

HR / Benefits / Civil Service Departments:

Our Civil Service Department recently launched their own Facebook page. Their Facebook page can be found by searching Civil Service, City of Watertown. Please share, like, follow the page to receive periodic updates on vacancies.

Police Civil Service Test:

As a reminder, the deadline to apply for the September 9, 2023 Police Civil Service test is on August 6, 2023. Please visit the City's Civil Service website at <https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/exams> to apply for the test. Applicants are always welcome to stop by the Civil Service office on the second floor of City Hall to apply and pay for the test.



Engineering Department:

Fire Station Renovation:

The chosen bid from Northern Tier Contracting was approved by the City Council at their July 17, 2023 meeting and a Notice of Award has been sent. The Engineering Department is currently waiting for submittals.

Flower Memorial Library Cornice Repointing:

The design for this project is complete, and this project is now out to bid.

Flower Memorial Library Rear Window and Lighting Replacement:

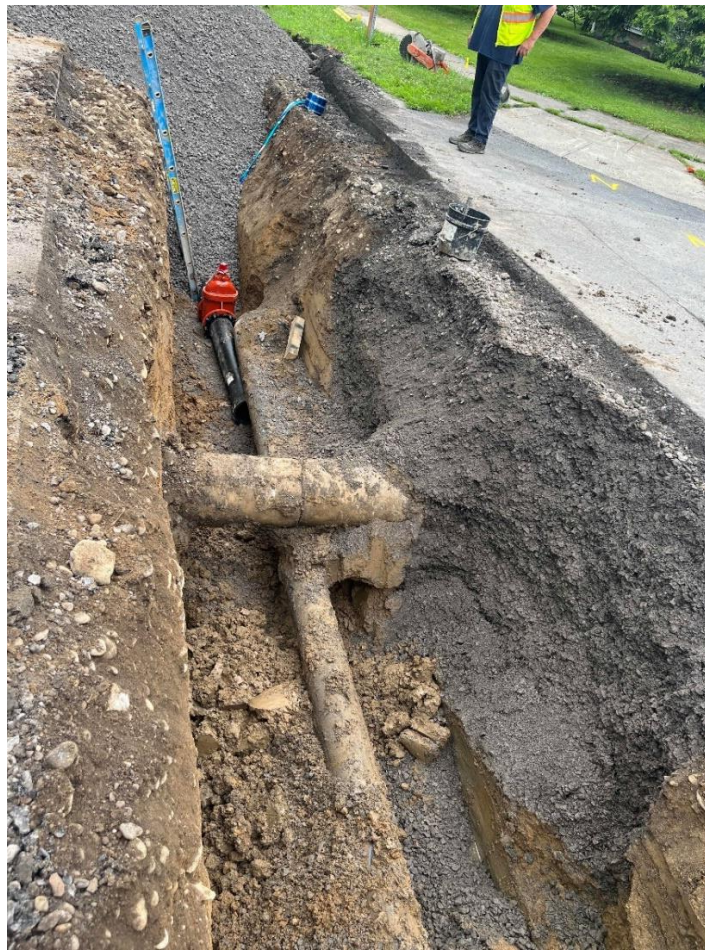
The chosen bid from Zerodraft was approved by the City Council for approval at their July 17, 2023 meeting, and a Notice of Award has been sent. The Engineering Department is currently waiting for submittals.

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Barben Avenue/Holcomb St/ Bugbee Dr and East St Water Main Replacement:

A construction progress meeting for this project was held on July 19, 2023. EDGE Civil Corporation has connected the new water main on Bugbee Drive into the existing water main on Harris Drive, and the new water main is being pressure tested and chlorinated. The new water main on Barben Avenue has been installed and connected to the existing water main on Washington Street. EDGE Civil Corporation will be installing the new services on Barben Avenue and Bugbee Drive once both new water mains have been pressure tested and chlorinated and will then begin installing the new water main on Holcomb Street near Barben Avenue.



Hydro Plant Concrete Project:

Construction for this project began Monday, July 24, 2023.

