

JUNE 12, 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



Open Positions:

- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Laborer I & 2
- Lifeguard I & II
- Lineworker I
- Motor Equipment Operator
- Municipal Worker
- P&R Attendant
- Refuse/Recycle MEO
- School Crossing Guard
- Senior Engineering Technician



Apply through our portal:

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

NEW HIRES

As summer approaches, the City is welcoming a new group of seasonal employees to our team. Lifeguards, Department of Public Works staff, and Parks and Recreation workers are being hired and trained to help maintain City facilities, support recreational programs, and ensure residents and visitors enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer.



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the June 1, 2026, City Council Meeting:

[City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

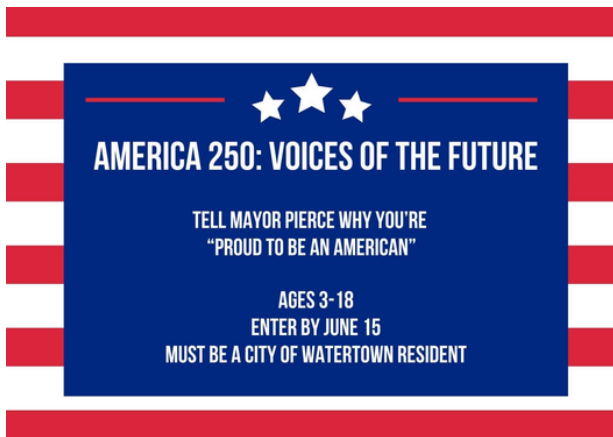
- Monday, June 15, 2026
- Monday, July 6, 2026

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

- Monday, July 13, 2026



The public is welcome to attend all meetings – Please see the [Rules of Conduct](#) for Attendees of Public Meetings, which City Council adopted by Resolution on July 7, 2025.



Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce Announces Youth Contest Celebrating America's 250th Birthday "America 250: Voices of the Future" Invites Local Children, Teens to Share Why They're Proud to be American

Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce is inviting local children and teens to participate in a special community contest celebrating the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

The contest is open to City of Watertown residents ages 3–18 and encourages young people to reflect on what makes them proud to be American through art, writing and creativity.

Participants may submit one of the following:

- Artwork
- Essay
- Poem

Entries should reflect the theme: "Why I Am Proud to Be American."

To ensure fair judging among age groups, submissions will be divided into the following categories:

- Ages 3–5
- Ages 6–9
- Ages 10–13
- Ages 14–18

All entries must be received by June 15, 2026. When submitting an entry, please be sure to include the contest participant's name, age, address and contact information. In addition, all contest entries will be publicly displayed as part of the community's effort to celebrate America's 250th.

Entries may be mailed to:

**Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce
City Hall
245 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601**

Or emailed to: spierce@watertown-ny.gov

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CITY

WATERTOWN

Farm AND Craft Market

EST 1977

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Every Wednesday from May 27 through October 7, 2026.

Downtown BLOCK PARTY Series
WATERTOWN, NY

"Josh Cox & the Rattlesnakes"
Sponsor: watertown, ny

Presented by **ADAMS COJR**
BUILT ON HONOR, DRIVEN BY COMMUNITY

Scan to [Downtown Public Square Watertown NY](#)
Friday June 26 | Friday July 31 | Friday August 28

108th Feast
Our Lady OF MOUNT CARMEL

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
850 Arsenal St., Watertown, NY
June 26th, 27th, 28th, 2026

Schedule of Events

- Thursday, June 25
Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
- Friday, June 26
Grounds Open 5-10pm
BINGO 7pm
- Saturday, June 27
Grounds Open 1-10pm
- Sunday, June 28
Grounds Open 1-10pm
Religious Procession 5pm
Giant Fireworks 9:30pm



The Watertown Elks Lodge #496 proudly invites members of the community to join them in celebrating Flag Day on Sunday, June 14, 2026, with a patriotic parade and commemorative ceremony honoring the American flag and the values it represents. The Flag Day Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and follow the route from New York Avenue, proceeding along Superior Street and Bradley Street, before concluding at the Watertown Elks Lodge.

