

Engineering Department:

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

Bugbee Drive's new water main has been tested and chlorinated, and all of the new services have been installed. EDGE Civil Corporation has cut and capped the old water main on Bugbee Drive and has begun installing the new water main on Holcomb Street.



Cooper Street Outfall Project:

The remaining tasks for Phase I of this project have been completed.

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DRI Streetscape Project:

DEW Builders removed the cross beams over the fill-in vaults and their part of construction is complete. CCI Companies is currently waiting for concrete to be delivered so that they can continue construction.

Flower Memorial Library Cornice Repointing:

Bids for this project were opened on August 10, 2023 and are now under review. The selected bid will be sent to the City Council for approval.

Hydro Plant Concrete Project:

The contractor has removed most of the old concrete for this project. The Hydro Plant de-watered the canal on August 4, 2023, and the contractor has begun to remove the remaining old concrete.

Massey St / Coffeen St / Court St Project:

The contractor has begun work on the south-bound lane of the Court Street Bridge removing the existing concrete.

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

All of the paving for Mill Street and High Street has been completed, and only site cleanup is left on these streets. Paving for Academy Street began August 2, 2023.

Police Shooting Range Upgrades:

Phase II of this project includes the addition of a gas-powered generator and electric utilities to the building and extending the existing concrete. This phase is currently in design.

Seward / Grant / Henry Streets Total Road Reconstruction:

The new sewer on Henry Street has been installed except for two laterals that will be done at a later date. Luck Bros. has begun work on Grant Street.

Washington / Keyes Ave 500 Block Sewer Project:

Tree protection for this project has been installed, and JL Excavation is expected to begin construction for this project on August 14, 2023.



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William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:

Con Tech Building Systems has installed tree protection and has set up temporary fencing around the project site. The old fence has been removed, the pool has been drained, and the old concrete pool shell is being demolished. Blackstone Electric has removed the electrical poles and lights.



Planning Department:

Christmas Parade:

Save the date! The annual City of Watertown Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, December 1 at 6:00pm. The parade will take place along Washington Street, from Winslow Street to Stone Street. After the parade, there will be a laser light show on the Sterling Street side of City Hall. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss it!



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535 Olive Street Demolition:

Bronze Contracting is working this week to demolish a city-owned condemned structure at 535 Olive Street. The City hired Bronze following a competitive bid process earlier this summer and is paying for the demolition with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds. The photo (taken Monday, August 7, 2023) shows the demolition under way.



Urban Forestry:

The City of Watertown has entered into a contract with Arborcare Tree Service to conduct tree pruning services for the ARPA funded, ***Street and Park Tree Pruning Project***. Select mature trees located in parks, playgrounds, and along streets, will be pruned to improve tree safety and overall structure. Arborcare Tree Service will kick-off the project on Monday, August 14, 2023, in Thompson Park.



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Police Department:

Kidnapping Arrest:

At 11:04 am on August 3, 2023, members of our uniformed patrol division were dispatched to the 1400 block of Holcomb Street for a kidnapping complaint. It was alleged that Dustin King menaced another male with a hatchet and forced the victim to drive him around under threat of serious physical injury. The suspect vehicle was located at the Cold Creek Apartments at 24098 Rt 12 in the Town of Watertown. The victim was transported from the scene uninjured.

The suspect, Dustin Robert King (38, no known address), was charged with Kidnapping in the Second Degree (class B felony), Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree (class "D" felony) and Menacing in the Second Degree (class "A" misdemeanor). He was arraigned in Jefferson County CAP Court and remanded to the custody of the Jefferson County Correctional Facility.

Watertown Police were assisted in the investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police, the Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force, and the Jefferson County 911 Center.

Police Recruitment:

The application deadline for the **entry-level police officer civil service exam** was August 6, 2023. A total of 95 applicants submitted their applications before the deadline. The exam is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023.

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 final interviews with police recruit applicants. The department is planning to hire 17 recruit officers to attend the academy. This includes hires for the 14 vacant positions and three "over-hires" that were authorized by the Watertown City Council on August 7, 2023. The "over-hires" were requested due to three pending retirements that will occur between June and October of 2024. After the applicants are offered and have accepted an appointment, they will have to pass a medical exam and psychological exam in order to complete the hiring process. Officers who successfully complete the "Basic Course for Police Officers" will be ready for solo duty in July of 2024.

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/jobopps>