

SEPTEMBER 25, 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.



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
- Superintendent of Public Works

Apply through our portal:

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



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

WE'RE HIRING!

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

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the September 21, City Council Meeting:

[City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- Monday, October 5, 2026
- Monday, October 19, 2026

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

- Tuesday, October 13, 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>

CitiBus RIDER SURVEY

Beginning **Monday, September 28, 2026**, CitiBus will conduct a rider survey to gather feedback from passengers regarding the current fixed-route transit system.

The survey will remain open for **30 days** and will provide riders an opportunity to share feedback on current service, including routes, schedules, reliability, and overall transit needs.

The information collected will help CitiBus better understand passenger needs and will also provide valuable public input as the City moves forward with its Fixed Route Transit System Evaluation.



Individuals with questions regarding the survey or who require assistance or an accommodation to participate may contact Transportation Planner Jessica Raymond at:



(315) 785-7884



jraymond@watertown-ny.gov

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

3RD QUARTER - 2026

This certificate is proudly presented to

Janet Chapman

On behalf of the City of Watertown, we proudly recognize Janet for her outstanding dedication, initiative, and commitment to excellence. Janet has made significant progress in reorganizing and improving existing processes, bringing fresh ideas and a renewed focus to her work. Her efforts have made a meaningful impact, and her recognition by the NYS Assessors Association further reflects her dedication and professionalism.

Sarah V.C. Pierce
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Mayor

September 2026



Eric Wagenaar
Eric Wagenaar
City Manager



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

3RD QUARTER - 2026

This certificate is proudly presented to

Dan Stevens

On behalf of the City of Watertown, we proudly recognize Dan for his outstanding dedication, technical expertise, and commitment to excellence. Dan consistently goes above and beyond to keep the City's fleet and equipment safe, reliable, and in service. His dependability, strong work ethic, and pride in his work make him an invaluable member of the Central Garage team and an important part of the City's daily operations.

Sarah V.C. Pierce
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Mayor

September 2026



Eric Wagenaar
Eric Wagenaar
City Manager



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

3RD QUARTER - 2026

This certificate is proudly presented to

Tim Boshane

On behalf of the City of Watertown, we proudly recognize Tim for his outstanding dedication, reliability, and commitment to the City and its residents. Tim consistently goes above and beyond, from working early mornings and late nights during snowstorms to taking on additional responsibilities when needed. His willingness to step up, take ownership, and get the job done makes him a dependable and valued member of the City team.

Sarah V.C. Pierce
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Mayor

September 2026



Eric Wagenaar
Eric Wagenaar
City Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CITY

CITY OF WATERTOWN, NY

PARKS & RECREATION
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

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT-OR-TRUCKS

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR DAY OF FUN THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL ENJOY!
PLAY GAMES, GET CRAFTY, EXPLORE BIG TRUCKS, AND HONK SOME HORNS!
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

CANDY IS INCLUDED WITH EACH ACTIVITY.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TRICK-OR-TREAT BAGS.

Saturday, October 3rd
10AM-11:30AM
ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME
RAIN OR SHINE!

PETS & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED. SERVICE DOGS ARE WELCOME.
MOBILITY DEVICES MAY BE USED FOR ACCESSIBILITY PURPOSES ONLY.

Flower Memorial Library
229 Washington St.
Watertown, NY 13601

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City Hall Parking Lot
245 Washington St.
Watertown, NY 13601

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Questions? Contact Jamie: 315-785-7709

Slip, Slide, & Skate ...Learn to Skate!

Registration: October 5th - November 2nd
Program Dates:
Tuesdays: November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8
Class time: 7:40-8:40pm for Ages 6+
Helmets Recommended for all ages

Basic Instruction Provided
All Classes will be held as scheduled, unless notified

Class & Skate Rentals
\$40 - City Resident
\$80 - Non City Resident

Class & Skate Rental

Class Only (no skate rentals)
\$30 - City Resident
\$60 - Non City Resident

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

Class Only

ADVANCING TOBACCO FREE COMMUNITIES,
YOUTH ALLIANCE, & PARKS & REC PRESENT

TOY STORY MOVIE NIGHT

FREE ENTRY, POPCORN & DRINKS

POP CORN

MOVIE STARTS AT
FRIDAY OCT. 2ND | 7:30PM

FAIRGROUNDS YMCA

JOIN US FOR THE KICK OFF OF THIS YEAR'S HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR A
TOY STORY 5 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT.
FREE ENTRY & FREE POPCORN. FREE DRINKS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In honor of 9/11, several members of D Platoon held a stair climb in Thompson Park after working their 12-hour overnight shift.



