

## Willows Monthly - April 2025



### Top Stories

- **Sunday, April 13 @ 6:30 pm** - Public Meeting to Discuss City's Community Development Block Grant Application
- **Tuesday, April 15 @ 5:30 pm** - Townhall Meeting to Discuss City Budget & Measure I Funds
- Two new Planning Commissioners appointed!
- Jensen Park Pathway Improvement Project Completed
- 2025 Annual Weed Abatement Season is Underway!

### Upcoming Meetings

## Public Meeting - City's Community Development Block Grant Application

- Sunday, April 13 @ 6:30 pm

## Finance & Measure I Oversight Committee

- Tuesday, April 15 - Townhall Meeting @ 5:30 PM

## Willows Rural Fire District - Proposition 218 Assessment Ballot Tabulation

- Wednesday, April 16 @ 5:00 pm, 445 South Butte Street

## City Council

- April 22 - Regular Meeting @6:00PM
- May 13 - Regular Meeting @6:00PM

## Planning Commission

- May 6 - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

## ADMINISTRATION

### General Operations, City Clerk's Office & Economic Development

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**City Budget & Measure I Townhall Meeting On Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 pm**, the Finance and Measure i Oversight Committee will hold a townhall meeting to discuss anticipated and projected Measure i revenues and expenditures.



The meeting will provide the opportunity for community members to share their goals and objectives for Measure I funds for the upcoming FY 2025-26 budget and future years. For more information, review the [City's press release](#).

### Two New Planning Commissioners Appointed

On April 8, 2025, the City Council approved the recommendation of the Council Ad Hoc Committee to appoint Cristina Ocampo and Keith Corum to the Willows Planning Commission for the Terms ending December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2027, respectively.

Cristina Ocampo and Keith Corum will be sworn in at the next Planning Commission Meeting on May 6, 2025.

### CITY COUNCIL ACTION ROUNDUP:

**March 11, March 25 and April 8 City Council Meetings**

### **March 11 Council Meeting**

- Received the Willows Fire Department's Annual Fire Department Presentation containing the 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Planned Projects.
- Authorized the City Manager to purchase automated lighting equipment from MUSCO and procure a licensed contractor to install the lighting equipment at Jensen Park East and West Softball Fields in an amount not to exceed \$37,730.
- Authorized the city Manager to execute a temporary construction Easement with PG&E to lease two city-owned parcels on the corner of Butte and French streets for \$1880 per month for construction staging.
- Approved letters of support for AB 476 - Enhanced Enforcement Against Copper Theft, SB 496 - Improving Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, and SB 74 - Critical Infrastructure Grants.
- Adopted Resolution 09-2025 and approved a letter of support to install Purple Heart Trail signage along California Highway 162.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute the 2025 Street Banner Program.

### **March 25 Council Meeting**

- Proclaimed March 29, 2025 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.
- Approved Resolution 10-2025 Amending the City of Willows Conflict of Interest code and Administrative Policy 5-1.
- Authorized the City Manager to purchase a tow behind woodchipper from Bandit Industries, Inc.; and to execute a contract with the lowest responsive bidder for the purchase of a Tink Claw backhoe attachment and Diamond stump grinder backhoe attachment using grant funds.
- Adopted Ordinance 764-2025 to designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
- Authorized the City Manager to sell city owned properties, Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 002-101-009, 002-101-006, and 003-113-006 in accordance with State law and best municipal practices.

### **April 8 Council Meeting**

- Proclaimed the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Proclaimed April 20-26th as National Volunteer Week.
- Received presentation by Dr. Jared Garrison regarding challenges youth face and how the community may help them.
- Approved a letter of opposition for for SB 79 - Transit Oriented Development.
- Authorized Resolution 11-2025 accepting the improvements associated with the Jensen Park Pathway Improvement Project, and authorized the filing of the project's Notice of Completion.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with California Water Service to increase the billing fee 2.5% for commercial accounts, from \$2.13 to \$2.18, effective January 1, 2025.
- Approved the recommendation to appoint Cristina Ocampo and Keith Corum to

the Planning Commission.

