



**City Manager's  
Status and Information Update  
June 7, 2019**



**Public Works Road Maintenance**

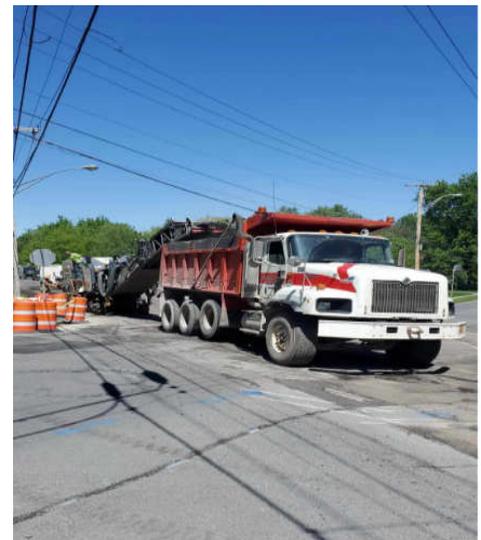


Public Works crews are continuing work on the 2019 paving list, completing overlay work on Portage Street last week and starting on Flower Avenue West this week.

Work on the 100 block of Flower Avenue West will involve surface milling/profiling of the top wear course, installation of pin-on-curbing, drainage structure repair, and limited sub-base repair. After this work is complete, crews will apply a tack coat to the milled surface and place a 2" hot mix asphalt overlay.

In conjunction with the Flower Avenue West work, crews utilized a contracted milling machine to prepare intersections at Holcomb & Paddock Streets, Holcomb & Barben Avenue as well as a portion of Ives Street for limited overlays to address persistent pothole issues.

The Department will utilize this technique in other areas to address failed sections of pavement in an effort to reduce the number of pothole issues.



**Parks & Recreation**

The Watertown Rapids had their season opener on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The game was followed by fireworks.



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The Watertown Wolves ownership has been sent the draft Franchise Agreement before it gets submitted for Council approval. Once agreed to by the ownership, Council will approve at an upcoming meeting.



Superintendent Gardner and Assistant Superintendent Weller attended the Thousand Islands Tourism Council 2019 Hospitality Expo at Boldt Castle. This was a great opportunity for networking and cross promotion of events. We were able to start the connections with a few businesses who may be future partners of the City of Watertown Parks and Recreation Department.



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On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation employees participated in American Red Cross classes to obtain certification in Adult & Pediatric First Aid / CPR / AED. The classes are required every year for playground staff and life guards and every 2 years for maintenance staff, as suggested by PESH.



The Parks and Recreation Archery program in partnership with the YMCA wraps up next week. The class is full with 20 participants.



**Central Street Sidewalk Project and Scope Change**

As of this week all sidewalks have been poured, totaling 4,650 feet (.88 miles) of new sidewalks along Central Street, Remington Street and a the 800 block of Burchard Street. The project scope has changed along the 800 block of Burchard Street to include new sidewalks, repaving of the street and margin reclamation. This important change will help to improve the function and aesthetic of the neighborhood as a 210 ft. gap in the pedestrian network has been filled as well provided separation between the street right of way and



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10 ADA ramps have been installed and margin/green space reclamation has been implemented where possible. Asphalt binder/top is currently being restored to driveways and the project is expected to finish up in the next couple of weeks.

**Strategic Plan Open Houses** – Staff has scheduled six open houses next week for the Mayor, City Council and Staff to share the Strategic Goals and Objectives they've created, and give City residents an opportunity to provide their feedback. The same information will be available at each of the locations. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The schedule of open houses is:

**June 11, 2019**

12 – 2p: Community Action Planning Council  
6 – 8p: NNY Philanthropy Center

**June 12, 2019**

12 – 2p: Cornell Cooperative Extension  
6 – 8p: North Elementary School

**June 13, 2019**

12 – 2p: Watertown Municipal Arena  
6 – 8p: Sherman Elementary School



**Complete Count Committee**

A Partnership Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau's Syracuse Field Office attended a meeting of the Watertown-Jefferson County Complete Count Committee (CCC) its June 5 meeting. Local CCC members had the opportunity to ask questions that ranged from technical queries on how the Census counts people living on military installations, college dormitories and prisons, to organizational questions about the most effective outreach techniques.

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The Partnership Specialist, Chris Iven, will also speak at the Watertown Urban Mission's quarterly Church Delegates Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

**BID Breakfast**

The Downtown Business Association (DBA), in association with Planning Staff, has rescheduled its BID Breakfast event for 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2019 at the Empsall Building on Court Street. Members of the downtown business community are invited to learn more about Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). This event 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.

**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 reduced to a single lane to complete deck repairs and staging for the painting phase early on, and then be open to two way traffic for a majority of the project. 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, survey monumentation, handicap ramps, and lawn restoration work.



**Fairgrounds Grandstand  
Improvements -**

Plans to improve the ventilation system at the lockers rooms in the Grandstand were reviewed at a site walk through and are being finalized for bidding. 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.