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Police Department:

Community Event:

On 02/16/24 WPD along with other local and state law enforcement agencies participated in the Watertown Wolves Law Enforcement Appreciation game with a small parade around the ice and a ceremonial puck drop by Lt. Cristin O'Brien.



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Patrol Division:

On 02/21/24, members of "C" Platoon responded to 518 Pine St for a reported subject damaging property within the residential facility, armed with a hatchet. Upon patrol arrival, the shift stacked up

and entered the facility with lethal and less-than-lethal options deployed. A call-out was performed and the subject entered the narrow hallway, armed with a hatchet and large hunting-style knife. He then struck a door with the hatchet and then threw the hatchet down the hallway towards officers. The subject then dropped the knife at his feet and then began to comply with verbal commands and patrols advanced down the hallway, and after a brief struggle took the subject into custody without further incident. Criminal charges to include reckless endangerment, weapons possession, resisting arrest and criminal mischief are pending. The subject was taken to SMC under MHL 9.41.

On 02/20/24 Members of "A" Platoon assisted WFD and GEMS with an unconscious/unresponsive individual. They were transported to SMC for evaluation.



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>

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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 24th week of training. During the past two weeks, recruits have been training in NY Penal Law, accusatory instruments, NY Public Health Law, human trafficking, defensive tactics and principles of control, NY Juvenile Law & procedure, traffic direction & control,

physical fitness & wellness, eyewitness identification, and fundamental crisis intervention for law enforcement. There are only three weeks of classes left before the police recruits begin working on the road during the Field Training Program. WPD recruit officers along with Officer Shane Ryan and Detective Matt Freedom sang the national anthem at the Watertown Wolves game.



Department of Public Works:

Snow Clean-up:

DPW continuously picks up snow from the downtown/Public Square area after each storm. Snow removal like this improves sight conditions for the traveling public, gains back parking area from snow banks, and improves the width of usable walking area on the sidewalks. Whenever possible we also try to work our way out to secondary streets to eliminate snowbanks. This helps with possible drainage issues down the road.



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 underutilized access roads and up at Thompson Park. DPW will be continuing cleaning up well into the spring.



Engineering Department:

Water Treatment Plant COAG Generator Replacement:

The new generator for this project arrived on site, however a panel was damaged during shipping. The generator is currently being inspected to see if the damage is only cosmetic and did not impact any of the electrical work inside. A new panel has been ordered.



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William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:

Con Tech Building Systems has installed the rest of the interior Bathhouse ceiling, and all of the interior walls have been painted. The new doors are currently being installed, and Con Tech Building systems will be installing the new tile next week. Blackstone Electric has installed most of the new ceiling lights and exit signs.



Flower Memorial Library:

Watertown City School District Elementary Art Show:



Watertown City School District Jr./ Sr. High School Art Show:



The poster features a vibrant, stylized background with a sunburst pattern in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The main title, "Watertown City School District Junior High & High School Art Show", is prominently displayed in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with "Art Show" in a larger, yellow, cursive font. Below the title, the date and time, "MARCH 7 5:30-6:30 PM", are written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Underneath, the text "FEATURING ART FROM STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12" is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The poster includes four images: a blue and purple portrait of a person wearing a cap, a colorful abstract sculpture, a black and white photograph of a child's face, and a magazine cover titled "GOOBER" featuring a girl. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "HOSTED BY ROSWELL P FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 229 WASHINGTON ST | WATERTOWN, NY". The "YOUTH ART MONTH" logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

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Parks-n-Recreation:

Thompson Park Golf Course:

The Parks & Recreation Department recently began grooming cross country ski trails at the Thompson Park Golf course. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the winter season in Thompson Park. Weather permitting, trails will continue to be groomed throughout the remainder of the season. Ski and snowshoe rentals will begin next winter.



Municipal Arena:

Morgan Waite is very appreciative for the Watertown Municipal Arena that she has been fortunate to skate in. She began skating at age 2 in the Watertown Slip, Slide n' Skate program. She became a member of the Figure Skating Club of Watertown at age 3 with Coach Sherry Robbins. In 2015, at 9 years old, Morgan passed her USFSA Gold Moves in the Field test. She then went on to pass her Gold Solo Free Dance in 2017, Gold Canadian Skills test in 2018, Gold Dance and Gold Canadian Dance in 2019 and her Gold Free Style in 2024, which is now referred to as Singles. She has passed 6 International Ice Dances and is working on 2 more with her dance partner from Cortland. This gives her the opportunity to coach and judge figure skating at all levels in her future years. Her accomplishment of 6 Gold levels are posted on a plaque in the lobby of the arena. She is a high honor roll student at IHC and president of her senior class. She is the daughter of Corey and Jan Waite. Congratulation Morgan!



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Water Department:

Water Treatment:

The WTP Door Replacement project is near completion with all but a few details to complete before closeout. Nine large, steel, double service doors were replaced as part of this project.

Dudley Construction has set the new COAG (coagulation) generator in place with work to make final connection ongoing.

Wastewater Treatment:

Contractors have completed the installation of a level and communication upgrade at the Fairbanks lift station. Lift stations are strategically positioned throughout the city at lower points to facilitate the pumping of water to higher elevations, enabling the natural flow of water through gravity.



The operators conducted repairs on the biosolids conveyor to ensure the effective removal of solids from our water treatment process. These solids, generated as a byproduct, are then applied to local farm fields as class B biosolids.



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Operators, maintenance personnel, and trainees collaborated to remove, modify, and install a new pump at the Gaffney Dr. lift station. Given its status as one of the higher flow stations, the Gaffney Dr. station necessitates the redundancy of two pumps to ensure continuous operation.



The Chief Operator of the Pollution Control Facility (Angel French) recently participated in the New York Water Environmental Association's annual conference in NYC. During the event, she contributed to an operator forum by sharing insights on public outreach and operator engagement. Additionally, she was honored with an award from the Water Environment Federation in recognition of her ongoing dedication to educating others in the field of water resource recovery.



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Water Distribution:

Multiple service repairs have been conducted ranging from ball valve replacement to curb box resets.



Staff assisted the contractor on repairs to the 4 inch service leak at City Hall.



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Leak Studies are being performed by staff throughout the city to investigate for main breaks or leaks in the Distribution System. A main break was repaired in the 400 Block of College Heights.



Staff inspected a hydrant involved in an MVA on Columbia, the damage requires the hydrant to be replaced.

