

## Willows Monthly - June 2024

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**SAFETY  
MONTH**  
— JUNE —



### Top Stories:

- City Council approves vision, priorities and goals for the next one to five years
- Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee (FSAC) gets underway
- Round Up of the City's Most Recent Press Releases
- Annual Pavement and Construction Project Nearly Complete
- Jump Start Program is looking for participants
- Library's Summer Reading Program is underway

### Upcoming Meetings

#### City Council

- **June 25** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- **June 26** - Special Meeting @ 2:00 PM (**FY 2024-25 Budget Approval**)
- **July 9** - Regular Meeting is **CANCELLED**
- **July 23** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

## Planning Commission

- **June 19** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

# ADMINISTRATION

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

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### CITY COUNCIL ACTION ROUNDUP:

#### May 28 and June 11, 2024 City Council Meetings

##### May 28 City Council Meeting

- Authorized the City Manager to execute a Delegated Maintenance Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation.
- Rejected all bids associated with the FY23-24 Annual Sidewalk Maintenance Project and directed staff to advertise the project a second time, as well as ensure that local contractors receive notice of the bid opportunity.
- Approved a resolution to modify the Cannabis retail business distance requirements to 1,000 feet from schools only (e.g., preschool through grade 12). The Planning Commission was also directed to review zoning of retail Cannabis businesses and provide recommended changes to the Council.

##### June 11 City Council Meeting

- Adopted a resolution extending service charges imposed on improved real property within the incorporated area of the City of Willows for the use of and/or ability to use the Glenn County Solid Waste System during FY 2024-25.
- Adopted a resolution requesting the Glenn County Board of Supervisors to render specified services to the City of Willows to conduct the City's Municipal Elections to be held on November 5, 2024.
- Appointed Kristel Bettencourt to the Willows Library Board of Trustees.
- Adopted the City Council's final vision, priorities, and goals resulting from the May 1 and 15 Goal and Priority Setting Workshops.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Glenn Groundwater Authority (GGA) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,723.31 per year over the next five fiscal years.

### Council Visioning, Priorities and Goal-Setting Workshops

On May 1 and 15 of 2024, the Willows City Council engaged in two visioning, priorities and goal-setting workshops in an effort to articulate a clear vision, direction and priorities for the City of Willows over the next one to five years.

The workshops resulted in a [clear plan and priorities](#) for moving the City forward,

highlights of which include:

### ***Vision Statement***

*Willows is a thriving and safe community where families want to live, work, and recreate. It will foster a proactive business environment that expands other industries, supports its agricultural heritage, and leverages its recreational attractions.*

### ***Council Priorities***

1. Financial Stability
2. Economic Development
3. Public Safety
4. Community Engagement
5. Infrastructure Improvements
6. Quality of Life

Achieving the vision will require addressing critical challenges, setting actionable goals, and prioritizing strategic initiatives that align with the Council's vision. At the June 11, 2024, City Council meeting, [the final plan](#) resulting from these workshops was presented to and unanimously approved by the Council.



City Council Prioritization & Goal - Setting Workshops, May 1 and 15, 2024

## Financial Sustainability

### Advisory Committee

### (FSAC) gets underway!

At the April 23, 2024 meeting, the City Council authorized staff to form a voluntary committee consisting of representatives from local civic groups that serve the Willows



community to discuss and learn more about the status of the city's budget and assist staff with executing the Council approved Education Action Plan regarding City finances.

To date, the Committee has met two times to discuss the City's budget and finances, as well as the Measure I sales tax that will be on the November 2024 ballot. The Committee is currently providing feedback on fact sheets and FAQs regarding the City's finances and the upcoming sales tax measure, as well as recommending additional fact sheets that may be needed to address any absent information regarding the City's circumstances. Participating civic groups include:

- Willows Volunteer Fire Department
- Willows Lamb Derby Inc.
- Friends of the Library
- Willows Library
- VFW Auxiliary
- Toastmasters
- Willows Car & Bike Show
- Willows Chamber of Commerce
- Lion's Club
- Monday Afternoon Club

