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Willows Monthly Newsletter

November 2026



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- **Welcome from Interim City Manager Joe Gorton**
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- **City of Willows Earns Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**
- Municipal Election Update: Newly Elected Council Members to Take Office on **December 8**

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- Leaf Pickup Begins **November 9**
- Public Works Surplus Auction Bidding Begins

Upcoming Meetings

City Council

- **November 10**: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- **November 24**: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- **December 8**: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

- **November 3: Regular Meeting Cancelled**
- **December 1:** Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Library Board Meeting

- **December 10:** Regular Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

General Operations, City Clerk's Office & Economic Development

A Message from Interim City Manager Joe Gorton

Hello, Willows!

My name is Joe Gorton, and I am excited to serve as your Interim City Manager while the City Council searches for a permanent City Manager. I appreciate the opportunity to assist the City of Willows during this important time and look forward to getting to know the community.

A little about my background: I have more than 35 years of experience in local government, including serving as both City Manager and Police Chief for the City of San Ramon. Earlier in my career, I helped lead the successful creation of the San Ramon Police Department when the City transitioned from contracted sheriff's services to its own police department. That experience is particularly valuable as Willows works to reestablish its Police Department.

Since arriving, I have been actively working on this important project, and I am pleased to report that we have already made some positive progress. I have also met with Glenn County Sheriff Gibbs and look forward to building a positive, professional, and productive working

relationship as we navigate this transition together. My goal is to help ensure a thoughtful and successful process that puts the safety and well-being of our community first.

Beyond the Police Department, I look forward to working with the City Council, staff, residents, and local businesses to keep the City moving forward during this transition.
I believe strongly in open communication and being accessible to the community.
Please feel free to stop by City Hall and say hello, or call to schedule a time to sit down and chat. I welcome your thoughts, questions, and ideas.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I am excited to be here and look forward to serving the Willows community!

Joe Gorton
Interim City Manager
City of Willows



City of Willows Police Department Reestablishment Update

The City of Willows continues to make progress toward reestablishing the Willows Police Department to provide local law enforcement services to the community.

The City Council has approved several important steps in this process, including:

- **Police Department Reestablishment:** Approved the necessary resolutions and ordinances to formally reestablish the Willows Police Department.
- **Staffing and Recruitment:** Approved job descriptions and salary schedules for Police Department positions, along with funding to recruit and hire a Police Chief. Recruitment for the Police Chief will begin following the hiring of a new City Manager.
- **Policies and Procedures:** Approved an agreement with Lexipol to develop a comprehensive Police Department policies and procedures manual that complies with California law. Initial work on the manual is underway.
- **State Recognition:** Submitted the required application materials to California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to establish the Willows Police Department as a recognized law enforcement agency. The application has received preliminary approval, with final steps to be completed once a Police Chief is hired.
- **Technology and Equipment:** Began discussions with the City's former Police Department technology provider regarding systems needed to support law enforcement operations.

- **Police Department Facilities:** Initiated planning for potential modifications to City Hall to accommodate the new Police Department.
- **Funding Opportunities:** Continued exploring grant opportunities and other potential funding sources to support the Department's establishment and operations.

