

MAY 22, 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
- Fire Captain/EMT

Open Positions:

- Golf Course Maintenance Worker
- Laborer I & 2
- Lifeguard I & II
- Lineworker I
- Motor Equipment Operator
- P&R Attendant
- Refuse/Recycle MEO
- School Crossing Guard
- Supervising Lifeguard
- Transportation Planner



Apply through our portal:

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



NEW HIRES

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

Jessica Brown – Deputy City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the May 4, 2026, City Council Meeting:

[City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- Monday, June 1, 2026
- Monday, June 15, 2026

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

- Monday, June 8, 2026



Upcoming Public Hearings

Monday, June 1st - 7:15pm

- A Local Law Amending Section 253-17 and 253-77 of the City of Watertown Code of the City of Watertown

UPCOMING EVENTS

WATERTOWN

Farm AND Craft Market

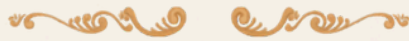
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CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Every Wednesday from May 27 through October 7, 2026.



MEMORIAL DAY HOURS



In observance of Memorial Day, all City of Watertown offices will be closed on Monday, May 25.

There will be no CITIBUS services on May 25.
The Parks & Recreation offices will also be closed.

There will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection on Monday, May 25. Refuse collection services will operate one day later than usual for the remainder of the week, according to the following schedule:

Monday collection will occur on Tuesday
Tuesday collection will occur on Wednesday
Wednesday collection will occur on Thursday
Thursday collection will occur on Friday
Friday collection will occur on Saturday



The library is closed



SATURDAY-MONDAY
MAY 23RD-MAY 25TH 2026



The library will reopen Tuesday
May 26th 2026 @ 9:00 am

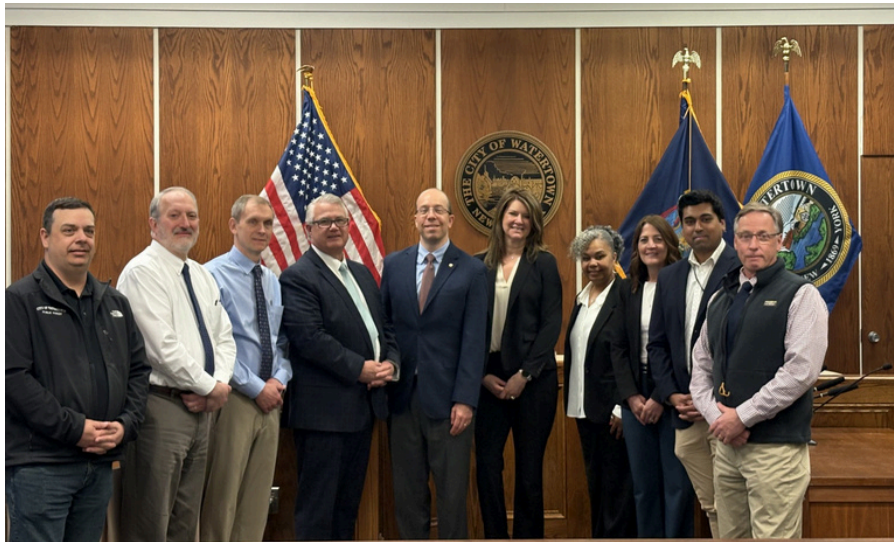


RECENT VISITS

Recently, the City of Watertown welcomed representatives from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 2 for a visit and discussion focused on our local transit system and future transportation opportunities.

During the visit, City leadership discussed current transit services, facility needs, operational challenges, and future planning efforts. The group also toured facilities and discussed opportunities that could help support future transportation and infrastructure improvements.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity to share information, strengthen relationships, and showcase some of the work currently taking place as we continue looking at ways to improve transportation services and mobility within our community.



City Manager Eric Wagenaar attended the Ft. Drum Law and Order Lunch on Monday, May 11, alongside members of the Watertown Police Department. The event provided an opportunity to strengthen regional partnerships and recognize the ongoing collaboration between Ft. Drum, the City of Watertown, and local law enforcement agencies.





ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

Janet Chapman, City of Watertown's City Appraiser, has successfully graduated from Jefferson Community College with a degree in Business. Congratulations, Janet!



Congratulations!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Interaction

Armed Forces Day Parade (May 16th):

WPD Officer Virginia Sherrill led the Parade!



Black River PD Officer Steve Wood drove in the parade too. Steve is a retired Watertown Firefighter/Watertown Police Officer!



