

Willows Monthly - May 2024



Upcoming Event

National Public Works Week Celebration!

The City of Willows celebrates **National Public Works Week (May 19-25)** with a proclamation and an "Open Corporation Yard" event on **Wednesday, May 22 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Stop by 400 East Ash Street, view the city's equipment, and talk to Public Works employees. Appetizers and drinks will be available.



Upcoming Meetings

City Council

- **May 28** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- **May 29** - Special Meeting @ 2:00 PM **(FY 2024-25 Budget Workshop)**
- **June 11** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Planning Commission

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

ADMINISTRATION

General Operations, City Clerk's Office & Economic Development

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ROUNDUP:

April 23 and May 14, 2024 City Council Meetings

April 23 Council Meeting

- Authorized the City Manager to sign an indemnification agreement and allow for use of the county facility located at 453 East County Road 49 1/2, Willows CA, for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course training.
- Adopted a resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt public nuisances; and approved the Weed and Rubbish Abatement Schedule for the 2024 fire season.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute a Power Purchase Agreement with RP Willows Solar 1, LLC to install ground mount solar panels at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Established a Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee and directed staff to invite civic groups and church members to participate.

May 14 Council Meeting

- Authorized the City Manager to update the Finance Director Classification and Salary Schedule.
- Adopted a resolution of intention to levy and collect assessments; and set the time and date of the required public protest hearing for the City of Willows Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District.
- Awarded contract for weed abatement services to Robert Burt Construction.



National Police Week

At the May 14, 2024, City Council Meeting, Mayor Gary Hansen presented a proclamation to the Glenn County Sheriff's Office recognizing National Police Week, **May 12-18, 2024.**



National Public Works Week

The Council also honored the Public Works Department with a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week, **May 19-25, 2024.**



Memorial Day

Mayor Hansen presented a proclamation to representatives of VFW Post 1770 in recognition of **Memorial Day on May 27, 2024.**

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 has started on the replacement of non-conforming pedestrian ramps and sidewalks on the following street segments:

- 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.



The above street segments will also be rehabilitated in the upcoming weeks. Replacement of two alleyway driveways between South Shasta and South Butte Streets at the entrances of West Laurel and West Ash Streets is also underway. All construction is expected to be completed by mid-June.

Planning Division

La Calle Food Truck

The proposed project includes using a vacant lot to install a food trailer, employ two full-time employees, and open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. The applicant plans to install a restroom, landscaping, and to connect to public sewer, water, and electricity. On April 25, 2024, the Planning Commission conditionally approved the La Calle Food Truck project contingent upon review and acceptance of detailed plans. The project will return to the Planning Commission for further consideration when detailed site plans are submitted.



Proposed Location



Food Trailer

Willows Municipal Code Fun Fact

10.05.150 Vision Obstructions by Trees, etc. - Whenever the traffic authority finds that any hedge, shrubbery or tree growing in a parkway or otherwise adjacent to a city street obstructs the view of any intersection, or any traffic upon the streets approaching such intersection, said traffic authority shall cause the hedge, shrubbery or tree to be immediately removed or reduced in height or width so as to effectively remove the obstruction. [Ord. 383 § 3, 11-21-60. Prior code § 16-15].

Recreation Division

Jump Start Program

Registration for the Jump Start Program will open at the end of May and will be advertised on the City of Willows' Facebook page. Jump Start focuses on social skills development through activities such as music, arts and crafts,



indoor and outdoor play and much more! This program is for children ages 3-5 who have not yet attended Kindergarten.

The 2024 Summer Swim Program is Coming Soon!

For the fourth year in a row, the City of Willows has leased the Willows High School Swimming Pool for the City's Summer Swim Program. The program will run from Thursday, June 13 thru Saturday, August 3. It 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

Grading Alleys

Due to equipment breakdown (e.g., grader, roller), grading alleys is currently delayed. The project should resume by the end of May and be complete by the end of June.