Mill St Overlay / Gale St ADA Ramps / Academy and High Streets Mill and Fill:

Paving for this project began on Mill Street on July 25, 2023.

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DRI Streetscape Project:

DEW Builders have filled in all of the vaults, and their part of construction is nearly complete. The only remaining work they have is to remove the cross beams.



Pratt St / Sherman St. Water Main Replacement Project:

The new water services on Sherman Street have been installed and the construction area has been paved. A final walkthrough was held on July 26, 2023, and after the minor construction corrections are complete, this project will be complete.

Renzi Lots Storm Sewer Outfalls:

Cunningham Excavations has completed all main construction for this project and is currently working on the items remaining on the punch list for this project. Once complete, a final walkthrough will be held for this project and if nothing else is found, this project will be complete.

Seward / Grant / Henry Streets Total Road Reconstruction:

Construction for this project began on Henry Street on July 17, 2023. Luck Bros. has been installing the new manholes for this project.

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Van Duzee St Bridge Project:

Temporary traffic signals have been installed for this project, and the contractor is currently waiting for National Grid to hook up these signals to their system. Construction for this project is expected to begin around August 7, 2023.

William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:

Hyde Stone has submitted their signed agreements for Mechanical and Plumbing work, and has sent in their necessary documents. A Notice to Proceed has been sent for both Mechanical and Plumbing. Con Tech Building Systems and Blackstone Electric have both begun construction for this project.

Washington / Keyes Ave 500 Block Sewer Project:

All submittals for this project have been reviewed, and JL Excavation expects to begin construction for this project around August 21, 2023.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Boiler Control System:

Trojan Energy Systems has submitted their signed agreement for this project. The Engineering Department is currently waiting for submittals.

Thompson Park Golf Clubhouse:

National Grid has energized the building's electrical system, and this project is now complete.



Planning Department:

Downtown Branding, Wayfinding and Signage:

The City was awarded grant funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative to create a recognizable brand for the City. The funding will also be used to create a coordinated wayfinding network of gateway signs, parking signs, interpretive signs and vehicular and pedestrian signs. A portion of the grant funding will be used to develop the branding and wayfinding plan, while the remainder will be used to fabricate and install the signs. A Request for Proposals was published in May for a consultant to develop a wayfinding signage master plan and branding for the City. Proposals were due June 15. The Planning Department reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews of the firms that were most qualified for the project. A resolution will be prepared for an upcoming City Council meeting to approve the contract between the City and the consultant hired to complete the work.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative Public Art Project:

Since the last update, the artist was here to finish the cement work on the base of the sculpture. Additional site work will be done later this summer to beautify the area around the sculpture. The artist has completed the sculpting and the piece was sent to the foundry for the final stages of completion. It is anticipated that the art will be completed and delivered to the site sometime this fall. A press release will be issued for a ribbon cutting once the work is complete.

North Hamilton Playground:

The City is using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to enhance the North Hamilton Playground. The City is currently working on drafting specifications to go out to bid. The project will include the construction of a 625 square foot play pad with a funnel ball structure and the addition of 65 linear feet of sidewalk to connect the playground to the sidewalk along Hamilton Street N. By adding this connection, it will make the current playground more ADA accessible.

Franklin ADA Ramps:

City Planning and Engineering Staff will soon be bidding an ADA Ramp reconstruction project that will focus on the intersection of Franklin and Sterling Streets. The project will also include two new ADA ramps at the intersection of Franklin and Goodale and two at the intersection of Sterling and Gotham. Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. completed the survey and design work and the City Engineering Department will prepare the bid specs. The City is paying for the entire project (design and construction) using CDBG Entitlement funds, which the Planning Department is administering.

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Burlington Street Reconstruction Design:

City Planning, Engineering, Water and Public Works Staff received initial concepts in late July from Aubertine & Currier, PLLC and LaBella Associates. The design process began with a kickoff meeting in May and will feature a public open house at in August at a date and location to be announced soon.

