
Willows Monthly - April 2023



Upcoming Meetings

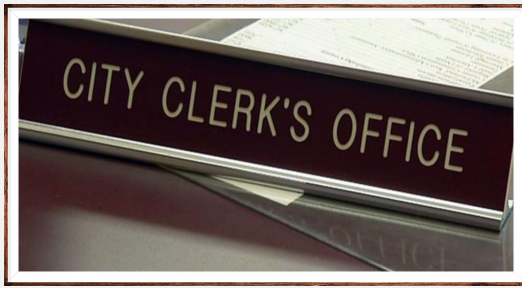
City Council

- **April 18** - Special City Council Study Session: Cal Water Rate Structure, Proposed Cal Water Main Connection to City Wells & the Cost to Operate the City's Water Enterprise Fund
- **April 25** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **May 2** - Special City Council Study Session: FY 2023-24 Budget
- **May 9** - Regular City Council Meeting

Planning Commission

- **April 19** - Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM

ADMINISTRATION



Now Hiring - City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager!

The City continues to seek applications to fill the vacant City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager position. Please view the [City's recruitment brochure](#) at the City website and share it with your networks. The position will remain open

until filled with continuous review of applications as they are submitted.

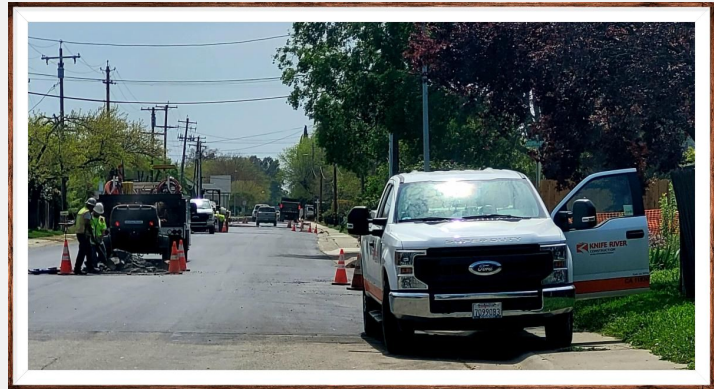
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

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

Engineering Division

Update: Pacific Avenue Road Rehabilitation

Paving is complete on Pacific Avenue. Coastland Engineering will prepare the final punch list of items to complete and/or correct this week. Unfortunately, as the



crew was prepping the street for paving about 60 feet of storm water piping was crushed. The original construction of the street did not have a sufficient separation between the asphalt and the 10" pipe. To complete the project and not leave an open trench or damaged storm drain, Knife River Construction installed a new HDPE pipe and encased it with slurry seal due to the shallow depth of the pipeline. An area north of French Street also began to sink under the heavy equipment and more dig-outs than had been anticipated were necessary. This project was funded through STIP and had been running under budget and less than the State's approved budget. However, with these unexpected costs and repairs, additional monies will be needed to fund the completion of the project. The budget shortfall will be covered by STIP, Gas Tax, and SB1 monies. The completed project will be presented to the Council for final approval by the end of May.

Planning Division

Over the past month, the Planning Division continued working on the following projects:

- Several site plans for building application projects were reviewed

including El Mercado, the Catholic Church, residential property owner to install a new swimming pool, an accessory dwelling unit, and two carports.

- Annual Project Report (APR) for the Housing Element and General Plan were prepared to submit to the State.
- One sign permit application was reviewed and approved, and two others are under review.
- The lot merger for Jack in the Box continues to move forward.
- Use Permit application for new bar and cocktail lounge was reviewed and processed.
- Seven business licenses were approved (four new, three renewals).
- Close out document for the SB2 grant to the State was prepared (for the General Plan Update).
- Processing Rezone/General Plan Amendment application for Northern Valley Indian Health (four lots), processing Native American Tribal Consultation letters.
- Coordinated with Building Inspector on two new accessory dwelling units (garage conversions).
- Working on Public Convenience and Necessity requirements for Circle K to change to a new business and sell hard liquor (paperwork is required by Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)).
- Issued one Zoning Clearance letter.
- Coordinate with CD&S Director to prepare cost recovery letters to project applicants whose projects are in arrears.



