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## Willows Monthly - September 2023

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### Upcoming Meetings

#### City Council

- **September 26** - Regular Meeting - **CANCELLED**
- **October 10** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

#### Planning Commission

- **October 18** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

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## ADMINISTRATION

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**Now Hiring - Check out the City's  
current vacancies!**

[Community Development & Services Director](#)  
[Accounting Manager](#)

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



## **Patriot Day & National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

At the August 22, 2023 City Council meeting, Vice Mayor David Vodden presented Carol Lemenager, representing the VFW Post 1770 and VFW Auxiliary, with two proclamations: 1.) Day of Remembrance, Patriot Day, September 11 and 2.) POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 15.



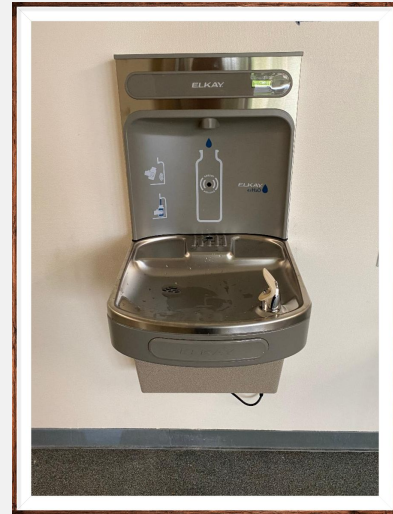
# Planning, Building, Code Enforcement, Engineering, Public Works, Sewage, Public Facilities, Fleet and Capital Projects

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## Public Works Division

### Water Bottle Refilling Station & Water Fountain

In August, Public Works replaced the broken water fountains in the Civic Center lobby and library with new water bottle refilling stations and water fountains. As the Willows Library is a cooling center, it was critical to replace the inoperable fountains.



### Tree Trimming

The City's tree trimming truck has been repaired. As a result, it will be seen around town more with Public Works employees trimming city trees. As a public safety precaution, please remain clear of all areas where crews are operating the truck and limbing trees.



## Planning Division - New Contract Planner!

Long time current contract Planning firm, Willdan, tendered their 15-day resignation on Tuesday, August 29. Fortunately, the City had already completed a bid process for a new Planning firm to take over the City's planning services. On Tuesday, September 12, the City Council approved a one-year contract with LACO Associates for planning services. Byron Turner of LACO will be the City's new contract Planner. He will be physically at



City Hall one day per week. The exact day is yet to be determined. Stay tuned.

## Recreation Division

### Coming Soon - Fall Soccer Season!

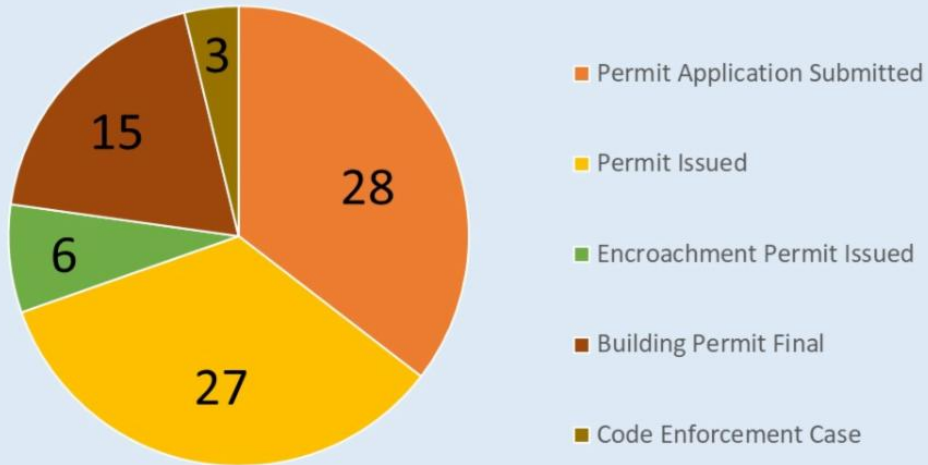
The 2023 fall soccer season begins September 30 and runs through November 4. Games will be Saturdays at the Willows Intermediate School Soccer Field. **Online signups end on September 13.**

We need more coaches, so please sign up and join the coaching team! Coaches will meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 PM.