We are looking for crossing guards. Do you, or someone you know, have a couple hours to spare each day to help keep our children safe? Fill out an application online:

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



FIRE DEPARTMENT

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant – On Tuesday, September 22, 2026, the department was notified that our FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant application was approved! The \$240,000 grant will fund specialized training for department personnel in rescue swimming, swiftwater and floodwater operations, boat operations, rope rescue, and more. The training will be especially valuable in bringing our newer firefighters up to speed on these critical rescue skills and maintaining the department's technical rescue capabilities.

Recruit Academy – Our recruits have finished their eighth week of training and continue to excel. They have recently been working on hoseline placement, search, ventilation techniques, forcible entry, and aerial operations. We are keeping them busy, but they are hard to keep up with!



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Huntington Street Water Main Replacement

The contractor for the Huntington Street Water Main Replacement project, along with the construction inspection and administration services, received City Council approval on September 8, 2026. A pre-construction meeting was held on September 17, and the Engineering Department is currently receiving the contractor's required documentation. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026.

City Hall Court Renovation

Construction continues to progress on the City Hall Court Renovation project. The mechanical contractor has insulated most of the new piping and ductwork, while the electrical contractor has begun wiring the new fire alarm system. Concrete has been placed for the new entrance ramp, along with steel columns for the ramp and Sterling Street entrance. Installation of new ceiling tiles and windows is underway, with new terrazzo flooring anticipated in early October.



Ramp & Sterling Street Entrance

Steel columns installed at the new ramp and entrance.



Wall & Utility Improvements

New wall finishes and utility piping.



Ceiling Installation

Ceiling grid, tiles, lighting and mechanical work.

Code Enforcement:

The City of Watertown Bureau of Code Enforcement continues to review and issue building permits, perform inspections and address violations.

Plans Submitted For Review:

- 438 Glenn Ave.- The ARC housing

Ongoing Projects That Have Been Permitted:

- 337 State St. – Burger King interior and exterior renovations
- 1575 Washington St. – Samaritan Medical Center – OB/GYN
- 830 Washington St. – Samaritan Medical Center – Cath Lab
- 231 Commerce Park Dr. – Apartment complex
- 400 Washington St. – Carthage Savings and Loan
- 136 Court St. – Five new apartments
- 447 Flower Ave. W. – New single-family home
- 1343 Loomus Dr. – New single-family home
- 172 Clinton St. – Carriage house renovation; four-unit
- 226 Hoard St. – New single-family home



Completed Projects:

- 136 Court St. – Five new apartments
- 1283 Arsenal St. – New Shoe Department location
- 172 Clinton St. – Carriage house renovation into a four-unit apartment building



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Transportation Planning & CitiBus Outreach

The Transportation Planning Office continues to focus on improving transit accessibility, strengthening community outreach, and increasing awareness of CitiBus services. Recent efforts include travel training, grant research, outreach to community partners, CitiBus advertising, and support for the Transit Committee.

As part of these efforts, informational sessions were held at Jefferson Community College (JCC) to engage residential students and the broader campus community. The sessions provided an opportunity to answer transportation questions, share information about available transit options, and increase awareness of CitiBus services.

Strategic Plan

At the September 14, 2026 City Council work session, staff presented a draft Strategic Plan intended to replace the City's 2019 Strategic Goals and Objectives. The proposed plan is designed to guide internal City operations, processes, and decision-making over the next five to seven years.

The draft was developed following interviews with each City department and subsequent review and feedback from department heads and their deputies. Following the September 14 presentation, City Council members are encouraged to provide additional comments or questions to the City Manager's Office, which will coordinate feedback with Planning staff as the plan continues to be refined.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on September 1, 2026, to review several development proposals throughout the City. The Commission approved two-lot subdivisions for properties located at 636 Hillcrest Avenue and 162 Boon Street.

The Commission also approved a Site Plan for Roth Industries at 268 Bellevue Avenue South for an approximately 11,865-square-foot building addition and associated site improvements.



ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

ASSESSMENT OFFICE REMINDER – DECEMBER 1 TAXABLE STATUS DATE

The City of Watertown's Taxable Status Date is December 1, 2026. Property owners seeking a real property tax exemption should make sure all required applications, renewal forms, and supporting documentation are submitted to the City Assessment Office by the applicable deadline.

Information and applications for available real property tax exemptions can be found on the City's Exemptions webpage: watertown-ny.gov/Exemptions

Please note: The City of Watertown's Taxable Status Date is December 1, which differs from the March 1 Taxable Status Date used by many other municipalities in Jefferson County.

