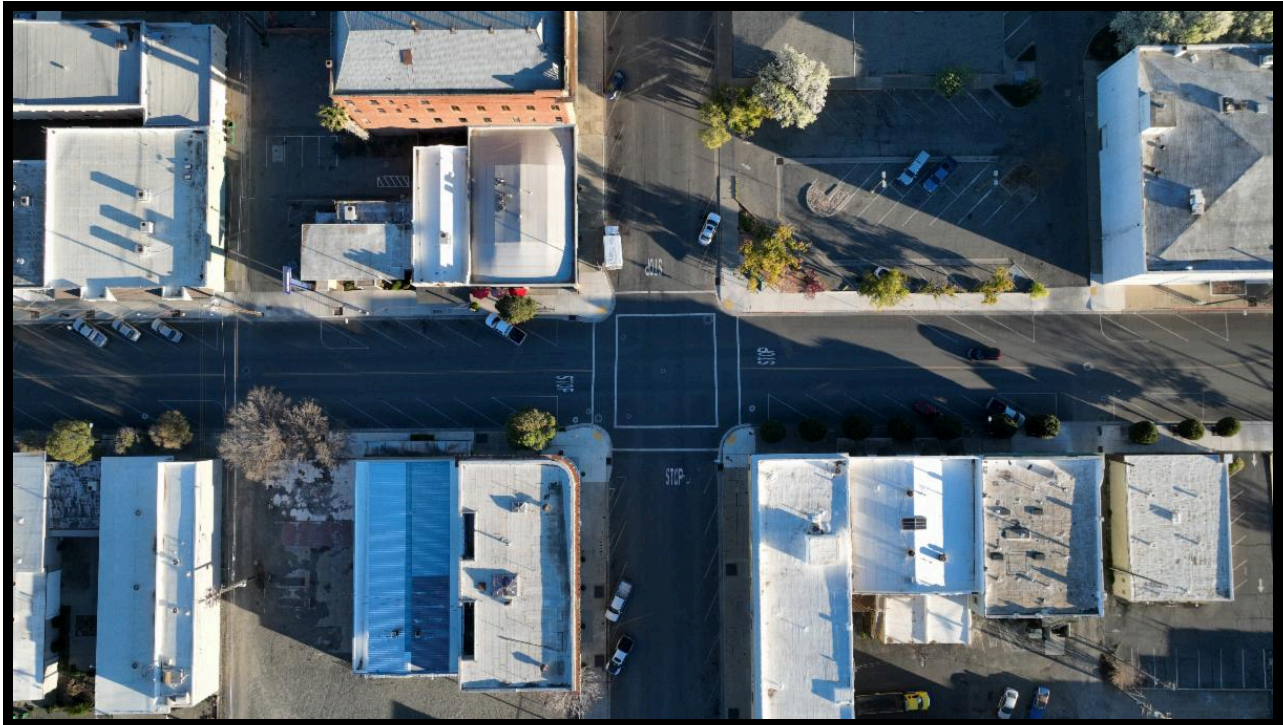


## Willows Monthly Newsletter

### March 2026



### Top Stories:

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### Upcoming Meetings

## **City Council**

- **March 23** - Special Meeting @ 5:30pm
- **March 24** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00pm

## **Planning Commission**

- **April 7** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00pm

## **Library Board of Trustees**

- **April 9** - Regular Meeting @ 11:00am

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# **ADMINISTRATION**

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

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### **City Hall's Front Counter Gets a Refresh!**

The City recently completed an upgrade to the front counter at City Hall to improve safety and service for both staff and visitors. Public Works staff removed the old steel roll-down security gate, which had become damaged and was no longer functioning properly.

To provide a safer and more practical solution, a new fixed glass barrier was installed at the counter. The new installation includes speak-through panels and large transaction slots, allowing documents and payments to be exchanged efficiently while providing for employee safety.

The upgrade enhances safety for the employee-only work area while also creating a cleaner, more professional appearance at the public counter and improving day-to-day security for staff.

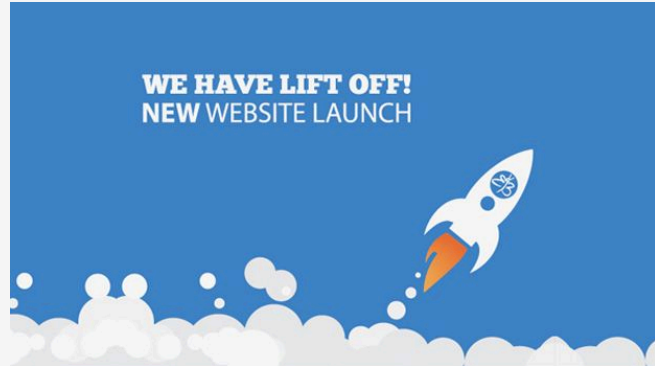


City Hall front counter

## Coming Soon:

### The City's New Website!

The City is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of its new and improved website. Designed with the community in mind, the updated site will feature a cleaner layout, improved navigation, and easier access to important city information and services.



