

Flower Memorial Library:

2022-2023 at Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

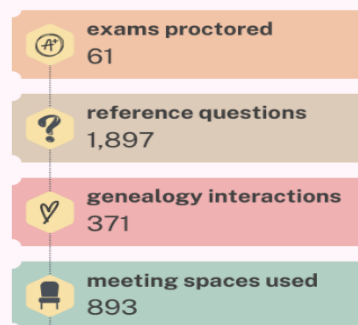
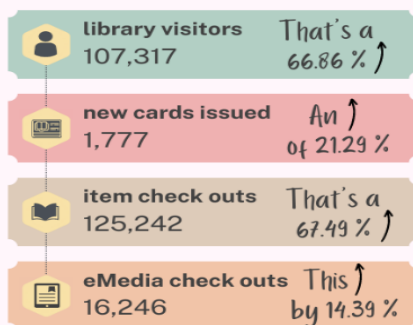
A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The staff and Board of Trustees are immensely proud to have been serving our community for 120 years. Since the first cornerstone was laid in 1903, Flower Library has been providing the Watertown community with access to educational, recreational, and cultural materials and events. Across the passing decades, libraries have continued to remain sanctuaries for many people with vastly different purposes - from genealogists doing research, to friends playing video games, to parents fostering the love of reading in small children.

This year we are reflecting on our rich history while looking toward the future of what we can offer our community. In addition, work will continue on our beautiful historic building, including the installation of new windows and lights in the 1975 addition.

Thank you all for your continued love and support of our library. I look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

Suzie Renzi-Falge



EVENT PARTICIPANTS

kids - 249 events offered, 10,868 participants
teen - 92 events offered, 1,027 participants
adult - 246 events offered, 2,840 participants



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Staff are planning for big changes over the next couple of years at the library! On deck immediately are upgrades to the windows on the second floor of the addition as well as improvements to the lighting in the 1812 and Old Watertown Rooms. These will make the spaces much more user friendly and help the library better meet the needs of its users.



Plans are also in the works to build a makerspace on the second floor of the library! This will be a dedicated space for all kinds of creating and crafting, as well as for the use of different types of technology and STEAM kits. It will also easily convert to a teaching space for staff to host educational events for all ages. Staff are currently in the process of creating a survey for the community to ensure that the supplies and technology purchased match the needs of everyone involved. Stay tuned for more updates and information!



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Engineering Department:

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

All of the services on Barben Avenue from Washington Street to Richards drive have been installed, and this area has been paved. The remaining services on Barben Avenue are being installed, along with the Sanitary sewer extension main. The new water main on Holcomb Street from Barben Avenue to Chestnut Street has been chlorinated, and EDGE Civil Corporation is currently waiting for the results. A Change Order for paving Bugbee Drive was approved by the City Council at their August 21, 2023 meeting.



Flower Memorial Library Cornice Repointing:

The chosen bid from Heritage Masonry was approved by the City Council at their August 21, 2023 meeting, and a Notice of Award is being created.

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Hydro Plant Concrete Project:

The contractor poured new concrete on the upper deck after the old concrete was too damaged to remain. Iron work for the new concrete has begun, and the piers are the only remaining location where old concrete needs to be removed.

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

All the streets have been paved, and a final walkthrough will be scheduled soon. Once any necessary corrections found during this walkthrough are completed, this project will be complete.

Seward / Grant / Henry Streets Total Road Reconstruction:

Luck Bros. have installed the new water main on Henry Street and have begun to install the new water main on Grant Street. An existing manhole was removed, and a new connection was installed.

Van Duzee St Bridge Project:

Construction for this project began August 14, 2023.

Washington / Keyes Ave 500 Block Sewer Project:

JL Excavation began construction on August 14, 2023, and have installed the new sanitary sewer main in the Washington Street - Keyes Avenue - Ten Eyck Street intersection. Once complete, JL Excavation will begin to install the new sanitary sewer on Keyes Avenue.

William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:

Con Tech Building Systems has demolished and removed all of the existing pool shell and deck concrete and has begun digging the location for the new pool shell. A Change Order was approved by the City Council at their August 21, 2023 meeting for JL Excavation to remove hard bedrock that was exposed during digging.



Planning Department:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Food 4 Families Funding:

Since 2016, the City has budgeted a portion of its annual allocation of CDBG funds to assist the Watertown City School District's backpack program, Food 4 Families. The funding is used to purchase food from the CNY Food. The Program provides impoverished children and their families with a backpack full of food each Friday so they have food to eat over the weekend. This enables them to be better prepared to learn when the new school week starts. The 2023 Annual Action plan includes \$8,000 for the Food 4 Families program, which will be able to feed approximately 26 families each week for the duration of the school year. The environmental review for this project was recently completed and staff will be forwarding a grant agreement to the City Council for approval at an upcoming meeting.



(CDBG) First Time Homebuyer and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Programs:

Each year since becoming a HUD Entitlement Community in 2014, the City has allocated funding for a First-Time Homebuyer and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation programs. The funds are administered by Neighbors of Watertown and are used to assist low-to-moderate income individuals either purchase their first home with minor rehabilitation or rehabilitate their existing home. To date, the City has been able to rehabilitate over 100 housing units within the City. This year's Annual Action Plan includes \$196,000 in funding for each of the programs. The environmental reviews for these projects were recently completed and staff will be forwarding grant agreements with Neighbors of Watertown to the City Council for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Burlington St Open House:

Consultants from Aubertine & Currier, PLLC and LaBella Associates, in coordination with City Planning Staff, will host an open house event to solicit neighborhood feedback regarding conceptual design alternatives for its upcoming Burlington Street reconstruction project. The open house will take place from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at North Elementary School** on Hoard Street East.