To participate in the 2023 Fall Soccer Season, please visit the [City's Recreation Division portal for registration](#).



## Community Development Activity August 2023



## Public Works Division Activity August 2023



Water Valve Replacements - 3



New USA Markings - 66

## FINANCE

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### Department Staffing Shortages

Currently, both Finance Department positions are vacant (one permanently and one temporarily). As a result, the City has enlisted the services of temporary remote contractors to execute Accounts Payable/Receivable and Payroll. However, there are elements of both of these responsibilities that require additional staff time and effort at City Hall since both contractors are working entirely remotely. Currently, the City Manager and City Clerk are fulfilling these additional tasks.

Concurrently, the Administration is also seeking a permanent and/or long-term contractor to fill the Accounting Manager position (permanent vacancy). However, it has been extremely difficult to find an interested and qualified Accountant who is willing to commute to Willows permanently, temporarily and/or part-time.

### **Delayed: Bringing Business License Issuance Back Inhouse**

With the City's current Finance Department staffing shortages, bringing business license issuance back inhouse at City Hall has been delayed until early 2024. That said, the City plans to continue moving forward with converting its permitting and recreation software to Tyler Technologies later this calendar year.

## **FIRE**

### **Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services**

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#### **EMERGENCY HIGHLIGHTS**

##### **Commercial Vehicle Fire**

On August 3, Willows Fire Department (WFD) was dispatched to a commercial vehicle fire at CR 68 and I-5. Units arrived to find a hay truck fully involved with heavy fire. Initial engine companies were able to save the tractor pulling the hay trailer. Units were committed for approximately four hours.

##### **Strike Team Deployment**

On August 16, Willows Fire Engine 14 was dispatched with three firefighters as part of strike team 3025C - immediate need to the head incident for structure defense in the Klamath National Forest. Willows Engine 14 returned to Willows on August 30 after a successful 14 day assignment.

##### **Mutual Aid Response**

On August 17, Willows Fire Department was dispatched to a mutual aid vegetation fire five miles west of County Road D on County Road 35. Willows Chief! arrived with Artois Engine 75 to find approximately 50 acres burning with moderate rate of spread. Multiple agencies responded and the fire was controlled after approximately 100 acres had burned.

##### **Multiple Traffic Collision Responses**

On August 24, Willows Fire Department responded to five separate traffic collisions in a six hour span. Two of those traffic collisions required heavy extrication and air ambulances.

## TRAINING & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### Site Visit to Rumiano Cheese

Willows Fire Department Chiefs and Officers did a walk through tour of Rumiano Cheese to become more familiar with the facility. These walk throughs are vital for incident command staff and give invaluable foresight when responding to incidents at our communities valuable commercial assets.

### Weekly Training

Willows volunteer firefighters spent both of their training nights in August working on hose deployments and fire engine pumping.