2026 TRINITY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

SUMMER CONCERTS

6 PM THURSDAYS

- JUNE 18 FALL CREEK BRASS BAND
- JUNE 25 THE STRAND JAZZ COLLECTIVE
- JULY 2 ARRHYTHMIAS
- JULY 9 GARLAND CITY FIDDLERS
- JULY 16 SKIP STARR AND THE RENDITIONS
- JULY 23 BAD HUSBANDS CLUB
- JULY 30 REV THEATRE: JACK AND THE TURNIP ROOT*
- AUG 6 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION BAND
- AUG 13 ATKINSON FAMILY BLUEGRASS BAND
- AUG 20 OCEAN'S BELOW

FREE ADMISSION & CONCESSIONS
(Cashless or gratuity accepted)

*CHILDREN'S THEATRE ONLY. NO MUSIC AT THE JULY 30 EVENT.

TRINITY CHURCH SOUTH LAWN
227 SHERMAN STREET, WATERTOWN

BRING LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS
CITY LOT PARKING AVAILABLE OFF STONE AND CLINTON STREETS
CONCERTS ARE MOVED INDOORS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

TRINITYCONCERTS.ORG

Let's Share Our Streets

Drive Safe. Everyone Counts.

SHARE THE ROAD



PASS WITH CARE.
ALLOW AT LEAST
3 FEET.



SLOW DOWN—
ESPECIALLY IN
DOWNTOWN AREAS.



SHARE THE ROAD.
EVERYONE HAS
SOMEWHERE TO BE.



SAFE DRIVERS. STRONG COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!



WALKERS
HAVE THE
RIGHT OF WAY.



WEAR A HELMET.
BE ALERT.
BE SAFE.



RIDE ON TRAILS
AND ROADWAYS—
NOT ON SIDEWALKS.

Thank You! 

FOR HELPING MAKE
WATERTOWN A SAFE
AND WELCOMING
PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

WATERTOWN



NO E-BIKES, BIKES, SCOOTERS OR ANY MOTORIZED DEVICE ON SIDEWALKS



THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING SAFETY AND RESPECT!

YOU HAVE GREAT OPTIONS:



TAKE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE

Use streets and
bike routes
designed for
bicyclists.

OR



DISMOUNT AND WALK YOUR BIKE

Please walk your bike
on sidewalks for the
safety of everyone.



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sewer Division Update

The Sewer Division recently completed a significant infrastructure improvement project on Duffy Street. Crews installed more than 200 feet of new 8-inch sewer main along with several service laterals to improve system reliability and support future needs.

Throughout the project, staff worked carefully around existing underground utilities and coordinated closely with nearby residents to minimize disruptions and maintain access to properties whenever possible.



Refuse & Recycling Division Update

The annual Dairy Parade was a tremendous success, and the Refuse & Recycling Division was proud to participate. Residents may have noticed the City's newest refuse collection truck featured in the parade lineup, showcasing the continued investment in equipment that supports essential municipal services.



Roads Division Update

The Roads Division continues to make progress on a variety of projects throughout the City. Crews are actively paving streets, installing and repairing curbing, and painting intersections and pavement markings to improve roadway conditions and safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.



As construction season continues, residents are reminded to use caution when traveling through work zones and to follow all posted signs and directions from City personnel.



Forestry Division Update

The Forestry Division's Seasonal Urban Forestry Assistants have been hard at work maintaining and caring for newly planted trees throughout the community. This spring, the City of Watertown added more than 300 trees to its streets and parks, helping to enhance neighborhood beauty, improve environmental quality, and expand the City's urban tree canopy.

Residents interested in having a tree planted near their property or learning how to help care for newly planted trees are encouraged to contact Urban Forester Dan VanKouwenberg at dvankouwenberg@watertown-ny.gov.



KEEP WATERTOWN CLEAN & GREEN!

CITY OF WATERTOWN NY

REFUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



WEEKLY REFUSE PICKUP



WEEKLY RECYCLING INCLUDED



**CONVENIENT OPTIONS
FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD**



SCAN HERE



315-785-7842

WWW.WATERTOWN-NY.GOV/REFUSERECYCLING

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

Assessor's Office Update

The Assessor's Office is currently awaiting updated homeowner exemption forms from New York State. Once the new forms become available, property owners will be notified and additional information will be provided regarding eligibility and application requirements.

City Tax Bills

Preparations are underway for the issuance of City tax bills, which are scheduled to be mailed in July. Staff are currently processing address changes and tax reliefs to ensure billing information is accurate. Tax bills will be printed and distributed in the coming weeks.

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.