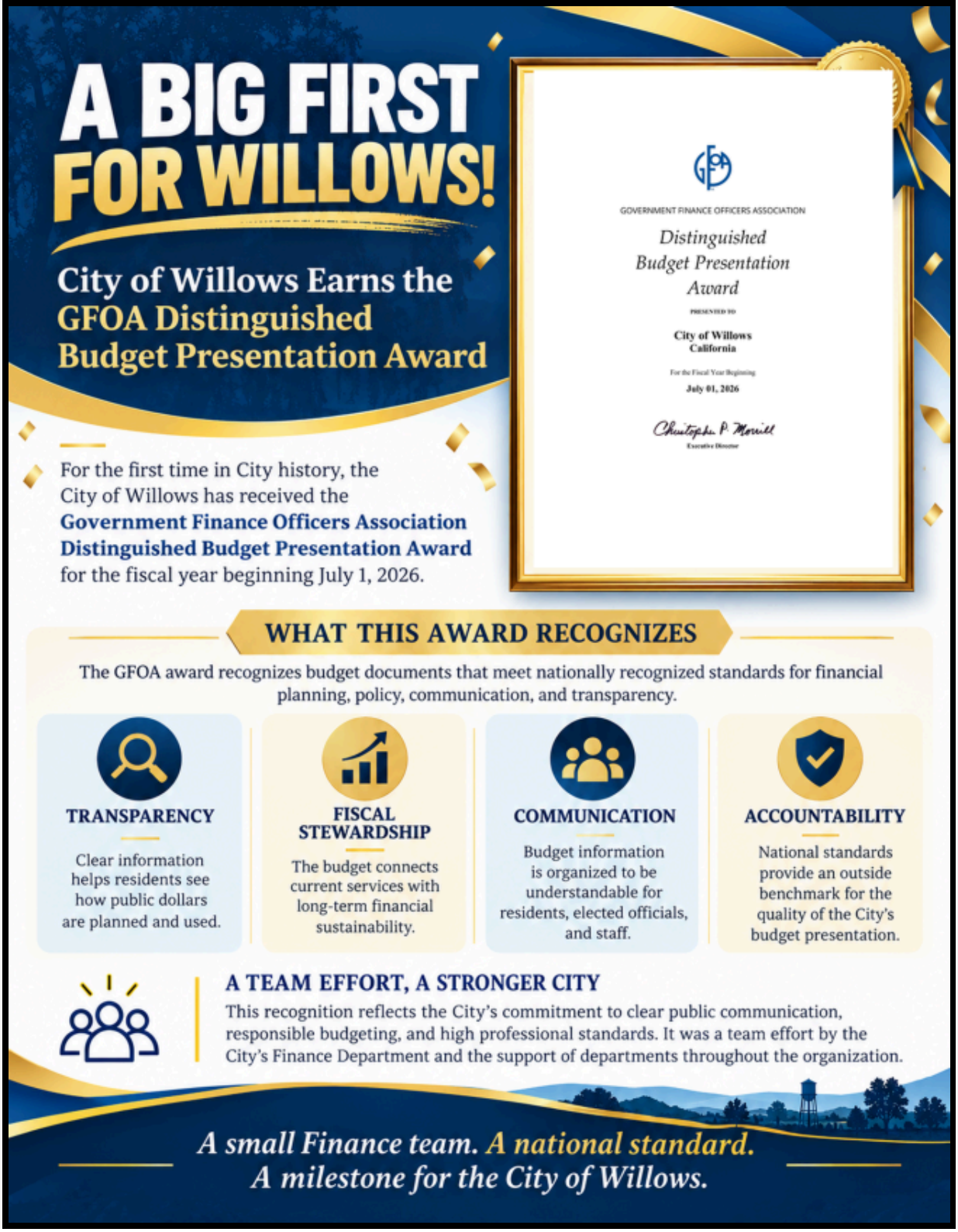
City staff is working closely with the Interim City Manager to coordinate these efforts and plan the next steps.

While significant progress has been made, the Willows Police Department is not yet operational. Additional work remains, including hiring key personnel, completing state requirements, establishing operational policies, and preparing facilities and equipment.

The City remains committed to restoring local law enforcement services and will continue providing updates as important milestones are reached.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as the City works toward reestablishing the Willows Police Department.

City of Willows Earns Distinguished Budget Presentation Award



Municipal Election Update: Newly Elected Council Members to Take Office on December 8

The results of the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election remain unofficial as the Glenn County Elections Office completes the election canvass and certification process. Preliminary results are available for public review; however, these results are subject to change until officially certified.

The Glenn County Elections Office is scheduled to certify the election results on December 3, 2026, at which time the official election results will be confirmed.