The new website will make it easier for residents to find forms, view city updates, access department information, and stay connected with what's happening in Willows. Stay tuned for the official launch and to explore the City's new online presence!

## City of Willows to Celebrate California Cities Week

The City of Willows will join cities across the state in celebrating California Cities Week, **April 19–25, 2026**, a statewide effort led by the League of California Cities to highlight the important role cities play in improving the quality of life for residents.

To recognize the week, the Willows City Council will consider adopting a proclamation at its March 24, 2026 City Council meeting declaring the City's support for California Cities Week



and acknowledging the value of local government and community engagement.

As part of the celebration, the City of Willows will also host a community event designed to connect residents with their local government and highlight the work being done throughout the city. The event will provide an opportunity for community members to learn more about current projects, upcoming improvements, and the services the City provides.

California Cities Week is a time to celebrate what makes each city unique and to recognize the dedicated staff, elected officials, and community members who work together to make their communities stronger.

Stay tuned for additional details about the City of Willows' upcoming Cities Week event!

## City Council Action Roundup

### February 10 and February 24 City Council Meetings

#### February 10

- Received the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income presentation and provided direction to staff.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute a Facilities Use Agreement with the Willows Unified School District to use the School District's swimming pool during the 2026 summer swim season for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
- Passed first reading an ordinance entitled "An ordinance of the City of Willows amending Article III of Chapter 8.10 of the Willows Municipal Code relating to abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles. "

#### February 24

- Approved the updated Library Policy Manual Rules of Conduct.
- Adopted Resolution 06-2026 appointing DCCM, formerly Coastland Civil Engineering, as the Engineer of Work for the City of Willows Landscaping and Lighting Special Assessment District; and directed the preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report for FY 2026-27.
- Adopted Resolution 07-2026 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with LT Municipal Consultants (LTMC) in an amount not to exceed \$39,780 to provide consultant services for the City's upcoming Proposition 218 Sewer Rate Study.
- Approved Resolution 08-2026 confirming the costs of abatement for 802 Tamarack, APN 005-272-002, and levying said costs as a lien against the property.

- Adopted Second Reading of the Ordinance 769-2026 titled “An ordinance of the City of Willows amending Article III of Chapter 8.10 of the Willows Municipal Code relating to abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles.”
- Adopted Resolution 09-2026 establishing a schedule of fees and charges for City services and repealing previously adopted fees and charges for such services, with amendments to Exhibit A: Master Fee Schedule.

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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES**

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

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#### **Code Enforcement Division**

##### **300 Block of North Crawford Avenue**

The City continues to address violations at this property regarding unsafe and unsanitary conditions, including concerns that unhoused individuals may live on site with inactive water and electrical services. After confirming that utilities were not connected and receiving no response to official notifications, staff moved forward with enforcement action to protect public health and safety. The structure was red-tagged and boarded to prevent unsafe entry, and the City is now working through the legal process required to resolve the situation. This case is another example of the City’s ongoing efforts to address code enforcement issues that impact neighborhood safety, cleanliness, and community pride.

##### **800 Block of West Willow Street**

This long-running code enforcement case is finally moving in a positive direction. After years of repeated violations and limited progress, the City’s enforcement efforts prompted immediate cleanup activity and meaningful movement toward compliance. The property has since been sold, and the new owner has continued cleanup work and expressed interest in rehabilitating the houses and upgrading them to safe, livable conditions. City staff will continue working with the owner through the permit and inspection process and will monitor the site as improvements move forward.

##### **400 Block of South Butte Street**

After receiving public complaints of unsafe conditions at the property, a code enforcement citation was issued. Staff notified the property owner that immediate progress was necessary, and the owner has since begun working with the Building Department to move the property toward compliance, including issuance of a building permit for repairs.

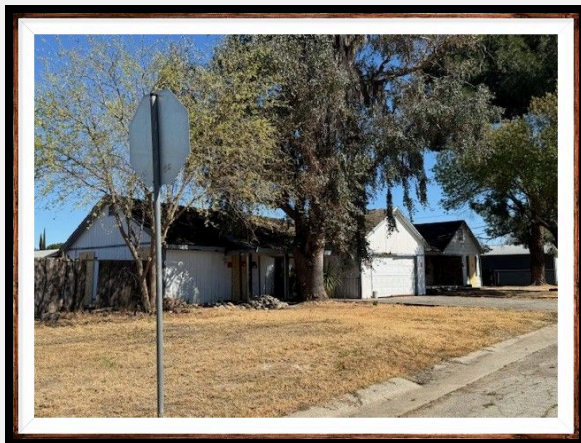
##### **600 Block of North Humboldt Avenue – Apartment Complex**

The City continues to work toward resolving ongoing code enforcement violations at this apartment complex, many of which have been identified over the past several years. While some items have been corrected, other concerns have remained outstanding and required continued follow-up by staff. In February, the City received additional complaints regarding conditions at the property and issued written notice requiring corrective action.