Landscaping

Crews have been busy maintaining rapidly growing landscape (after all of the rain). Grasses and weeds alike have been growing at an extremely fast pace. As a result, crews must dedicate more time than usual to mowing parks and ensuring fuel reduction via weed abatement. Please view recent *before* and *after* photos below.

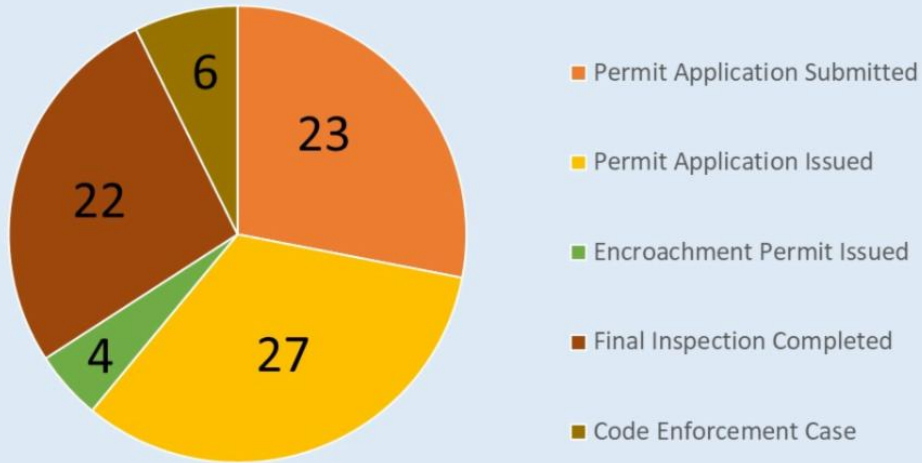


Before



After

Community Development Activity April 2024



Public Works Division Activity April 2024



Tree Removal - 7



Poured 6.5 tons of cold patch
to fill potholes.



New USA Markings - 41

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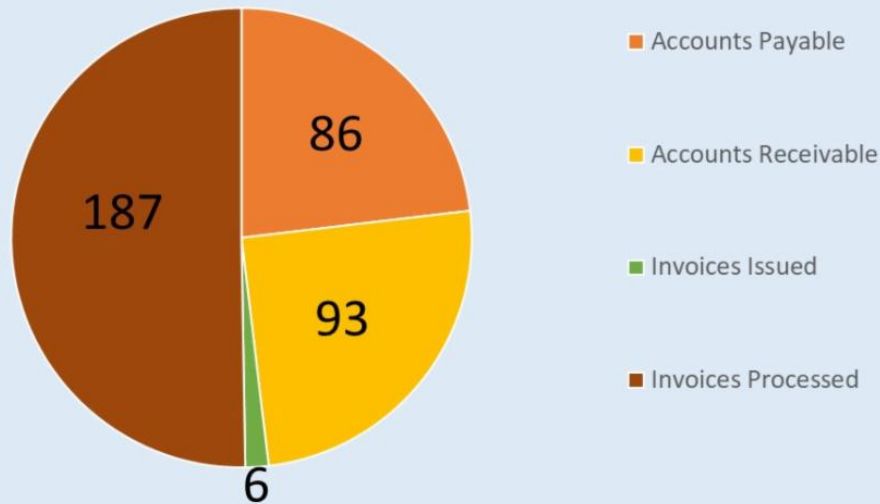
Sales Tax Revenue Trends and Quarterly Report

HdL, the company that monitors the City's sales tax revenue, recently published [Willows' October - December 2023 quarterly sales tax report](#). The report includes valuable insight as to how much sales tax revenue the city is generating and where it is coming from. Additionally, HdL also released another interesting [report](#) covering sales tax trends and economic drivers for the state of California.

Tyler Technologies Transition

After losing the City's entire two-employee Finance Department to abrupt voluntary departures in late August 2023, there have been many delays and it has taken considerable time to get back on schedule with Tyler Technologies to complete the transition of the City's remaining software modules, including business licenses, permitting, code enforcement, and recreation. That said, the City is back on Tyler's calendar and moving forward to transition to all of the Tyler Technologies modules. Anticipated completion is by the fall of 2024.

