

SEPTEMBER 11, 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>

THE CITY OF WATERTOWN IS HIRING!



Open Positions:

- Crew Chief
- Facility Maintenance Worker
- Laborer II
- Lineworker I (Full Time)
- Motor Equipment Operator (Full Time)
- Municipal Worker
- Refuse/Recycle MEO (Full Time)
- School Crossing Guard (Seasonal)
- Senior Engineering Technician

Apply through our portal:

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



Questions?: Reach out to the Civil Service Office for more information.

CELEBRATING 35+ YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY!

Vance Trapp - 38 Years
Stephan Ososkalo - 36 Years
Troy Chisamore - 35 Years



thank you!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the September 8, City Council Meeting:

[City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- Monday, September 21, 2026

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

- Monday, September 14, 2026



LIVE  STREAMING

LIVE STREAM & ARCHIVES

Watch upcoming City Council meetings live or view past recordings online: All meetings are live-streamed through Steve Weed Productions on Rumble. Use the link below to find all previously and upcoming streamed meetings.

<https://rumble.com/c/WatertownCityCouncil>

NORTHERN CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY ARENA

The City of Watertown is pleased to announce a new five-year partnership with Northern Credit Union, which includes exclusive naming rights to the City's arena. The facility will now be known as the Northern Credit Union Community Arena.

The partnership represents a \$115,000 total investment, including \$100,000 in direct funding to the City and \$15,000 in community initiatives and added-value support.

The partnership will help enhance the arena's visibility and support its continued role as a gathering place for the community. Northern Credit Union will also work with the City on co-branded marketing efforts, facility enhancements, and opportunities to highlight City programming and events.

The City thanks Northern Credit Union for its investment in Watertown and its commitment to supporting a vibrant community space for residents and visitors of all ages.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CITY



25th Anniversary Patriot Day Ceremony

The American Legion Army & Navy Post 61, 138 Sterling St., will host a 25th Anniversary Patriot Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday. The public is invited.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 9:30 a.m., followed by the ceremony, a static display and a time of remembrance. A light lunch will follow.

Patriot Day honors those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and recognizes the sacrifices of first responders and others who served. The day serves as a reminder to never forget.

41st ANNUAL BRAVO! Italian Festival

Fri., Sept. 11th Opens at 4pm
Sat., Sept. 12th Opens at 10am

ITALIAN FOOD
MISS ITALIAN PAGEANT
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FRIED DOUGH
SAUSAGE SANDWICHES
PIZZA
VENDORS

CELEBRATING 41 YEARS

Celebrate When
TRADITION MEETS TOMORROW

Watertown Urban Mission
BRIDGE
From Addiction to Recovery

Professionally timed with team and individual prizes
Family Friendly Event

5K RUN/WALK 10K RUN

RUN FOR RECOVERY

\$30 Pre-Registration - \$35 Same Day Registration
Teams Welcome - \$30 per person
(max 6 per team- separate form for each team member)
Register by September 2, 2026 to receive a free T-Shirt by using the form or scanning the QR Code

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

7AM - Registration
9AM - START TIME

SEACOMM PRESENTS:

Brew at the Zoo
NEW YORK
at Thompson Park

Aug. 16th and Sept. 13th
21+



CITY OF WATERTOWN, NY



Harvest FESTIVAL

ALEX DUFFY FAIRGROUNDS • WATERTOWN, NY

OCTOBER 2 • 3 • 4, 2026



CARNIVAL 🍁 VENDORS 🍁 LIVE MUSIC
VOLKSMARCH 🍁 BIERGARTEN

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 2
4PM ~ 9PM

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3
12PM ~ 9PM

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4
12PM ~ 4PM

VENDORS INCLUDE:
BUSINESSES,
CRAFTERS,
🍁 AND SO MUCH MORE! 🍁



Community Broadcasters, LLC

New York | Massachusetts | South Carolina

THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERISM



John Q. Adams Recreation Field

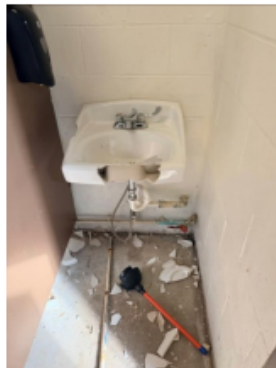
Back in March, the bathroom and storage facility at the John Q. Adams Recreation Field sustained significant damage. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Councilman Ben Shoen and his contracting company for generously donating their time, expertise, and resources to help restore the facility. Their commitment to giving back to our community is greatly appreciated.

