

## **Engineering Department:**

### **Burlington Street Reconstruction:**

The City Engineering, Planning, DPW, and Water Departments have submitted their reviews for this project to Aubertine and Currier, and Aubertine and Currier is now using those to complete their design.

### **Fire Station Exhaust Capture Removal System:**

The Contractor has begun construction for this project and has completed the demolition of the existing system. The contractor is now installing the rails for the new system.



### **Fire Station Renovations:**

The new roofs over the porticos are complete, and the only remaining work is flooring at the State Street Fire Station. Once complete, a final walkthrough will be held.



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**Manhole Relining Project:**

The minor punch list items for this project have been completed, and construction for this project is complete. The Engineering Department is in the process of closing out this project.

New York State has executed the eminent domain for this project and has sent the Engineering Department the agreement for this.

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

Con Tech Building Systems has installed all of the new hard ceilings, and all of the new interior walls have been installed. Con Tech Building Systems will begin painting the Bathhouse interior next week. The new concrete pads in the Mechanical Room have been poured and the forms removed, and the new chemical tanks have arrived. Sundance Leisure has begun installing the new filtration piping in the Mechanical Room. Hyde-Stone has installed all of their plumbing and mechanical pipes and ductwork in all of the bathhouse except for the Mechanical Room, and Blackstone Electric has begun pulling wires.



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## **Police Department:**

### **Domestic Violence Stabbing:**

At about 8:29 am on Tuesday, February 6th, Watertown Police patrols responded to 1121 State Street in reference to a report of a stabbing. Officers arrived at the scene to find the victim of the stabbing, bleeding from a wound on her left side, at which point an officer applied pressure to the wound until relieved by Guilfoyle Ambulance personnel. The victim was transported to SMC with what was later found to be non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect, Lanasia R. Scott, age 18, was arrested in the area a short time later. She was charged with assault in the second degree (class "D" felony) and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree (class "A" misdemeanor). She subsequently spit on a police officer and was additionally charged with harassment in the second degree (violation). Miss Scott was processed and held pending arraignment on the charges. The victim was Miss Scott's stepmother, making the incident a domestic violence case.

### **Reckless Endangerment/ Menacing:**

At about 10:00 pm on Thursday, February 1st, Watertown Police patrols were called to the 7-Eleven store, located at 430 Factory Street, in reference to a large fight, involving a knife. Upon arrival, WPD patrols spoke to witnesses and reviewed a security video. The investigation led to the arrest of Marcos A. Aguayo, age 52, of 114 Franklin Street in Watertown. Aguayo was charged with reckless endangerment in the first degree (class "D" felony), criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree (class "D" felony) and menacing in the second degree (class "A" misdemeanor). Aguayo was processed and held for arraignment.

### **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 "Basic Course for Police Officers" class is now in its 22nd week of training. During the past two weeks, recruits have been training in Environmental Conservation Law, the laws of arrest, physical fitness/wellness, electronic communication, defensive tactics, evidence collection, active shooter response, commercial vehicle enforcement, NY Penal Law, accusatory instruments, and the "Breath Analysis Operator" course. There are only five weeks of classes left before the police recruits begin working the road during the Field Training Program.



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Recruits participated in active-shooter training.



Recruits also trained in collecting and logging physical evidence



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**Visitors:**

WPD had a visit from a therapy dog. Lt. Cristin O'Brien speaks with the dog owner about therapy dogs while Sgt. Robert Sines says hello to "Phoebe."



Phoebe is getting comfortable...





## Department of Public Works:

### Sewer Lateral Repairs:

DPW has been taking care of sewer laterals that have been breaking due to freeze and thaw cycle. Sewer clay pipe like this is common around the city. DPW has a policy in effect for home owners to reach out to a certified plumber to find the problem before calling the City. If the issue is located from any where between the margin and the main, they city acts on it immediately either repairing or cleaning/televising.



### Storm Clean-Up:

DPW crews were out again after storm Finn cleaning up. This storm created a massive amount of work. The crews are utilizing the good weather for the week to continue picking up debris from homeowners. Work had stopped for a time because of snow, but a press release was issued to let residents know that we would be back at it. Residents are urged to call in large piles to DPW.

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## Planning Department:

### Black River Trail Western Extension:

A Public Information Meeting for this project was held on January 31, 2024 and attended by over 30 interested citizens. The feedback from attendees was very positive, the majority of which are users of the current trail and very excited to see it extended further into the city. Some of the local property owners were also in attendance to learn more about the project and share thoughtful feedback. Overall, it was a very successful event



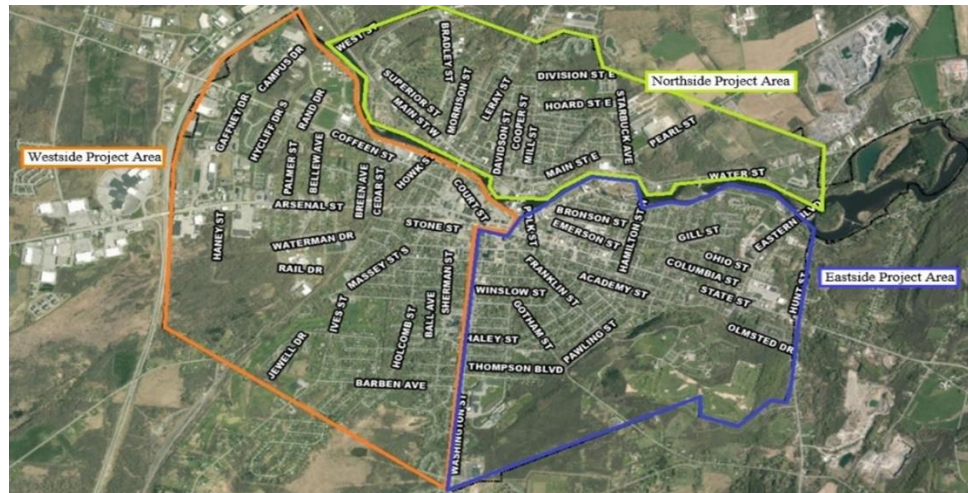


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**Urban Forestry – Annual Winter Tree Pruning Project:**

