

Willows Monthly - July 2023

Tower Theater (1949)



Upcoming Meetings

City Council

- **July 25** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- **August 8** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- **August 22** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

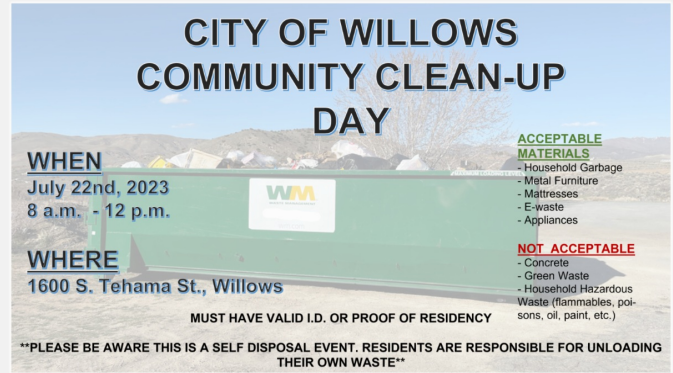
Planning Commission

- **August 16** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Willows Cleanup Day!

It's that time of year again! This Saturday, July 22, WM and the City of Willows will host its Annual Cleanup

Day at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information, check out the [City's informational flyer!](#)



**CITY OF WILLOWS
COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
DAY**

WHEN
July 22nd, 2023
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WHERE
1600 S. Tehama St., Willows

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Household Garbage
- Metal Furniture
- Mattresses
- E-waste
- Appliances

NOT ACCEPTABLE

- Concrete
- Green Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste (flammables, poisons, oil, paint, etc.)

MUST HAVE VALID I.D. OR PROOF OF RESIDENCY

****PLEASE BE AWARE THIS IS A SELF DISPOSAL EVENT. RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNLOADING THEIR OWN WASTE****

ADMINISTRATION

Community Development & Services Director

With the recent resignation of Pat Piatt, Community Development & Services Director, the City has started a new recruitment for this position. The Community Development & Services Director manages the day-to-day administration and operations of the Community Development & Services Department, including the following Divisions: Public Works (includes Engineering, Fleet, Parks, Streets, Facilities, Sewage, Stormwater and Capital Improvements), Building, Planning, Code Enforcement and Recreation.



The ideal candidate will be highly skilled at:

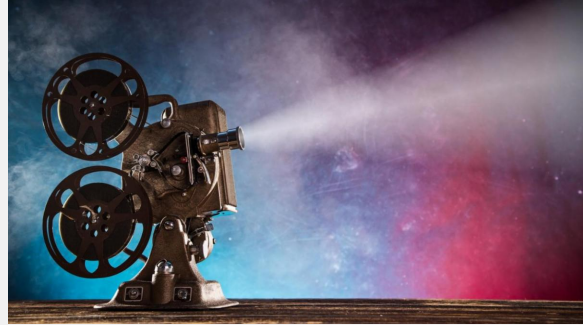
- Project management and coordination,
- Excellent customer service skills,
- Creative problem solving,
- “Big Picture” oriented (versus micromanaging),
- Focused and results oriented,
- Managing staff and giving sound direction,
- Patient and diplomatic, and
- Encouraging staff and helping them to excel.

For more information on this exciting opportunity visit the [City's webpage](#), or contact the City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, [Amos Hoover](#).

Council Chamber Audio-Visual Technology Upgrade

With the departure of the Community Development & Services Director, the City's new City Clerk/Assistant to the City

Manager, Amos Hoover, has taken over the plan and implementation to install new audio-visual equipment in the Council Chambers. This robust upgrade will bring greater presentation capability along with enhanced audio and video recording and live streaming. Residents (and other interested parties) will be able to view and hear City Council meetings from anywhere. The upgrades are projected to be operational by September.