WPD participated in the "Career Jam" at the Watertown Ice Arena on May 21st!

WPD Warrants Officer Shane Ryan gave a student a try at "Taser" training, using a VR headset and training Taser.

Police Academy (Class of 2026-2027):

The police academy recruits were spending the past week in emergency vehicle operation training.



The training sometimes draws the attention of the helicopter pilots on Ft. Drum. After all...we are using part of their airfield.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

City Hall Court Renovation

Work continues on the City Hall renovation project. The mechanical contractor has removed the old air handling unit located in the City Hall penthouse. On the exterior of the building, the general construction contractor has removed much of the first-floor stone veneer, and new insulation and sheathing are now being installed. Demolition of the first-floor lobby flooring is also underway.

In addition, the roofing contractor has begun work on the upper roof of City Hall. To ensure the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and visitors during construction activities, a temporary barricade has been installed near the Sterling Street entrance. Residents and visitors are encouraged to follow posted pedestrian detour signs and traffic control devices while navigating the area.



Burlington Street Reconstruction

Work on the Burlington Street project continues to progress. The contractor has completed the planting of new trees along Burlington Street and has installed all but one of the planned handrails. Crews are currently making adjustments to the sidewalk and driveway grade in one area to ensure proper alignment and drainage. Once this work is complete, the final topcoat of paving will be installed.



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.

Auctions International #47255 – Police Department Miscellaneous Equipment – Ending 5/20/26

The City of Watertown Police Department is auctioning surplus miscellaneous equipment through Auctions International's online website. Please use the link to view the items: [City of Watertown PD-NY #47255](#)

Bid #2026-14 Ready Mix Concrete Products – Deadline 5/27/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of Ready Mix Concrete Products for the Department of Public Works, per departmental specifications. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/531/>

Bid #2026-15 Unarmed Security Services for the Flower Memorial Library – Deadline 5/28/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders to provide unarmed security services at the Flower Memorial Library. The successful bidder will be responsible for providing protection for library staff, patrons, and materials and assisting in the enforcement of library and security policies and procedures. Awarded vendor may be requested to provide services to other City departments on an as needed basis. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/532/>

RFP #2026-06 Granting Writing Services – Deadline 5/28/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed proposals from qualified vendors to provide proposals for Grant Writing Services. The City is requesting pricing to complete an estimated 4-5 grant applications per year under this contract. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/530/>

RFP #2026-04 Naming Rights for the Watertown Municipal Arena – Deadline 6/2/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed proposals from qualified entities interested in securing the naming rights for the City of Watertown Municipal Arena for a specified term as described in the Request for Proposal. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/529/>

Request for Qualifications: Engineering Consultant Services for Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Reduction – Deadline 6/5/26

The City of Watertown is seeking qualifications from engineering firms to provide complete design services and related contract administrations as it relates to the Western Outfall trunk (WOTS) Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Reduction project. The award of this submission is subject to review by City staff and interviews in accordance with Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). Please visit the Purchasing Department website for additional information: [RFQ: Engineering Consultant Services – WOTS Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project](#)

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.

WATER DEPARTMENT

17 students and two teachers from an Environmental Geology class at JCC toured the Watertown Pollution Control Facility. The visit provided students with valuable insight into water resource recovery processes and enhanced their understanding of how water treatment supports the environmental sustainability and water resource management.



Operators at the Pollution Control Facility replaced filter cloths as part of routine maintenance to maintain efficient solids dewatering. The filter press removes water from the solids captured during treatment, and the cloths play a critical role in separating water from the solids. Over time, damaged or worn cloths can reduce dewatering efficiency, so replacing them helps maximize water removal, improve process performance, and reduce disposal cost.



Spring presents operational challenges at the Watertown Pollution Control Facility, as biosolids stored over winter become saturated from rain and snowmelt. Operators continue to develop innovative methods to safely contain and manage these materials until land application can begin and the biosolids can be beneficially reused as fertilizer on local farm fields.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads

Our Roads Division can be seen here working on a street project on the north side of the City. Continuing to improve City streets through projects like these is vital to maintaining safe, reliable infrastructure for residents and visitors.



Sewer

The DPW has been working with National Water Main to clean and perform CCTV inspections on sections of our collection system. These areas are vital components of the system and lead directly to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Electrical Division

Our Electrical Crew recently reached some new heights, as they can be seen working above the grandstand performing maintenance and repairs to the stadium lighting system. They also work with city buildings to improve building conditions.



