

## City Manager's Status and Information Update

February 27, 2026

Check out  
our Website!

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



## Opportunities with Watertown

The City of Watertown is more than a workplace; it is a place where your work makes a real difference every day. From maintaining essential services to supporting our active community, our employees play a vital role in shaping the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. If you are looking for meaningful work, professional growth, and the chance to serve your community, we invite you to explore the opportunities currently available with the City of Watertown.

## Vacancies/Civil Service

A poster for Civil Service Opportunities in the City of Watertown. The poster has a blue and white geometric design. At the top left, it says "CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES" in bold blue letters. To the right is the City of Watertown seal. Below the title, it lists "Open Positions:" followed by a bulleted list of 18 job titles. Underneath that, it lists "Scheduled Civil Service Exams" with a bullet point for "Police Officer : to be held May 9, 2026" and a sub-bullet for "Application deadline March 31, 2026". At the bottom center is a QR code. At the bottom right, it says "Apply through our portal:" followed by the URL "https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps".

**CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Open Positions:**

- Bus Driver
- Deputy City Clerk
- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Golf Course Maintenance Worker
- Golf Course Maintenance Supervisor
- Golf Course Manager
- Information Technology Specialist
- Laborer I and II
- Lifeguard I and II
- Modernization Coordinator
- Municipal Worker
- Motor Equipment Operator
- P&R Attendant
- Refuse/Recycle MEO
- School Crossing Guard
- Senior Engineering Technician
- Urban Forestry Assistant
- Water Distribution System Operator
- WWTP Process Worker II

**Scheduled Civil Service Exams**

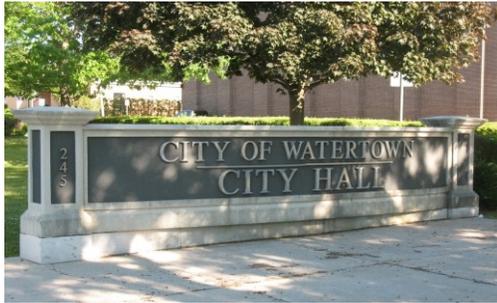
- Police Officer : to be held May 9, 2026
  - Application deadline March 31, 2026

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<https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

For a complete list of all the opportunities available, visit our website:

<https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

## City Council Meetings



Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the February 17, 2026, City Council Meeting:

[02-17-2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

**Reminder:**

The City Council Meetings for March are on **Monday, March 2**, and **Monday, March 16, 2026**. The March City Council Work Session is **Monday, Monday 9, 2026**.

## Retirement



Please join us in congratulating Officer Holly Trottier on her retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the Watertown Police Department. Over the past two decades, Holly has served our community with professionalism and commitment, and we thank her for her years of service to the City of Watertown.



The City celebrated her retirement on Thursday in Council Chambers, where she was presented with a certificate and retirement plaque in recognition of her service.

We wish her all the best in her retirement.



## New Hires

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

- Olivia Beauer – Librarian I
- Thomas Kerins – Water Dept Municipal Worker I
- Chandler D. Johnson – Police Officer
- Kaleb P. Natali – Police Officer
- Jacob D. Manente – Police Officer
- Ryan A. McManaman – Police Officer
- Cherique I. Cherry – Police Officer
- Holden G. Travers – Police Officer
- Cayden C. Randall – Police Officer

## Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony

On Friday, the City held a swearing-in ceremony in Council Chambers for seven new Police Officers. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office as family, friends, staff and colleagues gathered to mark this special occasion.

We congratulate these officers as they begin their careers in service to our community and wish them success and safety in the years ahead.



## CitiBus

### CITIBUS ROUTE B SCHEDULE UPDATE:

(EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 16, 2026)

Beginning **Monday, February 16, 2026**, CitiBus will adjust the schedule for ROUTE B (ARSENAL STREET) between 11:00 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M.

Route B (Arsenal Street) will operate on a 60-MINUTE INTERVAL instead of the current 40-minute schedule. This change is intended to account for increased midday traffic and improve overall schedule reliability.

Updated schedules will be available and reflected in the PASSIO GO! APP for real-time arrival information. Service outside of the 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. window will remain unchanged.