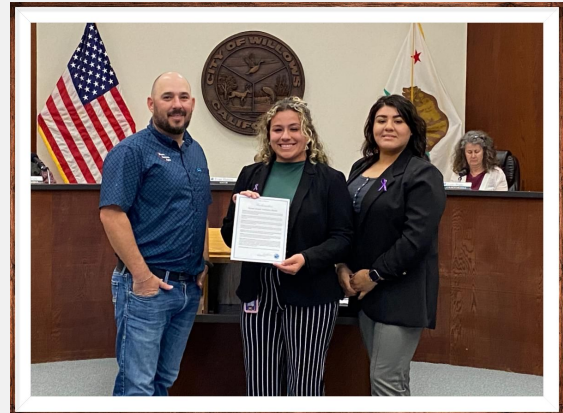
- Adopted the Contract Template as the City's standard contract to use for projects/services that exceed \$10,000.
- Authorized staff to move forward with hiring a Part-time Children's Librarian.



Members of the VFW Auxiliary Post 1770 accept the Proclamation designating March 29, 2025 as **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**.



Lisa Permann and Cynthia Reyes, on behalf of Glenn County Child Welfare Services, accept the Proclamation designating April as **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**.



Leticia Ojedo and Dulce Perez, on behalf of the Glenn County Victim Witness Program, accept the Proclamation designating April as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

Building, Code Enforcement, Engineering, Planning, Public Works, Sewage, Public Facilities, Fleet and Capital Projects

**Public Meeting - Community**

# Development Block Grant

Join the City of Willows for a public meeting on April 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at 201 North Lassen Street to discuss possible applications for funding under the [State Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Program](#). For more information, review the [published public notice](#).



## Code Enforcement

The City of Willows is ramping up its Code Enforcement efforts this spring with a renewed focus on addressing nuisance properties throughout the community. This includes properties with excessive trash, debris, or waste accumulation in yards, which not only detract from



neighborhood appearance but can also attract pests and pose public health concerns. By proactively identifying and addressing these issues, the City aims to promote cleaner, safer, and more attractive neighborhoods for all residents.

In addition to waste and debris, Code Enforcement is also targeting visible safety hazards and the presence of abandoned or inoperable vehicles stored in yards. These conditions can create blight and pose safety risks to the public. Property owners are encouraged to take steps to bring their properties into compliance and are reminded that maintaining a clean and hazard-free yard is not only a civic responsibility but a key part of preserving neighborhood pride and property values. The City appreciates the community's cooperation as these important efforts continue.

## Willows Municipal Code

### Fun Fact:

#### [Title 8- Health and Safety](#)

#### Chapter 8.10- Nuisances

#### **8.10.160 Summary Abatement of Immediate Dangers.**

(1) Whenever any condition on or use of property causes or constitutes or reasonably appears to cause or constitute an imminent or immediate



danger to the health or safety of the public, the condition or use may be summarily abated by the city without notice of hearing. Reasonable attempts to contact the owner by phone or in person shall be made.

(2) When summary abatement is necessary, it shall be ordered only by the city manager, the Willows police chief, fire chief, or the person performing their duties.

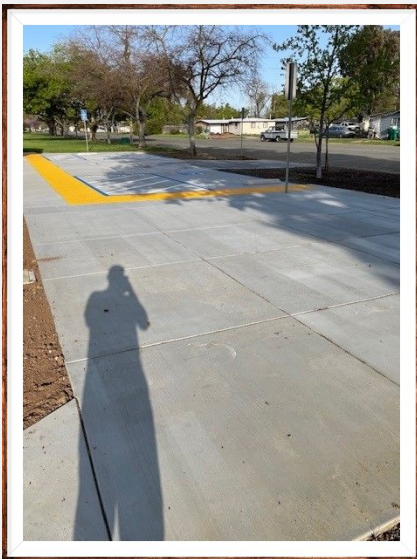
(3) Summary abatement shall be limited to those actions necessary to eliminate the immediate threat to the public health and safety.

(4) Notice of the summary abatement shall be provided to the owner or other responsible parties as provided for in WMC 8.10.080 as soon as practical.

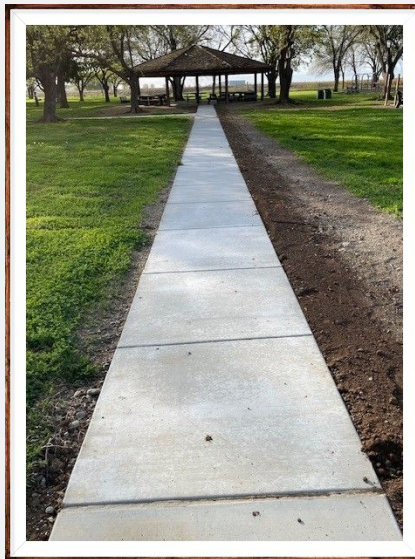
(5) The cost and expenses of a summary abatement shall be made a lien on the property and shall be collected pursuant to the procedure found in WMC 8.10.150. [Ord. 626-90, 11-27-90. Prior code § 9-78].

