

## Flower Memorial Library:



## Parks -n- Recreation Department:

### Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds:

The skatepark resealing has been completed.

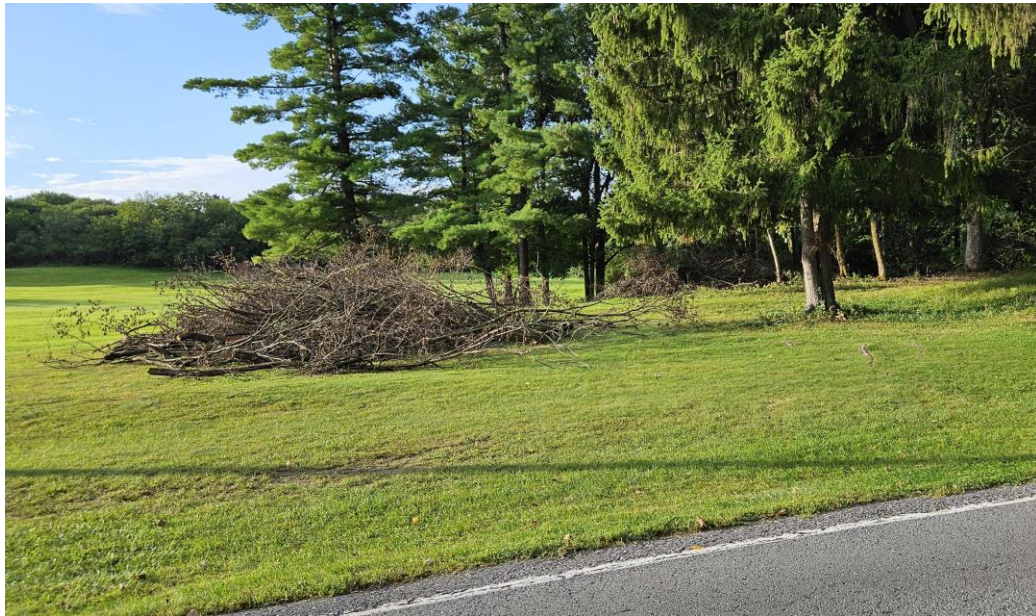


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**John C. Thompson Park:**

Friends of Thompson Park spent Saturday morning, September 16th working to clear buckthorn and brush from a trail area along the Gotham Street entrance.



**Watertown Municipal Arena:**

Ice season began on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Arena. Daily admission and season passes are available for all public skating activities.





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**Thompson Park Golf Course:**

Greens at the Thompson Park Golf Course were aerated earlier this week. Fall rates for greens fees are now in effect for both City residents and non-city residents.

**9- Holes: \$9.00 / \$11.00 or 18-Holes: \$13.00 / \$15.00**



## Engineering Department:

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

Holcomb Street from Chestnut Street to Barben Avenue and Barben Avenue have been paved, and the new Water Main on Holcomb Street from Mullin Street to Ten Eyck Street has been installed, pressure tested, and chlorinated. Once the test results return, the contractor will install the new services on this street. They have installed the new temporary Water Main on East Street and have begun removing the old existing Water Main and installing the new one. A Progress meeting was held on September 20, 2023.



### City Hall Court Renovations:

The comments from the Court Judges regarding this project were received, and GYMO is now reviewing them.



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**COVID-19 Memorial:**

The concrete for the two benches and the memorial's basin has been poured, and the contractor is currently waiting for the memorial to arrive to be installed.



**Massey St / Coffeen St. / Court St. Project:**

All of the existing concrete on the south-bound lane of the Court Street Bridge has been removed, and the contractor has poured the new concrete.



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**Division St East / Thompson St Water Main Replacement Projects:**

Barton and Loguidice has received EDGE Civil Corporation's redline drawings and are currently working on their as built for this project.

**DRI Streetscape Project:**

CCI Companies has completed all of the concrete work for this project excluding the work in front of Key Bank. Stamped asphalt has arrived and is beginning to be installed around monument areas, and the new blacktop on Arcade Street is complete. The new light poles are being installed, and CCI Companies is beginning to install the temporary blacktop for winter.

**Fire Station Exhaust Capture Removal System:**

The bid opening date was extended to September 21, 2023, and the opened bids are currently under review.

**Fire Station Renovations:**

A Notice to Proceed has been sent to Northern Tier Contracting, and an additional pre-construction meeting was held September 13, 2023.

**Flower Memorial Library Rear Window and Lighting Replacement:**

A Notice to proceed has been sent, and the new windows have been ordered. Construction for this project is expected to begin in late-October.

**Franklin Street ADA Ramps:**

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

**Manhole Relining Project:**

Construction for this project has been completed, and a final walkthrough will be scheduled soon.

**Police Shooting Range Upgrades:**

Bids for this project were opened on September 20, 2023 and are currently under review.