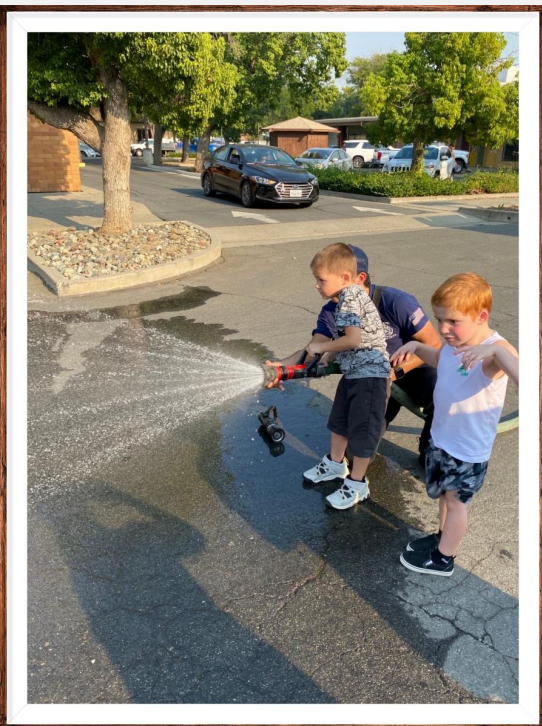
## PUBLIC EVENTS

### Fire Station Tours

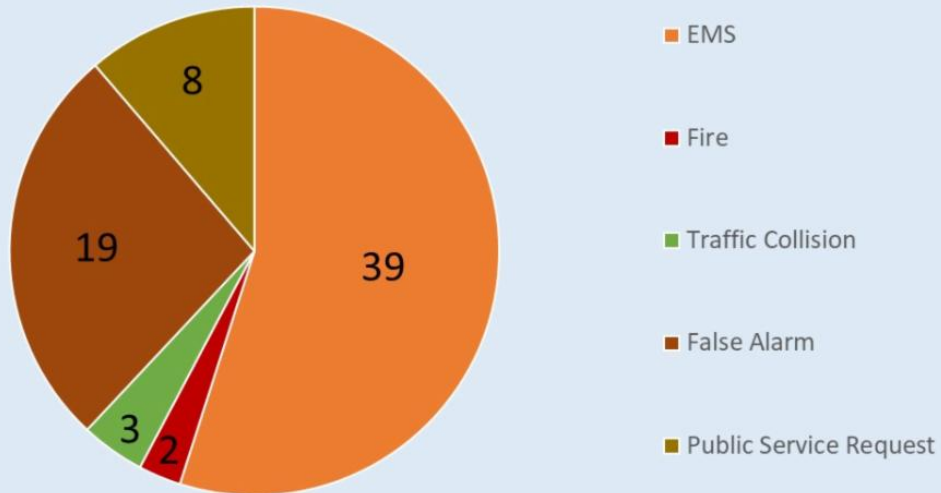
Willows Fire Career staff gave two fire station tours during the month of August. Children from local pre schools visited the station to learn more about where firefighters live, work, and train for their 48 hour shifts. Children were also given fire safety tips and learn how to spray the fire hose - always popular and a favorite activity! To schedule a fire station tour, contact Captain Lombard at [tlombard@cityofwillows.org](mailto:tlombard@cityofwillows.org).

### Willows Street Fair

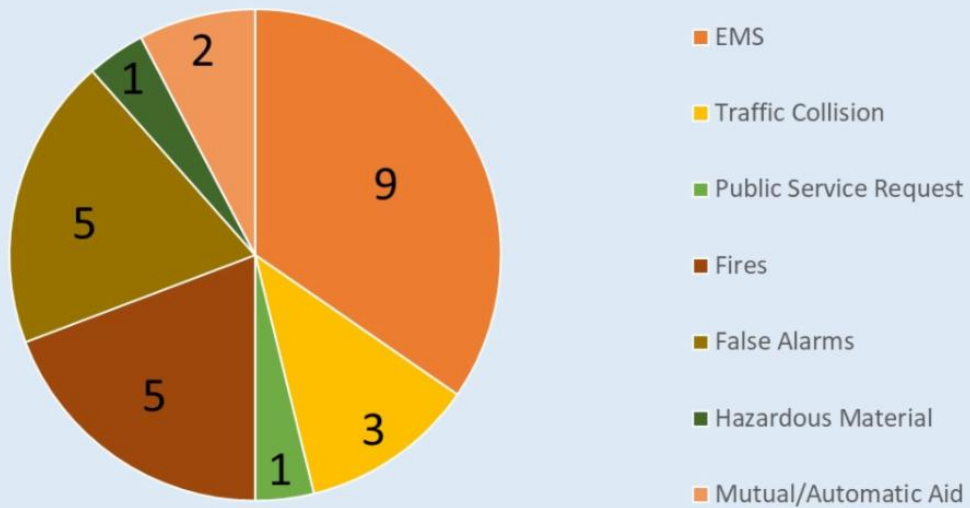
Willows Firefighters spent Tuesday August 29 at the Willows Street Fair. Firefighters set up Truck 4 and had the opportunity to chat with several community members.