Request for Qualifications: Professional Engineering Services for Reservoir Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant – Deadline 6/17/26

The City of Watertown is seeking qualifications from engineering firms to provide professional engineering services for the design of a new 5 million gallon above-ground potable water storage tank, associated transmission main, and rehabilitation of an existing reservoir. Please visit the Purchasing Department website for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/535/>

RFP #2026-07 Community Forestry Tree Pruning – Round 1 - Deadline 6/23/26

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: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/536/>

Bid #2026-16 US Route 11 (Mill Street) Over Black River Overflow Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Deadline 7/7/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation work of the US Route 11 (Mill Street) Over Black River Overflow Bridge described in the bid specifications. The project's work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/537/>

Bid #2026-17 Lift Stations Standby Generator Installation Project – Phase 3 – Deadline 7/7/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed bids from qualified bidders to supply all labor, materials, and equipment to install and connect entire standby generator systems, with transfer switch, at each of the three (3) sites as shown in the bid specifications. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/538/>

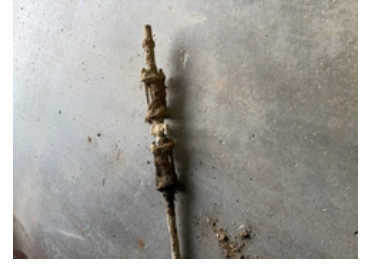
Please visit our website at [City of Watertown - Purchasing Department](#) for all Bid/RFP opportunities. If you are not already in our Evobid system, you will have to create a log in to our website system to download the specifications. Once you submit your information, you will be notified of any changes 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 DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

The Water Distribution Division has remained busy throughout the past month completing critical infrastructure improvements, system maintenance, and training activities across the City.

Lead Service Replacements

One lead water service on Palmer Street was successfully replaced. This service had previously required two repairs utilizing Style 38 clamps, and its replacement will help improve long-term reliability and water quality.



Water Service Repairs and Replacements

Crews completed numerous service repairs throughout the City, including ball valve replacements, curb stop resets, and the replacement of sections of water service lines as needed. In addition, a water service of concern on West Mullin Street was fully replaced on June 4, 2026.

Water Main Maintenance

Staff conducted leak investigations in several areas of the City, identifying a water main leak on New York Avenue. Crews completed repairs to the affected 4-inch water main to restore system integrity and prevent water loss.



Safety and Training

On June 3, 2026, Water Treatment Plant personnel and other department staff participated in Narcan training to enhance emergency preparedness and workplace safety.

Restoration Work

Following recent water main repairs and service replacements, crews completed topsoil restoration work on Faichney Drive and Fassett Street to return affected areas to their original condition.



Additional Projects

Staff retired the water service to 229 North Massey Street as part of the ongoing Stewart's Shop renovation project at 319 Coffeen Street. This work included hydroexcavation and the retirement of the existing 1-inch service line.



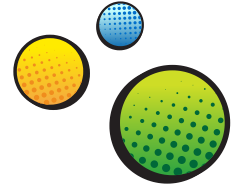
Crews have also completed hydrant meter installations to support building demolition projects and contracted sewer main cleaning operations.

Annual Hydrant Flushing Program

The City's annual hydrant flushing program began on May 3 and will continue through June 25. Flushing operations are conducted Sunday through Thursday evenings between 6:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Residents may experience temporary discoloration or pressure fluctuations during flushing activities. The program is an important part of maintaining water quality and ensuring the reliability of the City's water distribution system.

PARKS AND RECREATION

NOCOCON – North Country Comic Con was held at the Arena on June 6th & 7th. Approximately 90 vendors filled the arena, and the event featured a wide variety of artists, celebrity guests, panel discussions, games, and various entertainment. This event continues to grow each year, with organizers reporting another year of strong attendance and participation.



Pickleball Tournament: Join us for the 50 & Over Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, August 8th at the Watertown Municipal Arena. Compete in Women's, Men's, or Mixed Doubles divisions and enjoy a day of friendly competition and fun. The tournament begins at 9:00am, and registration is open through August 5th. The entry fee is \$40 per team. For more information or to register, call 315-785-7775.

WATERTOWN PARKS & RECREATIONS



50 & OVER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

DATE: Saturday, August 8th
TIME: 9:00 AM Start
LOCATION: Watertown Municipal Arena
FEE: \$40 Per Team

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH
9:00AM START TIME

WOMEN'S	MEN'S	MIXED DOUBLES
		

Registration Details: June 1st - August 5th
<https://secure.recl.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
Call 315-785-7775 if you need assistance





POOL HOURS

Thompson Park Pool

Opening Saturday, June 13th

Saturday, June 13 11:00–7:00pm (Healthy Kids Day)

Sunday, June 14 12:00–7:00pm

Saturday, June 20 12:00–7:00pm

Sunday, June 21 12:00–7:00pm

Friday, June 26, Open seven days per week for the duration of the season.