**Route B-1: Arsenal St.**

LEAVE Transfer Site	Western Blvd.	Salmon Run Mall	Walmart Outer - Arsenal St.	Target Town Center Plaza	The Plaza at Salmon Run	Arsenal Plaza Price Chopper	Raymour & Flannigan	Arsenal - Bellew	ARRIVE Transfer Site
7:00		7:15	7:17	7:20	7:22	7:25	7:30	7:33	7:35
7:40		7:55	7:57	8:00	8:02	8:05	8:10	8:13	8:15
8:20		8:35	8:37	8:40	8:42	8:45	8:50	8:53	8:55
9:00		9:15	9:17	9:20	9:22	9:25	9:30	9:33	9:35
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Thank you for riding CitiBus.

## Purchasing Department

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 #2026-04 Primary Grit Collector Replacement - PCF – Deadline 3/5/26 11:00 a.m.**

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the demolition, removal of the current collector, purchase, delivery install, and startup of a Rex C&B Grit Collector or equivalent, per department specifications for use by the City’s Pollution Control Facility (PCF). Please use the link below for additional information or visit our website at [City of Watertown - Purchasing Department](#).

<https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/509/>

**RFP #2026-01 Community Forestry Tree Pruning – Round 1 - Deadline 3/25/26 11:00 a.m.**

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed proposals from qualified tree care professionals to conduct priority tree pruning. Please use the link below for additional information or visit our website at [City of Watertown - Purchasing Department](#).

<https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/512/>

**Bid #2026-05 SCBA Cylinder Compressor & Fill Station Replacement - WFD –  
Deadline 3/25/26 11:30 a.m.**

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and installation of a SCBA Cylinder Compressor & Fill Station Replacement, per department specifications for use by the City's Fire Department located at 224 S. Massey, Watertown, NY. Please use the link below for additional information or visit our website at [City of Watertown - Purchasing Department](https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/513/).

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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.

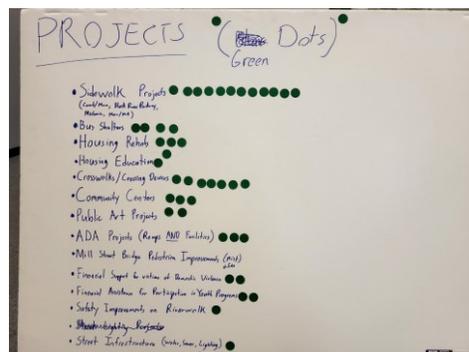
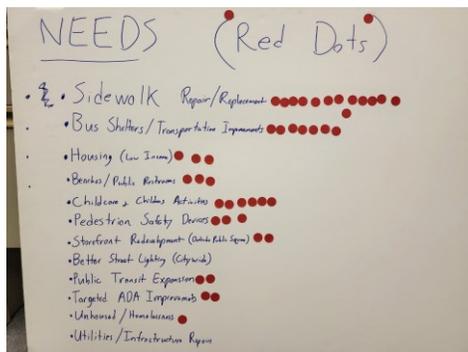
## Planning Department

### CDBG Public Meeting:



Citizens had the opportunity to provide input and feedback regarding the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at a public meeting held the evening of February 24, 2026 at Hilltop Towers on the City's north side. 16 people (excluding Staff) attended the meeting,

which was timed to coincide with the planning processes for the next Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan. Attendees broke into groups and worked to identify community needs and potential projects. At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees used dot voting to identify the needs and project that they felt were the highest priorities. Photos of the dot voting boards are shown below.



### **Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Survey**

The Planning Department is currently conducting a community survey, and we strongly encourage all residents to participate. Your input helps us understand community needs and which changes and improvements you would like to see funded through the City's Community Development Block Grant Program allocation.

To date, approximately twenty citizens have completed the survey. The most common suggestion so far relates to housing and infrastructure improvements that could help attract additional businesses and developers to our City. A few responses have touched on topics outside the scope of CDBG funding; however, we appreciate all feedback, as it helps guide the future growth of our community.

The survey will remain open until 4:30 PM on March 6, 2026.

You can complete the survey here: [City of Watertown Needs Assessment Survey](#).

