

Flower Memorial Library:



Roswell P. Flower
Memorial Library



SHARE THE WARMTH AT OUR
9th Annual
**COAT
DRIVE**

November - March
Available when the
library is open.

Spread the love!
You are welcome to
donate your extras or take
what you need!

**COME
TO**

ITEMS NEEDED

- ✓ Winter coats (any size)
- ✓ Snow pants (any size)
- ✓ Boots (any size)
- ✓ Hats, scarves, and gloves

Coat Drive Location:
Flower Memorial Library 
229 Washington Street Watertown

Donations: place *clean* items in the box on
the main floor. Thank you for your kindness!

Pickups: visit the coat rack on the
main floor near the stairwell.

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Department of Public Works:

Gotham St Drainage:

Crews are working diligently on drainage issues on Gotham Street. During the spring, water was boiling out this stretch of street causing potential hazards. Additional sewer/storm related work will continue to proceed as weather allows. The work is preparatory for a future mill and fill project in 2024.



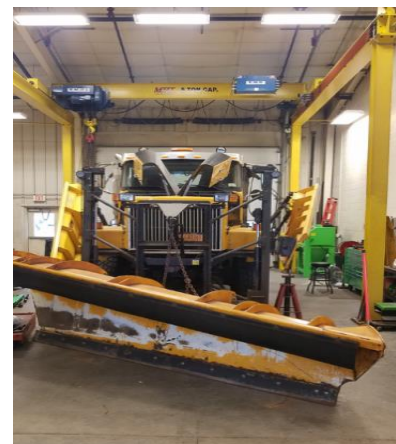
Winter Preparations:



DPW recently completed work on the City snow dump with installation of a new drainage system, boxing out of old subbase and paving the area back in. The area will now have better positive drainage. This serves as a vital snow removal area for the City DPW and associated contracted haulers.

Fleet Operations:

DPW fleet services has been undertaking pre-season preventative maintenance work on the snow removal fleet. The City transitions to 24/7 coverage for the winter season after Thanksgiving.



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Roadway Paving:

DPW is continuing work on this year's paving list with activity underway on Leray Street. Leray Street has been milled and shimmed with new asphalt. Work will continue on this street in 2024 with updates on storm/sewer. Once below grade work has been complete, DPW will install new curbing and new asphalt wearing course.



Seasonal Bulk Item Collection:

DPW is wrapping up the season collecting bulk waste from all City residential parcels.

Additional resources are available at
<https://www.watertown-ny.gov/directory/PublicWorks>

Engineering Department:

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

EDGE Civil Corporation has completed the main construction for this project, and a final walkthrough was held on October 4, 2023. Once the punch list items found during this project are complete, construction for this project will be complete.



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Burlington Street Reconstruction:

The City Council reviewed the three different design concepts at their October 10, 2023 work session, and decided the Aubertine and Currier would continue the design for this project with design concept #2.

City Hall Court Renovations:

The City Engineering Department requested a proposal from GYMO for the remaining design and construction services for this project. A Professional Services Agreement based on the received proposal was approved by the City Council at their October 16, 2023 meeting.

City Hall Elevators:

Bids for this project were opened on October 19, 2023, and are currently under review.

Division St East / Thompson St Water Main Replacement Projects:

A Change Order for the final construction cost for EDGE Civil Corporation for this project and a Change Order for Barton and Loguidice's final contract cost were both approved by the City Council at their October 16, 2023 meeting, and this project is now complete.

Fairgrounds Grandstand Split Face CMU Repair:

The Engineering Department has made a bid package for this project. Once Purchasing reviews and approves it, this project will be put out to bid.

Fire Station Renovations:

This project is now under construction.

Flower Memorial Library Cornice Repointing:

Heritage Masonry will begin construction for this project in Spring 2024

Franklin Street ADA Ramps:

The City Council approved this bid, and a Notice of Award has been sent to the chosen contractor. The Engineering Department is currently waiting for submittals.