Finance Activity
April 2024

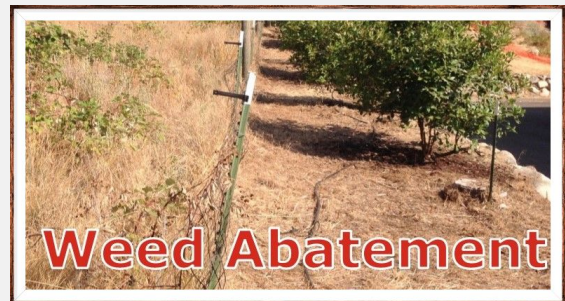


FIRE

Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services

2024 Weed Abatement & Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program

As of April 15, the City's Weed Abatement Program is underway!



For more than 40 years, the Weed Abatement Program has been a critical component of the City's fire prevention strategy. The City's extremely low Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating has ensured that Willows' residents benefit from lower homeowner insurance costs.

Due to limited Fire Department staffing levels, it is imperative that the department focuses on wildfire prevention in an effort to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of Willows. For fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2024, CAL FIRE has

100% funded the City's Weed Abatement Program also known as, the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program.

For best practice, please follow the adopted abatement standards:

Land areas of one acre or more:

- A cleared space around all buildings 30' wide minimum,
- A cleared space (e.g., fire break) 10' wide complete around perimeter of property and 10' wide cross breaks every 30', and
- A cleared space extending 15' beyond foliage of any group of trees.

Land areas of less than one acre:

- Complete abatement is required. All weeds, grass or other growth that could be expected to burn when dry MUST be removed or otherwise abated from the entire parcel of property whereby growth attains a height not exceeding 4 inches.

Surveys of the City will be conducted the week of April 15, May 22 and June 1.

All property owners must have fire hazards abated prior to May 31, 2024. Properties that still pose a hazard to the community after the May 31 deadline will be abated by the City of Willows contractor at the property owners expense. The goal of this program is 100% voluntary compliance.

If you receive a notice, and your property has already been abated of weeds, rubbish or other potential fire hazard conditions and will be maintained, please accept our gratitude for helping to make our community a safer and healthier place to live.

Please note, there is up to a two-week delay from the time the survey is completed and the property owner is notified of the abatement via mail.

Should you have any questions regarding the abatement process, please contact the Willows Fire Department at: (530) 934-3323.

Major Incidents

Willows Fire Department (WFD) responded to a structure Fire at County Road 46 and County Road SS. Units arrived to a fully engulfed detached garage that was beginning to spread to the main home. Units were able to mitigate the threat to the main house; however, the detached garage was a complete loss. No injuries were reported.

Public Events

**April was National Public Safety
Telecommunicators Week!**

Generally, though, we refer to them

as Dispatchers. This year, the WFD is especially grateful to the Dispatchers of the Glenn County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) because the WFD, along with all the other Fire Departments and Districts in Glenn County, are now part of consolidated dispatch by the GCSO. The transfer of dispatch services to the GCSO has resulted in faster response times, better communication, and most of all greater camaraderie with law enforcement and surrounding fire protection districts.



9-1-1 Dispatchers frequently assist callers on the worst day of their lives. They manage emergency logistics of dynamic incidents and coordinate with all responders and the community seeking emergency assistance. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you so much to all GCSO Dispatchers as well as past Dispatchers. Willows Fire appreciates every single one of you!

