

## City Manager's Status and Information Update

March 3, 2025

Check out  
our Website!

[City of Watertown, New York – City Manager \(watertown-ny.gov\)](http://City of Watertown, New York – City Manager (watertown-ny.gov))



## Opportunities with Watertown

There are several exciting job opportunities open with the City of Watertown, including:

✓ Lifeguard I & II	✓ Secretary
✓ Librarian I	✓ Urban Forestry Assistant
✓ Parks & Recreation Attendant	✓ Facilities Maintenance Worker
✓ Refuse/Recycle MEO	✓ Transit Operator

*For more opportunities click the QR Code here:*



## Civil Service

### THE CITY OF WATERTOWN

We are hiring!

#### Current Vacancies

- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Laborer I & II
- Librarian I
- Lifeguard I & II
- Motor Equipment Mechanic
- Motor Equipment Operator
- Municipal Worker I
- Parks & Rec Attendant
- Refuse/Recycle MEO
- School Crossing Guard
- Secretary
- Transit Operator
- Urban Forestry Assistant
- WTP Maintenance Supervisor

#### Exam Opportunities

- Building Systems Supervisor
  - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Human Resources Benefits Specialist
  - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Librarian I
  - Application deadline is 4/13/25
- Maintenance Mechanic (WHA)
  - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Modernization Coordinator
  - Application Deadline is 3/2/25
- Police Officer
  - Application Deadline is 3/24/25

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## New Hires

We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the City of Watertown team and are excited to have them on board!!

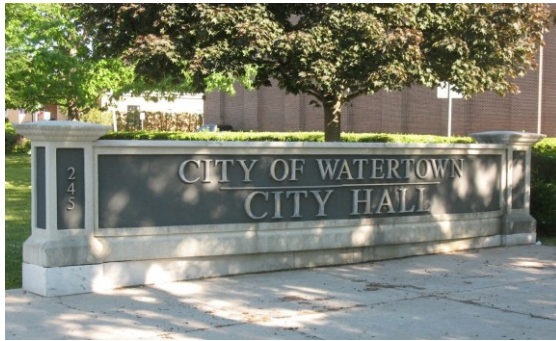
- Amber Fay – Confidential Administrative Assistant to the City Manager
- Jared Dickenson – Senior Engineering Tech

## City Manager's Annual Report

The City Manager recently released his 2024 City of Watertown Annual Report. Click the link below to check it out:

[City of Watertown, New York - City Manager Annual Report](#)

## City Council Meetings



Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the February 18, 2025, City Council Meeting:

*[Click Photo for Meeting Minutes](#)*

### Reminder:

The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 245 Washington St, Watertown NY. The 2nd Monday of each month is held for Work Sessions, which are open discussions of topics requested by the Mayor and City Council. If there is a holiday on Monday, the Council Meeting or Work Session will take place on the following day, Tuesday. Public is welcome to attend all meetings. City Council Minutes & Agendas are available online and the Meetings and Work Sessions are captured on video by Steve Weed Productions.

The City has recently transitioned to Rumble as the new platform for broadcasting City Council meetings. Residents can view live broadcasts of City Council meetings at [Rumble Livestreams](#). Archived meeting videos can be accessed at [Rumble Channels](#), and those links, organized by meeting, available through the City's website on the [Meeting Dashboard](#) have been updated through 2020.

The City Council Meetings for March are **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The March City Council Work Session is on **Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## Purchasing

The City of Watertown's Purchasing Department is responsible for acquiring goods, services and construction projects on behalf of the City. The department ensures that procurement processes are fair, transparent and competitive through a formal bidding process.

The following Bid opportunities are available:

Bid #2025-02 Lift Stations Standby Generator Installation Project - Phase 2 –  
Deadline 3/13/25

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the Lift Stations standby generator installation project at three different locations in the City.

<https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/419/>

If you are not already in our Evobid system, you will have to create a log in to our website system to download the specifications. Once you submit your information, you will be notified of any changes on the Bid or RFP. You will also automatically be invited to view any other project related to your company and have access to our EvoBids platform to view any bids/RFPs currently open by the City of Watertown. Thank you.