### **531 Bradey Street Demolition:**



This project, which the City is paying for using CDBG funding, will involve the demolition and site cleanup of the property located at 531 Bradley Street. Bids for the project were opened on February 26 and are currently being reviewed by Staff. A recommendation on the bids will be presented to the City Council at an upcoming meeting. The

project will help with the elimination of blight in this neighborhood.

## **Fire Department**

### **February 19 – Structure Fire, 426 Arsenal St.:**

On February 19 at 9:38 a.m., Watertown City Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire at 426 Arsenal St. Crews arrived in under two minutes and found smoke coming from the exterior wall and front door of a first-floor apartment in a three-unit occupied building. The fire was quickly contained, with damage limited to the exterior wall and minor interior wall damage. The incident remains under investigation by Watertown Fire Department investigators and the Watertown Police Department Criminal Investigation Division. (A separate porch fire at this address on February 10

also remains under investigation.) The building was cleared for re-occupancy after operations concluded.

### **February 23 – Oven Fire, 207 Wealtha Ave.:**

On February 23, Watertown fire units responded to an oven fire at 207 Wealtha Ave. Two occupants were outside upon arrival, reporting smoke in the apartment. Firefighters determined a pizza box left inside the oven during preheating had ignited, triggering smoke detectors and alerting the tenants. The occupant attempted to extinguish the flames before exiting and calling 911. Crews removed the charred box, secured power to the oven, and ventilated the apartment. No injuries or significant damage were reported.

### **Natural Gas Emergency:**

On February 18, 2026, the Watertown Fire Department responded to a report of a natural gas odor inside a residence. Upon arrival, Chief 3 discovered that an 8-by-10-foot attached deck had collapsed due to falling ice, shearing a gas line connected to a meter located beneath the deck and allowing gas to flow freely into the home.

Engine 3 crews shut off the gas at the exterior meter; however, hazardous readings of 23% of the lower explosive limit were detected at the rear door. A laser methane detector also recorded 55,000 parts per million through an upstairs window. Due to the high concentrations, crews withdrew to a safe location and requested National Grid to the scene.

National Grid removed the exterior meter to fully secure the gas supply. Firefighters then ventilated the structure using positive pressure fans and by opening windows. Elevated gas readings were found throughout the home, including the attic and basement, and ventilation continued until levels returned to zero.

City Code Enforcement responded due to the collapsed deck, and the Water Department secured water service at the street to prevent freezing until utilities could be restored. The scene was ultimately turned over to National Grid to complete utility repairs.

### **Training:**

All Watertown shifts along with members of Guilfoyle ambulance were recently trained by a ZOLL company representative on use of our automated chest compression device. The device is designed to give efficient, continuous high-quality CPR while emergency crews work to resuscitate, package, and extricate a patient for transport to the nearest and proper medical facility.

These devices have been in-service on WFD units and have been used in the field.



## Police Department

### WPD Officer of the Quarter (4th Qtr. 2025):



Officer Logan Marolf was presented with the “Officer of the Quarter” award for his outstanding performance during the final quarter of 2025. He is pictured here with his fellow “D” platoon officers during the presentation.



### Therapy Dog “Luna”:



Luna is visiting Sgt Bob Sines in his office this week. She is also pictured while out for a walk last April. She is getting to be a big dog!



**Police Academy (Class of 2025-2026):**

The Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy Class of 2025-2026 is in its 8th week of the Field Training Program. The class is just five weeks away from completing their training, which results in their graduation on April 3rd, 2026, and their certification as police officers with NY State.

**Police Academy (Class of 2026-2027):**

The next Basic Course for Police Officers class will begin on Monday, March 2nd, at Jefferson Community College. Seven Recruit Officers have been hired and will begin their careers on Friday, February 27th, after they have been sworn in at City Hall. They will spend the rest of the day participating in mandated employee training and completing new employee paperwork. Good luck to the new recruits!

## Public Works Department

**Snow Removal:**

Snow removal crews are actively cutting back large snowbanks along street edges. With the significant snowfall this season, this operation is essential to restore full roadway width, improve visibility, and ensure streets remain safe and accessible for motorists, pedestrians, and emergency services.