Hydro Plant Concret:

The concrete for the piers has been poured, and the forms have been removed, and the forebay racks have been reinstalled. The canal has been re-watered, and the plant is again operational. The remaining work for this project is the concrete work on the back stairs.

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Massey St/ Coffeen St/ Court St Project:

The new bearings on the Court Street Bridge have been installed along with the expansion joints, and the bridge decks' surface has been grooved. The remaining work for this project includes sealing the bridge deck, paving the intersections, and painting the lane lines on the roads.



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

The punch list for remaining construction for this project has been completed, and the Engineering Department is working on closing out this project.

Mill St-Southerly Street Bridge:

The Engineering Department is currently waiting for New York State Officials to sign the agreement for this project. Once signed, design for this project can begin.

Police Shooting Range Upgrades:

The chosen bid from SNL Electric was approved by the City Council at their October 16, 2023 meeting. The Engineering Department is now waiting for the Agreement to be signed.

Pratt St and Sherman St Water Main Replacement Project:

The GHD Group has completed their as built for this project, and the Engineering Department is currently in the process of closing out this project.

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Seward / Grant / Henry Streets Total Road Reconstruction:

Luck Bros. has completed the curbing on Grant Street and Henry Street, and has begun prepping this project to be shut down for winter.



Storm Sewer Master Plan:

GHD has completed the model and has begun calibrating it.

Vanduzee St Bridge:

The contractor has finished construction on the south bound lanes and has begun work on the north bound lanes. Conduit was found that contained wires belonging to Verizon, Spectrum, and Westelecom. The contractor is now waiting for these companies to reroute their systems so that the conduit can be removed.

Washington St / Keyes Ave 500 Block Sewer:

JL Excavation has installed the new sanitary sewer and storm sewer mains on Washington Street and have begun sidewalk and curb restoration. The new mains will be tested soon.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Replacement:

The input/output air blower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant needs to be replaced. Bids for this project were opened on October 10, 2023, and are now under review.

Water Treatment Plant COAG Generator Replacement:

National Grid has begun installing the new gas main for this project.

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William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:

Con Tech Building Systems finished the forms for the pool walls and has installed the shotcrete for the walls. Inlaid steps were also installed into the concrete, and the new surge tanks lines have been tested. Hyde Stone has uninstalled and removed all of the old ductwork and has begun installing the new ductwork. Blackstone Electric has removed the old lighting in the bathhouse and has installed their own temporary lighting. The existing bathroom utilities and doors have been removed, and a gas-fired unit heater has been installed to provide temporary heating in the bathhouse during winter construction.



Fire Department:

Structure Fire:

On October 23rd, 2023 at 1:10 am, City fire crews were dispatched to 126 Winslow Street for a reported structure fire. Prior to their arrival, WPD units reported heavy smoke showing from one of the apartments. Upon arrival, WFD crews confirmed a working fire in apartment #4 and crews immediately started fire suppression activities. The fire was contained to the apartment of origin. All other tenants were allowed back into the building within an hour. The Watertown Fire Department was assisted at the scene by the Watertown Police Department, Guilfoyle Emergency Medical Services, and the Watertown Codes Department. Fort Drum Fire Department was requested to the scene but was disregarded prior to arrival. There were no injuries reported at the scene. The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time. The department successfully utilized a nearby hydrant for the water supply. The required water flow was minimal, and the department experienced no difficulties with the water distribution system.



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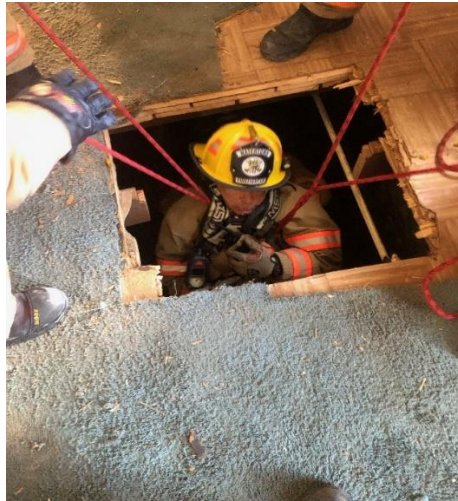
Alternate Water Supply:

During the recent water main break, the entire hydrant system for the City of Watertown was rendered unusable for fire protection. City staff along with Jefferson County Fire & Emergency Management and NYS OFPC developed an alternative water source plan until the hydrants could be restored. The plan consisted of a tanker task force made up with tankers from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence County fire departments along with an Ultra Large Diameter Hose task force from NYS OFPC. We were able to locate several locations throughout the immediate area to draft water. We would like to thank several of our community businesses and partner emergency service agencies as we strive to provide the best possible protection and services to our community. City of Watertown Water Department, City of Watertown Department of Public Works, Jefferson County NY Fire & Emergency Management, NYS Office of Fire Prevention & Control (OFPC), DHSES - NYS Office of Emergency Services, Brookfield Renewable US, Knowlton Brothers, Town of Watertown Fire Department, Black River Fire Department Inc., Northpole Fire Company, Lowville Fire Department Inc., Smithville volunteer Fire department, Theresa Fire Department, Inc, Redwood Volunteer Fire Department, Rodman Fire Department, West Carthage Fire Department, Rutland Vol. Fire Dept., Fishers Landing Fire Department, Pamela Vol. Fire Dept. 34, Fort Drum Fire & Emergency Services, Martinsburg Fire Department, Edwards Fire and Rescue, Morley Fire Department, New Bremen Volunteer Fire Department, Morristown Fire Bureau, Lisbon Fire Department, Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department Inc., Brownville Volunteer Fire Department - TBJFD Station 3, Oxbow Volunteer Fire Department. New York State Fire Protection Specialists, Belleville Fire Department.



Training – Utilizing an Acquired Structure Slated for Demolition:

SMC has obtained a house at 112 Woodruff Street and are allowing us to use it for training. We are completing instructor-led training on Firefighter Survival, and Firefighter Rescue. When that training is complete, companies will be using the structure to train on topics such as ventilation, hose line advancement, and practicing searching for victims in a low-light environment.



BOO at the Zoo Fire Prevention Detail:

Over the past two weekends, the fire prevention bureau has met with families attending "Boo at the Zoo". This is a great opportunity for us to reinforce our public education brought to the schools with the entire family in attendance. The added benefits of meeting with new parents who are not school age yet bring important messages to these new families we are otherwise unable to reach. By doing this we can help parents understand the importance of sleeping with all bedroom doors shut, knowing two ways out, testing your smoke alarms, having a meeting place as well as many others. Many times, that meeting place is developed right there with the parents in attendance. We typically find one of two things during our discussions; the parents are impressed with how much their child knows about fire safety or the parents are concerned and feel they need to have more conversations with their children about fire safety. Either way we are developing a better prepared community when emergencies arise.



Police Department:

NYS Reaccreditation Assessment:

The Watertown Police Department went through a 2 1/2-day long reaccreditation assessment by the NY State Division of Criminal Justice Services October 17th-19th. These assessments ensure that the department policies comply with NY State standards and that they are properly followed. Only about one-fourth of NY State law enforcement agencies are accredited by NY State. The Watertown Police Department has been continuously accredited since 1998.

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 2023-2024 session of the Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy is now in week seven. Over the past two weeks, recruits have been training in standards of proof, evidence concepts, physical fitness training & wellness, decision making, ethics and professionalism, vehicle and traffic law and vehicle and traffic enforcement (vehicle stops).

Police Recruits:

The academy suspended training on Friday, October 20th so that the police recruits could assist with water distribution and traffic control at the Watertown Fairgrounds, during the recent water emergency. The Recruits also assisted with handing out cases of bottled water.