Please join us on **Tuesday, December 8, 2026**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, located at 201 N. Lassen Street, as we welcome our newly elected City Council members. During the meeting, the newly elected members will take the oath of office and officially assume their seats at the dais.

We invite the community to attend and be part of this important moment in our City's local government!

Newsletter Photo Contest: Show Willows Some Love!

Your photo could be our next newsletter cover.

What do you love about Willows? Whether it's a favorite park, a downtown scene, a beautiful sunset, or a community moment, we want to see our town through your lens!

The City is inviting community members to submit original photos taken in Willows for a chance to be featured on the front cover of an upcoming City newsletter. The selected photographer will receive photo credit!

To enter: Scan the QR code or visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2NNW25F to upload your photo, tell us where it was taken, and share a short caption.

Please submit clear, high-resolution photos. Vertical photos are preferred for the cover. Entries must be your own original photography. The deadline to submit photos for consideration is **November 27, 2026**.

City Council Action Roundup

October 13 and October 27 City Council Meetings

October 13

- Adopted Resolution 45-2026 designating the City Manager and Finance Director as authorized City officials to order the deposit and withdrawal of funds from the City's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account.
- Introduced an ordinance amending Willows Municipal Code Sections 2.05.010 and 2.35.010 to increase monthly City Council compensation from $250 to $500 and monthly Planning Commission compensation from $50 to $100.
- Approved the Mutual Aid Agreement for all Glenn County Fire Departments Emergency Response.

- Directed staff to continue preparing a Round 5 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) application for a northern Willows park and recreation center**.**
- Adopted the 2026 Executive and Mid-Management Benefits Summary & Handbook.
- Adopted the 2026 Personnel Rules.

October 27

- Declared the vehicles and equipment identified in Attachment 1 surplus and authorized their sale by sealed-bid auction and lawful disposal of remaining items.
- Approved the use of Park Development Impact Fee funds and authorized the City Manager to execute a task order with the City Engineer, Coastland/DCCM, for a SPP Grant Application in an amount not to exceed $50,000.
- Denied the renaming of Central Park and directed staff to work with the Rotary Club to develop signage for Central Park which recognizes both the Rotary Club and 20/30 Club.
- Authorized Library Development Impact Fee funding in an amount not to exceed $96,000 for design and construction of the Library Children’s Patio Expansion Project.
- Adopted Ordinance 771-2026 of the City Council of the City of Willows amending sections 2.05.010 and 2.35.010 of the Willows Municipal Code regarding City Council and Planning Commission compensation, by title only, and waived full reading of the ordinance.



Proclamation: National Farmer's Day
Received by Kellie Burt



Proclamation: National Wildlife Refuge Week
Received by Michael Mauricio



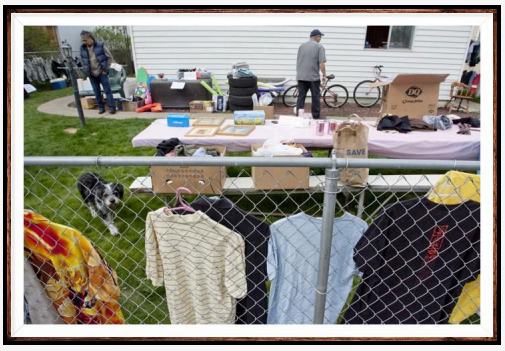
City of Willows 140 Years of Incorporation
Presented by David Vodden, Willows Rotary Club

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

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

Code Enforcement Division

Willows Municipal Code Fun Fact: Garage and Yard Sales



Planning to clear out your garage? The Willows Municipal Code has a few rules for turning unwanted belongings into someone else's treasures. Under WMC § 9.05.340, residents may hold up to four garage or yard sales per calendar year. Each sale may last no more than three consecutive days, must operate between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and must be at least 90 days after the previous sale.