Downtown Flower Beds

A special thank you also goes to Jake Johnson Properties for helping spruce up the flower beds throughout downtown. Their time and effort have helped keep our downtown looking welcoming, vibrant, and beautiful for residents and visitors alike.

We are grateful to the local businesses, organizations, and individuals who volunteer their time and talents to help make our community a better place.

BEFORE



AFTER

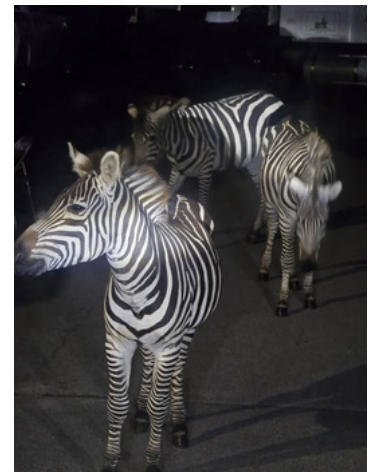


POLICE DEPARTMENT

On August 19, 2026, we celebrated Frederick March II as he retired from the Watertown Police Department after more than 20 years of service to the City of Watertown. We wish Fred the best of luck in his future endeavors. We will miss him!



On August 21, 2026, at 0502hrs, officers were called upon to help wrangle loose zebras and giraffes at the Fairgrounds. While we are accustomed to receiving unusual calls, we don't typically have this much fun with it! The zebras were zebras, but the giraffes were horses. Thank you to the circus for giving us a laugh!



On August 29, 2026, Lt. Joe Giaquinto and Lt. Chris Kamide participated in outreach efforts alongside the Victims Assistance Center at the overdose awareness event on Public Square.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Recent Promotions

The department has celebrated several recent promotions. In July, Firefighters Daniel Daugherty and Matthew Carpenter were promoted to captain. In August, Captain Naklick was promoted to Deputy Chief. This week, Firefighter Bjorn Ahlstrom was also promoted to captain. If you see any of them, please join us in congratulating them on their accomplishments!



Recruit Academy

Last week, recruits completed the national certification testing for Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Operations. The class did an excellent job, with all recruits successfully passing both series of tests!

This week, recruits are training in Emergency Vehicle Operations and Pump Operations.

Structure Fire

At 8:02 a.m. Thursday, September 3, the Watertown Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 202 Haney Street. Firefighters encountered a fire in a 1½-story residence, conducted a search confirming no occupants were inside, and extinguished the fire. The Watertown Police Department, City Codes, and Guilfoyle EMS assisted at the scene. The cause remains under investigation.

Fire Department Gets “Mugged”!

This week the Watertown Local Development Corporation stopped by to “mug” the fire department! We appreciate the WLDC for thinking of us and providing us with a Watertown New York mug and some samples from local businesses!



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Electrical

The Electrical Department worked to replace brackets at State Street and Park Drive. This highly skilled work required careful coordination between crew members and the use of two bucket trucks to safely and efficiently complete the task.



Roads

The Ives Street paving project continues to progress, with Sewer and Roads crews working collaboratively to complete various preparatory tasks. Once completed, the project will result in the paving of more than 4,000 feet of roadway, improving overall pavement conditions and infrastructure along the corridor.



Building & Grounds

The Public Square fountain is receiving a thorough cleaning following recent heavy rainfall to remove accumulated debris and ensure the fountain remains clean and operational.



Refuse

Refuse totes are being cleaned, organized, and prepared for distribution to new service customers. Residents interested in City refuse collection are reminded to sign up for tote service through the City of Watertown website.



Forestry

Michael Grimm Services Inc. has been contracted to prune street trees for safety and storm resiliency along major corridors in the City of Watertown. This project: Community Forestry Tree Pruning Round 1, will be funded by a grant through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

RFP #2026-09 Fixed Route Transit System Evaluation and Service Planning Study – Deadline 9/22/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed proposals from qualified vendors to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the City's fixed route public transportation system. The purpose of this project is to assess the feasibility, reliability, and long-term sustainability of existing transit routes and to provide data-driven recommendations for service improvements. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/551/>

RFP #2026-11 Lease and Operation of Thompson Park Golf Course – Deadline 10/13/26

The City of Watertown is seeking sealed proposals from operators to lease and operate an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse located within Thompson Park. The operator shall provide all labor, materials, services, and equipment necessary to maintain and operate a fully functional golf course. Please use the link for additional information: <https://prod3.evo.cloud/watertownny/portal/bids/558/>

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.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

On September 4, 2026, Planning Staff completed and published a draft of the City's Program Year 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER serves as the year-end summary report of the CDBG activities that the City undertook during the most recent program year, which ran from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.