**Seward / Grant / Henry Streets Total Road Reconstruction:**

Luck Bros. has capped the old Water Main on Henry Street, and the lighting issues have been resolved.

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## **Storm Sewer Master Plan:**

A progress meeting for this project was held on September 14, 2023 between the GHD Group and the City Engineering Department

## **Water Treatment Plant COAG Generator Replacement:**

John R. Dudley has excavated the location for the generator's new concrete pad.

## **Washington St / Keyes Ave 500 Block Sewer:**

JL Excavation has installed the new Sanitary Sewer main on Keyes Avenue and is beginning to install the new Storm Sewer on the Washington Street and Keyes Avenue. Once complete, JL Excavation will begin installing the new Sanitary Sewer main on Washington Street.



## **Water Department Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:**

The Water Department met with a potential contractor to discuss costs for construction for this project.



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**William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:**

Con Tech Building Systems has removed the hard bedrock and installed the new main drains and new surge tank. The pipe for the underdrain has been installed, and Con Tech Building Systems has begun backfilling and forming the pool bottom and will begin pouring concrete soon. Blackstone Electric has removed the old wires from the kitchen area.



**Fire Department:**

**Training:**

On September 8<sup>th</sup> Brookfield Power received Water Rescue training with the City of Watertown Fire Department. They learned the dos and don'ts of water safety, other services we provide, and provided us with valuable insight into their own operations. By doing this we are both better prepared to respond when an emergency arises.



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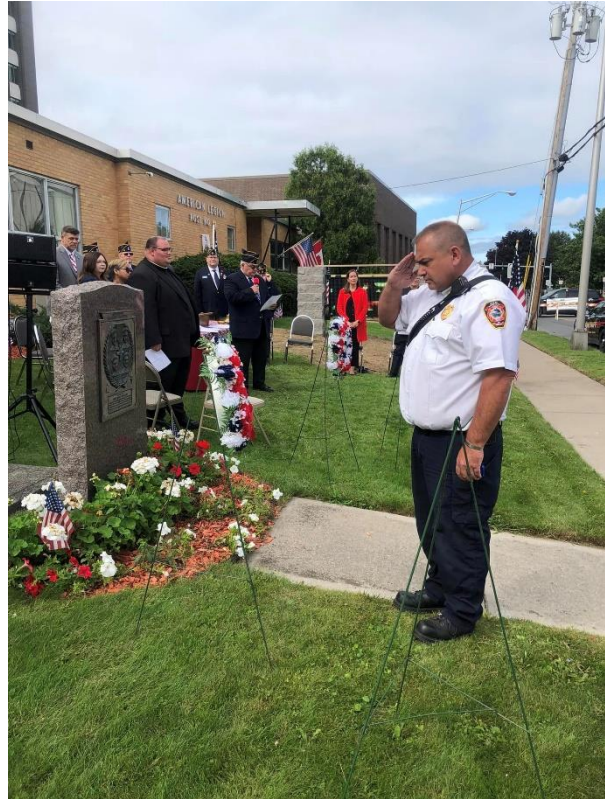


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**Patriot's Day 2023:**

On Saturday morning September 9, 2023 the American Legion Post 61 in Watertown NY hosted it's Patriot's Day ceremony to pay tribute to the heroes and victims who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The City of Watertown Fire Dept was honored to be a part of this ceremony as we vow to "NEVER FORGET 9-11"





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**Thousand Islands 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb:**

The First Annual Thousand Islands 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb was held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Dulles State Office Building. The memorial stair climb was held to honor and remember the first responders killed as a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Participants from throughout our region to include brother and sister firefighters, police officers, EMS providers, and civilian personnel each climbed 110 stories carrying an ID tag of a fallen first responder from September 11, 2001. The City of Watertown Fire Dept attended to show support and had three of our own climbers participate; Firefighters Craig Rowsam, Jared Lyndaker, and Josh Wilcox. Firefighter Craig Rowsam climbed while carrying the flag of Battalion Chief David Lachenauer. Battalion Chief Lachenauer died from cancer he contracted while responding directly to ground zero while he was in NYC receiving training with FDNY on Sept 11th. Firefighter Joshua Wilcox also serves as a board member of both the Thousand Islands 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb and the Priority Wellness Campaign. Funds raised today will go to the Priority Wellness Campaign which supports mental health services to our local first responders. Thank you to all the organizers, as well as the volunteers, and participants which helped make such a successful event. All the climbers showed great support to ensure the sacrifices of those who responded on 9-11 will Never be Forgotten!



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**Fort Drum:**

On September 11<sup>th</sup> the members of the City of Watertown Fire Department along with several other agencies attended the wreath-laying ceremony presented by the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at the 9-11 Memorial on Fort Drum. The presentation was in remembrance of all those who were victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks.