Since then, the City has made contact with the property owners, and they have applied for permits so that work may begin to address the reported violations. Staff will continue to monitor progress and follow up as needed to ensure the property complies with and addresses all health and safety violations.



300 Block of North Crawford Avenue



800 Block of West Willow Street



400 Block of South Butte Street

# Willows Municipal Code Fun Fact:

## Title 5

### BUSINESS LICENSES, FRANCHISES AND REGULATIONS

#### 5.05 General Provisions

##### [5.05.060 Exemptions.](#)

(2) Charitable Organizations. The provisions of this title shall not be deemed or construed to require the payment of a license fee to conduct, manage or carry on any business, occupation or activity from any institution or organization which is conducted, managed or carried on wholly for the benefit of charitable purposes; nor shall any license fee be required for the conducting of any entertainment, concert, exhibition or lecture on scientific, historical, literary, religious, or moral subjects, within the city, whenever the receipts of any such entertainment, concert, exhibition or lecture are to be appropriated to any church or school or to any religious or benevolent purpose; nor shall any license fee be required for the conducting of any entertainment, dance, concert, exhibition or lecture by any religious, charitable, fraternal, service club, veterans, public school, chamber of commerce, educational, military, state, county or municipal organization or association whenever the receipts of any such entertainment, dance, concert, exhibition or lecture are to be appropriated for the purpose of and objects for which such organization or association was formed and from which no profit is derived or anticipated, either directly or indirectly by any individual. Nothing in this shall be deemed to exempt any such organization or association from complying with the provisions of any ordinance of the city requiring a permit from the city.

**\*\*All entities (including nonprofits) must have a business license to operate in the City of Willows. The fee may be waived if they qualify as noted above\*\***

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## Engineering Division

### Community Development Block Grant: Sidewalk Rehabilitation

The City is preparing to apply for approximately \$3.3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a citywide sidewalk rehabilitation project focused on improving pedestrian safety and accessibility. If awarded, the grant would help fund repairs and upgrades to sidewalks throughout the community, with the goal of improving ADA mobility, reducing tripping hazards, and making it safer and easier for residents walking around town.

The application is due in early April, and the City expects to learn whether funding is awarded by the summer of 2026. This is a highly competitive statewide grant program, and funding is not guaranteed; however, staff continue to move forward in the hopes that this

application will be successful and provide the resources needed to make real progress on sidewalk improvements for the Willows community.

## **Planning Division**

### **Save the Date - April 30:**

#### **Joint City Council & Planning Commission Meeting**

On Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 pm, the Willows City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public meeting to review and provide input on the draft changes to Title 18, Zoning of the Willows Municipal Code. Harris & Associates, the City's Planners and Consultants, will present and lead the discussion. As the date approaches, more details will be forthcoming.

#### **Planning Commission Vacancy Still Open!**

The City of Willows is accepting applications to fill one current vacancy for a full four-year term.

Residents interested in serving the community are encouraged to apply. Applications must be physically received in the City Clerk's Office. Application materials are available on the [city website](#) and at the following link: [Planning Commission Application](#).

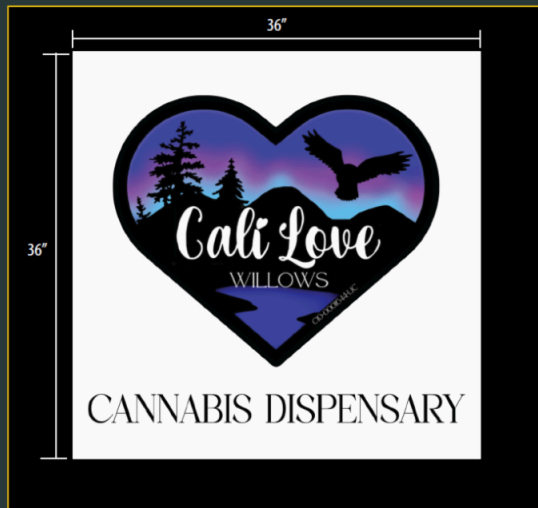


## **Planning Commission Action Roundup**

### **Planning Commission Meeting, March 3, 2026**

#### **Cali Love Dispensary Signage**

Approved the proposed double-sided projecting sign for Cali Love, the commercial cannabis storefront at 157 North Butte Street (APN 002-162-006-000) within the Central Commercial (CC) zoning district.