Here's a detail you might not expect: sale items cannot be placed on or hung from fences, shrubs, or trees! Items must also stay at least five feet from property lines and improved public rights-of-way, including sidewalks and curbs.

These rules help keep neighborhood sales orderly and public walkways accessible while residents give their unwanted items a new home.



Winter Storm Preparation Starts with Property Maintenance

As winter approaches, the City's Code Enforcement Department reminds residents that property maintenance is a year-round responsibility. While the City's annual weed abatement program takes place in the spring, weeds, overgrown vegetation, and debris still need attention during the winter months.

Willows Municipal Code Section 8.10.020(4) identifies vegetation that "constitutes a fire hazard; or that constitutes a flood hazard" as a public nuisance.
Before storms arrive, take time to trim overgrowth, remove fallen branches, and collect loose leaves and yard debris that could wash into gutters and block drainage.

Code Enforcement may address hazardous property conditions throughout the year. Staying on top of maintenance helps prevent drainage problems, keeps walkways accessible, and protects your neighbors.

Engineering Division



Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Project

Underground work and the PG&E power switchover are complete, and crews have begun assembling the solar panel support structures. Panel installation is scheduled to begin the week of **November 9**, with project completion anticipated this winter.

Once operational, the new solar array is expected to supply the wastewater treatment plant's remaining electricity needs at a lower cost than purchasing power from PG&E, helping reduce ongoing operating expenses.

Sycamore Park and Pool Improvement Project Kickoff Meeting

The project kickoff meeting and issuance of the Notice to Proceed are scheduled for **Friday, November 13**, starting the contractor's 130-working-day construction period. The project will bring several improvements to Sycamore Park, including:

- **Pool restoration**: Resurfacing the pool, improving the pool deck, and upgrading pool equipment and related facilities.
- **Tennis court resurfacing**: Restoring the existing courts to improve playing conditions.

- **New pickleball courts**: Adding courts to expand recreation opportunities.
- **Court lighting**: Installing lighting for the tennis and pickleball courts to support evening use.

Construction is estimated to be completed in the the **spring of 2027**, well ahead of the September 2027 grant deadline. Weather, holidays, and other nonworking days may affect the final completion date.

These improvements will restore valued community facilities and provide more opportunities for swimming, sports, and recreation. The City will share construction updates as work moves forward.

Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA Modernization Project

The City is currently out to bid for the SCADA Modernization and PLC Platform Replacement Project at the wastewater treatment plant. Proposals are due Tuesday, **November 10, 2026**, at **2:00 p.m**. The project will modernize the plant's monitoring and control system and replace equipment controllers used to automate operations.

SCADA stands for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition. It serves as the plant's central monitoring system, helping operators track equipment performance and treatment conditions, control connected equipment, receive alarms when problems occur, and record operating data. Modernizing this technology will help staff identify problems quickly and support reliable, efficient wastewater treatment.



ADA Improvements at City Hall

New ADA-compliant doors are scheduled to be installed at City Hall and the Library **November 9–13**. This long-awaited project has been in the works for some time, and we're excited to see it move forward to improve accessibility at both buildings!

During installation, some entrances may be temporarily unavailable. Visitors may need to use alternate entrances and follow posted signs directing them into the buildings. Thank you for your patience while these improvements are completed!

Planning Division

Rural Economic Development Strategy and Business Attraction Project

The City is working with Capital Rivers Connect to develop a practical strategy for attracting new businesses and private investment to Willows. Funded through a **USDA Rural Business**

Development Grant, the project examines local demographics, shopping patterns, and gaps in available goods and services to identify businesses suited to the community.

The work also includes evaluating priority commercial sites and identifying steps the City can take to make them more attractive to developers. Capital Rivers will prepare business recruitment materials, a targeted outreach strategy, and a prioritized action plan to guide future economic development efforts.

A draft Market Overview Report has been prepared for use in business outreach, presentations, and trade events. Staff is coordinating an in-person workshop, tentatively proposed for the **week of December 14**, to discuss market opportunities and recruitment priorities. Final findings and the economic development action plan are scheduled for completion by December 31, 2026.