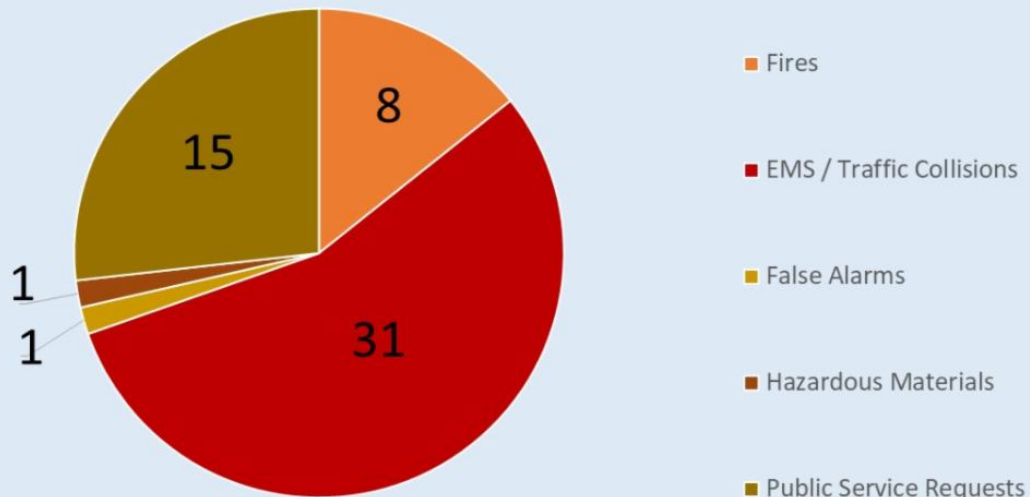
VFW Award of Appreciation

At the April Willows Volunteer Fire Department Board Meeting, Willows Fire was honored by the VFW Post 1770 and the VFW Auxiliary 1770 with an Award of Appreciation and a \$1000 donation. This was for the WFD's recent response to a medical emergency for one of a VFW members.

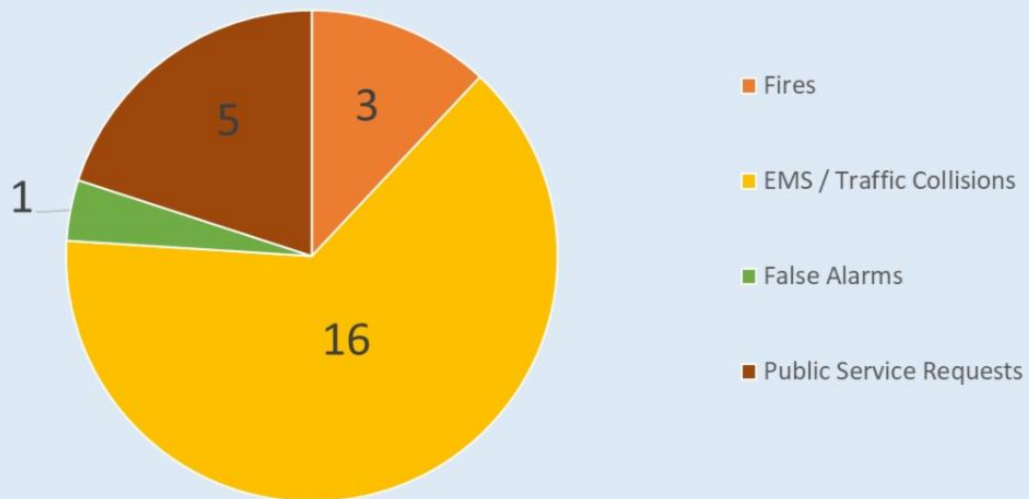
Words cannot express how humbled the Department and staff are to receive both of these awards. Thank you to the VFW Post 1770 for your donation, award, support, and for everything YOU do for our community as well.



Willows Fire Department Activity April 2024



Willows Rural Fire Protection District Activity April 2024



LIBRARY

Receive Community Health Assistance at the Library!

A Community Health Worker will now be at the Library on the first Thursday of each month from 11am-1pm and the second Thursday of the Month from 1pm-3pm. Stop by the library to receive assistance with resources, programs, benefits; filling out applications; healthcare navigation; coordinating transportation; translation (e.g., Spanish, English, Laotian); and anything else you may need. To make an appointment or for more information please call, (530) 433-4420 or email,

WILLOWS LIBRARY

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER NOW AT
YOUR LIBRARY

1st Thursday
of the month
11am-1pm &

2nd Thursday
of the month
1-3pm



PROMOTORA YA EN SU
BIBLIOTECA!