### Round Up of Recent City Press Releases

- [City Hall Temporarily Closes on Fridays Due to Budget Constraints](#)
- [City of Willows Issues 'Clean' FY 2022-23 Audit with No Material Findings](#)
- [City of Willows Wins \\$5000 Judy L. Kelsey Award Program to Sponsor](#)
- [High School Internships](#)
- [City of Willows Celebrates and Honors National Police and Public Works Weeks](#)

### City of Willows participates in the 2024 Lamb Derby!

In an effort to increase the public's awareness of the City's current

financial circumstances, the City of Willows sponsored an information booth at the 2024 Lamb Derby. Staff distributed fact sheets and FAQs regarding the City's budget and Measure I, the City's 1.5% Sales Tax measure that will appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot. Over the next several months, the City will sponsor a booth at several community events including **July 4th, the August Car and Bike Show (August 16 & 17), and the City's Open City Hall Crawl (September 19)**. Please stop by and visit future City booths!



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

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

#### Engineering Division

##### Annual Pavement and Construction Project

Construction of all sidewalk, aprons and curb and gutter is complete! All roads were chip sealed on Friday June 14 and striping will be completed this week.

Special "shout out" and thank you to Pavement Coatings Company and the City's Engineering team for their due diligence and completing the project on schedule, as well as big thank you to residents and business owners for their patience during the road construction projects!



Project locations included:

- North Humboldt Street between Wood and Sycamore Streets,
- Sycamore Street between North Humboldt Street and Villa Avenue, and
- Crawford Avenue between Sycamore and Laurel Streets.

#### Planning Division

## Tacos Ocampo

The owner of Tacos Ocampo applied for a Conditional Use Permit to locate a taco truck on the vacant corner lot at West Sycamore and North Plumas Streets. The Conditional Use Permit was continued to the June 19 Planning Commission as additional information was requested by the Planning Commission. If approved, the business will be open from 8 am to 6:00 pm and will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. The applicant proposes to install concrete across the 150-foot front of the vacant lot adjacent to West Sycamore Street and across 30 feet adjacent to Plumas Street.



## Willows Municipal Code Fun Fact

### Chapter 9.15 - Curfew Hours for Minors

“Curfew hours” means the period of time commencing at 10:00 p.m. on each day of the week, including Friday and Saturday, and terminating at 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

(1) A minor commits an offense if he or she remains in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours.

(2) A parent or guardian of a minor commits an offense if he or she knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours.

(3) The owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment commits an offense if he or she knowingly allows a minor to remain on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours. [Ord. 645-95, 7-11-95. Prior code § 11-201].

## Recreation Division

### Jump Start Program

The [2024 Summer Jump Start Program](#)

is now open for registration!

Registration will remain open throughout the entirety of the Program from July 8 through August 2. If interested, please visit the [City's Recreation website](#) to register and for more information.



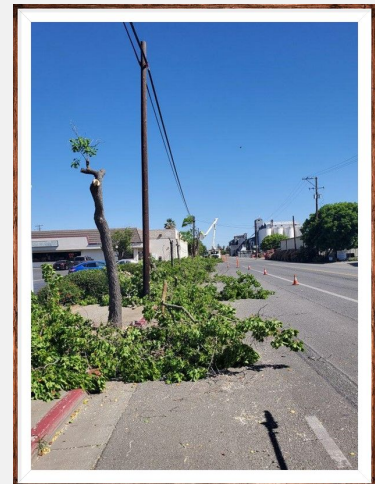
### 2024 Summer Swim Program

The 2024 Summer Swim Program started on Saturday, June 15 at Willows High School and will run through the summer until Saturday, August 3. is Coming Soon! The pool will be open to the public Monday through Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Beat the heat this summer and join the City's Summer Swim Program!