Planning assistance was also provided over the phone and/or at the counter for a new mobile food business, use of property for proposed new use, new bathrooms at the Catholic Church, new metal building, an affordable housing project, change of use project at an old church on Butte Street, Walden School on proposed greenhouse project, proposed new pool on private property, and possible commercial uses of property north of Walmart.

Economic Disaster Loans for Small Businesses

Please be advised that **Economic Disaster Loans** are now available to small, nonfarm businesses and non-profit organizations adversely impacted by the drought state of emergency and recent storms. The purpose of these loans is to help offset economic losses and assist in meeting financial obligations which could have been met had the disaster(s) not occurred. Small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofits of any size also may qualify. Please see the [full](#),

[attached news release](#) or the [Small Business Administration site](#) for more information and to apply.

Business Technical Assistance Programs

In partnership with the Center for Economic Development of California State University, Chico, there are several FREE or low-cost programs available to help small, rural businesses with marketing and other types of technical assistance.

For more information, contact Sara Carmody at the Center for Economic Development at scarmody3@csuchico.edu or call: 530-898-3864.



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With more than three decades of experience providing direct technical assistance to businesses across a variety of industry sectors throughout the North State, the Center for Economic Development at Chico State is ready to assist.

How We Can Help:
Our team is ready to assist you with a wide variety of services, including:
Basic Website Creation—Social Media Marketing—Financial Readiness Assessments
Business Market Assessments and more.

Eligibility Requirements:
Eligibility requirements vary depending on program, and could include type of business, number of employees and income limits.

Contact Us Today to Learn More!
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Funded in part by the Economic Development Administration, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting, USDA Rural Business Development Block Grant, and the GOBIZ Small Business Technical Assistance Expansion Program (SB TAEP).

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

- LIHWAP offers a one-time payment to help pay water or wastewater bills.
- LIHWAP can help if you're past due on your water bill or even if you're current on payments.
- LIHWAP helps pay bills accrued anytime. There are no date restrictions.

For more information on the program, how to participate and who to contact, review the [LIHWAP Program flyer](#).

Public Works Division

Cherry Street Lift Station

There continue to be blockage issues at the Cherry Street Lift Station. These backups are almost daily (and sometimes twice per day). Customers are discarding items that are not meant to be disposed of and they are obstructing the public sewer system (e.g., wipes, rags). The crew has to pull the pump and remove rags and non-flushable wipes that are unable to pass through the pump and clog the system. The time spent removing these items is time that the crew could be spending on tree removals, pothole patching, painting, etc... In addition, these actions are damaging to the City's sewer system. Please partner with City staff and share with your neighbors this information to discourage flushing non-disposable wipes and rags into the City's wastewater sewage system. Thank you.



