

City of Johnstown



2023 Resident Information

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HOURS

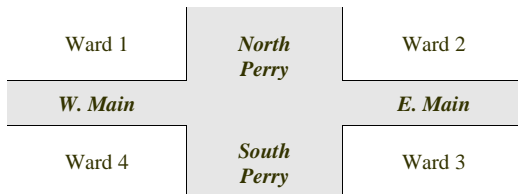
City Hall Business Hours
Monday–Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

Emergency call “911”



DIRECTORY

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| Mayor | | | 736-4012 |
| Treasurer / Tax Collector | | | 736-4017 |
| Clerk | | | 736-4011 |
| Attorney | | | 736-4018 |
| Assessor | | | 736-4015 |
| Engineer | | | 736-4014 |
| Police | | | 736-4021 |
| Codes | | | 736-4076 |
| Fire | | | 736-4079 |
| Senior Center | | | 762-4643 |
| Water | | | 736-4027 |
| Historian | | | 762-7419 |
| City Court | | | 706-3310 |
| Councilman-at-Large | Scott Jeffers | 212 W. 4 th Ave. | 859-0425 |
| Ward 1 | Bradley Hayner | 184 Maple Ave. | 848-1584 |
| Ward 2 | Scott Miller | 5 Collingwood Ave. | 332-8287 |
| Ward 3 | Eric Parker | 15 Worden Street | 762-2501 |
| Ward 4 | Max Spritzer | 101 W. 2 nd Ave. | 848-4416 |





ASSESSOR

Dates which affect the assessment process:

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| Valuation Date | January 1st |
| Taxable Status Date | March 1st |
| Exemption Filing Deadline | March 1st |
| Tentative Roll Filed | May 1st |
| Grievance Day | 4th Tuesday in May |
| Final Roll Filed | July 1st |

Star Program

This only applies only to school taxes. The following are requirements for filing for the exemption:

Qualifications for Enhanced Star:

1. property must be owner occupied
2. property must be primary residence of the owner,
3. all owners must be at least 65 years of age (if husband and wife only one has to meet age requirement),
4. contact assessor's office for current income limits. All household income must be included even, if only husband or wife is listed as owner; and
5. an application, along with supporting documents must be filed no later than March 1st.

Qualifications for Basic Star:

1. property must be owner occupied,
2. property must be primary residence of the owner, and
3. application must be filed no later than March 1st.

CLERK

The Office of the City Clerk assists the taxpayers and residents of the City of Johnstown by providing a variety of diverse services. These services include but not limited to: providing information and direction to residents, processing birth, death and marriage certificates, vendors/solicitors, games of chance/bingo, and several other municipal licenses;; and where law permits, providing access to city records.



The City Clerk also serves as the Clerk to the Common Council and works with

the legislative body in the management of agendas, meetings and other Charter-mandated activities.

- Marriage Licenses: Licenses are issued, by appointment, until 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. \$40.00 and must be obtained at least 24 hours before the ceremony and is good for 60 days. Couples must appear in person and provide the following documents: -proof of age/identification (birth certificate & driver's license) -if previously married, we must see all executed, filed decrees of divorce.
- Vital Records/Genealogy: If you are researching your family history, need to obtain a certified copy of your birth or marriage record or a certified copy of a death certificate for a family member, we may be able to provide you with that information. An application must be completed or a written request provided either in person or by mail. Fees and certain restrictions apply; call for details.
- Landfill Permits: City of Johnstown residents (No Landlords / Businesses) must apply for a permit to use the Fulton County Landfill on Mud Road. Fees are as follows:
 - Landfill Permit: \$35.00 (valid from January 1st - December 31st).
 - Replacement Permit: \$5.00
 - Permit after October 1st : \$20.00 (valid until December 31st)Questions regarding the landfill can either be answered by the City Clerk's Office or by calling the Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste @ 736-5504.
- Dog Licenses: Dogs must be licensed by the age of 4 months. \$8.00 spayed/neutered or \$16.00 un-spayed/un-neutered. *Proof of current rabies must be provided in order to license your dog.
- Disabled Parking Permits: A form must be completed by your physician prior to obtaining a permit.
- Winter Parking: There are designated areas in the city where residents can park during the winter months. Permits are issued on a 1st come / 1st serve basis. There is no parking on City streets December 1st - April 1st from 12am - 6am
- Snow Plow: Permits are needed if you will be plowing areas other than your own property. Permits are \$5.00.
- Garage Sale: Permits are good for 3 consecutive days. Residents are allowed only two (2) sales per year. No charge.
- Racing / Wagering (Bingo): Please contact the City Clerk to discuss the procedure necessary to obtain a permit.
- Sidewalk / Driveway / Curb-cut / Street-opening / Tree: Fees vary depending on permit needed.

