

APRIL 17, 2026



CITY OF WATERTOWN CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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.

WE'RE HIRING!

For a complete list of all the opportunities available, visit our website:
<https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Civil Service Exams:

- Athletic Trainer
- Computer Support Technician
- Information Technology Specialist
- Fire Captain/EMT
- Librarian I
- Librarian II
- Librarian III
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Police Sergeant

Open Positions:

- Deputy City Clerk
- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Golf Course Maintenance Worker
- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Laborer I
- Lifeguard I & II
- Lineworker I
- P&R Attendant
- Refuse/Recycle MEO
- School Crossing Guard
- Supervising Lifeguard
- Transportation Planner



Apply through our portal:
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NEW HIRES

The City is beginning its seasonal hiring process and looks forward to welcoming both new and returning team members for the upcoming season!



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the April 6, 2026, City Council Meeting:

[04-06-2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

Upcoming City Council Meetings – 7 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall

- Monday, April 20, 2026
- Monday, May 04, 2026
- Monday, May 18, 2026

Upcoming City Council Work Sessions – 7 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall

- Monday, May 11, 2026



Upcoming Public Hearings

Monday, April 20th – 7:15pm

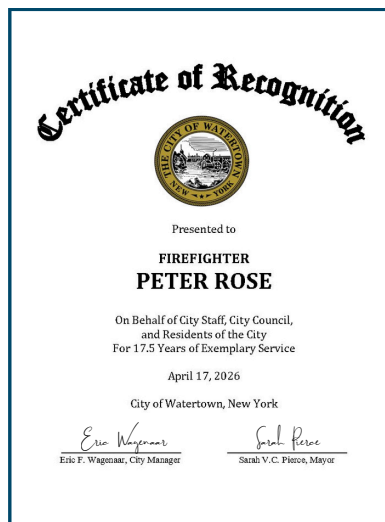
- A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established by New York General Municipal Law §3-c
- Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budgets and Fiscal Year 2026-27 through 2030-31 Capital Budget

WISHING A JOYFUL RETIREMENT TO THE FOLLOWING CITY EMPLOYEES! WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. THANK YOU FOR BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR JOURNEY!

Margaret Puccia – Deputy City Clerk – 12 years of service

Peter Rose – Firefighter – 17.5 years of service

David Johnston – Firefighter – 21.5 years of service



EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

OUTSTANDING TEAM PLAYER

This certificate is proudly presented to

Ericka Natali

On behalf of the City of Watertown, we proudly recognize Ericka for her outstanding teamwork, professionalism, and dedication to supporting colleagues across departments. She consistently demonstrates a willingness to share knowledge, offer guidance, and contribute to effective problem-solving. Her collaborative approach and positive attitude help create smooth and efficient operations, even in challenging situations. Ericka's commitment to helping others succeed strengthens both her team and the organization as a whole.

Sarah Pierce
Sarah V.C. Pierce
Mayor



Eric Wagenaar
Eric Wagenaar
City Manager



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

OUTSTANDING TEAM PLAYER

This certificate is proudly presented to

Logan Marolf

On behalf of the City of Watertown, we proudly recognize Officer Logan Marolf for his outstanding teamwork, professionalism, and dedication to public service. He consistently demonstrates a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and a willingness to support fellow officers, both on calls and through additional responsibilities. As a Field Training Officer, he also contributes to the development of new recruits through his leadership and mentorship. His commitment to serving the community with respect and professionalism makes him a valued member of the Watertown Police Department.

Sarah Pierce
Sarah V.C. Pierce
Mayor



Eric Wagenaar
Eric Wagenaar
City Manager



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

OUTSTANDING TEAM PLAYER

This certificate is proudly presented to

Jamie LaPlaca

On behalf of the City of Watertown, we proudly recognize Jamie LaPlaca for her outstanding dedication and exceptional service to children and families in our community. Jamie consistently creates a welcoming, engaging, and inclusive environment through her creativity, compassion, and commitment to literacy. She goes above and beyond in her role by developing innovative programs, fostering meaningful connections with patrons, and ensuring every child feels valued and supported. Her enthusiasm, professionalism, and collaborative spirit exemplify the highest standards of public service.