Burlington Street will be a full reconstruction, including utility, sewer, water, pavement and ADA accessibility upgrades. Burlington Street is located on the City's north side, and contains significant running slope, cross slope and ADA challenges, as well as lack of curbs and a significant sidewalk gap. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are jointly paying for the design work.



North Star Playground:

The City will be using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to enhance the North Star Playground. The City is working on completing an Environmental Review for this project to add benches and a picnic table around the play structure and baseball field. Due to the project being located in the 100-year floodplain, the City is working on an 8-step floodplain management process. On July 21, 2023, a public notice was published in the Watertown Daily Times, notifying the public of this project.



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A photograph of two students in a workshop. A male student wearing a green safety vest and glasses is using a power drill on a metal frame. A female student is crouching next to him, observing the work. The workshop has a concrete floor, various tools, and materials in the background.

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Water Treatment Plant:

The WIIA grant application due date was extended to August 11th but plans were submitted by the original deadline of 7/28/23. Municipalities can be awarded the lesser of \$5 million or 60% of net eligible project costs.

Police Department:

Police Lateral Transfers:

The Watertown Police Department is also looking for **police officer transfers**. NY State certified police officers may apply by visiting the City of Watertown Civil Service website at: <https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopp>s

Police Academy:

The Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy Class of 2023-2024 is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 11, 2023. The Watertown police department is currently conducting background investigations on applicants for the academy. Officers who successfully complete the "Basic Course for Police Officers" will be ready for solo duty in July of 2024.

Police Recruitment:

We are accepting applications for the **entry-level police officer civil service exam** through Sunday, August 6, 2023. The exam is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023. Apply at <https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/exams>



WPD Officer Matthew Goosshaw and Lieutenant Cristin O'Brien are joined by Watertown Civil Service Executive Secretary, Angela Robbins, as they recruit for police applicants during the farmers market on July 12, 2023.

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In-Service Training:

Members of the Watertown Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Ft. Drum Federal Police, the Utica Police Department, the Canton Police Department, and the Onondaga Sheriff's Office, participated in the two-week long "EVOC Instructor Course" training at Ft. Drum. This course certifies police instructors to teach emergency vehicle operation to basic school recruits and to veteran officers at in-service training.



Instructors and student trainers from WPD and several other agencies from central and northern NY attended the two-week long EVOC Instructor course at Ft. Drum.



The view from the chase car during EVOC pursuit training on Ft. Drum.

Code Enforcement / Custodial Departments:

DPAO STYX Performance:

Code Enforcement has assisted with Fireworks shows for four events in the city starting in June. The Disabled Persons Action Organization invited the rock band *Styx* to perform inside the Watertown Fairgrounds Arena on June 1 and was followed by a fireworks display. The *Watertown Pride* Organization held a firework display at the Alex T. Duffy fairgrounds on Saturday, June 17th. WPBS was proud to sponsor the *Concert in the Park* event on Thursday, June 29th at Thompson Park. Lastly, St. Anthony's Church held their 2023 *Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel* from Friday, June 23rd, through Sunday, June 25th, located at the church grounds on Arsenal Street. The fireworks show was held on Sunday, June 25th.



Codes Permits issued:

131 Tall Grass violation letters
58 Trash & Debris violation letters
15 Property Maintenance violation letters

PERMITS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

633 Mill St.- Roller Skating Rink – Renovation Project

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ONGOING PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN PERMITTED:

145 Clinton St.- Watertown Saving's Bank- New Building
259 JB Wise Pl.- Apartments & Commercial space- Renovation/Alteration Project
1308 Washington St. - Chrissy Beanz- Renovation project
540 State St.- Taco Bell – New Building
833 Woodbury St.- Flynn Pool – Renovation Project
144 Eastern Blvd.-Adult Daycare

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

850 Arsenal St. – Saint Anthony's Pavilion- New Building (rebuild after fire)
830 Washington St.- Samaritan Medical Center ENT – Renovation Project
170 Court St.-Banquet Hall



North Country Family Health Center
238 Arsenal Street

259 JB Wise Place
Commercial & Apartments



540 State St
Taco Bell