**Sewer:**

Our Sewer Maintenance crews continue to repair service laterals citywide. This example highlights the challenges of working around tree roots and adjacent utilities, including water lines. These are critical operations that must be carried out even in cold weather to maintain reliable service and prevent larger system failures.

### Central Garage



The Central Garage has recently received several new Police Department vehicles—units that were originally ordered years ago, highlighting the long lead times currently experienced in the vehicle procurement process. Each vehicle will undergo the necessary interior upfitting and exterior equipment installation before being placed into active service.

### Forestry:

The Watertown Noon Rotary Club and Tree Watertown will participate in their annual spring volunteer planting on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The City of Watertown has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a “Tree City USA” for 26 years in a row. This would not be possible without the efforts of the Rotary Club and Tree Watertown, who have been planting trees for 30+ years. Please save the date and join us if you can!

The City of Watertown, with the help of Rotary and Tree Watertown, will be planting over 250 trees along our streets and in our parks this spring. If you are a City resident, and would like to have a tree planted on or near your property, please contact our City Forester, Dan VanKouwenberg at (315) 785-7724 or email: [dvankouwenberg@watertown-ny.gov](mailto:dvankouwenberg@watertown-ny.gov).



### Electrical

Our Electrical Department is performing routine maintenance on camera systems at signalized intersections, as buildup and debris can impact traffic signal performance. Crews are also clearing snow from around control cabinets to ensure safe and reliable access for necessary repairs and adjustments.



### Training:



Training remains a key priority for our staff. Crews complete annual sessions to stay current and refreshed on departmental policies, procedures, and safety requirements, ensuring consistent and effective operations across all divisions.

## Water Distribution Department

### Service Repair:

Various services across the city have had repairs due to extreme cold temperatures. Since February 1, 2026, an additional (15) water meters have been replaced as a result of freezing. Multiple services have been isolated due to frozen burst pipes or ice dams damaging gas services leaving the property without heat.



**Main Break/Leak Investigation:**

On February 16, 2026, the 6-inch main on Bronson was repaired.



On February 20, 2026 the 6-inch main on Portage Street was repaired.

**Additional Work:**

Staff have conducted leak studies on an additional mile of the system and are working to pinpoint possible leaks in three areas.

Staff have investigated over 50 frozen service calls since February 1, 2026 and are working diligently to rectify the issues.

## Water Treatment Department

Three additional lift stations were equipped with emergency generators, bringing the total to six out of ten lift stations with emergency power. These generators ensure sewage can continue to be pumped during power outages, reducing the risk of backups within the collection system.

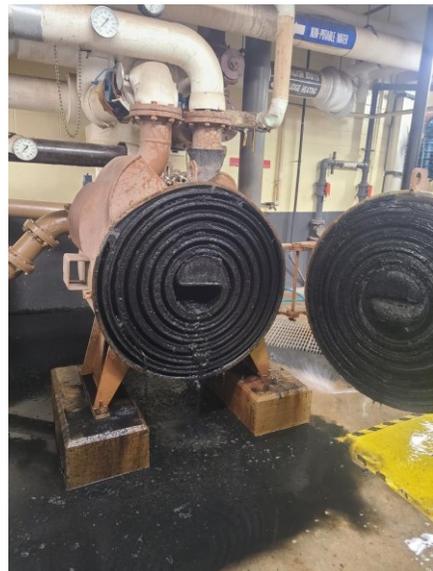




Pumping wastewater and biosolids is demanding on equipment, as the Pollution Control Facility handles abrasive and corrosive materials daily. To maintain reliable operations and permit compliance, operators routinely inspect and service equipment. Recently, an operator and a trainee worked together to replace a piston in a thickened biosolids pump, providing hands on training and skill development.



Operation and maintenance staff worked together to repair stabilizer bearing on the trickling filter. Staff contacted the manufacturer of the distribution arms for technical guidance because maintenance activity had not been previously performed. The repair required precise adjustments, as improper balancing of the arms can cause damage and prevent rotation, which is critical to effective biological treatment.



