NOVEMBER 20, 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.





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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



Stay updated with the meeting minutes from the November 16th, 2026, City Council Meeting:

City Council Meeting Minutes

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

- Monday, December 7, 2026
- Monday, December 21, 2026

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

- Monday, December 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



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

END OF SEASONAL BRUSH AND YARD WASTE PICKUP

THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCES THAT THE LAST DAY FOR BRUSH AND YARD WASTE PICKUP WILL BE **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026.**

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW SEASONAL GUIDELINES.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE VISIT THE CITY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

THE CITY OF WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT & DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CITY





The 43rd Annual Watertown Family YMCA Turkey Day Run takes place on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, 2026, at 9:00 AM. The race kicks off at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Ives Street Road in Watertown, NY, offering both a 5K run and a 2.2-mile run/walk.



The 2026 A North Country Festival of Trees in Watertown, NY, will run from Black Friday, November 27th through Sunday, December 6th, 2026. Co-hosted by the Watertown Family YMCA and the Samaritan Medical Center Foundation, this cherished holiday tradition raises crucial funds for youth programs and regional healthcare services.

Location: Held downtown at the Dulles State Office Building, located at 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601.

2026 Theme: “A Christmas Carol: Dickens of a Christmas”. Beautifully decorated holiday trees and wreaths designed by local creators will fill the space to match this classic literary theme.

Public Viewing Hours: The public is invited to view the displays and participate in the silent auction weekly from Thursday through Sunday, typically between 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM (closing at 2:00 PM on the final Sunday, December 6th).





REGISTER NOW

TO REGISTER YOUR FLOAT FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE, EMAIL PARKSREC@WATERTOWN-NY.GOV OR CLICK HERE.

CITY OF WATERTOWN
WINTER SAFETY GUIDE

PARKING REGULATIONS



NOV 1 - APR 30
NO ON-STREET PARKING 2-6 AM

During snowfall events, the City asks residents to avoid parking on City streets at all times, regardless of the time of day or night. Keeping streets clear of parked vehicles helps our DPW crews plow more efficiently, improves accessibility, and reduces obstacles for our plow operators.

DRIVEWAYS & SIDEWALK CARE



- **DO NOT** push snow into streets
- Maintain clear sidewalks to ensure pedestrian safety, especially for schoolchildren, the elderly, and individuals with mobility challenges



- Place snow to the RIGHT (when facing the street) to reduce plow deposition

PLOW & CREW SAFETY



- Maintain a **SAFE DISTANCE** behind snowplows
- Never attempt to pass equipment
- Snowbanks limit visibility; exercise extreme caution at all times, especially at intersections

ADDITIONAL WINTER TIPS

- Keep children **AWAY** from roadside snowbanks. No forts near the road or in snowbanks
- Remove all obstacles (totes, toys, hoops) from curbside
- **Refuse Totes:** Place BEHIND the curb edge to avoid roads or snowbanks.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

On 11/18/26, Sgt. Gauthier and Officer Maitland attended Workforce Connections—an annual event for high school seniors to visit representatives from local businesses and agencies to talk about the variety of career opportunities available in the North Country.





The Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy will be heading into its 7th week having just completed 2 weeks of Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control (EVOC). They are headed back to the classroom to dive into NYS Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, and other important topics.





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Electrical

DPW crews have been hard at work installing holiday decorations throughout the City! This collaborative effort across multiple divisions focuses on safely bringing the holiday spirit to our community. Keep an eye out for the many festive displays appearing around the City as we prepare for the holiday season!





Building and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds crews have been busy installing Christmas lights on the City's tree in preparation for the upcoming tree lighting. In addition to spreading holiday cheer, crews continue to perform essential repairs and routine maintenance throughout DPW facilities to keep buildings safe, functional, and operating efficiently.







Roads

DPW crews completed repairs to a critical section of curbing along the VanDuzee Street Bridge. This work helps maintain safe vehicle travel and protects the integrity of the roadway infrastructure.



CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Construction continues to progress at City Hall, with significant advancements in both interior and exterior improvements. The general contractor has installed the new terrazzo flooring and continues installation of the exterior siding. Installation of new cabinetry, wood trim, and furniture is underway in the court offices and deliberation areas. The electrical contractor has extended wiring to the second and third floors for the new fire alarm system, while the mechanical contractor is balancing the roof top air handling unit.



MOBILE PAY IS HERE!
Download. Purchase. Scan & Go!

Beginning Monday, **November 9, 2026**, CitiBus passengers have a new, convenient way to pay fares using the MyCitiBus mobile app! Purchase fares and passes right from your smartphone, then scan your mobile fare at the validator when boarding.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Download MyCitiBus from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Create an account and purchase your fare or pass.
3. Scan your mobile fare at the validator on the bus and go!

IMPORTANT FOR HALF-FARE & PARATRANSIT CUSTOMERS

Half-fare customers: Call CitiBus before purchasing so your reduced-fare eligibility can be added to your account.
Paratransit customers: Call CitiBus before purchasing to have your account properly set up. Cash and traditional fare payment options will still be accepted.

Questions or need assistance? Call CitiBus at 315-785-7772.

iPhone / Apple App store



Look for this app icon

Android / Google Play

WATER DEPARTMENT

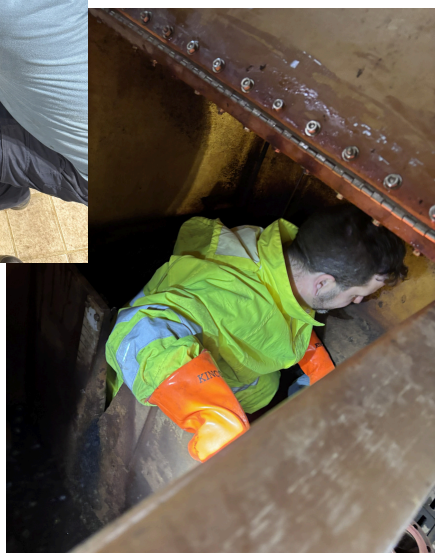
Upgrades have started at three pump stations to improve level detection and communications with the Pollution Control Facility. This will standardize eight of the City's ten stations, allowing operators to identify and resolve potential issues sooner



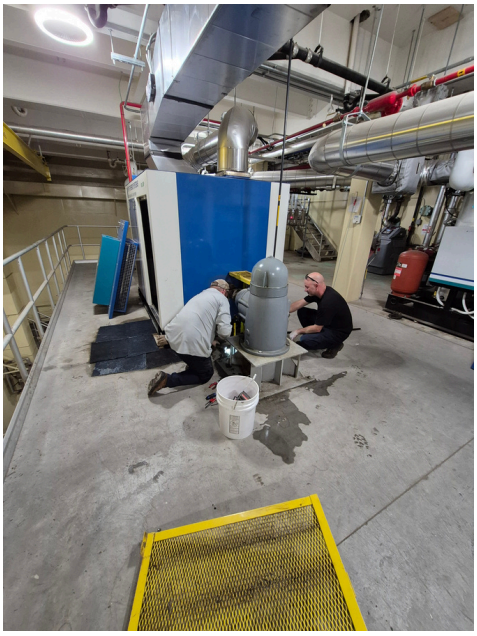


The Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition toured the Pollution Control Facility to learn more about treatment operations and water quality protection. The coalition helps local communities reduce stormwater pollution through public education and coordination of stormwater management.





Between major projects and emergency repairs, the maintenance crew performs preventative maintenance to keep equipment reliable, extend its service life, and reduce unexpected breakdowns.



The Pollution Control Facility team continues to build new skills and find creative repair solutions. Repairing this leaking fiberglass tank required an unusual working position: just another day of adapting to get the job done.