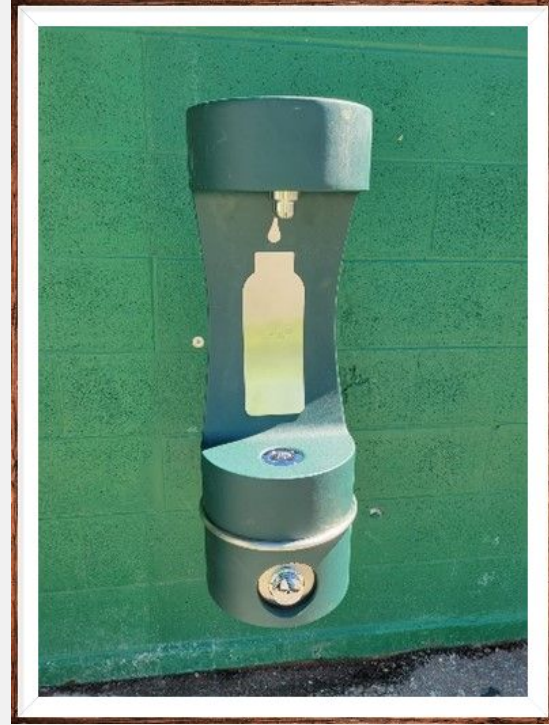
New Bar-B-Que Installed

One of the BBQs in Jensen Park finally gave out after years of service to the community. Time and weather had gotten the best of the old grill and it was no longer able to hold itself up on it's own. A new BBQ was ordered and installed in its place and is now available to serve the public for gatherings and outdoor cooking.



New Water Filling Station Installed

A new water filling station was installed at the little league field. The new station was purchased through a grant from Cal Recycle through the California Bottle Redemption Fund. The 5 cents that is collected with each purchase of a beverage in a single use plastic, glass or aluminum container is used to fund small projects that reduce the dependency on those same single use containers. In this case, a water filling station will reduce the need for single use containers for every person who brings their own refillable container to the park.



Sewer Manhole Replaced

The Public Works crew recently repaired a broken concrete ring around a NEWCSD sewage manhole by breaking out the ring and pouring new concrete in its place along with a small asphalt patch that had eroded adjacent to the new concrete work.



Recreation Division

Youth Basketball Program

Rodrigo Raygoza, the City's Program Coordinator for this sport, ran Youth Basketball Program this year with seven high school referees and 123 participants. The program ran on Saturdays from January 21 through March 11.

Spring Soccer

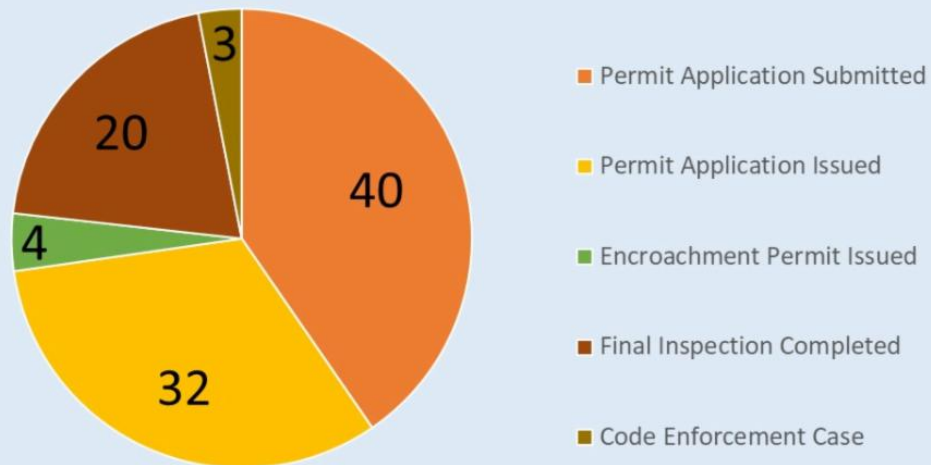
Jose Barajas, the City's Program Coordinator for this

sport, is currently running this program with eight high school employees and 100 participants. The program runs on Saturday mornings from March 18 through April 22. The City purchased two portable goals to accommodate various field sizes. This year's program has benefitted from some amazing parents and individuals who stepped up to coach for the season! The City is very appreciative and thanks them for their support and participation in the program!



Coming this summer: Jumpstart, Soccer Camp and much more!

Community Development Activity
March 2023



Public Works Division Activity
March 2023



Tree Removal - 6



Ongoing (nearly daily) requests for service and clogging at the Cherry Street Lift Station in Northeast Willows.