Some of the City's CDBG related accomplishments during the 2025 Program Year included the completion of the Burlington Street Reconstruction Project and completing the design for the Huntington Street Water Main Replacement Project.

City Department of Public Works crews also completed the Division Street East Sidewalk Project which consisted of installing new sidewalks to fill in a prominent gap in the City's sidewalk network between Starwood Apartments and the Adams Recreational Park and North Elementary School.

Neighbors of Watertown, the City's housing program subrecipient, oversaw the rehabilitation of two owner occupied housing units and assisted six homebuyers with down payment assistance toward the purchase of new homes along with funds for minor repairs.

The CAPER is available for review on the City's website, <https://www.watertown-ny.gov/CDBGPublicCommentOpportunities>. It is also available for public viewing at the City's Planning and Community Development Department, the City Clerk's Office, the Flower Memorial Library and at the offices of the Watertown Housing Authority.

The City Council has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. to give the public the opportunity to comment on the CAPER and the City's annual performance.



Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on September 1, 2026, to review two subdivision requests and a request for Site Plan Approval. The Commission approved a subdivision request for 636 Hillcrest Avenue and a subdivision request for 162 Boon Street. Additionally, it approved a Site Plan for a building addition and other associated site plan improvements at 268 Bellew Avenue South. The approval will pave the way for Roth Industries to expand their operations in the City Center Industrial Park.

DRI Art Project – Alchemy 432

David Grieco, the Watertown native and artist who created “Alchemy 432”, the public art installation on the east end of Public Square Park, was in Watertown during the first week in September checking on and cleaning the artwork. Mr. Grieco used non-toxic, citric acid-based cleaners to clean and passivate the artwork, which had developed some minor discoloration from iron particles that were on the surface of the piece. The iron was left over from the manufacturing process, shipping and surrounding environmental conditions. The passivation of the stainless-steel removes surface free iron and contaminants to enhance the metal’s natural corrosion resistant layer.



WATER DEPARTMENT

Annual inspection of Primary Tank #1 was completed, with minor repairs including welding new wear strips. The tank has been returned to service, demonstrating the Pollution Control Facility (PCF) crew’s diverse skills in maintaining both treatment processes and facility infrastructure.

The day after Primary Tank #1 was returned to service, routine daily rounds identified an issue with Primary Tank #2. Upon draining and inspection, a deteriorated baffle support bracket was discovered, resulting in significant tank failure. The tank was immediately removed from service, and the PCF crew has nearly completed demolition and in-house repairs while awaiting the replacement baffle.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Arena

The newly renamed Northern Credit Union Community Arena now has ice! Crews have been busy over the past couple of weeks preparing the rink for the new season. A great deal of time, effort and attention to detail goes into constructing a sheet of ice. The process includes installing the boards and glass, building up many layers of ice, applying the whitewash, adding additional layers, hand-painting lines and markings, installing logos, and finishing with many more layers of ice by hand and with the Zamboni. It's a lot of work behind the scenes, but the finished product looks great!

JCC will kick off the season with a tournament September 11–13. Ice will open to all other groups and the public beginning Monday, September 14.