The Pollution Control Facility is currently undertaking a major maintenance evolution. Primary Digester 2, which holds approximately 770,000 gallons of biosolids, is being emptied to clean and inspect. While offline, staff cleaned and inspected the digester's heat exchanger, a critical component for maintaining proper biosolids stabilization.

## Parks and Recreation Department

### Watertown Municipal Arena:

**Public Skate:** Daily skating is available at the Watertown Municipal Arena. Please visit the following site for up-to-date schedules:

[Watertown Municipal Arena](#) or our [Facebook Page](#)

### Watertown Wolves Hockey:



#### Upcoming Watertown Wolves Games:

March: 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20

April: 3, 4

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

**Rock 'N' Skate:** Join us for an upcoming Rock & Skate at the Watertown Municipal Arena! Enjoy a fun-filled skating session with music provided by Johnny Spezzano, who will be spinning all your favorite tunes throughout the night. Bring your friends and family, lace up your skates, and come enjoy a great atmosphere, great music, and a fun night on the ice!

# ROCK 'N' SKATE

## WITH DJ JOHNNY SPEZZANO

ADMISSION	SKATE RENTALS
City Residents & Military: \$6 Non Residents: \$7	City Residents & Military: \$5 Non Residents: \$5



### DATE AND TIME

February 28th | 7 to 9pm  
March 28<sup>th</sup> | 7 to 9pm



### Winter Maintenance:

Parks & Recreation crews have been hard at work all winter long, maintaining both our indoor facilities and outdoor recreational spaces. From hosting arena events seven days a week, to clearing walking paths, to grooming outdoor ice-skating areas and cross-country ski trails. You name it, we've been working on it. These daily efforts certainly keep our teams busy but provide a wide range of recreational opportunities throughout the City during the long winter months. With summer just around the corner, be sure to get out and enjoy a few winter activities and events while they're still here!

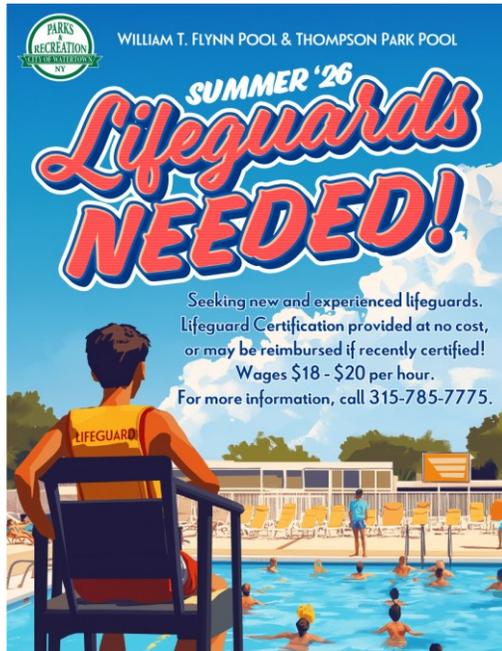


### Pools:

Join the Parks & Recreation team this summer! We are now hiring lifeguards for the 2026 season for the William T. Flynn Pool and the Thompson Park Pool.

We're seeking both new and experienced lifeguards to join our team for a fun and rewarding summer. Lifeguard certification is provided at no cost, or reimbursement is available for those recently certified.

Spend your summer outdoors, gain valuable experience, and make a difference in our community. For more information, call 315-785-7775 today!



### Sunday Softball:

The City of Watertown Parks & Recreation Department is now welcoming new teams for the 2026 Men's Sunday Softball season! Team registration runs March 2 through April 3, with the season set to begin Sunday, April 26. Gather your team, enjoy competitive play at the ballfield, and be part of another great season of Sunday softball! Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog> or call 315-785-7775 for more information.

A poster for men's Sunday softball. At the top left is the text "City of Watertown" and the "PARKS &amp; RECREATION WATER TOWN, NY" logo. The main title "MEN'S SUNDAY SOFTBALL" is in large, bold, white letters. Below that, it says "NEW TEAMS WANTED for 2026!". A dark grey box contains the text: "Captain's Meeting Tuesday, April 14: 6pm Registration March 2- April 3". At the bottom, it says "Season Begins Sunday, April 26 (Weather Permitting)". At the very bottom, there is a dark grey box with the text: "Final day of roster additions or changes is June 12 Team Registration fee is \$345 using the link below: https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog Call 315-785-7775 for more information" and a QR code.