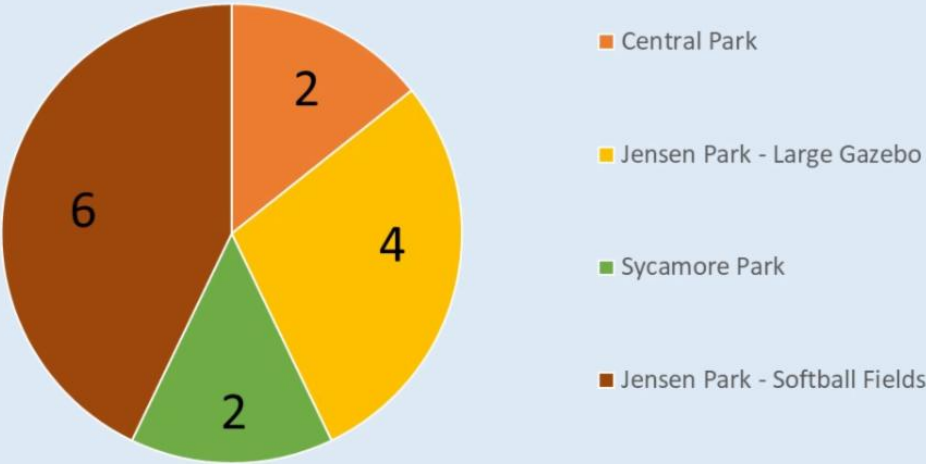


Cold Patch Poured – 1.58 Tons (to fill potholes)



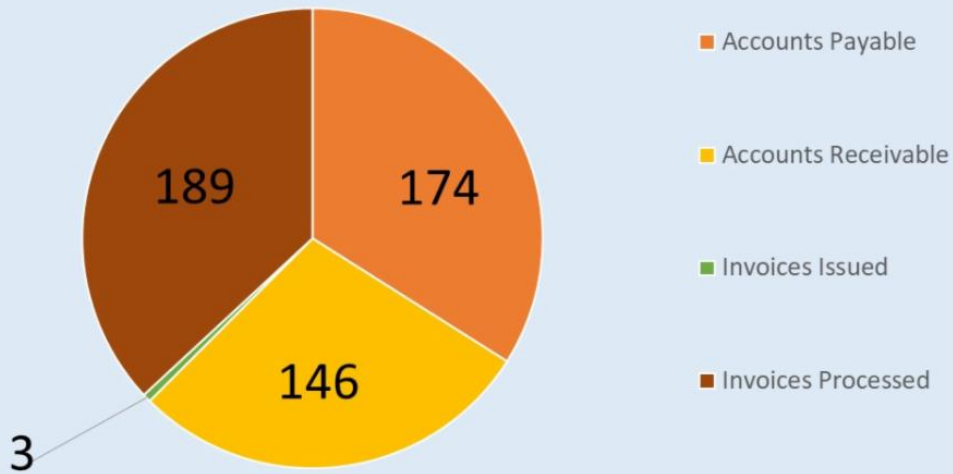
New USA Markings - 37

Recreation Activity – Park & Field Rentals
January – March 2023



FINANCE

Finance Activity March 2023



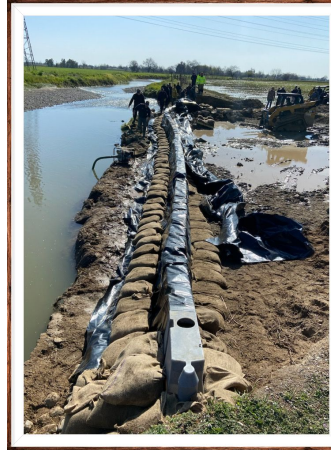
FIRE

Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services

Flood Prevention & Levee Repairs

With funds received specifically for mud and debris flow repositioning through the California Office of Emergency Services, Willows Fire Department enjoyed increased staffing levels for 15 days in March. WFD firefighters assisted with flooding events, flood prevention, road closures, levee repair, and waterway management. Orland, Elk Creek, Hamilton City, and Glenn-Codora were also staffed and participated.