### Willows Fire Department Activity August 2023



### Willows Rural Fire Protection District Activity August 2023



## LIBRARY

### Civil War Presentation

Join us for a Civil War presentation on September 28 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Library Board President, Dan Gupton, will present and display relics and artifacts from the Civil War, as well as sharing his wealth of knowledge and information on this topic. You won't want to miss it!

### Fiber Art Display



From now through mid-October, check out the 'Fiber Art' display at the library of locally handcrafted pieces fashioned in traditional methods of quilting, knitting, crochet, and weaving. Thanks to Willows Senior Center **Thread Bears**, who curated the display. They meet every Monday at 9:00 AM at the Willows Senior Center, and welcome questions and "drop ins" from community members at their meetings.



### **Library Receives Zip Books Program Grant**

The Willows Library is excited to announce that the Library has been awarded a Zip Books grant in the amount of \$7,517 from the California State Library. The purpose of the Zip Books program is to provide patrons with speedy access to materials that they might not otherwise be able to get through the library, without the wait times often associated with new purchase or Interlibrary Loan (ILL) requests. It also adds a patron-driven collection development approach to the library's usual process, resulting in a collection that more closely matches the needs and wants of the community. Patrons may order items that are not in the library collection and they will be shipped to their home address using Amazon Prime (items are usually received within 2-3 days). Patrons must return the items when finished with them. Upon return, the items are cataloged and added to the library collection for the community to enjoy.

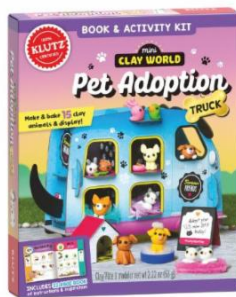
### **September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!**

Be sure to visit the Library in September - it's **Library Card Sign Up Month!** During the month of September, the Library will hold weekly raffles, book giveaways, and a grand prize drawing for a free rental generously donated by Fun Jumper. Simply check out

materials during the month of September or sign up for a new library card to participate in raffles and prizes.

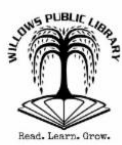


Use your library card anytime in September to enter our weekly and monthly raffles!



530-635-5678  
[www.funjumperrentals.com](http://www.funjumperrentals.com)

Any entry not chosen for a weekly prize will be automatically entered into grand prize drawing for a free rental donated by Fun Jumper.



# Willows Public Library Children's Events SEPTEMBER 2023

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news and upcoming events.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Hours:</b> Tues 11 am - 5 pm Wed 11 am - 7 pm Thu 11 am - 7 pm Fri 11 am - 5 pm Closed Sat, Sun & Mon					1	2
3	4	5 <b>Stuffie Sleepover</b> 3 PM	6 <b>KIXE Clifford</b> 11 AM	7 <b>Block Party</b> 3 PM	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Game Day</b> 4 PM	13 <b>Storytime</b> 11 AM	14	15	16
17	18	19 <b>Pirate Party</b> 3 PM	20 <b>Storytime</b> 11 AM	21 <b>Crafternoon</b> 4 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27 <b>Storytime</b> 11 AM	28	29	30