**Material/Substrate:** ACP Digital Print  
**Sign Size:** 36" x 36"  
**Signage Weight:** 5lbs  
**Thickness:** 1/4"  
**Background color:** White  
**Letter Color:** Black  
**3D:** No  
**Attachment Method:** Page 2  
**Quantity:** 2, Single Sided

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## 475 North Humboldt Avenue, TESLA Charging Station

Tesla has submitted a new design review application for a major electric vehicle charging station on an empty lot at 475 North Humboldt Avenue. The proposal includes 96 charging stations, a solar canopy, battery storage, charging cabinets, an amenity building, and the related electrical infrastructure needed to support the site. The chargers proposed are Tesla's newer V4 Superchargers, which will make this site a very large charging hub on the I-5 corridor.

Potentially, the hub could serve both local drivers and a significant amount of I-5 traffic, creating another opportunity to bring pass through travelers off the freeway and into Willows. Staff are enthusiastic about what this could mean for the community, not just in terms of expanded charging infrastructure, but also the added visibility, customer traffic, and economic activity that could come from travelers stopping in the city limits to recharge and explore the town.

## 505 North Humboldt Avenue, Little Caesars

Little Caesars is officially moving forward with tenant improvements at 505 North Humboldt Avenue, with plans approved and construction now underway on the new suite. This project has been in the works for more than two years and faced major hurdles along the way, including significant power upgrades, so it is great to see things finally moving into the construction phase. Once open, the new dining establishment will be a welcome addition to the community for Willows residents and visitors alike.

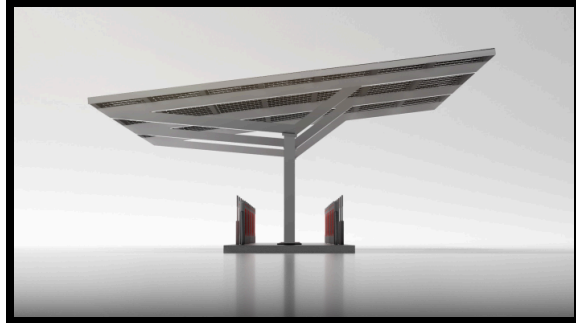
## 1301 West Wood Street, Taco Bell Remodel

Taco Bell is currently under construction on both interior and exterior upgrades to refresh the restaurant. The project includes new seating and tables, updated kitchen lighting, new paint,

refreshed wall finishes, and exterior improvements to help modernize the overall appearance of the property.

### 510 West Wood Street, Barber Sergio

The vacant building at 510 West Wood Street is being brought back to life! The former home of California Engineering Company, has been sold and is now being remodeled for a new commercial use as the future home of Barber Sergio, which was previously located at 130 North Butte Street. Staff look forward to the re-opening of this business, occupation of a vacant city building, and adding to the community's commercial activity.



Tesla Solar Canopy



Tesla Amenity Building



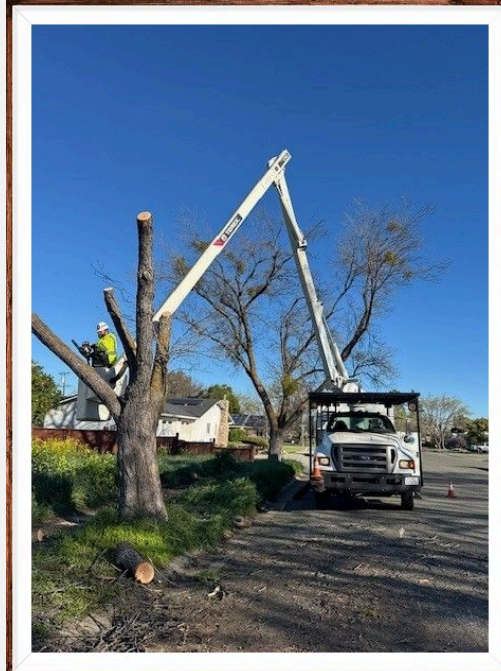
Taco Bell Exterior Remodel

## Public Works Division

### Tree Safety and Maintenance

Public Works recently removed eight dead and diseased trees from parkways along the City right-of-way after determining they posed significant safety hazards. Several of the trees were in severe decline, and some had already lost large branches, creating a safety risk to pedestrians, vehicles, and nearby property. Removing the trees was necessary to help prevent injury and further damage.

City staff will continue monitoring trees in parkways and other public rights-of-way ensuring potential hazards are addressed before becoming more serious issues. As a reminder, property owners are responsible for maintaining trees adjacent to their property to ensure they do not obstruct sidewalks and/or roadways and are safely maintained.