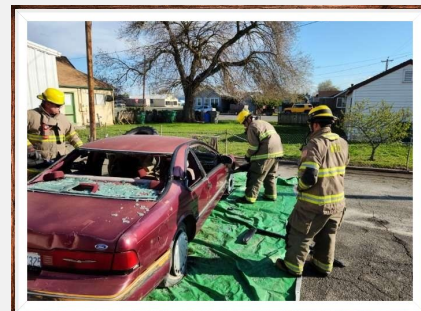




Training

The WFD held a joint training with Artois, Orland, Bayliss, and Glenn-Codora Fire Departments at an acquired structure located at 243 West Walnut Street in Willows. The Department brought in outside trainers to assist with teaching new techniques to Glenn County Fire Fighters. Firefighters practiced hose deployment, search and rescue, vertical ventilation, forcible entry and fire behavior analysis.

Firefighters also participated in auto extrication training. Willows Firefighters practiced using the Jaws of Life and extrication struts to remove entrapped victims from vehicles.



Public Events

Willows Fire Department hosted its 2nd bi-monthly blood drive at the Willows Fire Station. There were 12 donors. The next blood drive is scheduled for May 2023.

The Annual Bean Feed was held in early March. Volunteers served almost 1000 people - a new record!

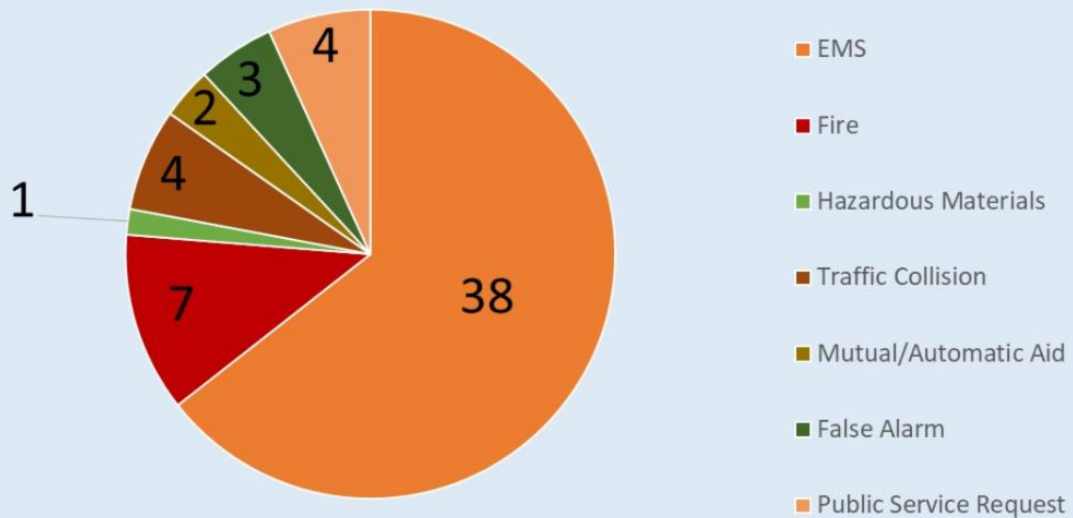


Blood Drive

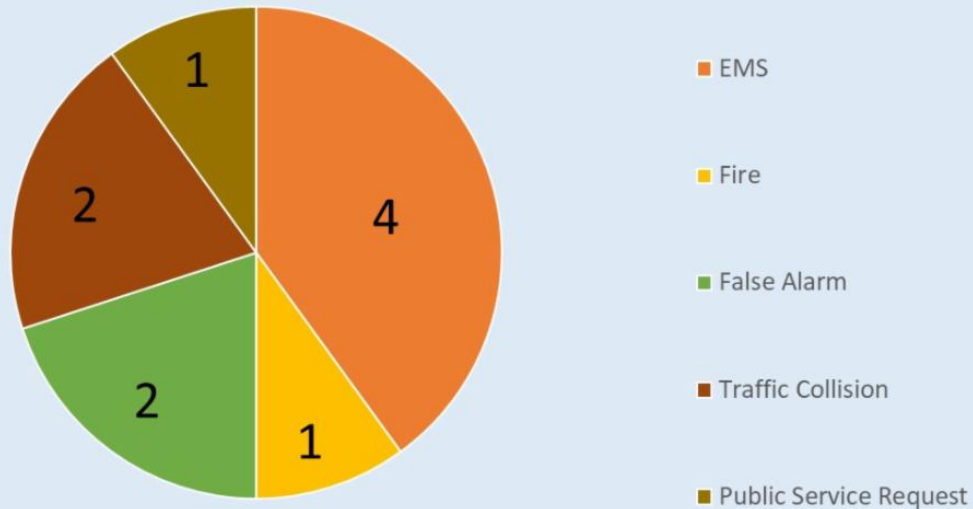


Bean Feed

Willows Fire Department Activity March 2023



Willows Rural Fire Protection District Activity
March 2023



LIBRARY

Programs & Events

- [Weekly Storytime! - Wednesdays @ 11 a.m.](#)
- **April 6 - [Block Party @ 3 p.m.](#)**
- **April 7 - [Library Egg Hunt - 11 a.m.](#)**
- **April 11 - [Game Day - 3 p.m.](#)**
- **April 13 - [Crafternoon - 4 p.m.](#)**
- **April 19 - [Families for Literacy - 4 p.m.](#)**
- **April 20-22 - Friends of the Library Book Sale!**
- **Thursday Book and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday Bag Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Special Event: [Triple Raptor Experience](#) on April 12 at 11 a.m.

West Coast Falconry presented Triple Raptor Experience! This event included three special guests from the Raptor family: falcon, hawk and owl. The presentation included learning about their adaptations and witnessing a live flight demonstration.