## Library Activity August 2023



Door Count – 843



Public Computer Use – 148



New Library Card - 26



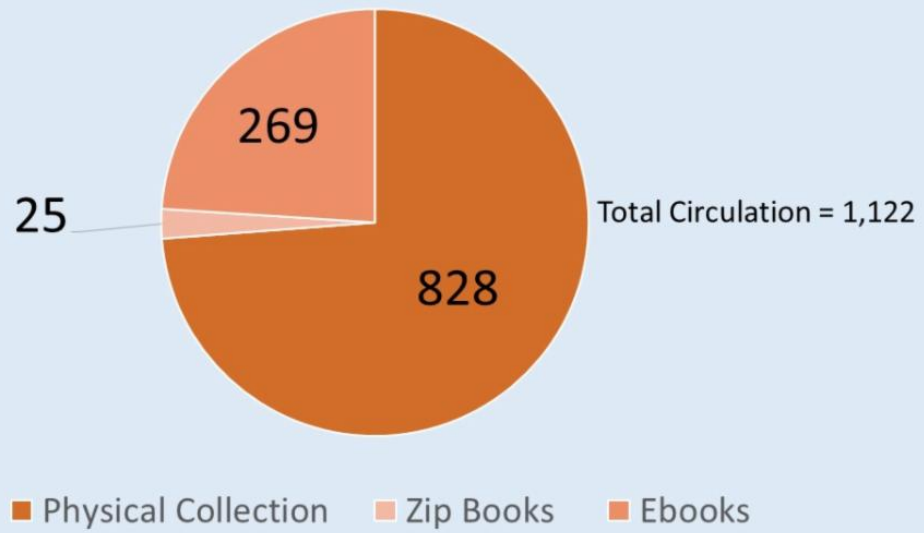
Items Added to Collection – 89



Program Participants – 162\*

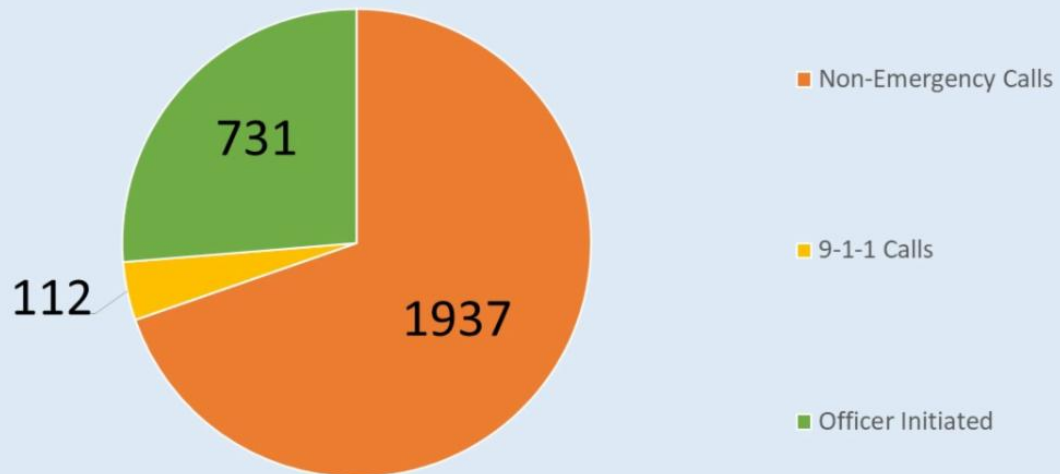
\*Includes 10 programs and 49 Storytime  
"To Go kits" distributed.

Circulation of Materials  
August 2023

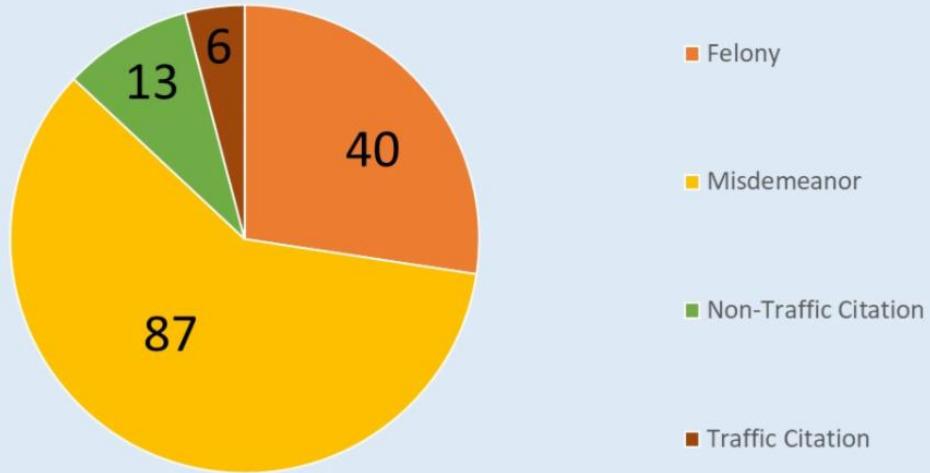


## SHERIFF

Sheriff Department Activity – Calls for Service  
May – July 2023



Sheriff Department Activity – Arrests & Citations  
May – July 2023



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