Sarah Pierce
Sarah V.C. Pierce
Mayor



Eric Wagenaar
Eric Wagenaar
City Manager



REDEFINING ROLES: Spotlighting Women in Local Government

In this series, NYCOM's Women's Advisory Committee celebrates the stories of female leaders making meaningful contributions across municipal government. Each article explores the journeys of these extraordinary women and the inspiration they offer those aspiring to make a difference in their communities.



Karen Overton: Assistant Supt. of Public Works, City of Watertown

As Assistant Supt. in the City of Watertown's Department of Public Works, Karen Overton oversees the kind of work residents rarely think about until something goes wrong. Roads are plowed, sewer systems function, and city services quietly keep daily life moving. Leadership in this field is still largely male, making Karen's role both essential and notable.

With a background in environmental design and geography, Karen did not set out to work in public works, but her career path was shaped by curiosity, opportunity, and a willingness to step into spaces where women are underrepresented. Today, she works at the center of essential municipal operations, helping to oversee everything from road maintenance to refuse collection. The work is demanding and fast-paced, and Karen thrives in the challenge.

From Environmental Design to Public Works Leadership

Karen's career journey reflects the many pathways into municipal service. Early on, she worked as an inspector for engineering firms, gaining hands-on experience with construction projects and infrastructure systems. That exposure, paired with her academic background, made her a natural fit for local government. Now in her second year as Assistant Supt., Karen balances technical knowledge with leadership responsibilities. She works closely with the Supt., helping to oversee both field operations and administrative functions. Her days often include drafting RFPs, managing grants, coordinating projects, and keeping the department running smoothly.

A unique aspect of her City's operations is its municipal electric utility, powered by the Black River hydro system. Serving only city residents, the utility underscores the breadth of services managed at the local level and the responsibility carried by public works leadership.

Leading, Learning, and Managing Challenges

Public works remains a male-dominated field, and Karen is candid about the challenges that come with that reality. From outdated facilities that were not designed with women in mind, to the broader issue of limited representation, she has seen firsthand how barriers can discourage women from entering or staying in the profession.

Still, Karen is optimistic. She credits her leadership style to lessons learned through sports and mentorship, emphasizing teamwork, accountability, and constant learning. "You're always learning in this role," she notes.

Balancing Leadership and Motherhood

Like many women in local government, Karen balances her professional responsibilities with life at home. She is the mother of two young children and speaks openly about the demands of both roles. She is grateful for the support of her employer, particularly during maternity leave, and recognizes how critical those policies are for retaining women in public service. Becoming a mother has also shaped her leadership approach, deepening her empathy and understanding for employees navigating their own personal responsibilities.

"Prioritization is everything," she explains. Being present at work and at home requires intention, flexibility, and a supportive environment. Those experiences, she believes, make her a better leader and a stronger advocate for her team.

Encouraging the Next Generation of Women in DPW

Karen is passionate about encouraging more women to consider careers in public works. To attract and retain women, she believes local governments should focus on more than recruitment alone. Family-friendly policies, supportive leave programs, and a team-based culture are essential. When women see that they can build a meaningful career without sacrificing family or well-being, public works becomes a more accessible and appealing field.

Thank you to Karen for her invaluable contributions to this article. For more information about the Women's Advisory Committee or to be kept apprised of WAC webinars and programs, please contact NYCOM Counsel Rebecca Ruscito at (518) 463-1185 or by email at rebecca@nycom.org.

E-BIKE AND MOTORIZED DEVICE SAFETY REMINDERS



The City of Watertown is reminding residents that electric bicycles (e-bikes) and similar motorized devices* are regulated under New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law §1242 and must be operated safely and responsibly and in accordance with state law.

With increased use of these devices throughout the community, the City is emphasizing the importance of understanding where and how they may be used to help prevent injuries and improve safety for all residents.

Key Safety Requirements Under State Law:

- Minimum Age Requirement:
 - Riders must be at least 16 years old to operate an e-bike.
- Sidewalk Prohibition:
 - Under NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law §1242(5)(a), e-bikes and similar devices are not permitted on sidewalks. These devices are required to be operated in the roadway alongside other vehicles.
- Speed Limitation:
 - Under NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law §1242(9), Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes may not be operated at speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Enforcement Reminder:

Violations of these requirements are subject to enforcement and may result in tickets and fines. The Watertown Police Department will be conducting a focused enforcement initiative in the coming weeks, including targeted patrols in high-traffic areas such as downtown and Public Square. Officers will be operating under a zero-tolerance approach and issuing tickets for all observed violations, including sidewalk riding.