## Public Works Division

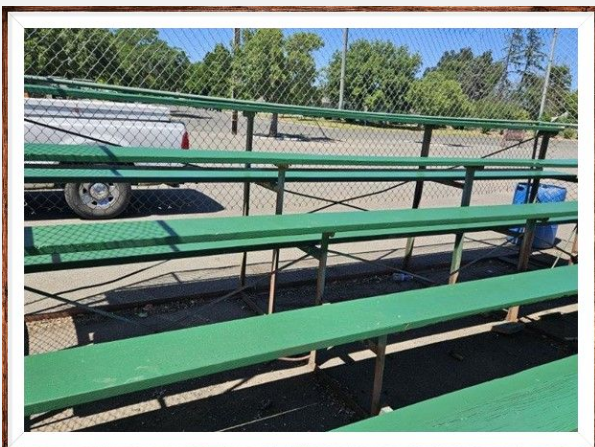
### Tree Removal & Maintenance

Public Works removed trees along Tehama Street to the east of Mar-Val. In addition, Mar-Val is in the process of replacing their sidewalk along this stretch of Tehama. They are also removing low limbs that may impede drivers' vision at intersections and cause a hazard.



### Softball and Baseball Bleachers

The maintenance team has replaced damaged boards at the baseball fields at Jensen Park and repainted all of the bleachers.



## The City Celebrates National Public Works Week!

The City of Willows celebrated National Public Works Week by presenting a [proclamation](#) at the May 14 City Council meeting and hosting an *Open Corporation Yard Event* giving community members the opportunity to visit the Corporation Yard, learn more about Public Works, the important services the Division provides, and view the City's vehicles and equipment. The Corporation Yard also received a special visit from one of State Senator Brian Dahle's Field Representatives. The City Council and management recognize and appreciate the Public Works Division's dedication and commitment to maintaining city streets, parks, the sewer system, rights-of-way, public facilities, and special districts. Thank you!

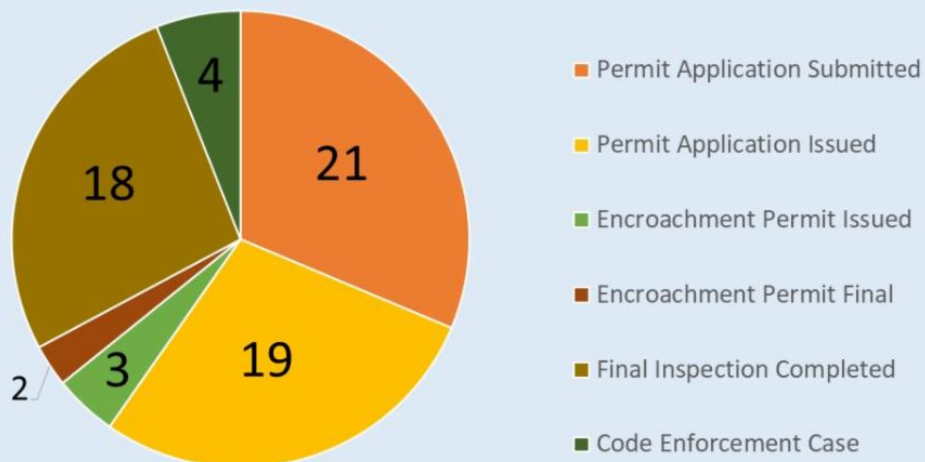


## WM Launches New Ways for Customers to Pay Bills and Payment Policy Changes



WM (formerly Waste Management) has partnered with Paymentus, a leading third-party billing and payment solutions provider to enhance the efficiency and transparency of its online payment process, ultimately benefiting all WM customers with greater self-service capabilities, including expanded payment options, anytime-anywhere payments, and automated payments. For more information about the payment system and policy, visit [WM's website](#) and [FAQs](#).

Community Development Activity  
May 2024





Public Works Division Activity  
May 2024



Prepped 5 potholes for hot patch repair.