Building & Grounds

Crews are seen installing City benches in and around Public Square. Each bench is carefully secured and positioned to best meet the needs of the community.



KEEP WATERTOWN CLEAN & GREEN!

*Local Service.
Reliable Pickup.
Stronger
Community.*

CITY OF WATERTOWN REFUSE & RECYCLING

-  **WEEKLY REFUSE PICKUP**
-  **WEEKLY RECYCLING INCLUDED**
-  **CONVENIENT OPTIONS FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD**



➤ TWO EASY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE! ➤



BLUE STICKER PROGRAM

"PAY AS YOU GO" OPTION

- ✓ Purchase City Blue Refuse Stickers
- ✓ One sticker = one bag
- ✓ Up to 40 lbs per bag
- ✓ Great for smaller households or occasional use



OR



REFUSE TOTE PROGRAM

WEEKLY SERVICE – NO STICKERS NEEDED!

- ✓ 32, 64 & 96 gallon tote options
- ✓ Weekly curbside pickup
- ✓ Cost-saving option for many households
- ✓ Easy, clean, and animal-resistant



Stickers available for purchase at select local retailers and at City Hall.



Call (315) 785-7842 to sign up for the tote program or for more information!



RECYCLING IS INCLUDED!

When you participate in the City refuse program, weekly recycling pickup is included **AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.**



WHY CHOOSE CITY REFUSE SERVICE?



LOCAL SERVICE BY CITY CREWS



RELIABLE WEEKLY PICKUP



FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR NEEDS



HELPS KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS CLEAN



SUPPORTS A CLEANER WATERTOWN COMMUNITY

SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE!
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
557 Newell Street, Watertown, NY 13601
(315) 785-7842
www.watertown-ny.gov/RefuseRecycling



REFUSE & RECYCLING MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON PICKUP DAY.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Tennis Courts: Parks & Recreation crews have been hard at work completing the annual cleaning and preparation of the courts in Thompson Park. As the weather continues to improve, be sure to stop by and enjoy a game of tennis or racquetball!

Pools: With swim season just around the corner, crews are hard at work preparing the pools and splash pads for another exciting summer! We look forward to welcoming families and swimmers back for another great summer filled with swim lessons, open swim, splash pad fun, and plenty of opportunities to cool off and enjoy the season. Stay tuned for opening dates and additional summer program information.



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/ny/watertownny/catalog>
If you need assistance please 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!



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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.recl.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.recl.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
Call 315-785-7775 for more information

Scan to register



The Thompson Park Golf Course is now open! Spring hours will be weekdays beginning at 8:00am and weekends beginning at 7:30am.

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.

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.

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY



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Memorial Library

AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING

Delores Johnson

Meet the author, get your signed copy, and enjoy an evening filled with meaningful conversations!



May 26, 2026

6 PM- 7 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Delores Johnson, a proud daughter of WWII Veteran SSGT Eddie Johnson, recently relocated to Upstate New York from Port Huron, Michigan. She is a Visionary, Self-Published Author and has been a Community Engager for over 30 years. Delores honors the legacy of her parents through all of her community engagement efforts through the years especially honoring our military veterans. She recently published her 4th Edition of U. S. Military Hidden Figures Publications available on Amazon which features military veterans from local communities across the United States along with a Veterans and Military Families Journal. She also Self-Published her first Children's Book "Fun With Rickey and #7.



Farmers' Market Story Time

Read, dance, and sing
with us every
Wednesday on the Side
Lawn during the
Farmers' Market!

Every Wednesday
in June, July, and August
at 10:30am

All Ages Welcome

Meet us in the Children's Room if
there's inclement weather!

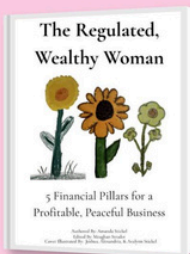


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Questions? Contact Jamie: 315-785-7709

AUTHOR TALK & *Book Signing*

AMANDA STICKEL



June 2, 2026

5 pm- 6:30 pm

South Reading Room

About the Author: Amanda Stichel is a Fractional CFO, Tax Strategist, and the author of *The Regulated, Wealthy Woman*. She is passionate about helping women business owners create more clarity, confidence, and peace in their finances by blending mindset, financial systems, and practical strategies. Through her work, Amanda supports entrepreneurs in building businesses that feel aligned, profitable, and truly supportive of their lives.

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