## **Save the Date - June 6: Willows Community Cleanup Day!**

In partnership with WM, the City of Willows will co-host the 2026 Annual Community Cleanup Day on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1600 South Tehama Street in Willows.

Community Cleanup Day is a great opportunity for residents to make a visible difference in city neighborhoods by disposing of unwanted objects and materials and help keep private property and the community clean and well-maintained.

To participate, residents must show proof of residency in the City of Willows. This is a self-disposal event and, therefore, participants will be responsible for unloading their own waste. A large dumpster will be available on site for eligible objects such as household garbage, metal furniture, mattresses, e-waste, and appliances. **Hazardous materials, concrete, flammable or poisonous substances, paint, and oil will not be accepted.** Additional information will be provided as the event date approaches.



2025 Community Cleanup Day

## Recreation Division

### Willows Recreation Spring Soccer is Back!

Willows Recreation is excited to announce the return of Spring Soccer! The season will run from **March 28 through May 2** at the Willows Intermediate School Soccer Fields and is open to youth ages 4–14, with coed divisions for ages 4–6, 7–9, and 10–14.

Registration is now open! Vacancies fill quickly, so please sign up ASAP! Click the [Link to Register](#) or scan the QR code on the flyer below to sign up. **Registration is \$50 for both residents and non-residents.**

Willows Recreation is also looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming season. If you are interested in supporting local youth sports, please contact Pedro Bobadilla at (530) 330-9082 for more information.



**WILLOWS RECREATION  
SPRING SOCCER**

**SEASON  
MARCH 28TH - MAY 2ND  
AGES 4-14**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

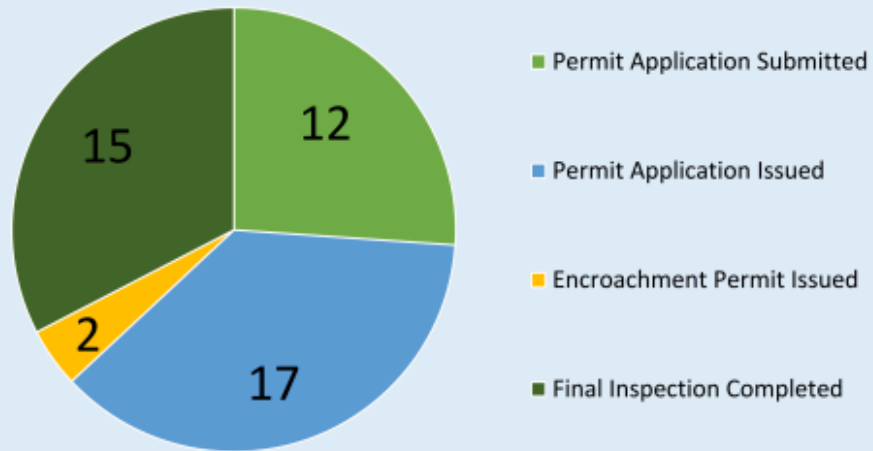
**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**COACHES NEEDED**

**CONTACT: PEDRO BOBADILLA  
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### Community Development Activity February 2026