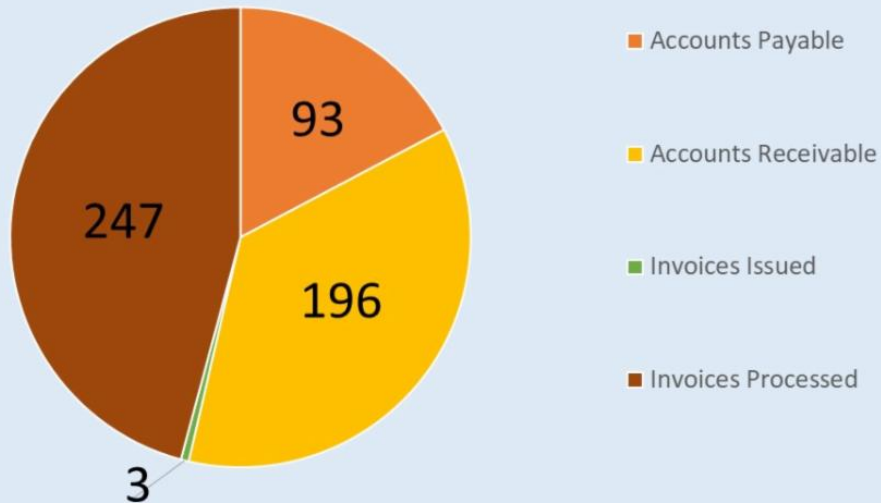
New USA Markings - 28

## FINANCE

### Preliminary FY 2024-25 Budget Recommended to Council

At the City Council's May 29 Special Council Meeting, the [preliminary recommended FY 2024-25 budget](#) was presented to the Council. The Council recommended no major changes and/or adjustments, the final budget will be presented for consideration and approval on **Wednesday, June 26 at 2:00 pm** during a Special City Council Meeting.

Finance Activity  
May 2024



# FIRE

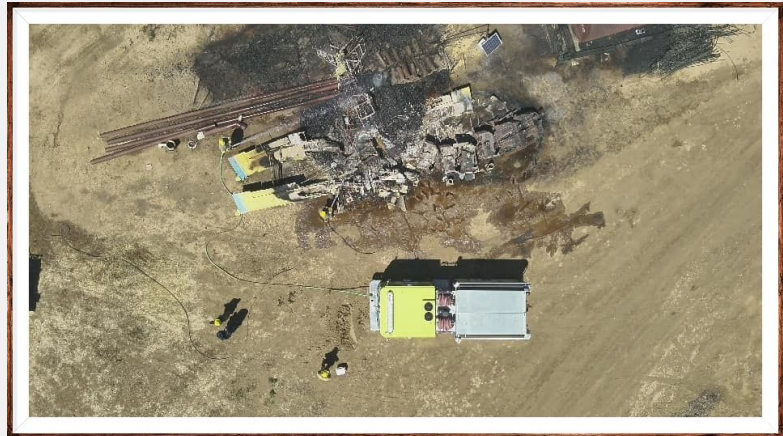
## Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services

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### Major Incidents

#### Aircraft Fire

On May 12, 2024, the Willows Fire Department (WFD) was dispatched to a mutual aid call in the Kanawha Fire District and responded to a report of an aircraft down in the area of County Roads 65



and D. Willows Firefighters arrived on the scene to a fully engulfed agricultural airplane with fire spreading towards a large diesel tank and other farm machinery. Fire Personnel first cooled down the diesel tank and then extinguished the rest of the fire. The Pilot was treated for injuries by EMS Personnel before self-transporting to the hospital with help from coworkers. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

#### Residential Structure Fire

On May 16, 2024, WFD was dispatched to automatic aid in the City of Orland to respond to a residential structure fire. The response included one fire engine, one water tender, and one career firefighter. Units assisted in the search, interior fire attack, and clean up operations. Units were committed to the incident for approximately 2 hours.

#### Motor Home Fire

On May 17, 2024, WFD was dispatched to a commercial vehicle fire in the Walmart parking lot. Units arrived to find a fully involved motor home fire threatening other parked cars. Units initiated an aggressive fire attack in an effort to protect nearby vehicles and other potential exposure. While the motorhome was a complete loss, no other vehicles were damaged due to the WFD's rapid response time.

#### Residential Structure & Vegetation Fire

On May 19, 2024, Willows Fire units were initially dispatched to a residential structure fire, fire personnel arrived on the scene to find a vegetation fire with exposure to several outbuildings and stacks of wood. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and prevented any further threat to the outbuildings. Big "shout out" and "thank you" to the WFD's partners in Artois and Orland Fire Departments for providing rapid mutual aid response.