Major Projects Moving Forward in Willows

Three major projects are currently in building plan check with the City's contracted building plan reviewers:

- **Willows Travel Plaza** at 1475 S. Tehama Street,
- **Spark by Hilton Hotel** Expansion at 457 N. Humboldt Avenue, and
- **Northern Valley Indian Health**'s two-story behavioral health building at 243 W. Walnut Street.

Building plan check is the final review stage before building permits can be issued and construction can begin. Reviewers examine construction plans for compliance with applicable building codes, structural requirements, accessibility standards, and other safety requirements.

We're excited to see these projects moving forward and businesses choosing to invest in Willows. Our staff is here to help applicants through the permitting process and support projects that serve our residents and strengthen our business community.

Public Works Division

Public Works Surplus Auction

The City is accepting sealed bids for surplus vehicles, equipment, and miscellaneous items that are no longer needed for City operations. The auction will recover value from unused assets and free up storage space at the Public Works yard.

Sealed bids are due Monday, November 30, 2026, at noon at City Hall, 201 N. Lassen Street. All items will be sold **"as is."** A list of auction items, photographs, and additional information is available through the City's auction announcement.

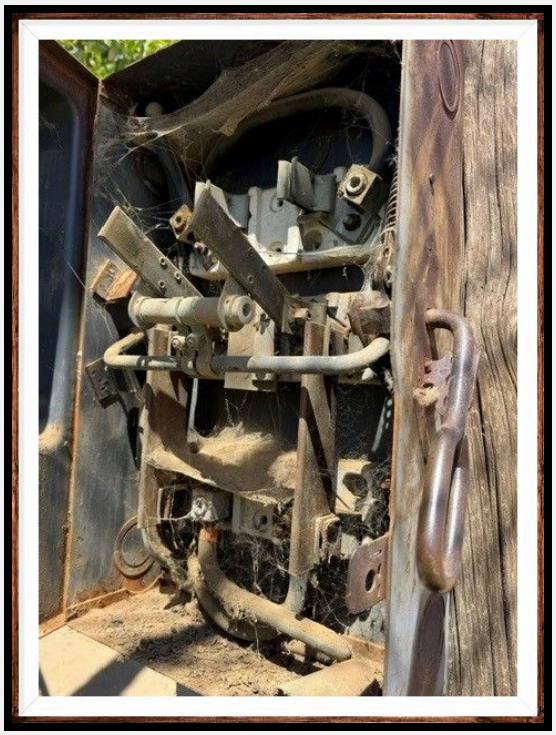


Game On! Softball Fields Get Smarter Lighting Controls

The City of Willows recently upgraded the softball field lighting controls at Jensen Park! The outdated and unreliable controls have been replaced with a modern system that allows City staff to turn the lights on and off remotely using a mobile app.

This upgrade makes managing field lighting easier and more efficient, helping ensure our softball fields are ready for evening practices, games, and community fun.

Same fields, smarter controls, and brighter nights at Jensen Park!