3RD ANNUAL

PRESEASON CLASSIC





FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

JEFFERSON VS BUFFALO STATE 5:00 PM START

JAMESTOWN VS UALBANY 8:00 PM START



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

BUFFALO STATE VS JAMESTOWN 5:00 PM START

JEFFERSON VS UALBANY 8:00 PM START



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

JEFFERSON VS JAMESTOWN 10:00 AM START

BUFFALO STATE VS UALBANY 12:00 PM START



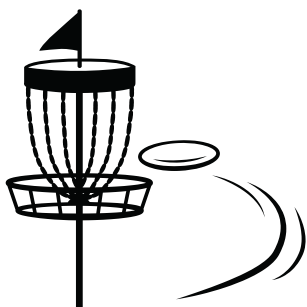
Sat Oct 10 7:00pm EDT	Watertown Wolves		AT		Binghamton Black Bears
Fri Oct 16 7:05pm EDT	Watertown Wolves		VS		Danbury Hat Tricks
Sat Oct 17 7:05pm EDT	Watertown Wolves		VS		Danbury Hat Tricks
Fri Oct 23 7:05pm EDT	Watertown Wolves		VS		Blue Ridge Bobcats
Sat Oct 24 7:05pm EDT	Watertown Wolves		VS		Blue Ridge Bobcats
Fri Oct 30 7:05pm EDT	Watertown Wolves		AT		Port Huron Prowlers
Sat Oct 31 7:05pm EDT	Watertown Wolves		AT		Port Huron Prowlers

WATERTOWN
WOLVES

Disc Golf

Work continues on the Thompson Park Disc Golf Course. Pictured here are holes 3 & 4, where crews have been busy with additional brush clearing to improve the course.

If you haven't already, stop by Thompson Park and give the course a try! Discs are available for rent or purchase at the Thompson Park Golf Course Pro Shop.



Adult Kickball

The Adult Kickball League "kicks off" next week!

Ten teams have registered, and we're looking forward to another great season of fun and friendly competition.

Looking for something fun to do on a Tuesday night? Stop by and check out the league...you might even find yourself wanting to join in next season! It's never too early to start gathering your team!

Pools

Another swim season is in the books! Both pools have been winterized after another great summer season. While the pools may be closed, the fun isn't over just yet! Both splashpads will remain open a little longer, weather permitting.

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the pools and splashpads this summer. We'll see you next season!



CITY OF WATERTOWN

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL LEAGUE

REGISTRATION: AUGUST 10TH - SEPTEMBER 4TH

TO REGISTER VISIT:
<https://secure.rec1.com/NY/watertown-ny/catalog>

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL 315-785-7775

TEAM FUN FOR ADULTS 18+

INCLUDES: UMPIRE FEES, GAMES & PRACTICES

COMPETE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP!

TEAM ROSTERS SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM OF 10 PLAYERS AND A MAXIMUM OF 18 PLAYERS, AGES 18+.

7 SEASON GAMES

PLAYOFFS INCLUDED

TUESDAY NIGHTS

CITY OF WATERTOWN BALL FIELDS

PARKS & RECREATION CITY OF WATERTOWN NY

CITY OF WATERTOWN



CLUB VORTEX

YOUTH RUNNING PROGRAM

We get kids moving with fun running exercises to build strength, speed & endurance!

This program is designed to encourage proper & safe running habits. Games and activities will help improve strength and coordination.



REGISTRATION

AUGUST 17 –
SEPTEMBER 18



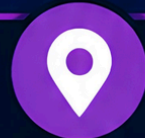
PROGRAM DATES

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 21 –
OCTOBER 21



NO CLASS ON
COLUMBUS DAY
(OCTOBER 12)



LOCATION

THOMPSON PARK
STONE PAVILION



COST:

\$25

City Residents
& Military

\$45

Non-City
Residents



Call 315-785-7775
with any questions.

Visit watertown-ny.gov/parks-rec
for more information & to register!

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Baby Story Time

Join us on Thursdays for stories, nursery rhymes,
and wiggles!

Every Thursday at 10:30am
Designed for ages 0-2 but all are welcome!



Questions? Contact Jamie: 315-785-7709



Blend Your Own

HERBAL TEA

Community
Room



Friday
September 18th
at 5pm

Join us to make your own herbal tea blend. A variety of herbs and spices will be available to participants to mix together to create your own unique blend.

Ages 18+ Limit 20 participants. No registration.
In-person only. First come first served



Questions?
Contact Olivia at 315-785-7715
or obauer@ncls.org

Anything Goes

Reading Club



WHY JOIN?

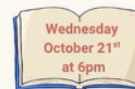
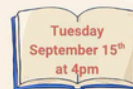
- Explore genres
- Share thoughts
- Meet readers
- Try a new title (a selection of library books will be available)

Open to anyone 18+
interested in reading.



READ, SHARE, CONNECT

Discover a space where stories and ideas come together. Welcoming curious readers to share in a relaxed environment. Join us in one of our historic meeting rooms to read in a beautiful space with ambient music and light refreshment.



Get Involved

Locations:
9/15 South Reading Room
10/21 Old Watertown Room

Questions?
Contact Olivia at 315-785-7715 or
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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**



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