- Vendor / Solicitors Permits: Please contact the City Clerk to discuss the procedure necessary to obtain permit.
- Sign Permits: \$50.00 per year, in addition there is a per sign fee issued by the Codes office.

CODES OFFICE



The Code Enforcement Office enforces and administers the Zoning Ordinance.

The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Johnstown divides the City into Districts and regulates and restricts the location, construction and use of buildings, structures and uses of land in these districts. The Zoning Districts and Regulations set forth have been established in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Please contact the Codes Office prior to doing work around your home; a permit may be required. (518) 736-4076

Permits are required for, but not limited to:

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| Roofs | Signs, Awnings, etc. | Fences |
| Decks | Windows | Additions |
| Plumbing | Garages, Carports | Sheds |
| Fire | Multiple dwellings | Tank removal |
| Heating | New Construction | Demolition |

Fees vary by permit.

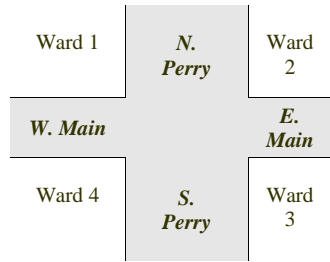
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works is responsible for constructing and maintaining the City's infrastructure as it pertains to streets, sanitary sewer and storm sewer. They provide the



operation and maintenance of city-owned buildings and grounds. We department accomplishes some of the work with our employees and equipment; the rest is contracted to private firms, such as large paving projects. In this way, our citizens receive the benefit of the best service at the least possible cost. Our DPW employees take an active role in the beautification of the City.

| | <u>Garbage</u> | <u>Recycling</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <u>Ward 1</u> | Friday | 1st & 3rd Thursday |
| <u>Ward 2</u> | Wednesday | 1st & 3rd Thursday |
| <u>Ward 3</u> | Tuesday | 1st & 3rd Friday |
| <u>Ward 4</u> | Thursday | 1st & 3rd Friday |



GARBAGE COLLECTION CHANGES FOR 2023

- July 4th will be collected on Wednesday, July 5th
- November 10th will be collected on Monday, November 13th
- November 23rd will be collected on Friday, November 24th

Things to remember regarding garbage collection:

- Must be placed in front of your residence no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of your scheduled collection.
- Clear plastic bags must be used.
- Only household garbage is accepted. Ex. of items not considered garbage are: yard debris, construction material, appliances, large electronics, paint, needles, etc.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding your pickup please call the City Engineer's Office at 736-4014.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2023

Christmas Tree Pickup
Sand Barrel pickup

December 27th – January 31st
End of March – early April

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| Spring curbside brush pickup & opening of brush dropoff site | End of March – early April |
| Spring Clean up (Prindle Ave behind the Senior Center) | Thursday, May 18 th 11 am - 7 pm Friday, May 19 th 11 am - 7 pm Saturday, May 20 th 8 am - 1 pm |
| Fall curbside brush pickup | First week of November – day after Thanksgiving |
| Brush Drop off closes | First week in December |
| Sand Barrels put out | First week in December |

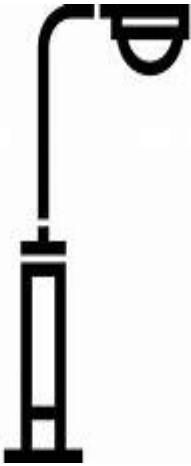
New York State Law as of January 1, 2012: Private and Municipal haulers are no longer allowed to dispose of electronics in the landfill. Therefore, the Department of Public Works can no longer pick up of the following items with household garbage; a free electronics recycling location is available at the Department of Solid Waste for residents to dispose of these items:

- Computers or monitors
- small scale servers
- electronic keyboards
- digital converter boxes
- portable music players
- VCRs / DVD players, electronic or video game consoles
- small electronic equipment (including any cabled, corded or wired devices, mice or similar pointing devices)
- Televisions, cable or satellite receivers
- computer peripherals - cables, cords, wiring
- cathode ray tubes
- fax machines, scanners, printers
- Digital recording devices

Spring Clean Up / Drop off Program

This service is for Johnstown City residents and property owners.

- NO contractors, businesses, commercial users or dump trucks!!!! Cars, vans and pickup trucks only.
- Limited to the equivalent of 2 pickup truck loads per resident
- No fee charged for the disposal of furniture, appliances, home improvement project materials or misc. junk
- Unacceptable items included:
paint, propane tanks, motor oil, curbside recycling or regular weekly trash, liquid waste, batteries, leaves/brush or hazardous waste.
- Tires; limit to 4 per household at no charge. Must be off the rim.
- Remove refrigerator and freezer doors. REMOVE FOOD!!!!