#### "Bamboo" Fire

On the evening of May 23, 2024, the on duty Fire Captain noticed a large black column

of smoke visible from the fire station and initiated a response to the "Bamboo," a well known homeless encampment. Units arrived to find a large fire of burning trash, debris and vegetation threatening a nearby residential home. Units initiated fire attack and brought the fire under control within 20 minutes and before any damage to the residence could occur. The fire was caused by an illegal cooking fire started by an unknown person. No injuries occurred as a result of the incident.

### **Mobile Home Fire Threatening Adjacent Properties**

On May 23, 2024, units were dispatched to a report of a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a well involved mobile home fire threatening adjacent structures and an initial report of confirmed victim entrapment. Units initiated an aggressive fire attack and search of survivable space before transitioning to a defensive operation. Later in the incident, it was confirmed that all victims were able to exit the structure prior to arrival of the Fire Department. Due to high north winds and dry fuels, a second structure further south was threatened from a spot fire. Crews were able to extinguish the spot fire before damage to the adjacent home occurred. The mobile home was a complete loss parked on a vacant rental property undergoing renovation at the time of the incident. The cause of the fire was due to the property owner "sweating" copper pipes during a plumbing repair. The property owner received minor burns during the incident and was treated and released at the scene. No other injuries occurred on this incident, and no residents were displaced. Big "thank you" to Artois, Orland, Bayliss, and Glenn-Codora Fire Departments for their help with extinguishing the fires, as well as to the Glenn County Sheriff's Office, Cal Water and PG&E.

Please let this be a reminder of the importance of defensible space and weed abatement. For example, the adjacent property was undamaged during the fire due to proper clean landscaping. Meanwhile, the home to the south, which did not include defensible space, was damaged due to a spot fire (e.g., a fire that occurs when embers land on the unburned side of a fireline).

### **New Fire Volunteers!**

Two new Fire Volunteers were sworn in after completing a six-month probation period.  
Welcome Ethan New and Danny Yang!

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter, contact the Willows Fire Department at (530) 934-3323.



### **Training**

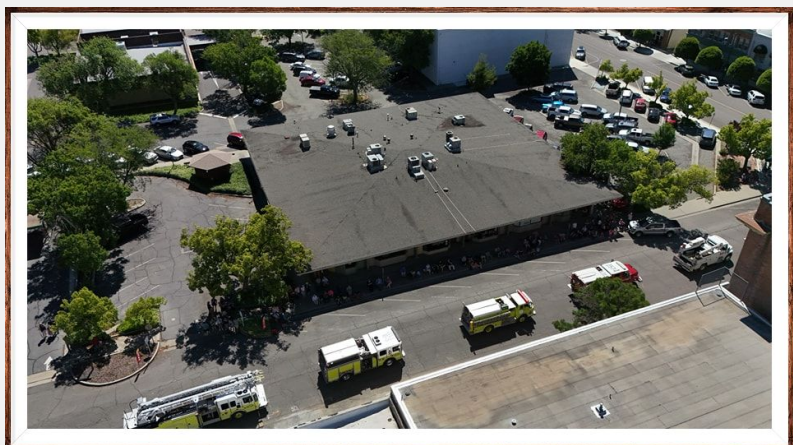
Willows Firefighters conducted Annual RT 130 training in the month of May. This mandated training is apart of the "red card" process which firefighters are required to complete each year to maintain wildland fire certification. Units covered mobile fire attack, progressive hose lays, radio communications, entrapment avoidance, safety considerations,