### Public Works Division Activity February 2026

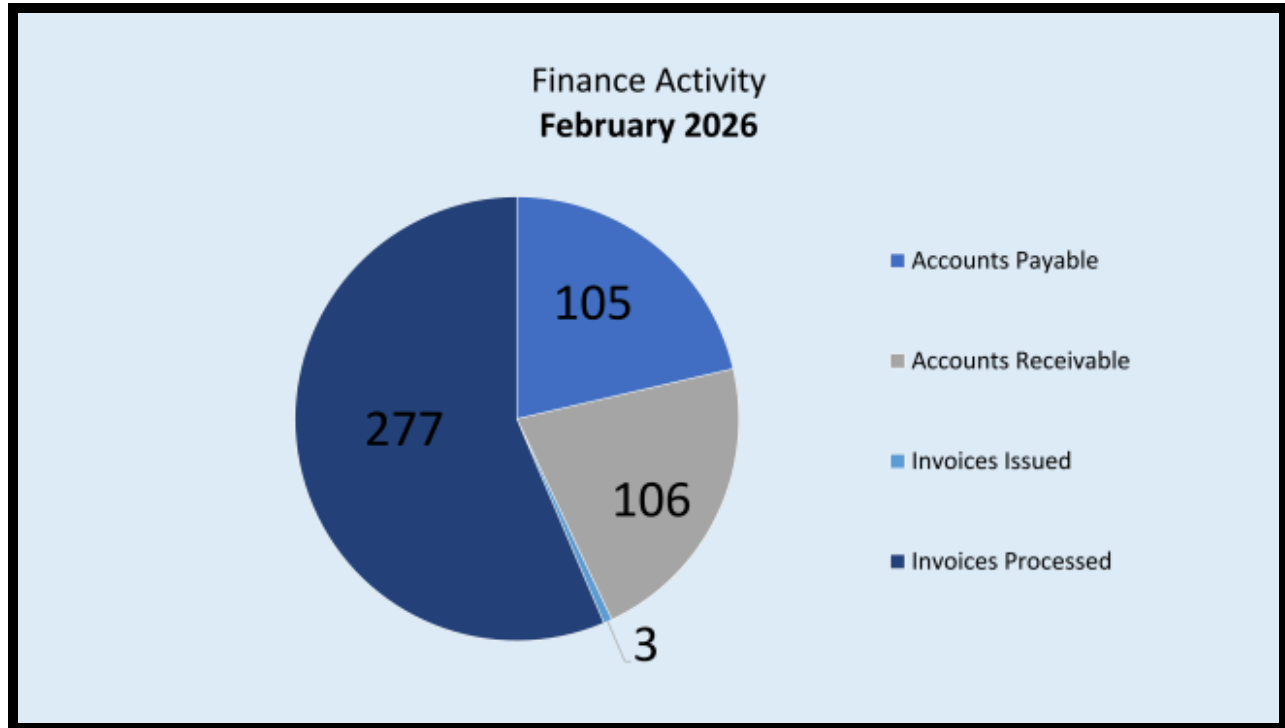


## FINANCE

### Save the Date - April 21: Finance and Measure I Oversight Committee (FMIOC) Town Hall Meeting

The City of Willows invites community members to attend the FMIOC Town Hall meeting on **April 21 at 5:30 p.m.** at City Hall.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the meeting to learn more about the upcoming FY 2026-27 city budget and Measure I revenues and expenditures. Community members will offer their input on the budget and use of Measure I funds, as well as get their city finance questions answered.



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

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#### **Major Incidents & Emergency Response**

##### **Willows Fire Department Responds to Major Traffic Collision**

On February 17, the Willows Fire Department (WFD) responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision at Wood and North Plumas Streets. Upon arrival, crews found two vehicles with significant damage and one patient trapped inside a vehicle.

WFD established command and requested an air ambulance and two additional ground ambulances to assist with the incident. Firefighters successfully extricated the trapped patient, and responders ultimately identified six patients involved in the collision. Due to the number of patients, the incident commander declared a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) to ensure resources and patient care were managed effectively.

WFD paramedics provided Advanced Life Support (ALS) care to the most critically injured patient while awaiting the arrival of the first ambulance from Orland. They also coordinated with the base hospital to determine transport destinations for all patients before ambulances arrived.

In total, three patients were transported to area hospitals, while three others declined treatment after being evaluated on scene. Thanks to the department's ALS capabilities and coordinated response, patient care and transport were handled quickly and efficiently.

## **Office of Emergency Services - Preposition Upstaffing Awarded**

The Willows Fire Department recently received 72 hours of preposition upstaffing through the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) after successfully applying to the program.

As part of the effort, WFD staffed two strike team leaders, one qualified division supervisor, and two fire engines to support regional wildfire readiness and response.

All staffing and operational costs associated with the preposition assignment will be reimbursed by OES, ensuring the department can support statewide emergency preparedness while maintaining services to the Willows and Glenn County community.

## **New Engine 2: Build Process Gets Underway!**

The Willows Fire Department has started ordering and designing its new Fire Engine 2. Career staff and volunteer members are currently working with Golden State Fire Apparatus to design the department's next Type 1 Fire Engine.

The new engine will replace the current 1992 Type 1 Engine, which has reached the end of its useful service life. Through this collaborative design process, firefighters are helping ensure the apparatus will meet the operational needs of the department and the community. This project represents an important investment in maintaining reliable emergency response equipment for the City.

Delivery of Engine 2 is anticipated in 2030.



Upcoming Replacement: Fire Engine 2

## **Trainings**

### **Advanced Airway Training**

The Willows Fire Department (WFD) recently hosted a joint training with Reach Air Medical Services, focused on advanced airway management techniques. The three-hour course was taught by Reach Flight paramedics and nurses and provided firefighters with in-depth instruction on airway anatomy, Basic Life Support (BLS) airway interventions, Advanced Life Support (ALS) airway procedures, and other advanced techniques used in emergency patient care.

Participants also gained practical insights and valuable takeaways from the flight medical team—knowledge they can confidently apply in real-world emergency situations.

WFD remains committed to bringing high-quality outside training opportunities into the department to continually strengthen skills and enhance emergency response capabilities for the community.



Advanced Airway Training

## Annual Pump Testing

The Willows Fire Department (WFD) has begun its annual pump testing, a process required by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to ensure fire engine pumps are operating properly and are capable of delivering the water flow they are rated to provide.