Questions? Contact the City Assessment Office for assistance.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Refuse Division has added new "Now Hiring" signage to refuse trucks to help promote current employment opportunities with the City. The mobile signage increases visibility throughout the community and supports ongoing recruitment efforts to fill critical vacancies within the division.



Electrical

Following a motor vehicle accident that damaged a City-owned pole, the Electrical Division responded to remove the damaged infrastructure and install a replacement pole. Crews coordinated the work safely along the roadway while maintaining traffic control and restoring the affected infrastructure.



Roads

Breen Avenue paving from a water break earlier this year.

Paving operations continued on Ives Street as part of the City's ongoing street improvement program. Crews placed asphalt and completed roadway improvements as the project moves toward completion.



Building & Grounds

Buildings & Grounds staff responded to an illegally discarded couch left inside a City bus shelter. Crews removed the item and restored the shelter area, helping keep public spaces clean, safe, and accessible for residents and transit users.



Forestry

Craig Boshane and Joshua St. Croix began rope-and-saddle tree-climbing training in Thompson Park on September 23. The training is a prerequisite for their November ACRT Certified Line Clearance Arborist training in Ohio. Ongoing forestry training strengthens employee safety, efficiency, and proper tree-care practices.



WATER DEPARTMENT

Approximately 2000 tons of biosolids were transported to agricultural fields for beneficial reuse. Biosolids are a nutrient rich byproduct of the water recovery process and provide nutrients and organic matter to soils.

Pollution Control Facility staff repaired and modified a chemical mixer, improving its operations and returning the equipment to service without the need for outside repairs.



Making the most out of an empty tank: While the team at the Pollution Control Facility wait for the new baffle, they continue tackling maintenance repairs inside the primary tank.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Northern Credit Union Community Arena

Public Skate: Daily skating is available at the Northern Credit Union Community Arena. Please visit the following website for up-to-date schedules:

<https://www.watertown-ny.gov/departments/ParksandRecreation/arena>

<https://www.facebook.com/WatertownParksandRecreation>

JCC Hockey: The Cannoneers next home game is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th at 7:00 PM! Come out and cheer on your local college hockey team!

For more information and the full season schedule, visit:

<https://www.cannoneerathletics.com/sports/cice/2026-27/schedule>



Upcoming Watertown Wolves Games:

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

For a full schedule visit www.watertownwolves.net



Pop Warner Football: The Fairgrounds has once again been active with youth football and serves as a home field for Pop Warner. Recent games have provided young athletes with an opportunity to compete, develop their football skills, and represent their communities in a positive recreational setting. The program also highlights the Fairgrounds' role as one of Watertown's primary venues for youth sports and community recreation.



BRVHA Horse Show: The Black River Valley Horse Association (BRVHA) hosted another successful horse show on September 12 at the Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds. The event brought riders, horses, families, and spectators together for a full day of equestrian activity.

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES TEA PARTY

Join us for a morning of fright and delight! Witches, ghouls, and ghosts, come dressed in your spookiest clothes.

Costumes are welcome but not required. Enjoy apple cider, snacks, and crafts.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH
at 11am

Childrens Room

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

Roswell P. Flower
Memorial Library

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY & ELKS LODGE 496 PRESENT

Cozy for a Cause

We need youth volunteers to help us make blankets for animals at the SPCA!

Participants will work together to make cozy, comforting blankets that will help shelter pets feel safe and loved while they wait for their forever homes.

No sewing experience is needed. Just bring your creativity and kindness! All materials will be provided.



Tuesday, September 29

5:30-7pm

Ages 8-17 welcome

Meet us in the Community Room!



Participants will receive 1.5 volunteer service hours for attending. Staff will be available to sign any volunteer service forms.



Roswell P. Flower
Memorial Library

Have questions? Contact
Library Director Suzie: 315-785-7701

Boo-k Bingo

For Ages 18+

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Saturday, September 26th at 10am in the South Reading Room

Get ready for a frightfully fun time at your library! Join us for a spooky-themed morning of bingo, an adults-only event filled with friendly competition and plenty of chances to win. It's free to play, and lucky winners will take home donated mystery and horror books - perfect for adding a little suspense to your reading list. Costumes and creepy good luck charms are welcome, but not required!

Bring a friend, test your luck, and see what spooky prizes await!

Contact Ashley P. at 315.785.7714.



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Memorial Library

KEEP WATERTOWN CLEAN & GREEN!

CITY OF WATERTOWN NY REFUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



WEEKLY REFUSE PICKUP



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FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD**



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