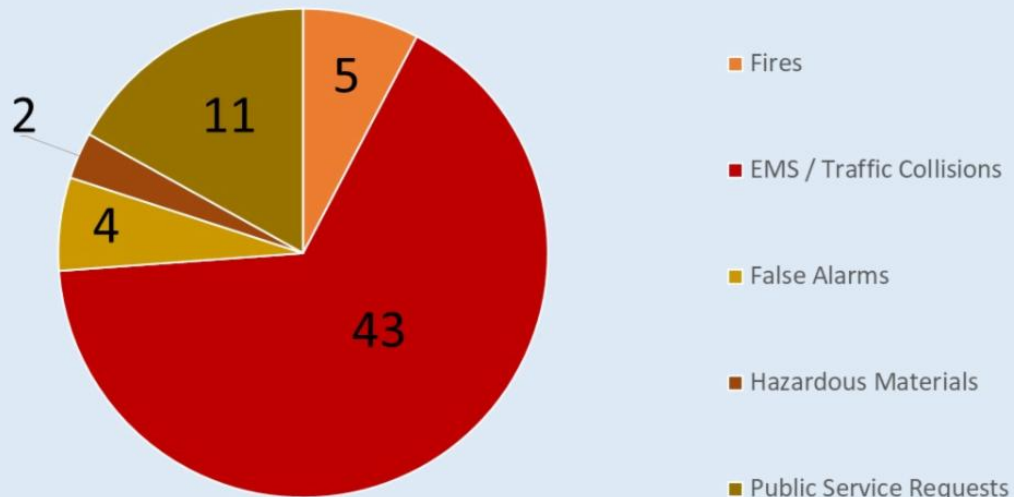
emergency medical procedures, fire shelter deployment and other topics.

### **Community Event**

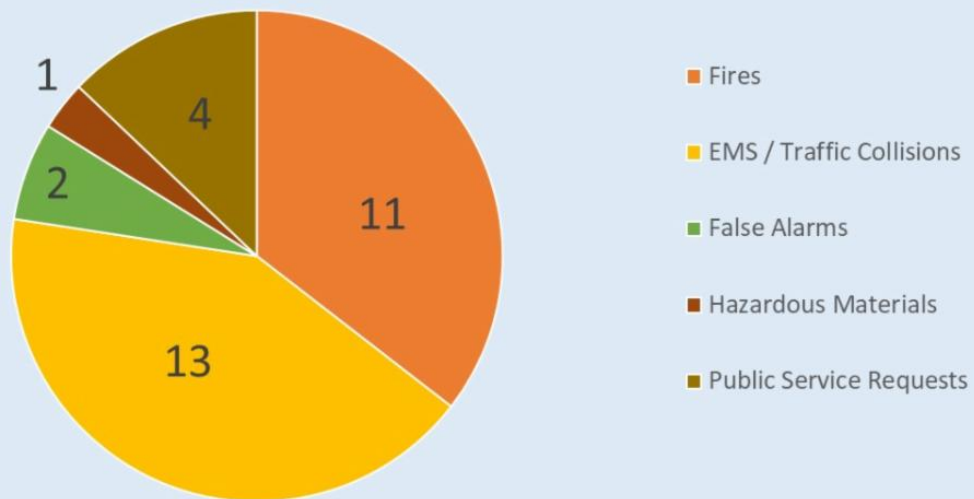
Willows Fire Department recently participated in the Lamb Derby Parade. The Department appreciates the community's ongoing support!



### Willows Fire Department Activity May 2024



### Willows Rural Fire Protection District Activity May 2024



## LIBRARY

### The Library's Summer Reading Program has begun!

The Library is happy to announce that its Summer Reading Program has begun! The program started in June; however, signups may take place throughout the summer. All participants win prizes and some lucky readers may be awarded a grand prize including a Nintendo Switch, Barnes & Noble gift card, Lego set, and more. This program is for all ages and the library will host a range of free activities to encourage and support the love of reading.

We've partnered with local organizations to present a dynamic summer reading program full of events for kids and families including Storytime with the Glenn County Sheriff's Office on June 19 and with the Willows Fire Department on June 26.

There's 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. Also, students read more when they may choose materials based on their own interests.

The Library is committed to supporting lifelong learning educational enrichments for all families and would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to the sponsors that help make this program possible: Dr. Boening of Willows Pediatrics, David Vodden of Thunderhill Raceway, and Willows Hardware.

To learn more about the summer reading adventure at the library, please call the library and check out its [website](#), and [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



**Who can sign up?**  
Everyone!

**How do I sign up?**  
Sign up with staff at the front desk.

**How do I win prizes?**  
Track progress with a reading log.

**12 & Under:**  
Fill in a bubble for every 15 minutes spent reading. Spin for a prize and raffle ticket each time you complete 1/2 of a log.