Shared Responsibility for Safety:

Motorists are reminded to remain alert and share the road by allowing safe passing distance and watching for riders at intersections.

Operators are expected to follow all traffic laws, obey signals and signage, yield to pedestrians, and operate at safe speeds. **The City strongly recommends that all e-bike operators wear a helmet while riding.**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to ensure that children under the age of 16 are not operating these devices and that all riders understand the rules of the road.

At this time, the City of Watertown is operating under New York State law while continuing to monitor usage and safety concerns within the community. The City is focusing on education, awareness, and coordination with law enforcement to promote safe operation.

E-bikes and similar devices can be a convenient and efficient mode of transportation when used properly. The City encourages all residents—riders, drivers, and pedestrians—to follow the law and remain mindful of one another.

Ride Smart. Ride Legal. Ride Safe.

**For purposes of this notice, "similar motorized devices" includes electric scooters and other small motorized personal transportation devices. This does not include mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities.*

CITY HALL COURT RENOVATION UPDATES



Work at City Hall continues to move forward. Most demolition in the basement and courtroom areas is now complete, and new interior wall framing has been installed. Roofing demolition is scheduled to begin in mid-May. To maintain safe access for staff and visitors during overhead work, a temporary access tunnel is being built on the first floor. The USPS mailbox formerly located at the Sterling Street entrance has been relocated to the Washington Street entrance.



If you need to visit City Hall, please do not be alarmed by ongoing construction. Renovations for the new court project are currently well underway. To ensure a safe environment for employees and visitors, a temporary corridor has been established to allow access to departments within City Hall.

Please note that the City Clerk's Office and the Code Enforcement Office have been temporarily relocated to the second floor. All visitors must enter City Hall through the Washington Street entrance.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

RICHARDS DRIVE – RECONSTRUCTION

The Richards Drive Reconstruction project represents a team effort by the Engineering Department. Completing the design in house saves our residents money by performing the design in house rather than outsourcing it to a private engineering firm at increased cost.

This project includes drainage and utility improvements that will assist with problems going back years. It includes features such as new concrete curbing and concrete driveway aprons to finish the functionality and improve the aesthetic of the street.

The roadway has been re-defined providing adequate crowning to convey stormwater to the new on street drainage system. The sanitary system has been re-designed to achieve both appropriate separation from other utilities and protect residents from backflow and internal flooding. The existing water mains have been redesigned, and this work will be phased to prevent disruption to water supply and maintain access for the residents throughout the project.

The Engineering Department conducted outreach to residents on two occasions. Discussions with those who participated included project scope, anticipated construction schedule, impacts, and responses to resident questions. Feedback was considered and incorporated in the project.

Pending DOH approval and successful bidding, the Engineering Department anticipates construction early summer through late fall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Academy (Class of 2025-2026):

The 2025-2026 Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy graduation was held on Friday, April 3, 2026, at the Jefferson Community College Sturtz Theater. The new officers were presented with their badges by their police agency and their certificates of completion by the police academy director, Sgt Bob Sines (WPD). Additionally, the police academy presented awards for the top officer in several categories. WPD Officer Declan Keighley was presented with the "EVOC Award" for being the top driver in the emergency vehicle operation course and the "Academic Award" for obtaining the highest average grade throughout the classroom portion of the academy. WPD Officer Jeffrey Covey was presented with the "PT Award" for having the highest level of physical fitness throughout the academy.

Congratulations to the Graduating Officers and good luck in your new careers!



The Recruit Class President, Watertown Police Officer Tory Royster-Fears, gave the final speech of the ceremony.



WPD Training Director Robert Sines presented the "PT Award" plaque to WPD Officer Jeffrey Covey.



WPD Training Director Robert Sines presented the "Academic Award" plaque WPD Officer Declan Keighley.



WPD Officer Brayden Ryan has his badge pinned on by his father, WPD Officer Shane Ryan. Brayden is a third-generation officer! His grandfather, retired WPD Officer Michael Ryan, was present for the graduation ceremony!

