



CITY OF JOHNSTOWN



2024 RESIDENT INFORMATION

Amy Praught, Mayor
33-41 E. Main Street, PO Box 160
Johnstown, New York 12095
apraught@cityofjohnstown.ny.gov



CITY HALL BUSINESS HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm
Emergency call “911”

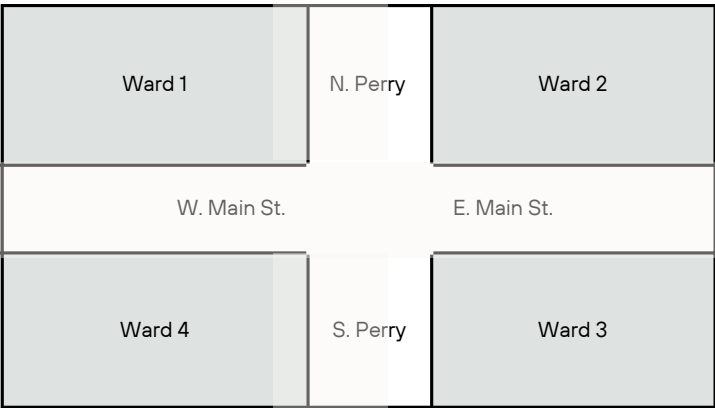
Phone Directory.

Amy Praught, Mayor736-4012

Council Members

Scott Jeffers, at Large.....859-0425
Brad Hayner, Ward 1.....848-1584
Scott Miller, Ward 2.....332-8287
Eric Parker, Ward 3.....762-2501
Max Spritzer, Ward 4.....848-4416

Treasurer / Tax Collector736-4017
Clerk 736-4011
Attorney 736-4018
Assessor 736-4015
Engineer736-4014
Police736-4021
Codes736-4076
Fire..... 736-4079
Senior Center..... 762-4643
Water..... 736-4017
Historian762-2777
City Court706-3310



Website: cityofjohnstown.ny.gov

Facebook: [City of Johnstown, New York](https://www.facebook.com/CityofJohnstown)

2024

MEETING DATES & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

January							February							March						
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Meeting dates are shaded.

Holidays are outlined in red. March 29th is a 1/2 day (Good Friday)

When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as the holiday.

When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed as the holiday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

1st - offices closed
15th - offices closed
31st - last day for
Christmas Tree pickup

FEBRUARY

19th - offices closed

MARCH

25th - 29th begin
picking up sand barrels
29th - offices close at
noon

APRIL

1st - Brush dropoff
opens (weather
permitting)
4th - 12th - curbside
brush pickup begins
(weather permitting)

MAY

10th-12th - City wide
Garage Sale
16th-18th - Spring
cleanup/dropoff
27th - offices closed

JUNE

19th - offices closed
No garbage pickup;
double pickup on 20th

JULY

4th - offices closed
No garbage pickup;
double pickup on 5th

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

2nd - offices closed

OCTOBER

14th - offices closed

NOVEMBER

4th-27th - Curbside leaf
pickup
11th - offices closed
27th - Brush dropoff
closed for season
28th-29th - offices closed;
No garbage pickup on
28th; double pickup on
29th

DECEMBER

2nd - 6th begin putting
out sand barrels
25th - offices closed
No garbage pickup;
double pickup on 26th

ASSESSOR

The Assessor's Office is responsible for assessing real property in the City of Johnstown and administering real property tax exemptions to any eligible individuals or organizations. Annual assessment rolls are published on May 1 (tentative) and July 1 (final).

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

Qualifications for Enhanced Star:

- property must be owner-occupied
- property must be primary residence of the owner,
- all owners must be at least 65 years of age (if husband and wife only one has to meet age requirement),
- 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
- an application, along with supporting documents must be filed no later than March 1st



Qualifications for Basic Star:

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

DATES WHICH AFFECT THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- 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



Image Mate Online Real Property Look Up

Image Mate Online is Fulton County's commitment to provide the public with easy access to real property information. Fulton County, with the cooperation of SDG, provides access to RPS data, tax maps, and photographic images of properties

<https://gis.fultoncountyny.gov/imo/index.aspx>



TREASURER

The City Treasurer is the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City and is ultimately responsible for the management of City funds as authorized by state law. This includes the authorization for and payment of all vouchers, claims, and other authorized disbursements and maintenance of city accounts. Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Taxes

<https://pay.xpresspay.com/org/BBCD27342B254DC>

Surcharge Fees:

- echeck (provide account & routing number) - \$2.75
- debit/credit card - 2.85% plus \$0.40



Parking Tickets

RMC | Ticketing and Enforcement (rmcpay.com)

Surcharge Fee:

- \$3.95 per ticket

CITY CLERK

*We are Here
to Help You!*



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: processing birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing municipal licenses; the administration of elections within the City of Johnstown and, where law permits, providing access to city records.