This testing helps verify that equipment will perform reliably during emergency responses. Each apparatus is tested to confirm it can pump water at its rated capacity.

A total of seven pieces of WFD apparatus are required to undergo pump testing each year. The pumps being tested range in capacity from 500 to 1,500 gallons per minute (GPM), ensuring the department's equipment remains ready to support firefighting and emergency operations throughout the community.

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## LIBRARY

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### Library News & Updates

#### Free Book Cart

Many new items will soon be added to the library's collection. As part of this process, some older materials are being removed. Be sure to check out the FREE book cart in the library for discarded items available to the public.

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Families with children ages 0–5 are encouraged to sign up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which sends one free book per month (available in English or bilingual English/Spanish) directly to each child until they turn five.

## Rural Health Connections Materials Available

Informational materials from Rural Health Connections are currently on display in the library's main space. These resources include exercise and nutrition information available in both English and Spanish.

## Upcoming Events

### Car Seat Safety Event – March 19

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a Car Seat Safety event on Thursday, March 19. The presentation will cover car seat laws, recalls, and best practices for child passenger safety. Car seat inspections will be available following the educational portion of the event. Pre-registration is required.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale – March 24

The Willows Friends of the Library will host a book sale on Tuesday, March 24 in the Eubanks Room during regular library hours. Stop by to browse a variety of books and support your local library.

## Car Seat Safety

Safety, laws, best practices, selection & more!


### THURSDAY March 19<sup>th</sup>

### 4-6pm - Willows Library

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will inspect car seats for:

- Proper fit for child
- Recalls
- Expirations

*\*Child safety seats available at no cost following education class for qualifying participants\**



**Registration Required for Participation**

Event will be in-person but also available virtually for participants unable to attend.



**OTS TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**RURAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS**

**WILLOWS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**HHS**

**HSA**

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

## Seguridad del asiento del automóvil

¡Seguridad, leyes, mejores prácticas, selección y más!

### JUEVES 19 de marzo

### 4-6pm - Biblioteca Willows

Los técnicos certificados en seguridad de pasajeros infantiles inspeccionarán los asientos del automóvil para detectar:

- Ajuste adecuado para el niño
- Recuerda
- Caducidad

*\*Asientos de seguridad para niños disponibles sin costo después de la clase educativa para los participantes que califiquen\**



**Es necesario registrarse para participar**

El evento será presencial pero también estará disponible virtualmente para los participantes que no puedan asistir.



**OTS TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**CONEXIONES DE SALUD RURAL**

**WILLOWS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**HHS**

**HSA**

La financiación para este programa fue proporcionada por una subvención de la Oficina de Seguridad del Tráfico de California, a través de la Administración Nacional de Seguridad del Tráfico en las Carreteras.

## Special Guest Story Time at the Library

On February 18, the library welcomed Willows City Councilmember Lorri Pride as a special guest reader for Story Time. Children and families enjoyed a fun and engaging session filled with stories, learning, and plenty of smiles.

The library would like to extend a big thank you to Councilmember Pride for taking the time to support young readers and the local library community. Events like these help foster a love of reading while bringing the community together.



## February Maker Time Fun at the Library

The library hosted several Maker Time activities throughout February, giving children and families the opportunity to get creative and have fun together. Activities included a Valentine's Day-themed craft session as well as playdough maker time, where kids could build, shape, and explore their creativity.