"Throughout your experience you will learn about the art of falconry and our contribution to conservation, the natural history of the different raptors and their role in the environment."

Triple Raptor Rally event is funded in partnership with the First Partner's Office, the California State Library, and the California State Parks. Californians can check out free vehicle day-use entry to over 200 participating state park units with their library cards.

Just check out the Pass with your library card at your local public library, hang it on your rearview mirror, and park for free at participating parks while you have it checked out.



Special thank you!

A big thank you to David Vodden, Thunderhill and Dr. Reid for their generous donations to the Library's Summer Reading Program!



Willows Public Library Children's Events APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Hours: 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 Storytime 11 AM	6 Block Party 3 PM	7 Egg Hunt 11 AM	8
9	10	11 Game Day 3 PM	12 Triple Raptor Experience 11 AM	13 Crafternoon 4 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19 Storytime 11 AM FFL Storytime 4 PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Storytime 11 AM	27	28	29
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Library Activity
March 2023



Door Count – 768



Public Computer Use – 85



New Library Card - 22



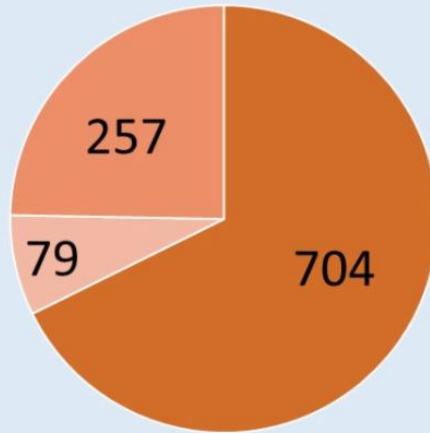
Items Added to Collection – 90



Program Participants – 120*

*Includes 10 programs and 50 Storytime
"To Go kits" distributed.

Circulation of Materials
March 2023



■ Physical Collection ■ Zip Books ■ Ebooks

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