Council Roundup - City Council Actions for June 27 and 30 and July 11

- Accept Improvements - Pacific Avenue Rehabilitation Project
- Approved - Sale of surplus Fire Department vehicle to the Artois Fire Protection District
- Approved - Preliminary Engineer's Report, Landscape & Lighting District
- Appointed - Dan Gupton, Brian Ramos, Robert Griffith to the Library Board of Trustees
- Accepted - Public Utility Easement for the Jack-in-the-Box development project
- Approved - Participation in Fire Department Ad-Hoc committee and appointed Mayor Thomas and Councilmember Hofhenke
- Approved - FY 2023-2024 Budget
- Approved - One-year contract extension of the City's Financial Consultant
- Approved - 2023 Speed Zone Engineering & Traffic Study
- Approved - Bid to provide design and engineering services to rehabilitate the City swimming pool (awarded to Aquatic Design Group)
- Approved - South Tehama Street water main extension project
- Appointed - Mr. Forrest Sprague to the vacant seat on City Council

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

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

Engineering Division

City Swimming Pool Repairs

The City Council approved Aquatic Design Group to design the construction drawings to repair the City Swimming Pool in time for the 2024 summer swim season. Once

construction drawings are complete, the city will go out to bid for construction.



South Tehama Street Water Line Main Extension Project

Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Allen Gill Construction to complete the project, which is projected to begin in August.

Planning Division - Major Project Updates

Beverage House Market

A public hearing for a Design Review of the façade for the new Beverage House Market. The Beverage House Market is moving into the old Circle K building located on Wood Street when entering the city limits. The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the proposed plans for the façade and requested some minor alterations to the colors at the Jun 21 PC meeting.



What does a City Planner do?

Currently, there are 11 development projects underway in the Planning Division (e.g., hotel, Jack-in-the-Box). In addition, the City Planner also assists with approving commercial signs, shepherding commercial and residential developers through the permitting process, and fielding questions from the public regarding potential planning or building project ideas. Larger development projects may take several months and even years to guide through the permitting process to completion. City Planner work focuses on maintaining the approved standards in the Municipal Code, as well as ensuring development is consistent with the City's approved General Plan, Housing Element and Zoning Code. In addition, Planners confirm that project development on a given property is consistent with the development standards of adjacent and surrounding properties. All planning and development projects and applications are reviewed by the City Planner to ensure consistency with the City's Municipal Code.

Public Works Division

New Drinking Fountain

A new drinking fountain/bottle filling station was installed in Jensen Park. The Public Works team trenched and installed a new water line to accommodate the new hydration facility near the center of the park so that it would be easily accessible to both gazebos. This fountain was funded by CalRecycle from the City's portion of deposit fees collected with the purchase of each single use bottle or can.



Civic Center Flooding

On June 1, the lobby water fountain mysteriously turned on after City Hall was closed and continued to flow throughout the night causing considerable flooding. When staff arrived in the morning, there was one to two inches of standing water in the main lobby extending from the library and Council Chamber doors to City Hall's public counter, as well as the short hallway leading to the public bathrooms. Public Works staff acted quickly to stop the water flow by disabling the fountain. A local carpet specialist was called and within 15 minutes restoration was underway. The water was removed, fans were strategically located, and by 10 am, City Hall was open and ready for business.



Pedestrian Signs

There are several public safety yield signs in crosswalks near schools and in the downtown area to remind drivers that pedestrians may be crossing and have the right of way when in the crosswalk. They also add a layer of pedestrian safety beyond the painted crosswalks. Almost every month a sign is hit by a passing vehicle damaging it in place or dragging it away. These signs cost \$500 each. Please be cautious and mindful when on the road, especially when driving in these areas of the city - both for the sake of the pedestrians and to avoid damaging expensive taxpayer property. Thank you!



It's hot - especially for Public Works Maintenance Workers!

During these hot summer months and as soon as it hits 80 degrees, Federal and State Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) laws must be adhered to by the City.