Before Upgrades



After Upgrades

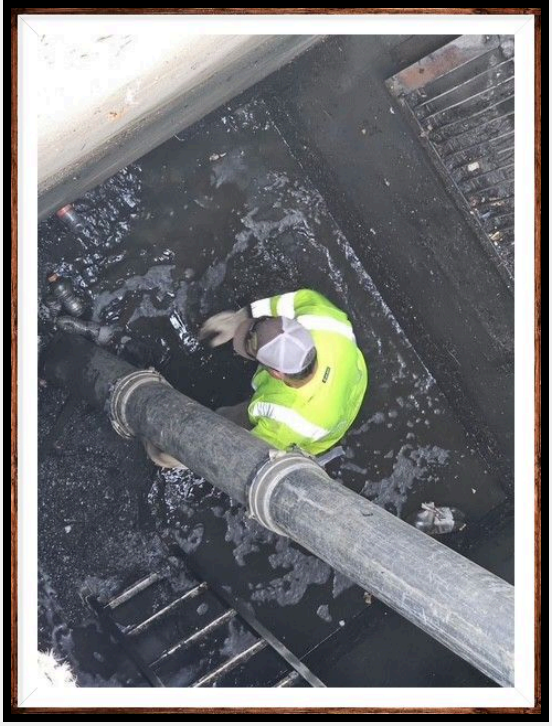
Teamwork Makes the Drain Work

City of Willows Public Works recently teamed up with Glenn County Public Works to clean drainage inlets in preparation for winter storms and the potential impacts of El Niño conditions.

By removing accumulated leaves, dirt, and debris, crews are helping keep stormwater flowing and reducing the risk of clogged drains and localized flooding.

This joint effort is a great reminder that teamwork makes a big difference, especially when it comes to keeping our community safe and storm-ready.





Signs of Progress in Willows



Have you noticed the new signs around town? The City of Willows recently replaced its outdated museum signs with fresh, updated designs that complement the City's newly installed wayfinding signs!

The new museum signs are located at North Lassen Street and West Walnut Street, and at West Sycamore Street and North Plumas Street. And there's more to come! Matching Downtown Willows signs are on the way.

Together, these improvements will create a more welcoming, coordinated look throughout Willows while making it easier for residents and visitors to discover our local destinations.

Leaf Pickup Begins November 9

The City of Willows' annual Leaf Pickup Program begins **Monday, November 9, 2026**. Public Works crews are gearing up to help keep our streets clean and storm drains clear. Check out the flyer for pickup guidelines and important reminders. Thank you for helping keep Willows clean and storm-ready.



El Nino Preparedness

With El Niño expected to influence the upcoming winter, now is a good time to prepare your home and property for wet weather. Taking a few steps before storms arrive can help reduce drainage problems and keep our streets safer. Please keep the curb and gutter in front of your home free of rubbish, branches, and other debris. These areas carry rainwater toward drainage inlets, and blockages can cause water to back up into streets and surrounding properties.

When raking leaves for the City's leaf collection truck, place piles at least two to three feet away from the gutter, leaving the gutter clear for water to flow. Keep trash, branches, and other materials out of leaf piles, and avoid covering drainage inlets.

Prepare Before the Rain:

- Clean roof gutters and downspouts, and check that water can drain away from your home.
- Secure outdoor furniture, decorations, and other loose items before strong winds arrive.
- Check low areas around your property and prepare sandbags ahead of time if needed.
- Keep flashlights, batteries, and essential supplies accessible in case of a power outage.
- Monitor weather forecasts and local alerts.

Sand and sandbags are available for residents to fill at the **City Yard, 400 E. Ash St**, **Monday–Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m**. Follow the posted signs to the sandbag filling area.

Outside these hours, sand and sandbags are available at the Glenn County Public Works Agency, 777 N. Colusa Street. Both locations are self-service—please plan to fill your own sandbags.

Watch the featured video on Action News Now!



Recreation Division



Soccer - Kicking Off a Great Season!

Fall soccer is in full swing, with 148 young athletes registered for the season! It's exciting to see so many kids hitting the field, building their skills, making new friends, and having fun along the way.

A big thank-you to our dedicated coaches, supportive families, and hardworking volunteers who help make this program possible. Your time and enthusiasm make all the difference!

Here's to a season filled with teamwork, great goals, and plenty of smiles. Keep cheering on our young athletes!

Community Input Shapes Willows Park Grant Proposal

The City has held three community input meetings to help shape a potential application for Round 5 of the Statewide Park Program grant, which offers up to $8.5 million per project. Staff has also met with seventh- and eighth-grade students at Walden and a high school construction management class to gather ideas. Community input has focused on developing a recreation center with a full gymnasium, additional rooms for activities such as gymnastics, and a commercial kitchen.