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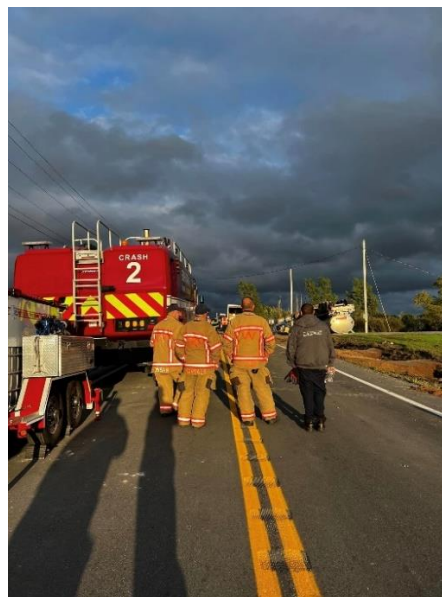
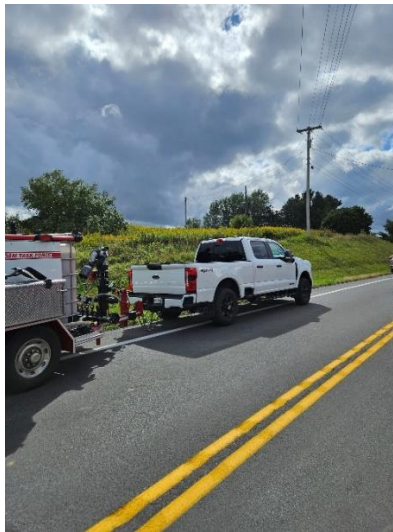


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**Responding to Lewis County:**

On September 13, 2023 the City of Watertown Fire Dept responded to Lowville with the New York State Foam Response Trailer that is stored and maintained with our department. The request for assistance to Lowville Fire Department Inc. in Lewis County was for an overturned fuel tanker that was leaking with extensive damage. Upon arrival, our fire crews were assigned to setup and man ready to operate the foam trailer which is capable of applying copious amounts of foam for extended periods of time should a fire or explosion occur during the highly dangerous offloading operation. This specialized trailer is one of many that are strategically placed throughout the state to respond. The City of Watertown's highly trained Hazardous Materials Technicians regularly train with this trailer to ensure they are proficient when responding to these types of incidents. Once it was determined all of the fuel had been offloaded and the hazard to cleanup crews was mitigated, we were released from the scene and returned to service.



## Planning Department:

### Zoning Ordinance Update Award:

The Planning Department recently attended the American Planning Association's New York Upstate Chapter Planning Conference, where staff was presented with a Best Practice Award for the recently updated Zoning Ordinance.

Integrating innovative techniques such as parking maximums, one residential district, and a streamlined review process has brought the Ordinance up to date with current planning practices. The hybrid Form-Based ordinance is helping shape a walkable, functioning, aesthetically pleasing, and business-friendly environment aimed at a fully energizing Watertown's neighborhoods, varied commercial corridors, waterfront, and downtown.

Special thanks to Elan Planning and the Project Steering Committee for their assistance with the project.





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**Urban Forestry:**

The next phase of the *City of Watertown Street and Park Tree Pruning Project* begins Monday, September 25, 2023. Trees selected for pruning were identified and prioritized using key data found in the City's updated tree inventory and management plan. The first round of pruning addressed **14** large, mature trees in Thompson Park. This pruning round will address **29** large, mature trees located throughout the City's Westside neighborhoods. Trees prioritized for this round are located along the following streets: *Ely Street, Dorsey Street, Massey Street N, Massey Street S (Emma Flower Fire House), Portage Street (Portage Street Playground), Meadow Street S, Paddock Street, Flower Avenue W, Ball Avenue, Sherman Street, Iroquois Avenue W, Cosgrove Street, and Butterfield Avenue.*

Additionally, the City has partnered with National Grid's Forestry Division to address the pruning needs of several project related trees growing in proximity to Grid's electrical right of way and facilities. Some of this work may have already taken place.

Although the City anticipates minimal inconvenience to residents during pruning activities, contractors may be required to set up temporary work zones at the end of specific driveways to allow arborists the ability to complete project related goals. Arborcare Tree Service staff will coordinate with all applicable residences prior to such work.

This project is funded through the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation



## Police Department:

### Police Academy:

The 2023-2024 session of the Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy (operated by the Watertown Police Department) commenced on Monday, September 11, 2023, at Jefferson Community College. The academy class includes 14 recruits from the Watertown Police Department, one recruit from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and one recruit from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. The recruits have begun training in topics such as use of force, physical fitness, the adjudicatory process & court structure, and the jurisdiction and responsibilities of law enforcement. For the next two weeks, the recruits are participating in firearms training and emergency vehicle operation training. These new officers will be ready to go on the road in early July of 2024.



### 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>