While the City's Maintenance Workers are outside working and keeping operations running smoothly, the city takes extra precautions to ensure they are hydrated, offer cooling off areas and periods, and provide additional shade as needed to ensure their health and safety. In addition, employees must work in pairs to monitor each other for any signs of heat exhaustion and/or dehydration. Something to consider the next time Public Works employees are observed taking a break in the middle of the day.

Recreation Division

Summer Swim Season

The City contracted with Willows Unified School District again to use their pool for the 2023 summer swim season. Summer staffing included one manager and nine full-time lifeguards. The city enjoyed a successful opening day on Thursday, June 15 and, in the month of June, the pool has hosted a total of 474 swimmers. The hours of operation are 1-5 pm, Monday through Saturday. The summer swim program will run until August 5, 2023.



Youth Basketball Camp

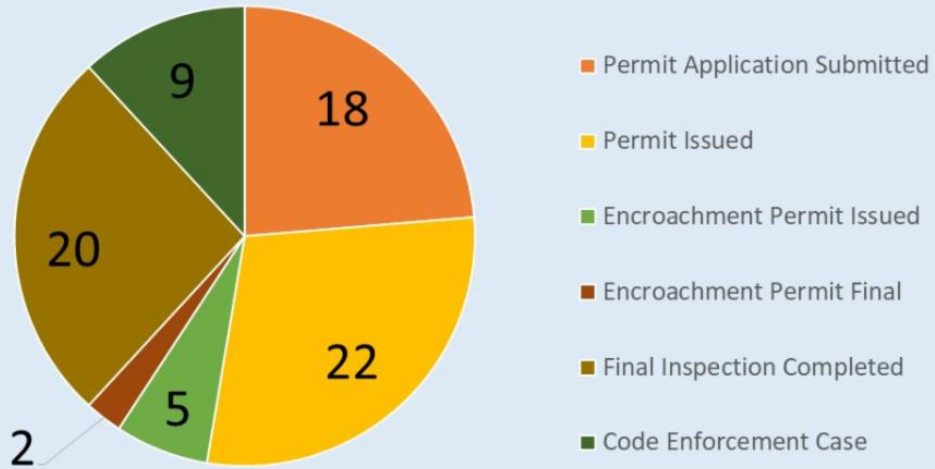
From June 19 through June 23, the city sponsored and Pedro Bobadilla instructed a Youth Basketball Camp in the Willows Intermediate School gym. With the help of Pedro's sons, they instructed three levels of basketball: beginner, intermediate and advanced. The focus of the camp was to enhance overall skills, and learn new techniques and strategies. There were 33 participants.

Summer Soccer Camp

This summer's soccer camp with Marcella White was a big success! The program ran June 26 through June 30 from 5-7 pm at Willows Intermediate School. The camp focus was to learn new skills each day and end the day with mini games. There were 24 participants ranging in ages from 6-13 years old.



Community Development Activity June 2023



Public Works Division Activity June 2023



Sewer Calls - 2



New USA Markings - 48

FINANCE

Tyler Technologies - Transition Continues

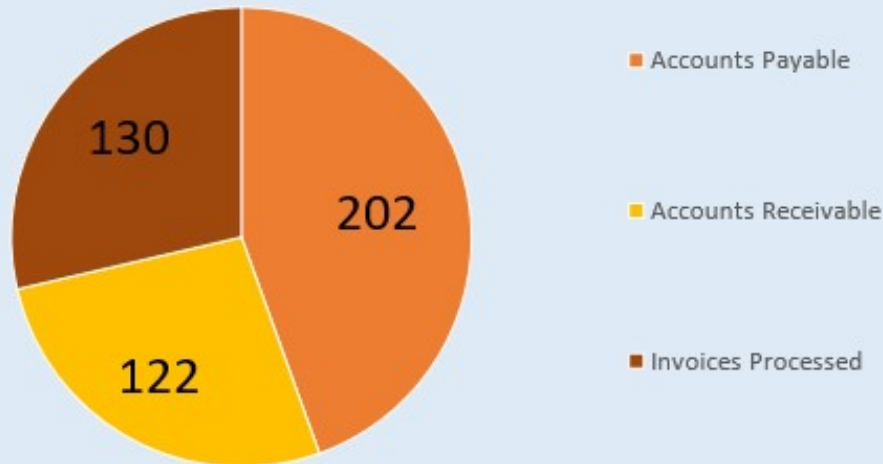
Over the past month, department staff have been working four to six hours per day to configure Tyler's payroll module in the City's new accounting software. This week, staff ran the first parallel payroll (e.g., mock) ensuring that the new system is correctly configured and matching employee payroll information with the previous MOMS software system.