Flynn Pool

Scheduled to open Friday, June 26th.

The hours for the season are as follows:

Monday 1:00–6:00pm

Wednesday 1:00–6:00pm

Friday 1:00–6:00pm

Saturday 1:00–6:00pm

Sunday 1:00–6:00pm

CLOSED Tuesday/Thursday

PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF WATERTOWN NY

Watertown Parks & Rec
Presents

Pickleball Clinic

For intermediate level players

June 16th & 17th
Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Location
Fairgrounds Municipal Arena
600 William T. Field Drive

This clinic is FREE

Register early - space is limited
Registration opens Monday, June 1st!
<https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
call 315-785-7775 if you need assistance



PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF WATERTOWN NY

Watertown Parks & Recreation Presents

TEE-BALL & COACH PITCH



- 6U: Ages 5-6 (as of April 30)
- 8U: Ages 6-8 (as of April 30)
- Residents/Military: \$20
- Non-Residents: \$40
- Volunteer Coaches Needed

Registration Period
April 20- June 19

League Dates
June 29 - August 7
6U: Tuesdays/Thursdays
8U: Mondays/Wednesdays

Coaches Meeting
Wednesday June 24th

Schedule Available
June 24th

Tee-Ball **Coach Pitch**

Scan to register or register online:
<https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>
If you need assistance please call 315-785-7775




PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF WATERTOWN NY

DISC GOLF

AT THOMPSON PARK GOLF COURSE!

DISC GOLF COURSE FREE TO USE!
COME CHECK OUT THE COURSE!




RENT \$5⁰⁰

PURCHASE \$20⁰⁰

AVAILABLE INSIDE THE PRO SHOP
AT THOMPSON PARK GOLF COURSE

GRAB A SET AND ENJOY A ROUND!

PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF WATERTOWN NY

THOMPSON PARK GOLF COURSE

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

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.

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Get ready for a roaring summer! This year's Summer Reading theme, "Unearth a Story with Roswell!", is dino-mite!

For every hour you read, you'll earn one entry into our prize drawings. Here's the best part: you decide how to distribute your reading hours among the prizes in your age group! Whether you read solo, with a friend, listen to an audiobook, enjoy being read to, share stories with your dog, or flip through a picture-filled favorite, it all counts!

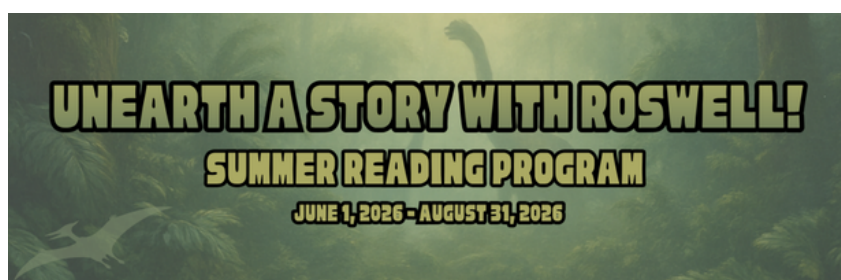
There are three age groups for this program: Children (ages 0-11), Teens (ages 12-17), and Adults (ages 18+). Participants can log reading hours online through our website or by using paper trackers available at the library. You can submit as often as you'd like – no need to wait until the end of the program!

Children can win one of the following:

- Movie Night gift basket
- Billy Beez gift card
- 4 tickets to Zoo NY
- Paint It! Pottery gift card
- LEGO Medium Brick Box
- Arts & Crafts Supplies Kit

Teens can win:

- Hydro Flask Water Bottle + Dino Nugget Pillow
- Walmart gift card + Dino Nugget Pillow
- Ulta gift card + Dino Nugget Pillow
- Adults can win:
- Stewarts Shops gift card
- Aldi gift card
- Lowe's gift card
- Ulta gift card
- Chrissy Beanz gift card
- Owala or Stanley water bottle – Winner's Choice!



All participants of any age will automatically receive one entry into our Grand Prize drawing: 4 tickets to the NY State Fair with a Parking Pass!

The fine print for all age groups: Participants may win only one prize, including the Grand Prize. If name was already drawn for a prize, another name will be drawn. Prizes will not be mailed. Winners must be able to pick up at the library. Tickets, bookmarks, and online entries must be filled out in their entirety in order to qualify.

You must enter the prize raffles for your age group. Any submissions made into other age groups will not be counted. Only one prize per person, including the Grand Prize.