The City's 2024 Young and Small Tree Pruning Project began the week of January 9. This annual project divides the city into three project areas, Northside, Westside, and Eastside Project Areas. Each work area is pruned once every three years, as part of this annual project. In coordination with City Planning Staff, the Department of Public's Works Buildings and Grounds crew will provide pruning for all trees with trunk diameters of 9" or less. Target trees will be pruned for vehicle and pedestrian clearance, structural improvements, and public safety. The pruning project is expected to run from mid-January through mid-April. This year's project takes place primarily in the City's Eastside neighborhoods and the Eastside of Thompson Park. Examples of streets, parks, and other City owned properties on this year's winter pruning list include Burchard Street, Hamilton St. N, Hamilton Street Playground, Thompson Blvd, Winslow Street, various City owned facilities and parking lots.



**Parks and Recreation Department:**

**Snowtown USA:**

Snowtown USA concluded this year's festivities on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Events hosted at the Fairgrounds included a touch-a-truck event, K-9 demonstration, ice skating, a chili competition and snow sculpting.



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**Municipal Arena:**

The Watertown Wolves have three upcoming home games scheduled February 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, to include First Responder nights. To view their full schedule, visit: [www.watertownwolves.net](http://www.watertownwolves.net)



The Slip, Slide, & Skate program began on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> and will run through March 19<sup>th</sup>. This program teaches participants the fundamentals of ice skating through fun and instructional games. For additional information on other programs, classes, and activities, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

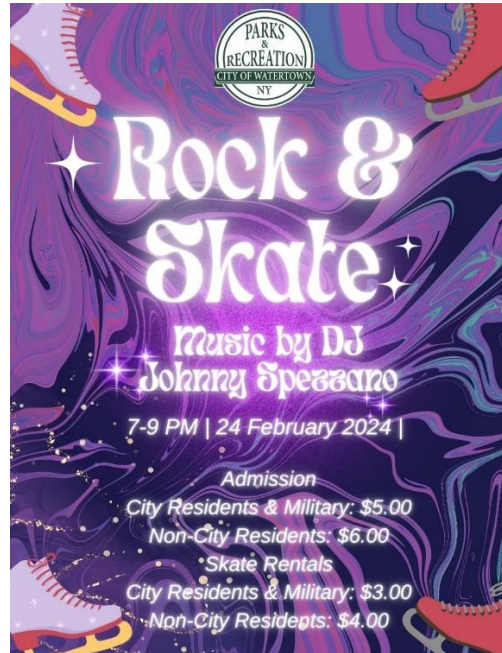




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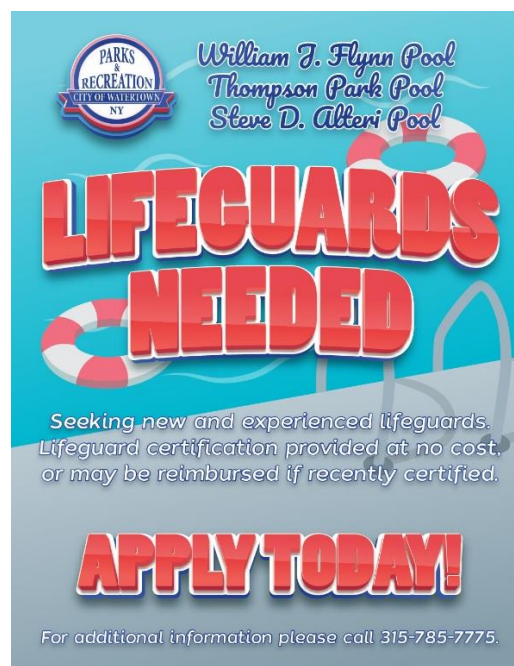


The Parks & Recreation Department will host its next Rock & Skate event on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. Join us for a fun night of skating and music, with DJ Johnny Spezzano!



**Summer Pool Positions:**

Are you interested in a great summer job? Contact our Parks & Recreation Department for more information on becoming a lifeguard. Anyone ages 15+ is welcome to apply.



## Code Enforcement / Buildings and Grounds:

### Permits Issued and Violations Cited :

47 permits  
44 Trash and Debris violation letters  
58 Snow and Ice removal letters  
36 Property Maintenance violation letters

### Ongoing Projects that have been Permitted:

145 Clinton St.- Watertown Saving's Bank- New Building  
833 Woodbury St.- Flynn Pool – Renovation Project  
144 Eastern Blvd.-Adult Daycare  
901 Rail Dr.-Renzi Food Service  
1815 State St.-NCU Drive through  
275 Bellew Ave.-Office Space

### Completed Projects:

144 Eastern Blvd- Adult Daycare  
540 State St.- Taco Bell – New Building  
1308 Washington St. - Chrissy Beanz- Renovation project  
146 Arsenal St.-YMCA



**Chrissy Beanz**  
1308 Washington St.



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**Northern Credit  
Union Drive Through**  
1815 State Street



**Watertown Family YMCA  
Community Center**  
146 Arsenal Street

**Adult Day Care**  
144 Eastern Blvd.



**Taco Bell**  
540 State Street