Empowering people who serve the public®

Accounts Payable (AP) and Accounts Receivable (AR) are now being processed in the Tyler system as of the month of June. There have been a few minor issues along the way and during the transition; however, they have been ironed out and new procedures have been instituted. Moving forward, running AP and AR should be much smoother.

Finance Activity
June 2023



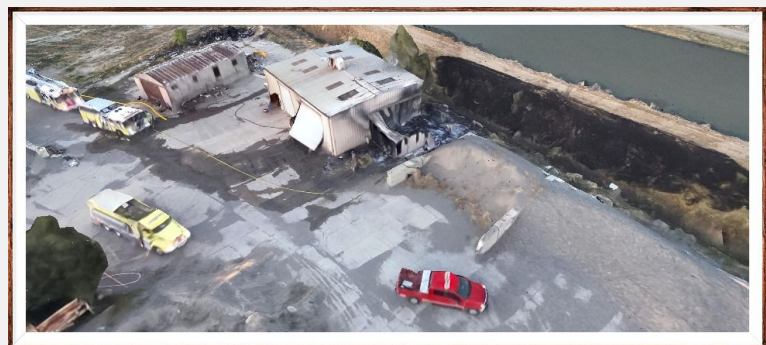
FIRE

Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services

EMERGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial Structure Fire

On June 3, Willows Fire Department (WFD) was dispatched to 640 Canton Street for a reported commercial structure fire. The



initial engine company arrived to find a vacant commercial building engulfed with fire.

Automatic aid from Orland and Artois were enlisted per standard mutual aid agreements. Firefighters initiated an aggressive interior attack, achieving knock down and saving 75% of the building. After investigation, the fire was determined to have been started in the vegetation outside of the structure. The cause is listed as undetermined and suspicious.

Vegetation Fire

On June 15, WFD was dispatched to a vegetation fire at I-5 and Juniper Drive. Units arrived at the scene to find a vegetation fire burning in dry grass threatening several homes. Units contained the fire before damage to homes occurred. The cause of the fire was listed as undetermined and suspicious.

Vehicle Accident

On June 16, WFD was dispatched for a traffic collision between CR 68 and CR 57 on I-5. Units arrived on the scene to find one vehicle with major damage. Units triaged the accident and established incident command. Despite best efforts, there were three fatalities and one patient was transported to the hospital.

Trailer Fire

On June 27, the WFD was dispatched to a vehicle fire in Kanawha Fire Protection District (KFPD). Units arrived to find a fully involved and fire engulfed hay trailer. WFD established command and initiated fire attack, achieving knock down on the fire. Upon arrival of KFPD, command was transferred and WFD units returned to Willows.