WHAT WE DO:

- Linkage to resources/programs/benefits
- Application assistance
- Healthcare navigation
- Coordinating transportation
- Translation (Spanish/English/Laotian)
- Anything else, please ask!

LO QUE HACEMOS:

- Vinculación a recursos/programas/beneficios
- Asistencia con solicitudes
- Navegación de salud
- Coordinación del transporte
- Traducción (Español/Inglés/Laotian)
- Cualquier otra cosa, por favor pregunte!



TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PARA AGENDAR UNA CITA O MAS INFORMACION:

(530) 433-4420

INFO@TRICOUNTIESCAP.ORG

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Summer Reading Program

The Library is pleased to announce that our Summer Reading Program will begin soon! The Program begins in June but signups will take place throughout the summer. All participants win



prizes and some lucky readers will be awarded the grand prizes including Barnes & Noble gift cards, Lego sets, and more. This program is for all ages and the library will host a range of free activities to encourage and support a love of reading.

Upcoming Summer Events

We've partnered with some local organizations to present a dynamic summer program full of events for kids and families. **The Wild Things Animal Show will be held on June 10 at 1:00 p.m.** in front of the library thanks to the Friends of the Willows Public Library and everyone who has donated or purchased books at their sales. 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. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests.

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WILLOWS PUBLIC LIBRARY
FRIENDS OF THE WILLOWS PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Spring 2024
FAMILIES FOR LITERACY**

Join us for storytelling, crafts, and snacks!
Parents and children ages 0-5.

Free Book Giveaway!
March 21st - Willows Library
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

April 25th - Willows Library
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

May 30th - Willows Library
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

"Thank you" and Sponsorships

The Library is committed to supporting lifelong learning educational enrichments for all families and would like to extend a huge thank you to some of our sponsors who help make this happen: Dr. Boening Willows Pediatrics, David Vodden, Thunderhill Raceway, and Willows Hardware. To learn more about the summer reading adventure at the library, please check out the [library's website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages or call the library with any inquiries,



MAY

Willows Public Library

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Closed	1-5 pm	11-5 pm	11-7 pm	11-7 pm	11-5 pm	Closed
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			STORY 11 AM	BLOCK PARTY 3 PM		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	GAME DAY 3 PM		STORY 11 AM			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 1-5 PM TEEN MOVIE 3 PM		STORY 11 AM	CRAFTER -NOON 4 PM		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			STORY 11 AM TEEN CRAFT 3 PM	MOVIE NIGHT 5 PM		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	<u>CLOSED</u>		STORY 11 AM	FAMILIES FOR LITERACY 4 PM		