**Thompson Park Golf Course:**

The Thompson Park Golf Course is excited to announce that 2026 Season Passes are now available! Take advantage of unlimited golf on one of the area’s most scenic and well-maintained courses, featuring beautiful views, challenging play, and a welcoming atmosphere for golfers of every age. A season pass is the perfect way to make the most of your summer, whether you’re an early morning regular, a weekend golfer, or someone looking to improve your game all season long. Purchase your 2026 pass today by visiting: <https://thompsonparkgolfcourse.watertown-ny.gov/>



**2026 Season Passes**

Season Pass	Resident / Military	Non-Resident
18 & under	\$200	\$225
22 & under	\$350	\$400
Adult	\$825	\$900
Senior (62)	\$675	\$750
Senior Couple (62)	\$950	\$1,025
Family (2 Adults)	\$1,050	\$1,150
Per additional student	\$90	\$100

**Thompson Park Golf Course:**

**Host Your Golf Tournament at Thompson Park Golf Course!**

Tournament Cost: **\$40 per person**  
(includes 18 holes and a cart)

**Why Host Your Tournament Here?**

- 🌳 Scenic 18-Hole Course
- 👥 Up To 80 Golfers
- 🍷 Food & Beverage Available (DJ's at the Park)
- 🎯 Perfect for Corporate, Charity & Group Events

Call Today To Reserve Your Tournament Date!  
315-785-7775

Host your next tournament at the Thompson Park Golf Course and give your golfers an exceptional day on one of the area’s most scenic 18-hole courses, for just \$40 PER PERSON. Food and beverage options are available through DJ’s at the Park, making it easy to create a complete event. Perfect for corporate outings, charity fundraisers, and group events. Call to reserve your tournament date today.

**Thompson Park Golf Course:**

Promote your business at the Thompson Park Golf Course with a tee box sponsor sign and put your company in front of thousands of golfers all season long. With 18 tee box signs available, our custom 6" x 12" sign featuring your business name and logo will be professionally displayed on the course.

At \$500 PER HOLE, this is a great opportunity to gain consistent, local visibility while supporting community recreation. Contact Parks & Recreation at 315-755-6475 for more details and to reserve your spot.



**Advertise Your Business at  
Thompson Park Golf Course**  
18 Tee Box Sponsor Signs Available

Put your brand in front of thousands of golfers all season long with a professionally displayed sponsor sign.

- 18 Tee Box Signs (One Per Hole)
- Sponsor Sign Size: 6" x 12"
- Custom sign with your business name & logo
- Professionally displayed

**\$500 PER HOLE**

Contact Parks & Rec for Details  
at 315-755-6475

**THOMPSON PARK GOLF COURSE**  
18 ● 508 ● 425 ● 415  
PAR 5

Your business here

# Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

## Seed Library

Available Monday, March 2nd at 9am. Please ask for a kit at the Circulation Desk.



Use this kit to start your own mini-garden!  
One kit per person, please. Limit one extra if picking up for a friend.

Gardening books can be found near 635 in the adult nonfiction collection. See a staff member for help!  
Access more planting information at [SowTrueSeed.com](http://SowTrueSeed.com)



## Spice Club

Pick up a take-home kit from Flower Library.

**March - Parsley**  
Available 3/2 at 9am.

**April - Basil**  
Available 4/1 at 9am.

**May - Everything But the Bagel Seasoning**  
Available 5/1 at 10am.

Each kit includes recipe cards, history of the spice, and a list of cookbooks you can check out from the library.

Miss getting a kit? The list of recipes will be available on our website!

Open to ages 18+.  
Contact Ashley P. at 315-785-7714.



WATERTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Junior High & High School

# ART SHOW

MARCH 5-13

Opening Ceremony:  
March 5  
5:30-6:30pm

FEATURING ART FROM  
GRADES 7-12

ARTWORK ON DISPLAY  
UNTIL MARCH 13

HOSTED BY FLOWER  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY



229 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601