the subject of Business Improvement Districts.

This free-to-attend event will feature:

- A special guest speaker from the Gaffer District, a BID located in Corning, NY
- An extended Question & Answer session
- Complimentary breakfast courtesy of the Watertown YMCA

**Empsall Building
130 Court Street**

RSVP with Patti Hopkins at (315) 785-7740 or phopkins@watertown-ny.gov

Submit advance questions about BiDs to Geoffrey Urda at gurda@watertown-ny.gov



BID Breakfast

The Downtown Business Association (DBA) and the City of Watertown will co-present the BID Breakfast event at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2019 at the Empsall Building on Court Street. Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. At the time of this writing, there were 28 RSVPs for the event, which will be free to attend and will feature a guest speaker from the Gaffer District in Corning, NY. The Watertown YMCA will provide a complimentary breakfast.

Comprehensive Plan

Steering Committee members discussed recommendations for the Knickerbocker, Sherman and Downtown neighborhoods at the eighth Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019. During this phase of the planning process, the Steering Committee is examining the City's neighborhoods one-by-one and formulating recommendations for each of them. The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, and Elan Planning will focus on the findings from their

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Zoning Diagnostic. The diagnostic will be a complete evaluation of the City's Zoning Ordinance and its current functionality.