## Engineering Division

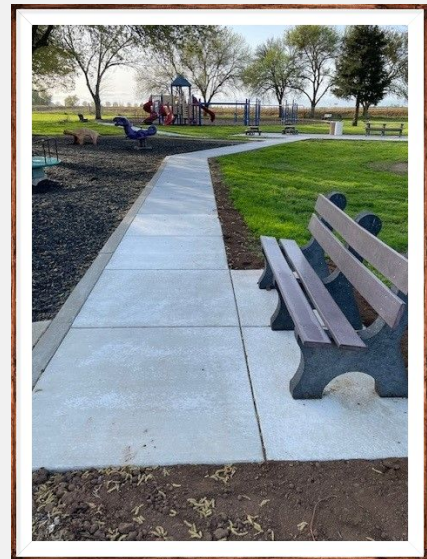
**Jensen Park Pathway Improvement Project** The Jensen Park Pathway Improvement Project is now complete, with construction finishing 13 days ahead of schedule. Funded entirely through CDBG-CV2/3 grants, the project enhanced accessibility by improving sidewalk connections to key park amenities, including the main gazebo, and playgrounds. The parking area along Elm Street was also upgraded to meet ADA standards, ensuring safer and more inclusive access to the park. These improvements support the City's ongoing efforts to make public spaces more accessible and welcoming for all residents.



Parking Lot



Path to Gazebo



Bench and Path to Picnic Area

## Planning Division

## Planning Commission Approvals - April 1, 2025

### **APPROVED** - Walmart US Bank Drive Thru ATM

Design Review for the installation of a US Bank drive thru ATM located on the eastside of the Walmart parking lot.

### **APPROVED** - 6 Month Electrical Review of Tacos Ocampos

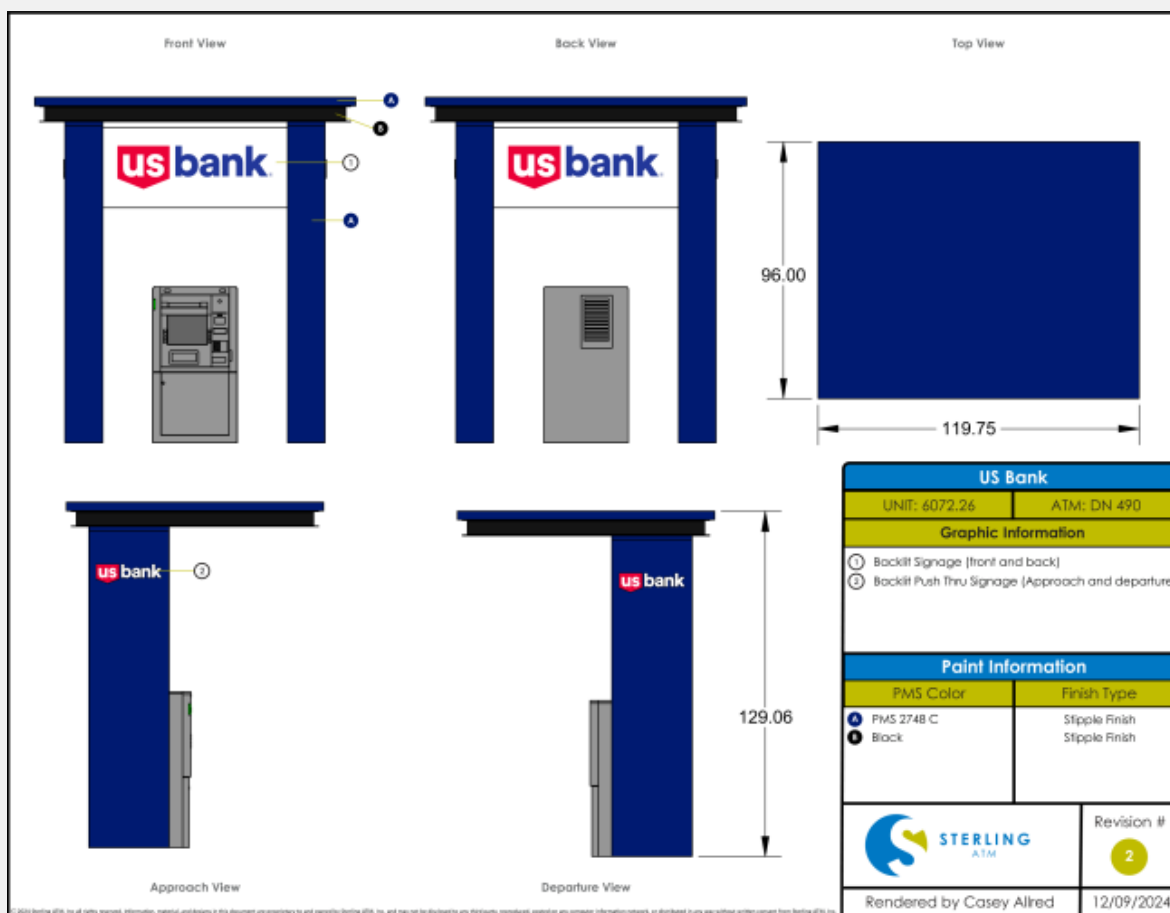
Electrical has been installed on site and connection to Calwater is near completion.