For additional information, feel free to reach out to the Purchasing Department at 315-785-7749 or visit our website at [City of Watertown - Purchasing Department](#)

## Police Department

### Retiring Officer:

Our Training Director, Sergeant Dennis O'Brien, has made the decision to retire after 20 years as a Police Officer with the Watertown Police Department. Before that, he served for over 10 years as a Corrections Officer with the NY State Department of Corrections. On Monday, February 24th, the City of Watertown honored Sgt. O'Brien's years of service during a plaque presentation ceremony held in the Watertown City Council Chambers.



Watertown City Manager Eric Wagenaar congratulated Sgt. O'Brien as he presented him with a plaque and a city coin in recognition of his 20 years of exemplary service to the citizens of Watertown.



Sgt. O'Brien posed for pictures for a few minutes before getting back to work (he still has until Friday, the 28th, to complete his 20 years)! Here, he is pictured with WPD Captain Cristin Lyon and Chief Charles Donoghue.



Some of his coworkers gathered with Sgt. O'Brien (center) for a group photo.

### Retiring K-9:



K-9 “Ricky” has officially decided to retire after nearly 10 years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer! Ricky, accompanied by his handler, Sergeant Wayne McConnell, has been serving our community since 2015. He has proven to be a tremendous asset to both the department and our community. Now, K-9 Ricky can enjoy being at home with his family and simply be a dog. We extend our heartfelt thanks to K-9 Ricky and Sergeant McConnell for their exceptional service to our community!

WPD Sergeant Wayne McConnell and “Ricky” while on the job!



Ricky is always ready to go to work (above) or play (below).



Ricky’s last day of work will be March 6th!



### Police Academy:



The Black River/St. Lawrence Police Academy Class of 2024-2025 is now in its twenty-fifth week of classes. Over the past few weeks, the recruits have been training in topics such as accusatory instruments, New York State Penal Law, defensive tactics, commercial vehicle enforcement, constitutional law, physical fitness and wellness, active shooter response, human trafficking, traffic direction and control, and juvenile law and procedure.

Academy Recruits (above and below) trained in active shooter response in a local school.

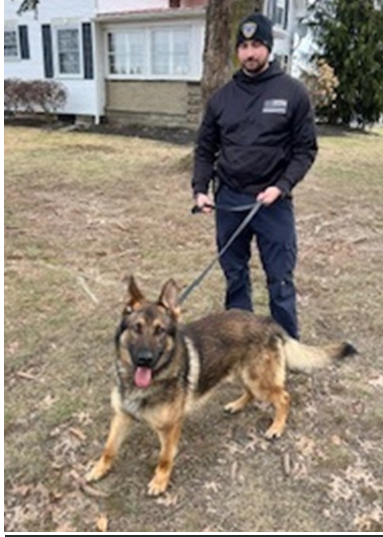


### New WPD K-9 and K-9 Handler:



Introducing K-9 "Bach" (pronounced like the composer). K-9 Bach has been recruited to replace the retiring "Ricky," who has been handled by Sgt. Wayne McConnell for nearly 10 years. Officer Travis Workman will take on his new role as K-9 Bach's handler. Both Bach and Officer Workman are set to attend a six-week basic K-9 training program beginning in a few weeks.

Bach poses for the camera (above).



K-9 Bach taking Officer Workman for a walk!

### **Police Lateral Transfers:**

The Watertown Police Department is continuing to look 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>

## **Engineering**

### **California Avenue North Sewer Replacement**

The sewer main on California Avenue North from Bronson Street to Huntington Street needs to be replaced. This project is waiting for approval of the 2025-2026 City Budget.

### **Central Street Sewer Replacement**

The sewer main on Central Street from Bronson Street to Huntington Street needs to be replaced. This project is waiting for approval of the 2025-2026 City Budget.

### **Leray Street Reconstruction**

The City desires to do a full road reconstruction of Leray Street. The Engineering Department has created a request for Proposals for design services for this project, and they are now under review. Once approved, the Requests will be sent out to design firms.

## Department of Public Works

### Tree Removal



DPW crews were able to break from snow removal efforts and remove a tree on the south side of Watertown. We were even able to get the Eger Beever chipper out for some much-needed exercise.



### Roads – Winter Cutbacks:



DPW Crews are working day and night to cut back banks on city streets. This winter's snow totals are significant compared to past years.

### Electrical:



DPW crews work within our buildings to address a variety of electrical projects. This is just another skill set they can demonstrate here.