Street Light Problems

To report problems with street lights (staying on during the day, cycling on and off, dim, exposed wires, light making noise, etc.), you can do so directly to National Grid web page @ www.nationalgrid.com and entering the information. Click on Your Account and scroll down to Street Lighting. Be sure to have the address of the pole and it would also be helpful to have the pole number (located directly on pole).

The police department also sends a monthly report of outages to National Grid.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Johnstown fire department is committed to the protection of life, property and the environment. As an emergency response and community service organization our goals are to limit the risk of fire, to limit injury and property damage associated with fire, explosions, hazardous materials incidents, storms or other natural and technological emergencies; to prepare City forces for disaster response, and to better prepare the community for self-help in the event of a major disaster.



Emergency Dial: **911**
Non-Emergency: (518) 736-4079

Please have your house number posted & visible to assist emergency personnel.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Johnstown Police Department is to serve and protect the people and property within the corporate limits of the City of Johnstown. We will enforce all state and local laws in a professional manner with courtesy and fairness.

They consider it their duty and privilege, to not only to protect our citizens from the criminals but also to protect and defend the rights guaranteed under our structure of government.

Emergency Dial: **911**

Non-Emergency: (518) 736-4021

Office is open 7 days a week 6am—10pm; after 10pm call Dispatch: (518) 736-2100 or 911

PLANNING BOARD

If there is a matter to be heard before the Planning Board, it will be heard on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm in City Hall. Meetings are only held if there is an agenda.



If you are required to have a matter heard before the board you must contact the Codes Office @736-4076 and fill out the necessary application. The application must be completed and turned in to the Codes Office at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Applications not received within that period will be scheduled for the next meeting of the following month.

SENIOR CENTER



The center offers a wide variety of classes ranging from educational, health-related, or social. The center does offer some weekend events and times available for a safe and quiet space for seniors. A sheltered setting for frailer adults through the Adult Day Program is also available. Family members or care givers are welcome to visit the program or make referrals for someone who may need a more structured setting. In addition, offers a county sponsored meal site which serves a hot noon time meal every weekday.

Staff at the center consists of the Central Executive Director, secretary, two program coordinators, several program aides, and a custodian. As guests are always welcome, any center staff member would be happy to provide a center tour and further outline upcoming programs. The Senior Center staff is ready to assist any member or guest and we strongly encourage utilizing the programs and services available at this center. Now is the time to enjoy your earned leisure time, to keep your health and social life active, to try a new hobby, and to share your time and talents with others.

Johnstown Meal Site

Fulton County Office of the Aging offers a meal site at the Center. Each weekday the meal site is open at 10am and a delicious hot meal is served at 12pm. Reservations are necessary, one day in advance, and may be placed by calling 736-5650.

WATER

Our constant goal, is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and to protect our water resources.



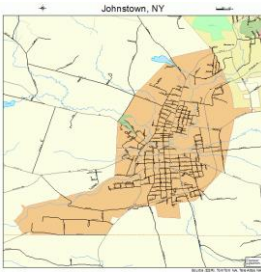
We want our valued customers to be informed about their drinking water.

The City bills each and every water customer semi-annually based on water meter usage.

Water Conservation Tips:

- use water saving showerheads
- repair all leaks in your plumbing system
- water your lawn sparingly in the early morning or late evening
- do only full loads of wash and dishes
- wash your car with a bucket and a hose with a nozzle
- don't cut your lawn too short; longer grass saves water

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit our customers. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have any questions @ 736-4027.



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

If there is a matter to be heard before the Zoning Board, it will be heard on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:45 pm in City Hall. Meetings are only held if there is an agenda.

If you would like to have a matter heard before the board you must contact the Codes Office @736-4076 and fill out the necessary application. The application must be completed and turned in to the Codes Office at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Applications not received within that period will be scheduled for the next meeting of the following month.

All zoning matters must be published in the paper as a legal notice, a \$15 fee is imposed and must be paid to the City Clerk's Office once you have filed an application with the Codes Office.

2023 MEETING & HOLIDAY CLOSING DATES

Meeting dates are highlighted & Holidays / Closings are underlined.

Common Council meetings are open to the public and held on the 3rd Monday of each month, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd floor in City Hall @ 6 p.m.

January

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City offices closed 2nd

City offices closed 16th

Christmas tree pickup ends January 31st

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City offices closed 20th

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Begin picking up sand barrels

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Curbside brush pickup begins, brush drop off opens

City offices closed ½ day on 7th

May

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City-wide garage sale May 12th - 15th
Spring cleanup / drop off May 18th - 20th

City offices closed 29th

June

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City offices closed 19th

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City offices closed 4th

No garbage on the 4th; double pickup on the 5th

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City offices closed 4th

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City offices closed 9th

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Curbside leaf pickup begins

City offices closed 10th;
No garbage collection. Collected on 13th

City offices closed 23rd;
No garbage collection, Collected on 24th
Curbside leaf pickup ends 24th & Brush drop off closed for season

December

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Begin putting out sand barrels
Sand is available on Prindle Ave behind JACC

City offices closed 25th

Christmas tree pickup begins

A BRIEF LOOK AT OUR HISTORY

This brief history of the City of Johnstown has been provided by our City Historian, Noel S. Levee. If you are interested in further information please contact Noel @762-7419.