PROJECTS

New Command Vehicle

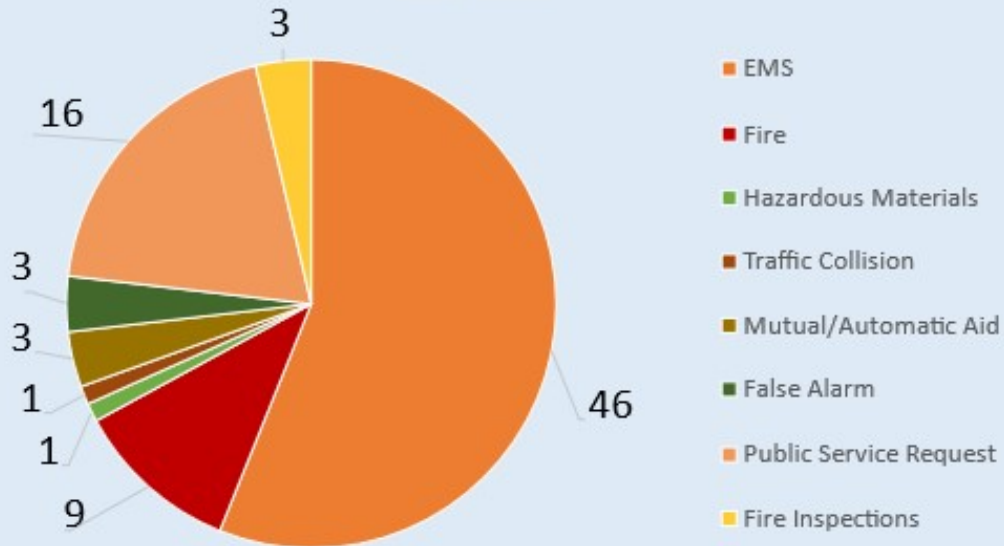
Willows Fire Department (WFD) is thrilled to announce the delivery of its brand-new Command Vehicle! This vehicle will replace Utility 7, a 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck that has been in service for 20 years. The replacement was made possible through a CALFIRE Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant.



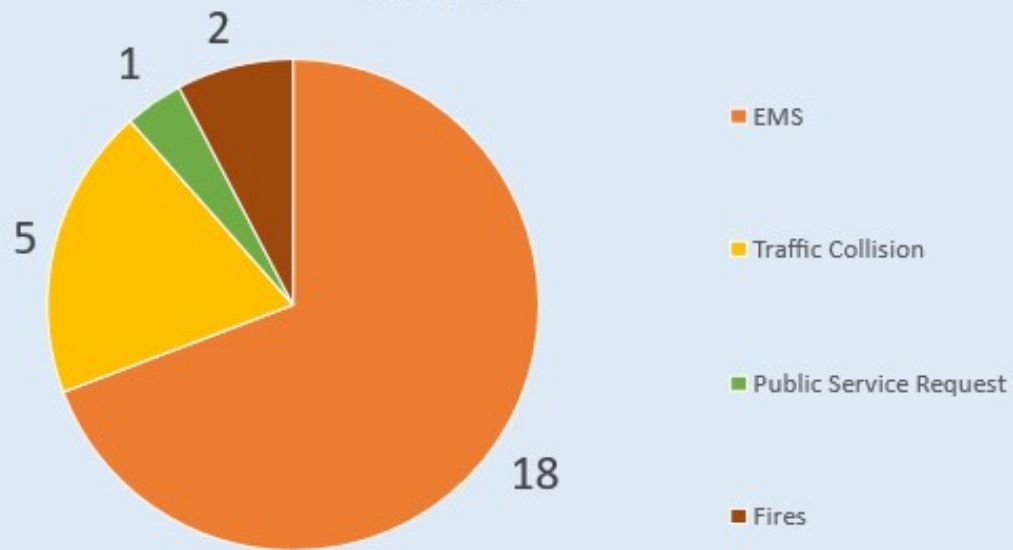
The grant funded 100% of the cost to procure this new WFD Command Vehicle including the emergency lighting package, camper shell, and decals.

On scene command capabilities make or break incidents. Ensuring command staff quickly and safely arrive at the scene of an emergency and take charge is a priority, especially when it is complex and dynamic. WFD is proud to finally show everyone this new Command Vehicle that is ready to serve the community of Willows for many years to come!