The open house will be a “drop in” style event, with attendees able to see visual representations of the various concepts and provide feedback to the design team and City Staff regarding the proposals. The project will be a full depth reconstruction of Burlington Street, including street, sidewalk, ADA ramp, utility, and sewer upgrades.

The City is paying for this project using a combination of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), American Rescue Plan, Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and other local funds.



BURLINGTON STREET RECONSTRUCTION DESIGN OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a "drop-in" open house event where you can provide your feedback on the conceptual design alternatives for the upcoming Burlington Street reconstruction project.

WHEN

Wednesday, August 30,
2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



WHERE

North Elementary School
on Hoard Street East,
Watertown

The project involves full-depth reconstruction, including upgrades to streets, sidewalks, ADA ramps, utilities, and sewers.

Visual representations of the various concepts will be on display, and you can discuss the proposals with our design team and City Staff. Funding for this project comes from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), American Rescue Plan, Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), and other local funds.

Consultants from LaBella Associates, Aubertine and Currier, PLLC, along with City Planning Staff, will conduct the event.

**FOR MEDIA INQUIRIES OR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
THE CITY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT (315) 785-7741.**

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Police Department:

Dunkin Event:

Members of the Watertown Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department helped out the NY Special Olympics by participating in a "Go for the Gold" fundraiser at the two Watertown Dunkin stores earlier this month.



WPD Lt. Cristin O'Brien, JCSO Lt. Shaun Cuddeback, WPD Off. Joshua Moran and Lynn Pietroski, CEO of ARC.



WPD Officers (on the left end) Michael McAdoo and David Kellogg joined in on the fun with JCSO members (on the right end) Lt. Shaun Cuddeback, Det. Carrie Mangino (in white) and Patty Hallett (in black).

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Police Lateral Transfers:

The Watertown Police Department is still 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>

Police Academy:

The Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy Class of 2023-2024 is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 11, 2023. Sixteen candidates have accepted job offers for the position of police officer and those candidates are completing medical and psychological screenings, which is the final step in the hiring process. Officers who successfully complete the "Basic Course for Police Officers" will be ready for solo duty in July of 2024.

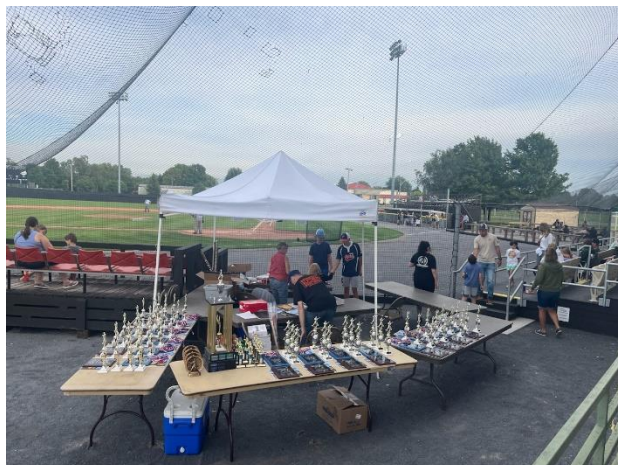
Police Recruitment:

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.

Parks-n-Recreation Department:

Baseball:

This year's youth baseball season concluded with the annual All-Star Game, held Monday, August 14th on the main baseball field. Teams from both the 10U and 13U divisions were represented. Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to all the coaches who volunteered their time. A special thank you to Larry LaFave who organizes this event each year.

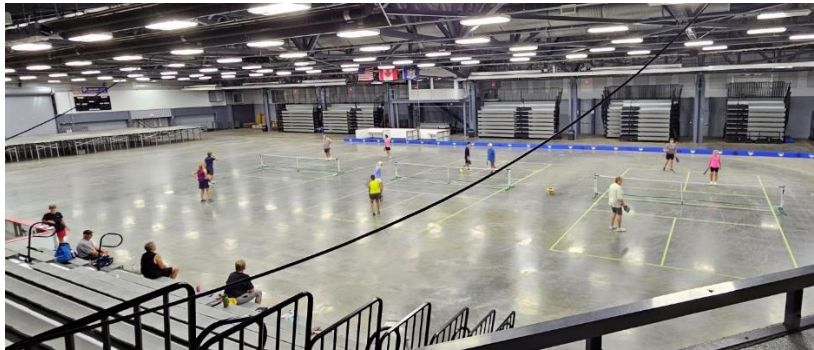


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Pickleball:

Pickleball in the Arena was a success, especially when the weather outside was not ideal. On several occasions all the courts were full. Stay tuned for an expanded program next spring that will include open play, leagues, and tournaments!



Concerts:

On Monday, August 21st DPAO held their first outdoor concert since 2019, featuring Train. Friday, August 25th they will host Wayne Newton at the Watertown Municipal Arena.



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Thompson Park Golf Course:

The pro shop inside the club house is now open. Golfers will now check in inside, rather than at the shack. More merchandise is on the way. Stop by and check it out!