Updates to signal cabinets occur to ensure that all traffic controls are functioning properly. This process is time-consuming but essential for the operation of our city.

### **Special Visitor:**

DPW had the opportunity to meet Luna, the therapy dog. She completely stole our hearts and, in just a few minutes, lifted the spirits of everyone around her. We cherished the snuggles, nibbles, and kisses. A big thank you to the Police Department for bringing Luna for a visit.



## **Parks and Recreation Department**

Parks & Recreation crews have been working hard to keep up with this winter's snowfall. With all the snow this winter they have had to widen many of the areas to keep them open and passable for daily traffic and events.



Many came out to public skate during the recent winter break. In total, just over 1,100 skaters visited the Watertown Municipal Arena.



### Upcoming Watertown Wolves Games:

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>


Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

For a full schedule visit [www.watertownwolves.net](http://www.watertownwolves.net)

## ROCK 'N' SKATE

WITH DJ JOHNNY SPEZZANO

<b>ADMISSION</b> City Residents & Military: \$5 Non Residents: \$6	<b>SKATE RENTALS</b> City Residents & Military: \$4 Non Residents: \$5
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**DATE AND TIME**  
 March 8th | 7 to 9pm



## Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe Trails At Thompson Park Now Open





<b>Cross Country Rentals</b> City Resident: \$7 Military: \$7 Non - City Resident: \$10	<b>Snowshoe Rentals</b> City Resident: \$5 Military: \$5 Non - City Resident: \$7
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Rentals for skis include: Skis, poles, & boots. Rentals will be available at the Thompson Park Bathhouse Saturday & Sunday from 9:30am - 3pm and for select school breaks only. If you don't need rentals feel free to go right to the trail which is on the Thompson Park Golf Course.

"Limited availability of rentals"
"Weather Dependent"



St. Patrick's Classic Benefit Hockey Games  
 Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm  
 Free Admission – Donations Welcome

- Game 1 – Jefferson County Fire vs North Country Mountaineers
- Game 2 – Watertown City Fire vs Binghamton Fire

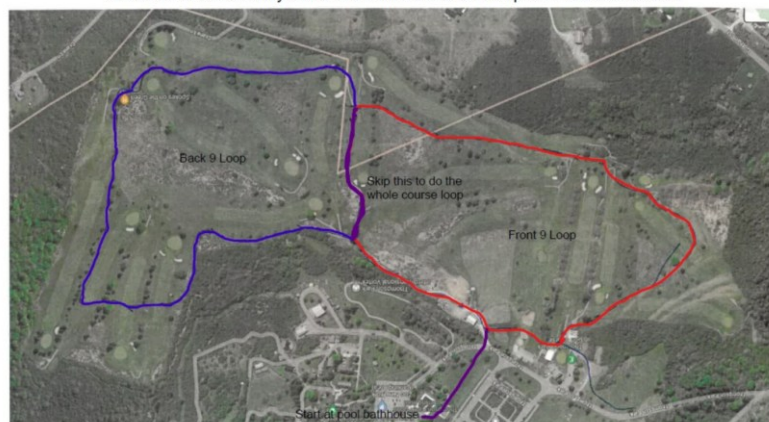
*\*Proceeds to benefit the family of fallen Binghamton  
 Firefighter  
 John R. "JR" Gaude.*

For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19wBPb1z2H/>

<https://allevents.in/watertown/st-patricks-classic-benefit-hockey-game/200027808682909>

Groomed Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe trails at Thompson Park Golf Course





# Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

 YOUTH ART MONTH

WATERTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Junior High & High School**

## Art Show

March 6 from 5:30–6:30 PM  
Featuring art from students in grades 7–12



Hosted by the Roswell P Flower Memorial Library  
229 Washington St | Watertown, NY

Artwork on display until March 14

**Art Club** 



For ages 6-12  
Hosted by Local Art Educator  
**SHALAINA THOMPSON**  
4pm to 5 pm in the Children's Room  
\*Projects announced in class\*

**MARCH 7** \* **APRIL 4** \* **MAY 2**

# MARIO PARTY

TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL  
MARIO DAY, JOIN US FOR MARIO-  
THEMED SNACKS, CRAFTS, AND  
ACTIVITIES!

 **TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH**  
**6-7PM**  
**ALL AGES & ABILITIES**  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



 Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Questions? Contact Jamie:  
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