The City Clerk 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.

Below is a list of the most common permits requested (this is not an all-inclusive list).

- 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 @ 736-5501.

- 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 Dr. prior to obtaining a permit.
- Winter Parking: No parking on City streets December 1st - April 1st; 12am - 6am. There are designated areas in the city where residents can park during winter months. Permits are issued on a 1st come / 1st serve basis.
- Snow Plow: A Permits is required if you will be plowing areas other than your own property. \$5.00
- Garage Sale: Permits are good for 3 consecutive days. Residents are allowed two (2) sales per year. No charge.
- Racing / Wagering (Bingo): Please contact the City Clerk to discuss the procedure necessary
- 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
- Parades, Processions, Races and Special Events or City property Use Permit
- FOIL Requests - city records only. FOIL Requests for Police must be sent to police department

VITAL RECORDS

Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages



VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE, BIRTH, DEATH & GENEALOGY

Eligibility requirements to receive copies of Birth, Marriage or Death Records

INFORMATION WILL NOT BE GIVEN OUT OVER THE PHONE. A WRITTEN REQUEST AND PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION (such as a driver's license) MUST BE PROVIDED. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 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 help provide you with that information. An application/written request must be completed, either in person or by mail, and identification is required. Certain restrictions may apply; call for details.
- Fees:
 - Genealogy: \$11.00 for each name that you are researching. Genealogy searches cannot be certified.
 - Certified copies: \$10.00 for each certified copy requested.

Additional information can be found at the [New York State Department of Health](#).



MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Please call the City Clerk's Office for an appointment. Marriage licenses are issued between 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 518-736-4011
- \$40.00* and must be obtained at least 24 hours before the ceremony and is good for 60 days.
- Couples must appear in person. The City Clerk will not issue licenses at a location other than the Clerk's office.
- Complete application; available online or at City Hall
- Driver's Licenses
- Birth Certificates
- If previously married, all executed decrees of divorce must be indicated and provided.
- Other restrictions may apply. Please visit: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/4210.pdf>



*The marriage license fee is waived for full-time, active duty military, with proper valid Identification.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

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:

- Roofs
- Signs
- Awnings
- Fences
- Decks
- Windows
- Additions
- Plumbing
- Garages
- Carports
- Sheds
- Outdoor fire pits
- Multiple dwellings
- Tank removal
- Heating
- New Construction
- Demolition

*Fees vary by permit



PLANNING / ZONING

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.

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.

DPW / ENGINEER

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. The 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.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

<u>WARD</u>	<u>PICKUP</u>	<u>RECYCLING (Fulton County Solid Waste)</u>
1	Friday	1st & 3rd Thursday - north end
2	Wednesday	1st & 3rd Thursday - north end
3	Tuesday	1st & 3rd Friday – south end
4	Thursday	1st & 3rd Friday – south end



CHANGES FOR 2024

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.

- June 19th will be collected on Thursday, June 20th
- July 4th will be collected on Friday, July 5th
- November 28th will be collected on Friday, November 29th
- December 26th will be collected on Thursday, December 27th



Water Conservation Tips

- use water saving showerheads
- repair all leaks in your plumbing system
- water your lawn 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

The City of Johnstown Dept. of Public Works maintains all water infrastructures within the city limits.

- For questions related to current service please contact 518-736-4014
- For new connections please contact the Code Enforcement Office to start the process with the appropriate building permit.

Our primary mission is to plan for, operate, and maintain both the infrastructure and the organization necessary to offer high quality drinking water in conjunction with providing an adequate and reliable water supply for all household, commercial, and community needs.

We strive to provide safe, quality water for residents to drink, supply water for industries to manufacture goods and protect the region's water resources.



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

Billing Questions?
518-736-4017

Should you encounter a water / sewer emergency after normal business hours please contact the Police Department at 518-736-4021, they will contact the appropriate department to address the issue.



Chief: Bruce Heberer
244 North Perry Street
Johnstown, New York 12095

Non-Emergency: (518) 736-4079
info@johnstownfire.com

Emergency Dial: 911

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 their 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.