Police Academy (Class of 2026-2027):

The newest police academy class began on Monday, March 2nd, at Jefferson Community College. They now have seven weeks completed of the 26-week-long "Basic Course for Police Officers." The recruits are currently in the middle of a two-week firearms course.

Community Interaction:

On 03/27/26, we hosted Rachel Marston's class (Watertown High School) for a field trip to our facility. Officer Shane Ryan provided a tour of the Watertown Police Department, and the 911 Dispatch Center and Officer Maney provided a K9 demonstration with K9 Jochie in the Public Safety Building garage.



On April 7th, two of our K-9 handlers and their dogs participated in the "Paw-fessional Police Dogs" event at the Flower Memorial Library.



Detective Scott Freeman and his Therapy Dog "Luna" (left) and Officer Travis Workman and his working dog "Bach" participated in the event.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Water Rescue – Chaumont Bay

On April 7th, Watertown Fire Department was requested to assist Chaumont Fire Department in the rescue of two boaters in distress.

The department responded with 6 rescuers and the water rescue trailer. With all the larger rescue boats still in storage for the winter, city crews utilized our inflatable rescue boats to search the outer waters of Chaumont Bay. The waves out in the bay were significant, resulting in the capsizing of the civilian craft. Both boaters were thrown into the water and were wearing life jackets. The water temperature was in the high 30s/low 40s.

The heavy chop resulted in challenging conditions to locate the victims. With assistance from Chaumont Fire Department's shore-based rescuers, the boats were guided to the general area. After an extensive search, one of the crews located the overturned boat and its victims. Both were hypothermic, with one drifting away from the upturned craft. The boaters were hauled aboard the inflatable and transported to shore. Both victims were transported to Syracuse via helicopter for treatment of hypothermia.

The rescue was a true interagency effort, with all personnel contributing. Participating agencies include the Chaumont Fire Department and the City of Watertown Fire Department, as well as Cape Vincent Ambulance, Guilfoyle Ambulance, NYS DEC, New York State Police, LifeNet, Mercy Flight, Jefferson County Emergency Management, Cape Vincent Fire Department, Adams Center Fire Department, and Jefferson County Dispatch.



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.

Bid #2026-06 Watertown Pedestrian Signal Improvement Project PIN 70PS.02 D036015 – Deadline 5/1/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the work which includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment, and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of curb ramp and pedestrian signal upgrades at eight signalized intersections shown on the plans and described in the specifications. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/524/>

Bid #2026-07 Hydro Facility Headwater Level PLC Control System Upgrades Phase 2 – Building & Installation Contract – Deadline 4/30/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidder to perform the Hydro Facility PLC Control System Upgrade, the Headwater Control Panel design and install, the radio communications between Headwater Control Panel and City Network Tie-In point, and the Bypass sensor wiring and mounting. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/523/>

Bid #2026-08 Process Chemicals – Water Treatment Plant – Deadline 4/23/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of Process Chemicals for the City's Water Treatment Plant, per departmental specifications. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/522/>

Bid #2026-09 Disinfection Chemicals – Pollution Control Facility – Deadline 4/23/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of Disinfection Chemicals for the City's Pollution Control Facility, per departmental specifications. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/519/>

Bid #2026-10 Process Chemicals – Dry Polymer– Pollution Control Facility – Deadline 4/23/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of Process Chemicals – Dry Polymer for the City's Pollution Control Facility, per departmental specifications. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/520/>

Bid #2026-11 Process Chemicals – Phosphorus Coagulation – Ferric Chloride– Pollution Control Facility – Deadline 4/23/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of Process Chemicals – Phosphorus Coagulation – Ferric Chloride for the City's Pollution Control Facility, per departmental specifications. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/521/>

Please visit our website at [City of Watertown – Purchasing Department](#) for all Bid/RFP opportunities. 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Department continues to make meaningful progress in ensuring safe and compliant housing throughout the City. A recent example includes collaborative efforts at a local hotel property, where Code Enforcement worked closely with the ownership following a condemnation issued in February due to multiple safety deficiencies. Through ongoing coordination and guidance, all required corrections were successfully addressed, resulting in the safe release of the property for occupancy.