**13 & Up:**  
Fill in a bubble for every 15 minutes spent reading. Complete log & 1 book review to spin for a prize and raffle ticket.



Follow us on Facebook for news and events!



**Please thank our summer reading partners:**

Willows Pediatrics

Thunderhill

Central Valley Gas Storage

Western Physical Therapy

Willows Hardware



**MON** 1 PM - 5 PM  
**TUES** 11 AM - 5 PM  
**WED** 11 AM - 7 PM  
**THUR** 11 AM - 7 PM  
**FRI** 11 AM - 5 PM



**Willows Public Library**



201 N. Lassen St. - (530) 934-5156  
[willowspubliclibrary.org](http://willowspubliclibrary.org)

## Special Events All Ages



Story Time  
with Miss Ashley  
Wednesdays, 11am



Crafternoon, 4pm  
6/20 & 7/18



Block Party, 3pm  
6/6 & 8/1



Teen Time, 3pm  
6/12, 7/17 & 8/21



Game Day, 3pm  
6/4, 7/2, & 8/6



Movie Mondays, 3pm  
6/17-8/5



Movie Night, 5pm  
6/27, & 7/25 & 8/29

## Special Events All Ages



Monday,  
June 10th, 1pm  
Wild Things  
Animal



Thursday,  
June 13th, 1pm  
Cooking Demo



Tuesday,  
June 18th, 11am  
Farm Bureau



Wednesday,  
June 19th, 11am  
Glenn County  
Sheriff Story



Wednesday,  
June 26th, 11am  
Willows Fire  
Department Story



Thursday,  
July 11th, 1pm  
Cooking Demo

## Special Events All Ages



Tuesday,  
July 16th, 11am  
Fish & Wildlife Story



Wednesday,  
July 17th, 11am  
Healthy Teeth/  
Bilingual Story



Tuesday,  
July 23rd, 11am  
Honeybee Discovery  
Center



Wednesday,  
July 24th, 11am  
Master Gardener  
Story



Wednesday,  
July 31st, 11am  
CHP & Chipper



Tuesday,  
August 7th, TBA  
Farm Bureau

# BOOK SALE

**3\$ BAG  
SALE**

**Thursday,  
June 27th  
11am-6pm**



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**WILLOWS  
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3rd THURSDAY 4th FRIDAY  
3er JUEVES 4to VIERNES  
11:00 am-1:00 am 11:00 am-5:00 pm

**ORLAND  
LIBRARY**

4th MONDAY 1st/3rd FRIDAY  
4to LUNES 1er/3er VIERNES  
1:00 pm-4:00 pm 11:00 am-5:00 pm

**TCCAP**

WHOLE PERSON. WHOLE FAMILIES. WHOLE COMMUNITIES.



**BAYLISS  
LIBRARY**

3rd THURSDAY  
3er JUEVES  
2:00 pm-4:00 pm



**ELK CREEK  
LIBRARY**

1st THURSDAY  
1er JUEVES  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm

**HAMILTON CITY  
LIBRARY**

3rd MONDAY 3rd WEDNESDAY  
3er LUNES 3er MIERCOLES  
11:00 am-5:00 pm 1:00 pm-5:00 pm



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## Library Activity May 2024