### **APPROVED** - Annual Review of Coyote Saloon Conditional Use Permit

No modifications to the permit were made as there were no issues reported from ABC, GC Sheriff's Office or Environmental Health.

## Willows Municipal Code Title 18 Section 1 Review

In preparation for the upcoming Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting on July 10, 2025 to discuss Willows Municipal Code Chapter 18 – Zoning, the Planning Commission and staff reviewed the first of three sections of the zoning code.



Walmart US Bank Drive Thru Color Elevations

## Public Works Division

With spring in full swing, Public Works is stepping up the clean-up and beautification efforts across the city; however, keeping the city looking its best is a shared

responsibility. Residents can help by properly disposing of litter, securing trash bins, and picking up after using park facilities and public spaces. Together, everyone can play a part in protecting and taking pride in the community's shared spaces.



### Jensen Park Fire Truck Repaired

Staff completed repairs to the fire truck playground equipment at Jensen Park, helping to ensure a safe play environment for children. Public Works crews have also been busy with routine maintenance, including tree trimming, weed control, and road patching.

### Skate Park Vandalism Cleaned Up

As part of continued efforts to reduce the impact of vandalism, City Staff painted over graffiti at the Skate Park. If you observe vandalism or graffiti, please report it promptly by calling 530-934-7041 and help Public Works respond quickly to maintain the cleanliness and safety of the city's public areas.



Skate Park Graffiti



Staff Painting Over Unsightly Graffiti

## Recreation Division

### Spring Soccer has Kicked Off!

Spring soccer practices and games are underway! Below is the breakdown of registrants by age group:

10-14 years old:	<b>43</b> Registrants
7-9 years old:	<b>50</b> Registrants
4-6 years old:	<b>33</b> Registrants
Total:	<b>126</b> Registrants

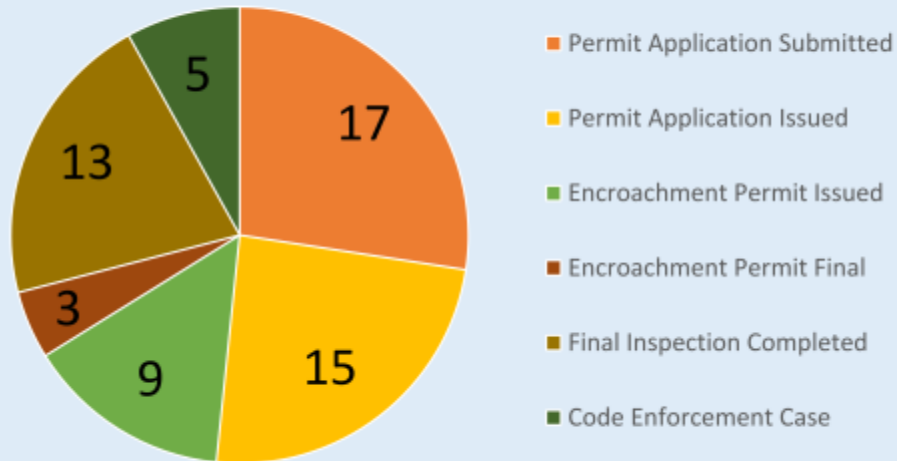
A big thank you to our Recreation Manager, dedicated coaches, referees, and all the amazing





volunteers who are making this spring soccer season possible. Your time, energy, and commitment are creating a fun and positive experience for the community's young athletes. The City truly appreciates the support and the difference your contributions make in the community!