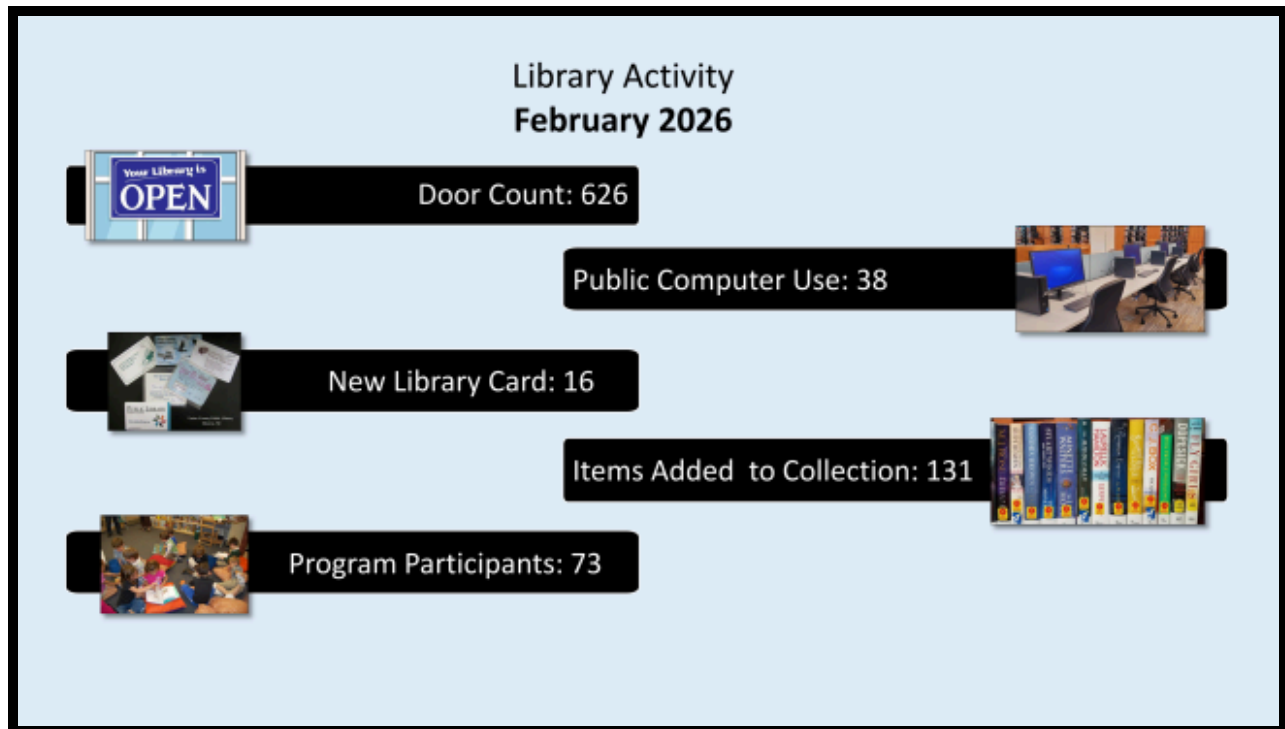
These hands-on programs encourage imagination, learning through play, and community engagement. The library looks forward to offering more Maker Time events in the months ahead.



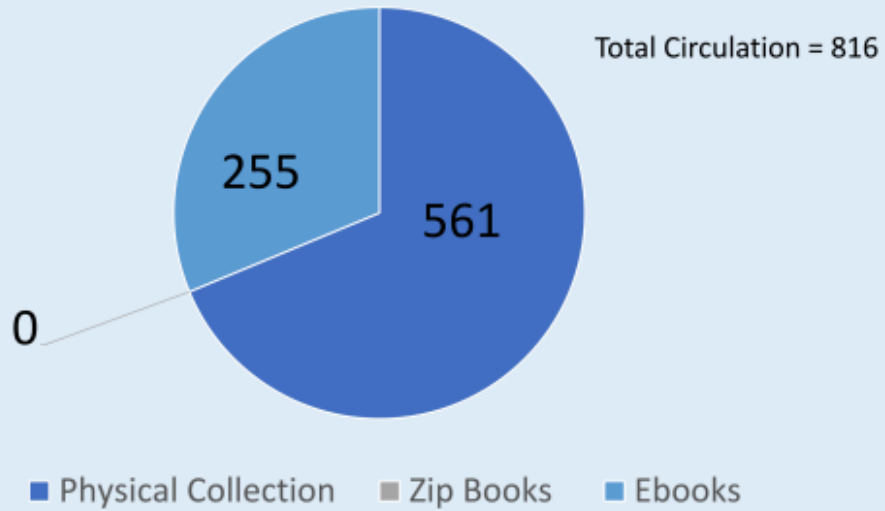
# March Calendar

**MARCH 2026**

| SUN                        | MON                            | TUE                           | WED  | THU   | FRI | SAT                              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1                          | 2<br>School Visit<br>@ 9:30 am | 3                             | 4<br>Storytime @ 2pm<br>This is a Story              | 5<br>Maker Time @ 4pm<br>Reading Hats                               | 6   | 7                                |
| <b>READ Across America</b> |                                |                               |  |   |     |                                  |
| 8                          | 9                              | 10                            | 11<br>Storytime @ 2pm<br>Cactus Queen                | 12<br>Maker Time @ 4pm<br>Piggy Bank Painting                       | 13  | 14<br>Wellness<br>Walk<br>@ 10am |
| 15                         | 16                             | 17                            | 18<br>Storytime @ 2pm<br>How to trap a<br>Leprechaun | 19<br>Car Seat Safety<br>@ 4pm<br>Maker Time @ 5pm<br>Mosaic Part 1 | 20  | 21                               |
| 22                         | 23                             | 24<br>Book Sale<br>@ 11am-5pm | 25<br>Storytime @ 2pm<br>Cinderella                  | 26<br>Maker Time @ 4pm<br>Mosaic Part 2                             | 27  | 28                               |
| 29                         | 30                             | 31                            | <b>Happy Women's History Month!</b>                  |   |     |                                  |

### Circulation of Materials February 2026



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