Kalaneka

During the early 18th Century, the area that is now known as Johnstown was the Indian resort area called Kalaneka; a place where one stops to fill his bowl with food and drink. This was a very familiar spot as it was the junction point for all the early trails and the main trail became William Street where the Indians would camp on the high bluffs. A winding little stream below, known as the Cayadutta Creek, flowed south to the Mohawk River.

Johnstown

In 1753, William Johnson received from Goldsborow Banyar, Under Secretary of New York, "a conveyance...of one sixth part of a tract of land granted to Arent Stevens and others", on about 20,000 acres which Johnson named the Kingsborough Patent. At this spot, he would build a home for himself and a town named after his son John.

By 1754, Johnson was actively settling Palatine Germans on this Patent. **The year of 1758 is given as the beginning of clearing the land for his home and town.** Johnson's overseer, Thomas Flood, was already haying and harvesting crops by 1760.

The lack of specialization, normal to the frontier, encouraged Johnson to advertise in big-city newspapers for tradesmen and artificers who would make goods for the settlers or process the raw materials the frontier produced. He welcomed a sword-maker, hatter, breeches maker, indentured shoemaker, tanner, wheelwright, collar maker, surveyor and a gunsmith. Robert Adems, the storekeeper, used the endless ashes created by the clearing of the fields to make potash. Johnson's nephew, Dr. John Dease from Ireland, was the first neighborhood physician followed by Robert Adems' brother, Dr. William Adems. Johnson Hall and some other buildings on the plantation were completed in 1763.

By 1770, the town was endowed with several "good houses" and a "neat stone church", one or more grist and saw mills and a steady stream of new inhabitants were developing other industries. The town consisted of four north and south streets with four that ran east and west. Johnson also opened one of the first free co-ed and interracial schools in New York. "The town", Johnson wrote in 1771, "is a mere thoroughfare, every day full of sleds...which really makes the place

more lively than Albany or Schenectady, who are suffering from the want of snow".

Johnson's petition in 1771 to establish the county seat at Johnstown, which lies "at the terminus of several public roads and where there is a good church, parsonage and Glebe and about 20 houses", was adopted the following year. A new church was built in 1772 and the courthouse and jail were completed in 1773.

The Hall Plantation and the town were built to be Sir William Johnson's personal retirement community, a place where he could enjoy his remaining years. Johnson felt that his enjoyment of good living was another of his virtues. He believed his example would "stir up a spirit of industry amongst the people here".

Points of Interest

Johnstown Historical Society
17 North William Street
Johnstown, New York 12095
518-762-7076

<http://fulton.nygenweb.net/history/johnsvisit.html>

Johnson Hall State Historic Site
139 Hall Avenue
Johnstown, New York 12095
518-762-8712

<http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/10/details.aspx>

Walk in the Footsteps of Elizabeth Cady Stanton
A 1 hour, 1 mile cell phone tour
518-406-7081

www.elizabethcadystantonhometown.org

Community Information

Voting

Polling Places

Ward 1; Trackside Homes (Community Hall), W. State Street (Robin Circle)

Ward 2; Senior Citizens Center, 109 E. Main Street

Ward 3; First Baptist Church; 325 South Comrie Avenue

Ward 4; Grace Lutheran Church, W. Montgomery Street

Register to Vote

Fulton County Board of Elections

2714 St. Hwy. 29, Suite 1

Johnstown, New York 12095-9946

(518)736-5526

County and State

County Representative

Jon Stead, Clerk of the Board

Fulton County Board of Supervisors

223 West Main Street

Johnstown, New York 12095

Phone: (518) 736-5540 / Fax: (518) 762-0224

Email: fultbos@co.fulton.ny.us

Board – City of Johnstown

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|--------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Ward 1 | Jared Goderie | 133 Hall Avenue | 727-9095 |
| Ward 2 | G. Michael Kinowski | 108 N. Perry St. | 736-4613 |
| Ward 3 | John E. Callery | 23 Cady St. | 762-1884 |
| Ward 4 | Michael Bowman | 23 S. William Street | 774-4555 |

Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce

Anne Boles, Director

2 North Main Street

Gloversville, New York 12078

Phone: (518) 725-0641 / Fax: (518) 725-0643

Email: infor@fultonmontgomeryny.org