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Library Activity April 2024



Door Count – 792



Public Computer Use – 100



New Library Card - 35



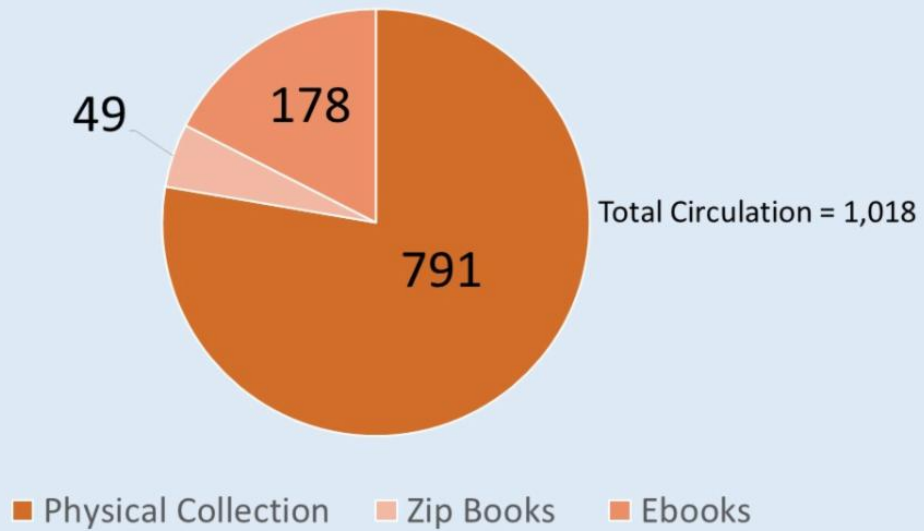
Items Added to Collection – 174



Program Participants – 434*

*Includes 14 programs and 58 Storytime
"To Go kits" distributed.

Circulation of Materials April 2024



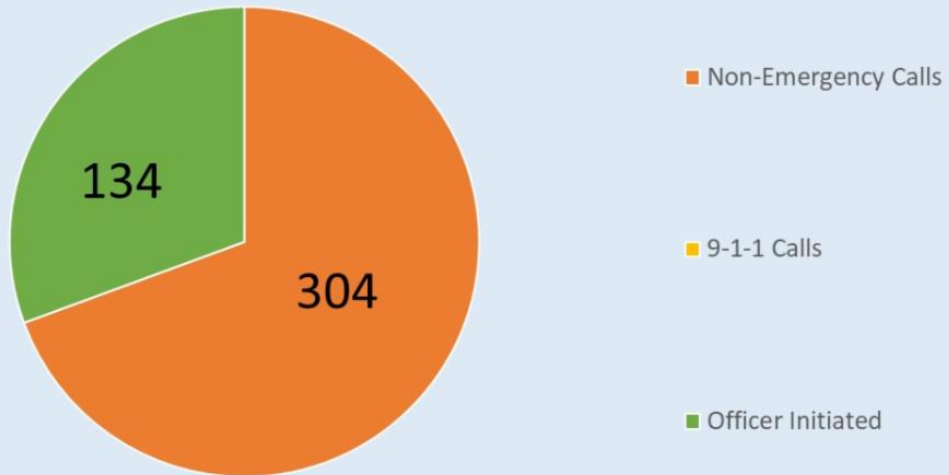
SHERIFF

National Police Week (May 12-18, 2024)

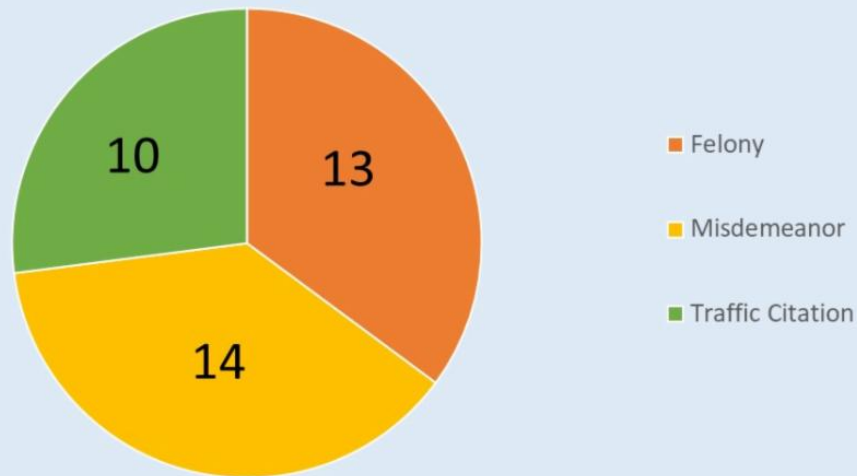
Last week was National Police Week and the Willows City Council presented a proclamation to the Glenn County Sheriff's Office honoring and thanking them for their service. That said, it's never too late to thank law enforcement for their service to our communities - early and often. Thank you!



Sheriff Department Activity – Calls for Service
April 2024



Sheriff Department Activity – Arrests & Citations
April 2024



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