Door Count – 789



Public Computer Use – 96



New Library Card - 67



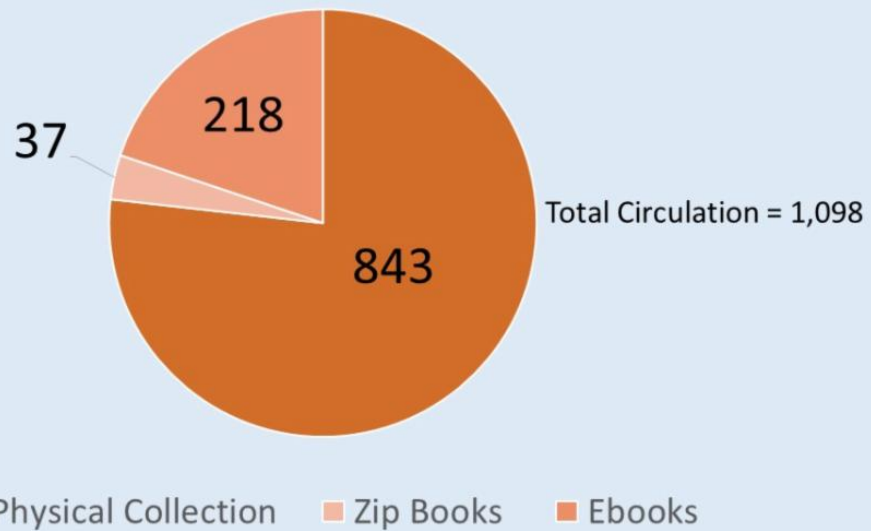
Items Added to Collection – 266



Program Participants – 131\*

\*Includes 14 programs and 89 Storytime  
"To Go kits" distributed.

## Circulation of Materials May 2024

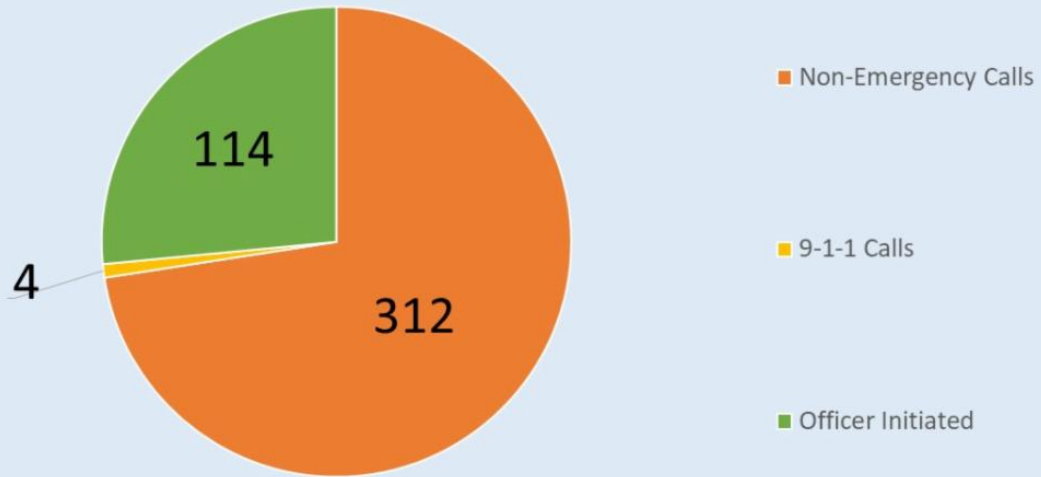


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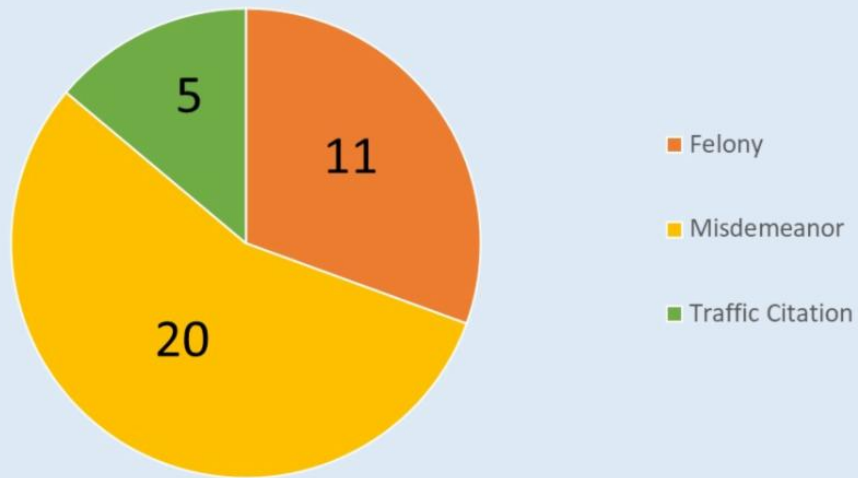
**SHERIFF**

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Sheriff Department Activity – Calls for Service  
May 2024



Sheriff Department Activity – Arrests & Citations  
May 2024



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