### Community Development Activity March 2025



### Public Works Division Activity March 2025



## FINANCE

### Finance & Measure I Oversight Committee

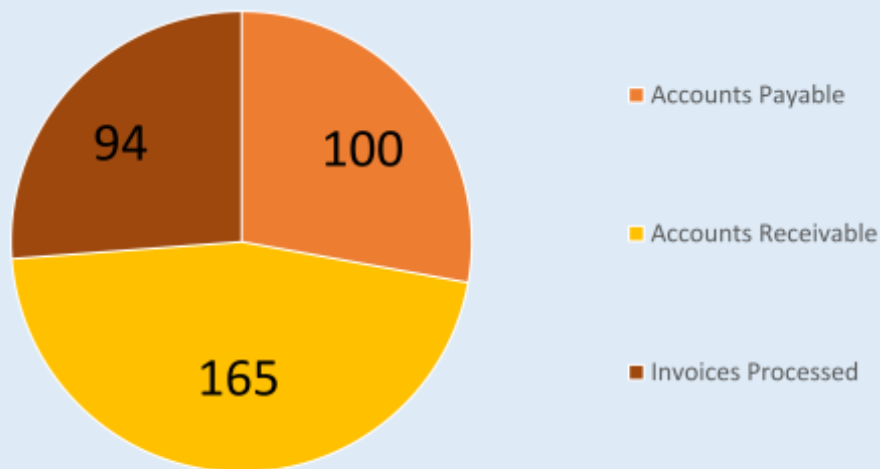
Don't miss the [April 15 FMIOC townhall meeting at 5:30 pm](#) at City Hall! Join the Committee and city staff to learn more about and provide input on this year's budget

and Measure I revenues and expenditures.

## FY 2023-24 Audit

The [Audit for the year ending June 30, 2024](#) is now complete and available on the City's website.

### Finance Activity March 2025



## FIRE

### Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services

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#### Major Local Incidents

- **March 3 - Automatic Aid Structure Fire in Orland** WFD was dispatched to a multifamily residential structure fire in Orland. WFD units sent two apparatus to help with the fire. Willows Units performed vertical ventilation, salvage and overhaul.
- **March 7- Structure Fire on the 400 block of South Plumas Street** The First arriving Willows Fire Engine arrived on scene within three minutes of initial dispatch to find fire showing from the exterior of the building. The initial engine company deployed a hose line and knocked the majority of the fire down. Additional units arrived on scene including the city's automatic aid partners from the Orland and Artois Fire Departments ensuring that the rest of the fire was extinguished. Red Cross was requested for the residents, and the cause of the fire was undetermined but not deemed suspicious upon further investigation.

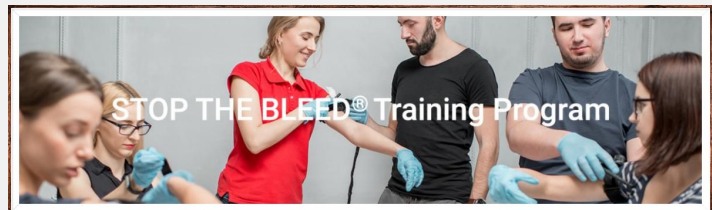


## **Pump Testing**

The Fire Department started its annual pump testing for the year. This time, the department used the new pump testing facility in Orland, which offers a more efficient and faster setup. The facility also provides the space needed to accurately test larger apparatus. Moving forward, the department plans to continue using the Orland facility for pump testing. The City is especially grateful to the City of Orland for allowing the fire department to use the site at no cost. This month, Engine 5 (City), Engine 16, Engine 14, and Water Tender 15 were all successfully tested and passed.

## **Trainings**

The Willows Fire Department conducted [Stop the Bleed Training](#) for teachers and staff at Murdock School, fulfilling a community



preparedness requirement under the Homeland Security Grant. Additional training sessions were also provided at Willows High School, Orland Unified School District, and the Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency.