The Fire Department also provides Advanced Life Support First Response Service to residents of the City of Johnstown and Fulton County



Chief: David F. Gilbo
Captain: Eric J. Johnson
33-41 E. Main Street
Johnstown, New York 12095

Non-Emergency: (518) 736-4021
jpd@cityofjohnstown.ny.gov

Emergency Dial: 911

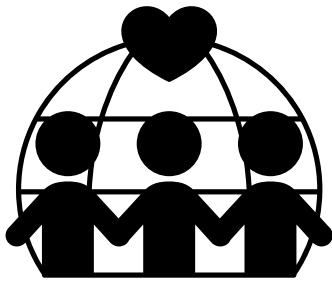
The mission of the Johnstown Police Department is to serve and protect the people and property within the corporate limits of the City of Johnstown and to enforce all state and local laws in a professional manner, with courtesy and fairness.

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

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



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



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Polling Places

- Ward 1; Trackside Homes (Community Hall) W. State Street
- 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

Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce

Anne Boles, Executive Director
2 North Main Street
Gloversville, New York 12078
Phone: (518) 725-0641 / Fax: (518) 725-0643
Email: info@fultonmontgomeryny.org

County Representatives

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

- Ward 1 Jared Goderie
- Ward 2 G. Michael Kinowski
- Ward 3 Tom Roehl
- Ward 4 John David Praught

Senior Center

Home of the 50 Plus Club



The Shirley J Luck Senior Center is a multiple service center designed to meet the needs of adults. The building is home to the “Fifty-Plus Club” with weekly programs every Thursday for all to enjoy.

We offer approximately 15 trips a year (some day and some two or three days).

Our mission is to promote good health and an active lifestyle for the well being of today’s adults and do so by providing a safe environment for members and guests to mingle. Diedrie M. Roemer, Center Director states “Together with the staff here at the Senior Center, our focus is what is of interest to Senior Citizens. We provide educational programs to help today’s seniors know and understand all of their options in these ever changing times. We also host seasonal specials, traditional repeats because members want them back and are constantly looking for what’s new and interesting to Senior Citizens.”

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.

A BRIEF LOOK AT OUR HISTORY



Points of Interest

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

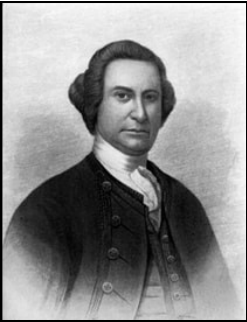
<http://fulton.nygenweb.net/history/johnsvisit.html>

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



William Johnson, born circa 1715 in the Kingdom of Ireland, moved to the Province of New York to establish a settlement on a large tract of undeveloped land, to be known as Warrensburgh, for his uncle, Admiral Peter Warren. Johnson was a trader who learned American Indian languages and culture, forming close relationships with many Native American Leaders. Because of his success, he was appointed as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, as well as a Major General in the British forces during the French and Indian War.

His alliances with the Iroquois were significant to the war. As a reward for his services, Johnson received large tracts of land in what are now Hamilton and Fulton counties. In 1760 the Mohawks of Canajoharie gave Johnson a tract of about 80,000 acres north of the Mohawk River. This was one of several large tracts of land that Johnson acquired from the Mohawk and Iroquois using his position as a royal Indian agent. By the time of his death, Johnson had accumulated about 170,000 acres and was one of the largest land owners in British America, surpassed only by the Penn and van Rennsalaer families.



In 1760 Johnson founded the City of Johnstown – he named the new settlement, originally called John's Town, after his son John. There, at Crown expense, he established a free school for both white and Mohawk children. As the area initially owned and settled by Johnson grew, he convinced the Governor, Lord William Tryon, to establish a new county in upstate New York west of Albany County. This new county was named Tryon, after the governor, and Johnstown was made the county seat. The County Courthouse, built by Johnson in 1772, partly at his own expense, still stands today, as the oldest operating courthouse in New York.



Daniel Cady is today perhaps best known as the father of the prominent women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who was born in Johnstown in 1815. Stanton, who later worked in partnership with Susan B. Anthony and served for many years as president of the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA), spent her childhood in Johnstown, where she studied at the Johnstown Academy. It was one of the first schools in New York to receive a teaching certificate issued by the newly formed state education system in the later 19th century. After leaving to continue her education in Troy, New York, Stanton returned to Johnstown with her husband Henry Brewster Stanton, a lawyer and abolitionist who studied law under her father, Daniel Cady.

Johnstown, together with Seneca Falls, NY, where Elizabeth Cady Stanton helped organize the first Women's Rights Convention held in 1848, lays claim to being the birthplace of the Women's Rights Movement in the United States. Stanton's speech, The Declaration of Sentiments, given at the Seneca Falls convention and modeled on the "Declaration of Independence", is generally credited with instigating the women's suffrage movement in the United States.