In addition, Code Enforcement worked closely with the ownership of a local KFC following a condemnation related to significant roof deficiencies. Through continued communication and cooperation, the necessary repairs were completed, and the property was successfully brought back into compliance.

The department has also completed final inspections for the Mill and Main Apartments, as well as the newly developed 7 Brew Coffee location, both of which represent exciting and positive additions to the City.



Code Enforcement staff have recently completed annual Continuing Education and Code Enforcement training. New York State mandates that Code Enforcement Officers complete 24 hours of In-Service training each calendar year to maintain an active status with the Department of State.

The Department remains committed to protecting public safety while fostering strong working relationships with property owners, developers, and community partners.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Meeting 4-7-2026

The Planning Commission met on April 7, 2026, and considered requests for a Subdivision at 925 Main Street West, a Zone Change at 337 State Street, as well as a Special Use Permit for 1222 Arsenal Street. The Planning Commission approved the Subdivision and the Special Use Permit request, and recommended that the City Council approve the Zone Change.



The Planning Commission is also looking to fill a vacancy for one of the members. For more information please visit the Planning Commission website at <https://www.watertown-ny.gov/departments/MayorCityCouncil/BoardsCommissionsInfo>

Outdoor Dining Season Downtown



Friday, May 1 will mark the beginning of the 2026 summer outdoor dining season within the Downtown Core Overlay, as defined by City Code. Under this program, restaurants within the overlay, which covers most of Public Square and the 100-block of Court Street can obtain or renew an Outdoor Dining Permit to use the City sidewalk for outdoor seating.

The Planning and Community Development Department reached out to restaurants that obtained permits in previous summers to initiate renewals. Any restaurant interested in participating should email planning@watertown-ny.gov for more information.

Community Development Block Grant Project – 531 Bradley Street Demolition



The demolition of 531 Bradley Street will commence during the week of April 27. The structure is in very poor condition and has been the subject of complaints from neighbors. The removal of the structure will eliminate blight in this area of the City. Bids for the project were opened in February and was awarded to the contractor in March. After ensuring that all required documentation was submitted, the contractor was issued a Notice to Proceed with the demolition.

WATER DEPARTMENT



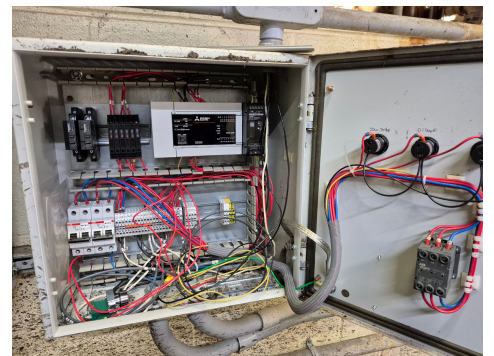
Blue Heron Contracting removed Trickling Filter Recirculation Pump #4 from service for a scheduled rebuild due to age and wear. This pump is part of the trickling filter pump station and is used to recirculate treated water back through the filters to enhance the treatment process.

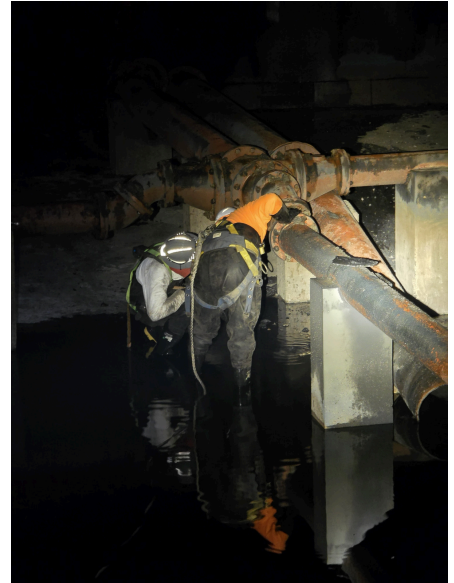
A contracted trucking company was utilized to haul grit and screenings generated during the preliminary treatment process to a landfill for disposal. Grit and screenings are removed during preliminary treatment to protect downstream equipment from damage and excessive wear. The City of Watertown WWTP also employs additional grit removal at the head of the primary settling tanks to further reduce inorganic material. These collected materials consist primarily of inorganic debris such as stone and sand, along with a significant amount of so-called "flushable" wipes, which do not readily break down in the treatment process.