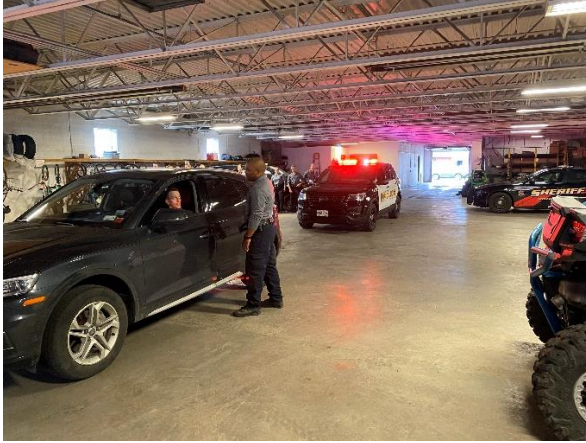


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Vehicle & Traffic Enforcement:

Training included conducting mock vehicle stops.



Planning Department:

Crow harassment:



Loomacres Wildlife Management, which contracts with the City to perform crow harassment services, made its first visit of the season on the evening of Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Staff will be scheduling Loomacres for additional visits in November. Once Loomacres provides an update to Staff regarding details such as flock size and roost locations, Staff will share that information with the City Council.

Urban Forestry:

Annual Fall Tree Planting Program:

Several tree planting projects will take place beginning the week of November 3 – November 10, 2023. In all, **148** trees will be planted in an effort to replace trees recently removed or anticipated for removal due to various factors, or areas that are lacking in valuable canopy cover.

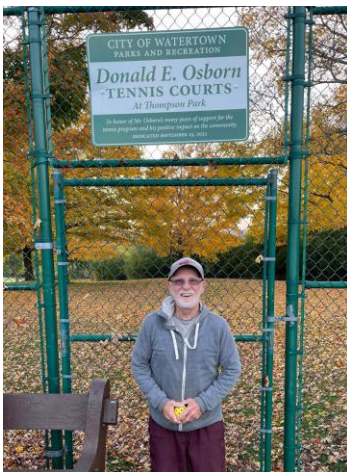
- Tree Watertown's **22nd Annual Fall Tree Planting Project** takes place on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Forty-six (**46**) trees will be planted on the campuses of Case Middle School and Watertown High School. All interested volunteers should meet at the front entrance of Case Middle School. Trees and supplies have been funded through the Northern New York Community Foundation's Carolyn Whitney Tree Fund. DPW Buildings and Grounds will assist by preparing the planting holes for volunteers and follow up watering next summer to ensure survival of the trees.
- All Season's Landscaping and Garden Center have been contracted to plant one-hundred and two (**102**) trees as part of three different projects, as replacements for trees removed as part of the projects.
- - NW Target Area Tree Planting Projects (CDBG funded) – 39 Trees. Streets selected for the project include *Poplar Street, Anne Street, Holy Street, Meade Street, Mohawk Street, Cayuga Avenue, and Railroad Street*.
 - Barben-Holcomb-Bugbee Watermain Projects (ARPA funded) - 23 trees. Streets selected for plating include *Barben Avenue and Bugbee Drive*.
 - Sherman-Pratt Watermain Projects (ARPA funded) - 40 trees. Streets selected for planting include *Iroquois Ave W, Butterfield Avenue, Cosgrove Street, Sherman Street, Pratt Street, Flower Avenue W, and Ball Avenue*.



Parks-n-Recreation Department:

Pickleball:

The final pickleball clinic of the season was held on October 23rd & 24th. In total, 5 free clinics were held throughout the season, most filled to capacity. In addition to the free clinics, indoor pickleball was held at the arena during the summer. We look forward to more pickleball next spring!



Club Vortex:

The youth running club held in Thompson Park, concluded Wednesday, October 25th. This program is held in partnership with the Watertown City School District's cross-country program. Various runs and fun activities are enjoyed throughout the program.



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Watertown Wolves Hockey:

Wolves held their season opener on Friday, October 13th. The next home game is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. To view their full schedule, visit: www.watertownwolves.net



Thompson Park:

Join us this Saturday, October 28th for the Thompson Park Harvest Festival!



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Water Distribution:

Parks and Rec staff along with our neighbors at Fort Drum, converged to make the distribution of water during the **State of Emergency** available to City residents:
Our location was at the Watertown Arena: Many thanks to all the helpful resources!!!