Willows Fire Department Activity
June 2023



Willows Rural Fire Protection District Activity
June 2023



LIBRARY

Willows Wild Things a Huge Success

Thank you to the friends of the Library for sponsoring this wonderful event again! It is always a big hit when Gabe and the animals come to visit for summer reading. Be sure to check out the rest of the events for the summer reading program now through August 18.



Library Summer Reading Program Continues

The Library Summer Reading Program - *Find Your Voice/Encuentre Tu Voz* - is still accepting signups for all ages. The program began June 1 and ends August 18, 2023. There is still time to sign up and read to win prizes this summer!

Benefits of Summer Reading

There is also a serious side to summer reading. Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents reading loss*. Studies also indicate students who read recreationally outperform those who do not. In addition, students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests.

*Summer reading loss refers to the decline in children's reading development that can occur during summer vacation times when children are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs.

Who can sign up?

All Ages Welcome.

How do I sign up?

Sign up at the front desk.

12 & Under:

Use reading logs to track progress. Fill in 1 bubble for every 15 minutes of reading.

Spin for a prize & enter the raffle each time you complete 1/2 of a reading log.

13 - 18:

Complete a book review form for each book read for a raffle ticket and choice of snack or sticker.

18+

Complete a book review form for a raffle ticket to the drawing of your choice.



Please thank our summer reading donors:

Willows Community Thrift
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Dr. Joanne E. Reid

David Vodden

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TUES 11 AM – 5 PM
WED 11 AM - 7 PM
THUR 11 AM - 7 PM
FRI 11 AM – 5 PM

Willows Public Library

presents



Find your Voice! 6/1-8/18

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201 N. Lassen St.
(530) 934-5156

Dynamic Library Summer Programs

The library has partnered with local organizations to present a dynamic summer program full of events for kids and families.

Upcoming special events include:

- Altacal Audubon Activity - July 20 @ 5:30pm

- Worm Activity with 4H - July 25 @ 1:00pm
- Storytime with CHP and Chipper - July 26 @ 11:00am
- Ice Cream Social with Glenn County Farm Bureau - August 1 @ 3:00pm
- Storytime with Clifford - August 2 @ 11:00am

Special Events

All Ages



**Story Time
with Miss Ashley
Wednesdays, 11 AM**



**Crafternoon, 4 PM
6/29 & 7/27**



**Block Party, 3 PM
6/8, 7/13, & 8/10**



**Game Day 3 PM
6/13, 7/18, & 8/15**



**Tuesday,
June 6th, 3 PM
National Wildlife Refuge**



**Thursday,
June 15th, 1 PM
Wild Things Animal Show**

Special Events

All Ages



**Tuesday,
June 20th, 11 AM
Animal Visit w/ Glenn
County Farm Bureau**



**Thursday,
June 22nd, 1:30 PM
Story and activity**



**Tuesday,
July 11th, 12 PM
Cooking demo & activity**



**Wednesday,
July 12th, 11 AM
Healthy Teeth & Bilingual
Story**



**Tuesday,
July 18th, 11 AM
Story w/ WFD**

Special Events

All Ages



**Thursday,
July 20th, 5:30 AM
Audubon Society**



**Tuesday,
July 25th, 1 PM
Worm Activity w/
4H Coordinator**



**Wednesday,
July 26th, 11 AM
Story w/ CHP & Chipper**



**Tuesday,
August 1st, 3 PM
Ice Cream Social**



**Wednesday,
August 2nd, 11 AM
Storytime with Clifford**



**TBA
Obstacle Course**

Reminder - Reading Logs Due

Please return your reading logs to the Library by August 18 to be eligible for the raffle. To learn more about the summer reading adventure at the library, please call the library and/or check out the [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, as well as the [library website](#).

Library Activity June 2023



Door Count – 1,021



Public Computer Use – 108



New Library Card - 69



Items Added to Collection – 85



Program Participants – 386*

*Includes 14 programs and 92 Storytime
"To Go kits" distributed.

Circulation of Materials June 2023



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