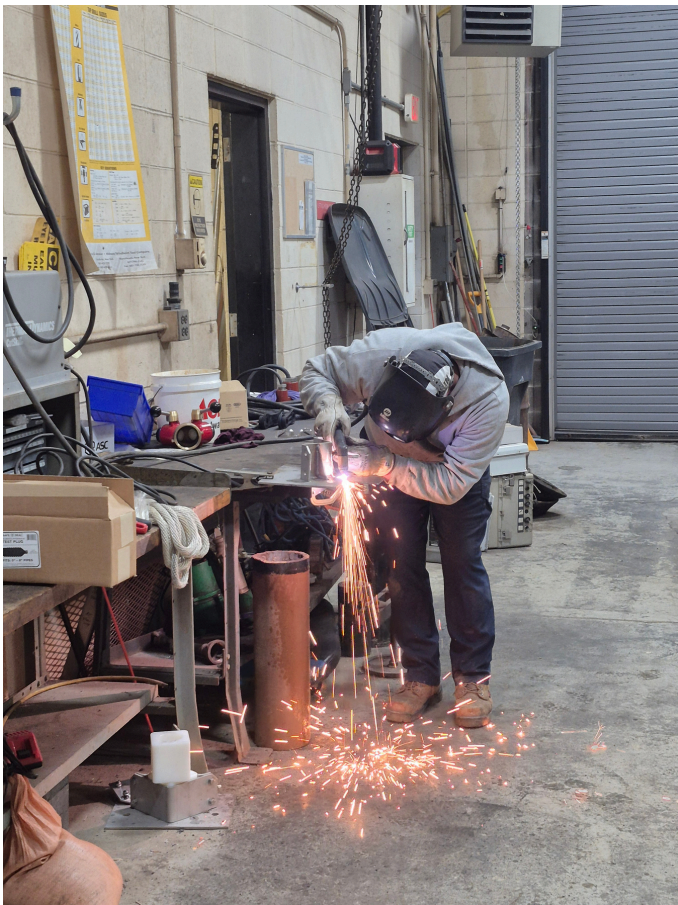
The gas totalizer meter was reset to zero and calibrated to ensure accurate measurement and data collection.

The filter press feed pump #2 used in the sludge dewatering process is undergoing a control system upgrade. The existing proprietary software is being removed and replaced with an in-house system to improve functionality and control.

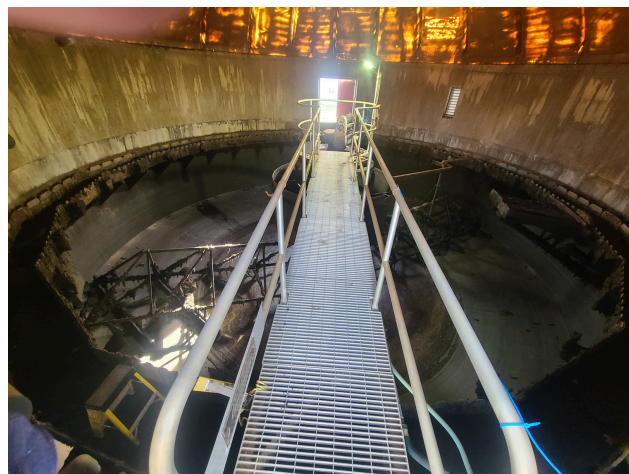




Operators are finalizing the cleaning and internal inspection of Primary Digester #2. The work involves removing approximately 730,000 gallons of anaerobic sludge and accumulated grit that has built up over time. After the tank is emptied, the internal piping and mixing pump nozzles are inspected and serviced as necessary. The WWTP was in correspondence with the fire department upon each entry and exit for emergency confined space retrieval. There are three digesters in the series with a scheduled maintenance "takedown" every four years.



A WWTP operator is fabricating and customizing a wall bearing bracket to ensure proper fit within the primary settling tank. This bearing supports the sludge cross collector drive shaft, which conveys primary sludge to the pump intake. The original bearing had worn out, resulting in operational issues that rendered the collector inoperable.