## **Office of Emergency Services (OES) Prepositioning**

Willows Fire Department and other Glenn County units were the beneficiaries of emergency preposition upstaffing due to the storms from March 11 through March 18. All cost associated with these up staffed resources were funded through CAL Office of Emergency Services.

## **2025 Annual Weed Abatement Season**

The Willows Fire Department will begin it's annual Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program (AKA: Weed Abatement). For more information, please review the department's [Press Release](#).

## **Willows Rural Fire Protection District (WRFPD)**

### **WRFPD Proposition 218 Assessment**

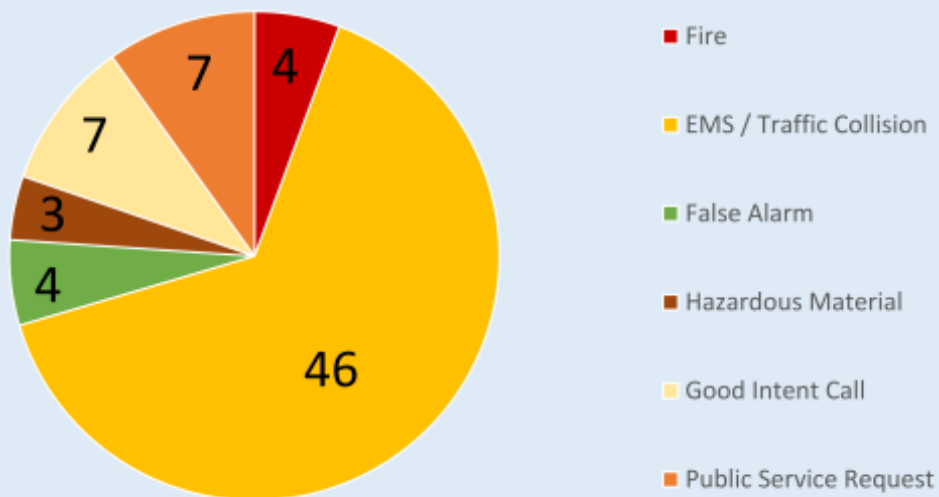
WRFPD held a community meeting in February for the ongoing Prop 218 Assessment ballot measure. Ballots will be tabulated following the conclusion of the public hearing during the WRFPD Board Meeting on April 16 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at 445 South Butte Street, Willows, California.



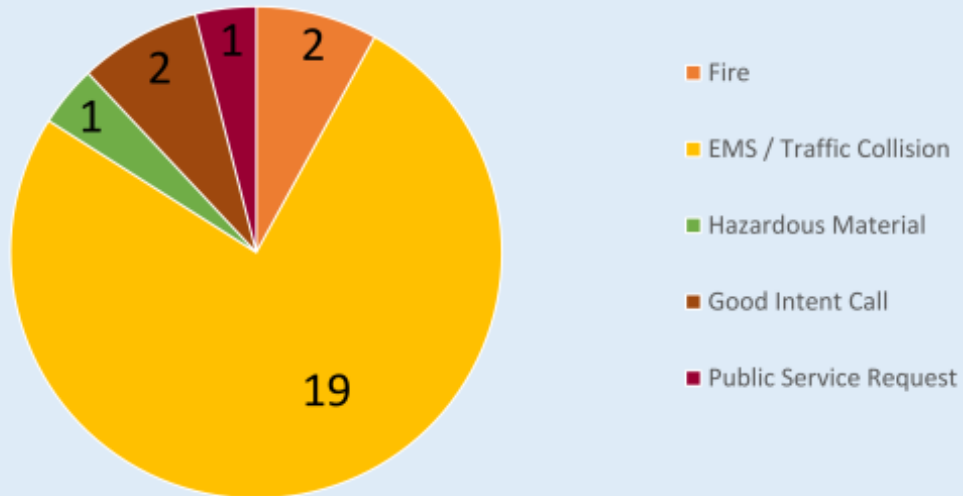
The current assessment has not been increased since its inception in 1992 and has not kept pace with rising costs of services.

While the Rural Fire District and the City are separate legal entities, they have been sharing resources and response capabilities since 1975, as well as working seamlessly together everyday to protect and serve the greater Willows community.