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

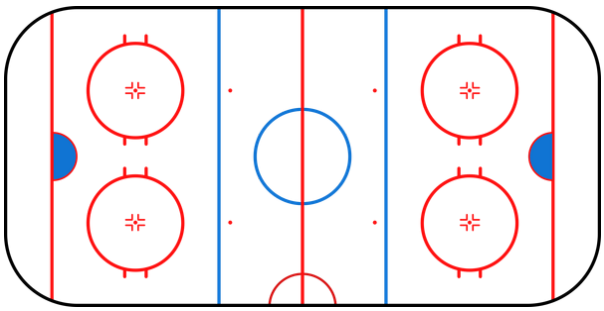
JCC Hockey: The Cannoneers next home game is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 PM! Come out and cheer on your local college hockey team!

For more information and the full season schedule, visit:
🔗 https://www.cannoneerathletics.com/sports/cice/2026-27/schedule

Watertown Wolves Hockey:

Upcoming Watertown Wolves Games:
Friday, November 20
Saturday, November 21
Friday, November 27
Friday, December 4
Saturday, December 5
For a full schedule visit www.watertownwolves.net

IHC High School Home Games:
Tuesday, December 15th
Thursday, January 14th



Cross Country Ski Trails:
Parks & Recreation crews have been installing new trail markers on the cross-country ski trails in Thompson Park. Once we receive sufficient snowfall, the trails will be groomed regularly throughout the season. Cross-country ski rental equipment will also be available this winter at the Watertown Municipal Arena.



Winter Preparation:
Parks & Recreation staff continue preparations for the upcoming winter season by maintaining grounds, facilities, and equipment to ensure they are ready for changing weather conditions. Pictured here, staff recently removed leaves from the greens at the Thompson Park Golf Course and installed a salter as part of ongoing seasonal maintenance.





Slip, Slide & Skate:
The Slip, Slide & Skate participants have been learning the fundamentals of skating, building their confidence, and practicing new techniques. Through fun games and activities, the kids have had a great time while developing their skills. We enjoy seeing their progress and enthusiasm each week! Stay tuned for information on our next session and join the fun!





FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Homesteading: Market Gardening Practices



For Ages 18+

Saturday November 21st at 10:30am in the South Reading Room

Are you interested in growing produce at a smaller scale with limited space? Come and learn about the basic practices of market gardening! Market gardening is the small-scale, intensive commercial production of vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Presented by Cierra Williams, the Horticulture and Natural Resources Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County.

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Contact Ashley P. at 315.785.7714.

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Jefferson County

North Country
DIGITAL INCLUSION COALITION

Device Distribution and Digital Skills

HOSTED BY NORTH COUNTRY CONNECT TO TECH (NC2T)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
Noon - 3 pm (staff available until 4 for support)

Flower Memorial Library, South Reading Room
229 Washington Street, Watertown

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Scan here to fill out our interest form!

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- Rural
- Age 65+ (must be 18 or older)
- Veterans
- With disability
- Formerly incarcerated / Justice involved



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FDRHPO Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization

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Limited to 20 people

Family Movie and Craft Afternoon

Join us for an afternoon movie with a craft and snack. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will be watching: Jumanji (1995) (Rated PG: 1h 45 min runtime)



Saturday, November 28th
11:00am in the South Reading Room

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

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF WATERTOWN

Whether you are a new resident, visitor, or long-time neighbor, we've put together everything you need to know about living, working, and thriving in Watertown in our comprehensive digital Welcome Packet.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE ONLINE PACKET?

- City Services & Utilities: Garbage collection, water/sewer details, and local contacts
- Parks & Recreation: Local parks, splash pads, seasonal sports, and event schedules
- Community Resources: Library services, public transportation, and city department directories
- Civic Engagement: How to get involved, City Hall updates, and public meeting schedules

HOW TO ACCESS THE WELCOME PACKET:

- **Scan the QR Code: Point your smartphone camera at the code to open the packet instantly.**
- **Visit Online: Go to watertown-ny.gov and click on Welcome to the City of Watertown**

SCAN HERE

The online version is recommended for the best access to materials; however, paper copies are available at City Hall.









ALL ROADS LEAD TO WATERTOWN

KEEP WATERTOWN CLEAN & GREEN!



CITY OF WATERTOWN NY

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

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