Sludge Gravity Thickener #1 was pumped empty for servicing and maintenance while the sludge dewatering process was offline during Primary Digester #2 maintenance. This work included confined space entry by operators to remove accumulated rags and other debris from inside the thickener.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads Division

Crews when they are not conducting road tasks also engage in planning and preparing for upcoming infrastructure projects. Staff conduct field layout and site assessments to ensure that all components of future work are properly coordinated and feasible.

This proactive effort helps identify potential challenges early, supports efficient project execution, and ensures that planned improvements will function effectively within the existing roadway system.



Central Garage

Our mechanics have been busy preparing the City's fleet and equipment for the transition into the spring season. As operations shift from winter maintenance to warm-weather activities, crews are servicing and readying a wide range of equipment — from grapple and dump trucks to lawn mowers and generators. Their comprehensive inspections, repairs, and preventative maintenance ensure that every piece of equipment is reliable, safe, and ready to support City operations as seasonal needs change.



Electrical Division

Crews responded promptly to the scene of a motor vehicle accident where a vehicle struck and damaged a traffic signal pole. Staff secured the area, assessed the damage, and worked to restore the signal safely and efficiently to maintain traffic flow and public safety.

In addition, crews have been performing ongoing maintenance and repairs to lighting throughout City parking lots and along the Public Square. These efforts ensure that public spaces remain well-lit, safe, and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.



Forestry Division

The Forestry crew has entered its busiest season, responding to a wide range of tree-related needs across the City. Crews addressed significant storm damage on Ten Eyck Street where a fallen tree caused extensive damage to the sidewalk and curb, requiring careful removal and site stabilization.

On Cosgrove Street, staff removed a historically problematic, oversized tree that had been impacting nearby utilities. This complex removal required advanced skill, coordination, and specialized equipment to ensure the work was completed safely and efficiently.



Crews also focused on restoration and beautification efforts by planting trees in the JB Wise parking lot, continuing the City's commitment to maintaining a healthy and sustainable urban canopy for the future.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Ice season is coming to a close and will officially wrap up on Wednesday, April 29. Thank you to everyone who took part in the many events and activities this winter and helped make it such a successful season. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again in the fall!



May Events

- May 9th – Indoor Monster Yard Sale
- May 16th – MMA Fights
- May 21st – Career Jam
- May 30th – Pickleball Tournament

CO-ED Softball:

The City of Watertown Parks & Recreation Department is now welcoming new teams for the 2026 Co-ed Softball season! Team registration runs April 6 through May 15, with the season set to begin June 1. Register online at <https://secure.recl.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog> or call 315-785-7775 for more information.

City of Watertown PARKS & RECREATION CITY OF WATERTOWN, NY

CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

NEW TEAMS WANTED for 2026!

Game Days & Times:
Monday & Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm
Make up games Friday

Captain's Meeting
Wednesday, May 20: 6pm

Registration
April 6 - May 15

Season Begins
Monday, June 1st (Weather Permitting)

Final day of roster additions or changes is July 10
Team Registration fee is \$375 using the link below:
<https://secure.recl.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
Call 315-785-7775 for more information

Scan to register

Seasonal Preparation

Parks & Recreation crews have been hard at work preparing parks and athletic facilities for the busy season ahead. With warmer temperatures on the way, we look forward to welcoming everyone back out to enjoy all that these facilities have to offer!



Pickleball:

Get ready for a fun and competitive day on the court at the Watertown Parks & Recreation Pickleball Tournament! Join players of all ages and skill levels on Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 AM at the Watertown Municipal Arena. This double-elimination tournament will feature four divisions including Women's, Beginner, Intermediate, and Open (2-4.5 combined rating), giving everyone a chance to compete at the right level. The entry fee is \$40 per team, and registration is open March 30 - May 28. Gather your partner, register your team, and come enjoy an exciting day of pickleball!

WATERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

This is a team Tournament and is double elimination. Men and women of all ages & skill levels are welcome! There will be four divisions: Women's only, Beginner, Intermediate, and an Open (rating 2-4.5 combined rating)

TOURNAMENT FEE \$40 PER TEAM

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
9:00AM START TIME
At the Watertown Municipal Arena

OPEN WOMENS BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE

Registration Information: March 30- May 28
<https://secure.recl.com/nny/watertownny/catalog>
If you need assistance please call 315-785-7775

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!

WATERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION

WILLIAM T. FLYNN POOL & THOMPSON PARK POOL

SUMMER '26

Lifeguards NEEDED!

Seeking new and experienced lifeguards. Lifeguard Certification provided at no cost, or may be reimbursed if recently certified!
Wages \$18 - \$20 per hour.
For more information, call 315-785-7775.

Youth Baseball:

The City of Watertown Parks & Recreation Department is offering both 10U & 13U Youth Baseball programs this summer, focused on fun, skill development, and teamwork. Open to players ages 8–13, the league runs from June 29 – July 31. Registration is open from April 13 through June 12, and both individual players and local teams are welcome to participate.

Volunteer coaches are also needed to help make the season a success. Don't miss this opportunity for young athletes to stay active, build skills, and enjoy the game this summer!

Information on 6U & 8U baseball will be released soon!



City of Watertown
13U YOUTH BASEBALL

“Fun • Skill Development • Team Play”

League Dates: June 29 – July 31
Days: Monday/Wednesday (Make up games Friday)
Registration: April 13 – June 12
Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, June 17
Price: City Residents/Military: \$20
Non-City Residents: \$40

Registration open to ages 10-13 as of April 15, 2026
Volunteer coaches are needed!

Individual players, and local Little League teams welcome!
Teams must submit Roster Forms.
Scan to register or register online using the link below:
<https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
Call 315-785-7775 for more information

Scan to register



City of Watertown
10U YOUTH BASEBALL

“Fun • Skill Development • Team Play”

League Dates: June 29 – July 31
Days: Tuesday/Thursday (Make up games Friday)
Registration: April 13 – June 12
Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, June 17
Price: City Residents/Military: \$20
Non-City Residents: \$40

Registration open to ages 8-10 as of April 15, 2026
Volunteer coaches are needed!

Individual players, and local Little League teams welcome!
Teams must submit Roster Forms.
Scan to register or register online using the link below:
<https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
Call 315-785-7775 for more information

Scan to register



Slip, Slide & Skate:

Our Slip, Slide, and Skate spring session wrapped up last night following six successful weeks. The program reached full capacity, providing kids with the opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of ice skating through engaging games and activities.

Led by instructor Erica Bartholomew, who has guided the program for the past two years, the session continues to grow and improve each season. We look forward to welcoming participants back for our next session in November.

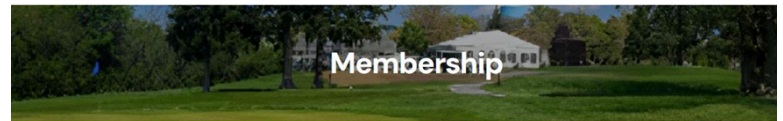




The Thompson Park Golf Course is tentatively scheduled to open Wednesday, April 22! Spring hours will be weekdays beginning at 8:00am and weekends beginning at 7:30am.

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	\$1025
Family (2 Adults)	\$1050	\$1150
Per additional student	\$90	\$100

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.

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

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

Your business here

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.

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Questions? Contact Jamie:
315-785-7709



No Pressure Book Club

Bring your current read, a well loved favorite, or find something new to love. Come and read at your own pace with other book lovers

NO REGISTRATION EVERYONE 18+ IS
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Monday April 20th at 3:00 pm | Flower Memorial Library:
229 Washington Street, Watertown | Location: Community Room

Questions? Contact Olivia at 315-785-7715



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How to Shop Local: Food Edition with Cornell Cooperative Extension

Saturday, April 25th @ 10:30am
in the Community Room ages 18+ welcome


Join Jackie Ferguson, Local Foods Educator, for a helpful and timely look at the upcoming farmer's market season and the many ways you can shop local. Learn about the benefits of buying local foods, how to use food assistance programs at farmer's markets—including SNAP and vouchers from WIC, the Office for the Aging, and the Department of Veterans Services—and how to make the most of the Local Food Guide.

Whether you're new to farmer's markets or looking to get more out of your visits, this session will give you practical tips, useful resources, and plenty of inspiration to shop local with confidence.

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Facilitated by Ashley P.
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Event held at Flower Library.



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