

City Manager's
Status and Information Update

December 8, 2023



City Manager's Office:



Pictured: Eric Castrejon- flute, Monica Lueck- clarinet, Arthur Lukomyansky- bass clarinet, Molly Fisher- oboe

City Hall was spontaneously visited on November 28, 2023, by The Summit Winds 10th Mountain Division, a quartet of woodwinds traveling in the City to spread some Christmas Cheer! They played lovely Christmas Carol classics for a short time in the foyer of the City Hall Lobby, all who heard them were blessed. We would like to extend our thankfulness for their generosity, and our appreciation for their service in our military.

They also provided a flyer for the 10th Mountain Division full band that will be performing -A North Country Carol – Milestones and Mistletoe for 3 days in local areas.

You can access that flyer by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.watertown-ny.gov/media/NewsImages/10th mnt Div Band.pdf>

Police Department:

Industrial Accident / Mutual Aid:

At approximately 12:30 pm on November 14, 2023, Officer Robert Sines responded to 23440 State Route 12 for a report of a subject with their hand caught in an overhead door. JCSO Deputy Jamie Taylor and Officer Sines were let into the building by an employee and found the male subject on a tall ladder with his hand trapped between the garage door tensioner and a metal rod. Officer Sines went up the ladder to try to assist the subject and was able to use a metal rod to reverse the tensioner and remove the subject's hand. The subject sustained an unknown injury to his hand. He was treated at the scene by Guilfoyle.

Police Academy:

The 2023-2024 session of the Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy is now in week eleven. Over the past two weeks, recruits have been training in: stop, question & frisk, defensive tactics, accusatory instruments, report writing, domestic violence and the NY State First Responder course.



Police academy recruits participate in "First Responder" training at Jefferson Community College.



Recruit Officers getting fitted for uniforms.

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Narcan Kits:

Pivot dropped off four Narcan Emergency Kits to the Watertown Police Department to have on hand in case of exposure to heroin/fentanyl.



Workforce Connections:



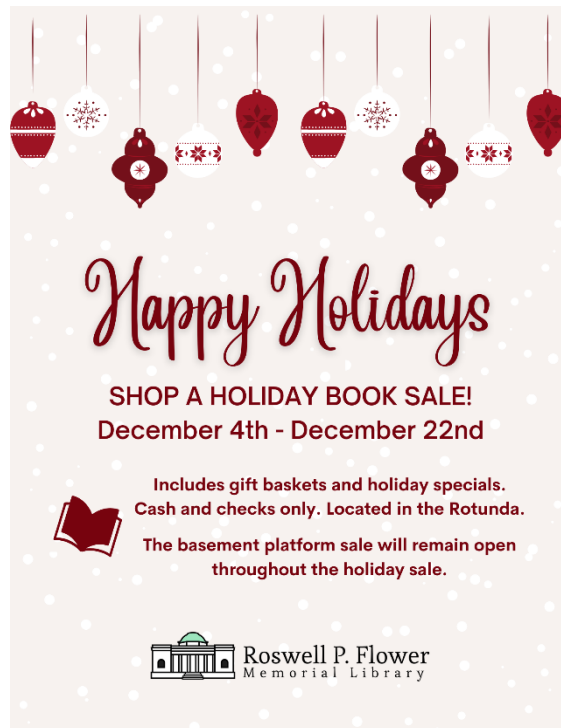
WPD DARE/Juvenile Aid Officer Shane Ryan is shown participating in a mock interview with a local high school senior at “Workforce Connections” at the Watertown Airport on November 15, 2023. The event was coordinated by “The Workplace,” Jeff-Lewis BOCES, Jefferson Community College and the Jeff-Lewis Workforce Development Board.

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>

Flower Memorial Library:

Book Sale:



Department of Public Works:

Stump Gridding:

B&G crews have been out with the nice weather catching up on grinding stumps from previously cut problem trees throughout the City.