Willows Fire Department Activity  
March 2025



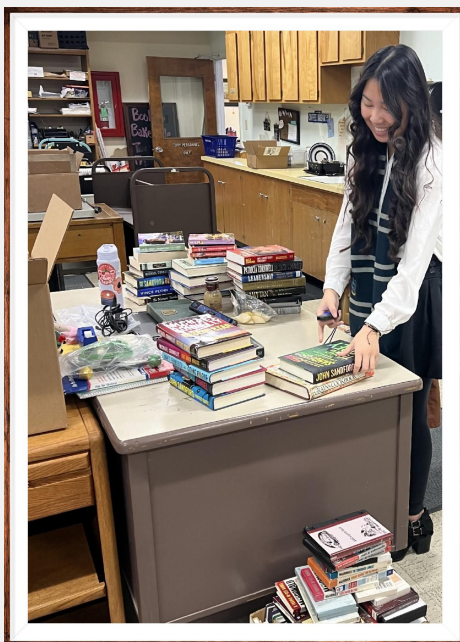
## Willows Rural Fire Protection District Activity March 2025



## LIBRARY

### Every day is Earth Day at the library !

The library has many resources on sustainability and gardening, including books and free seeds, available at the library. Get in touch with nature by checking out a Parks Explorer Backpack or a California Parks Pass for free entry to one of 200 scenic state parks.



### Thank you to the Library Volunteers!

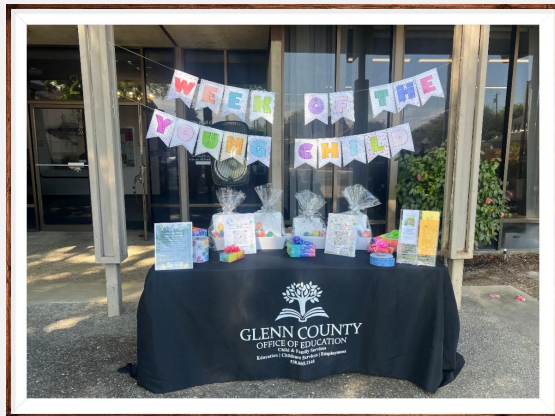
The library extends a heartfelt thank you to two of its amazing volunteers, Chloe (pictured) and Genesis! We are so grateful for the time, energy, and dedication they bring to supporting the library.

With National Volunteer Week just around the corner, it's the perfect time to recognize and appreciate all the wonderful individuals who generously give their time to help our community thrive. As Volunteer Week is celebrated from April 20-26, the library encourages everyone to take a moment to thank the volunteers in your life.

## Artsy Thursday

On Thursday, April 10, the Willows Public Library partnered with the Glenn County Office of Education to host **Artsy Thursday** as part of the Week of the Young Child. This annual event celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. This year, it was observed in Glenn County from April 5–11.

The Artsy Thursday event was a fun and creative morning featuring playdough activities, face painting, and exciting raffle prizes. It was a joyful way to support early childhood development and bring families together in celebration!



**GCOE's Week of the Young Child booth in front of City Hall.**



**Children enjoying the activities at the Willows Public Library.**

## Library Activity March 2025



Door Count - 684

Public Computer Use - 71



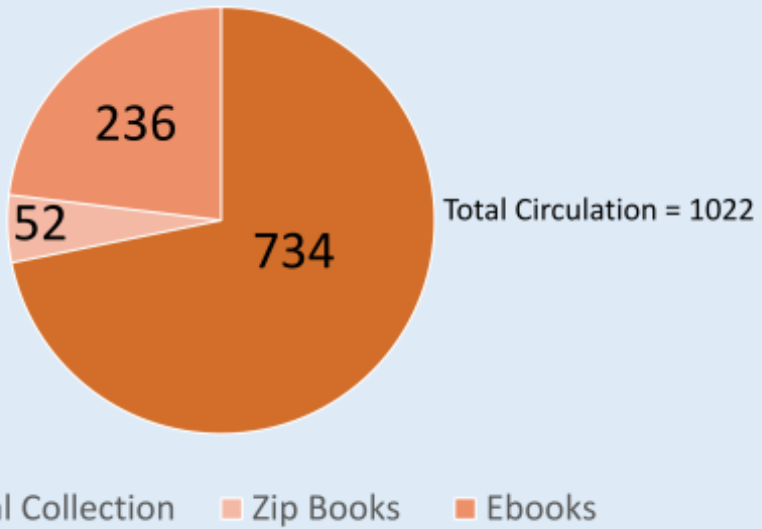
New Library Card - 20



Items Added to Collection - 64



Circulation of Materials  
March 2025



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