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Traffic Signal Work:

DPW Electricians have been hard at work working in conjunction with contractors on new cameras and new ADA buttons on select intersections. The work is on-going and expected to be done in the next few weeks. Equipment upgrades like this improve the safety of the traveling public.



Drainage:

DPW has been investigating the drainage system within the City, whether for future modifications to existing catch basins or installation of new. Proper runoff reduces ponding and improves the integrity of the asphalt streets.



Engineering Department:

City Hall Elevator Replacement:

A Notice of Award was sent to Elevattit, and The Engineering Department is now waiting for them to sign the agreement.

Fairgrounds Grandstand Split Face CMU Repair:

The bids for this project were opened on December 7, 2023 and are now under review.

Fairgrounds Grandstand Tile Replacement:

The bids for this project were opened November 30, 2023 and are now under review.

Fire Station Renovations:

Some asbestos was discovered during construction, and an abatement was performed to remove it. The contractor has completed approximately 57% of the construction for this project.

Franklin Street ADA Ramps:

This project has been shut down for Winter. Construction will continue in Spring 2024.

Massey St/ Coffeen St/ Court St Project:

The Contractor has completed the rehabilitation work on the retaining wall, and only some minor work is still left for this project.

Police Shooting Range Upgrades:

Construction for this project began November 27, 2023, and the pit for the new concrete slab has been dug along with the locations for the new conduit lines. The contractor has begun installing the new conduit.

Washington / Keyes Ave 500 Block Sewer:

The remaining construction from the punch list has been put on hold for Winter 2023. Construction will pick back up in Spring 2024. A Change Order for this time extension for this project is being created. Once Complete, it will be sent to the City Council for approval.

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Water Treatment Plant Dosing Station and Sediment Pond:

A new dosing station and sediment pond for the Water Treatment Plant is currently in design, and brush for the future location has been cleared for test holes to be done.

William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:

The Water Department met with Hyde-Stone to discuss the water service for the Flynn Pool and Bathhouse, and it was determined that the original was in poor condition and would not function well after construction was complete. It was determined that Hyde-Stone would install a new water service and plug and cap the old one. A Change Order for this has been approved by the City Council at their December 4, 2023 meeting. Blackstone Electric has installed the light pole bases and is running conduit and installing the light fixtures.



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Planning Department:

Christmas Parade – Tree Lighting – Laser Show:

Despite the rainy weather, this year's Christmas parade was a success. The new longer route proved to be more popular with participants, as this year we had more than twice as many units registered to participate than we ever have before. After the parade, a large crowd gathered on Sterling Street for the laser show, done by Laser Encore, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Thank you to DPW, Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire and Buildings and Grounds for their help in the rain that day to help make the event successful! Save the date for next year's Christmas Parade, Friday, December 6, 2024!



Water Department:

Wastewater Treatment:

Pollution control staff attended the annual work force connection meeting with several high schools from around the area. The students sit with potential employers to have practice mock interviews



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Maintenance staff of the WWTP worked to keep an old lift station pumping throughout the long Thanksgiving weekend. Motors were swapped to ensure at least one pump was operating.



Water Treatment:

The purchase of the SPCA property on Marble Street Extension was approved by City Council at their December 4, 2023 meeting. The property will be used to house the sedimentation tank and other appurtenances necessary for the improvements to enhance removal of disinfection by-products at the Water Treatment Plant. Mapping and imagery for improvements is underway and core sampling is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks.

The WTP door replacement project is scheduled to commence next week.

Water Distribution:

Multiple main break/leak studies were performed by department staff. Main repairs occurred on Cedar Street, and Bradley Street (valve repair and main break).



Bradley Street



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Distribution Staff inspected hydrants damaged by MVA's (motor vehicle accidents). Staff repaired a hydrant on Leray at Burdick Street, and a hydrant was replaced on Bradley Street at Alexandria.

On December 4, 2023 Distribution and Filtration Staff isolated and drained the East Reservoir for inspections by an outside contractor on December 6. Once completed, the reservoir will be cleaned and refilled.