The City continues to evaluate potential locations for a recreation center and outdoor park, including privately owned sites of approximately two to three acres. No location has been selected. Planning discussions include indoor and outdoor recreation features, potential facility layouts, staffing, open recreation hours, league use, and scheduling. Community and student feedback will help guide a proposal that reflects local priorities while considering ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

The next community meeting will be held **November 17 at 5:30 p.m**. in the City Council Chambers, 201 N. Lassen Street. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share ideas for the recreation center and outdoor park.

CITY OF WILLOWS

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING #4

SPP PARK GRANT 5 APPLICATION

HELP PLAN YOUR PARK! CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE FEATURES, TELL US WHERE THEY SHOULD GO, AND SHARE WHY!



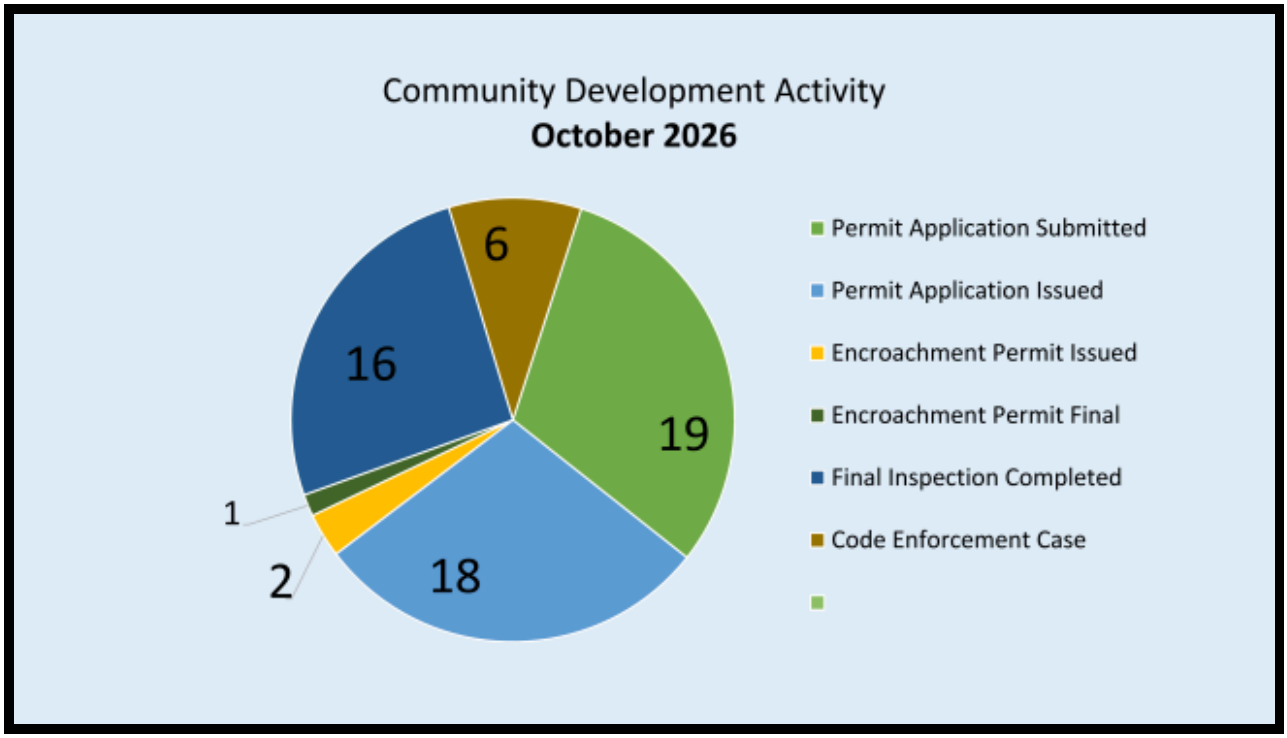


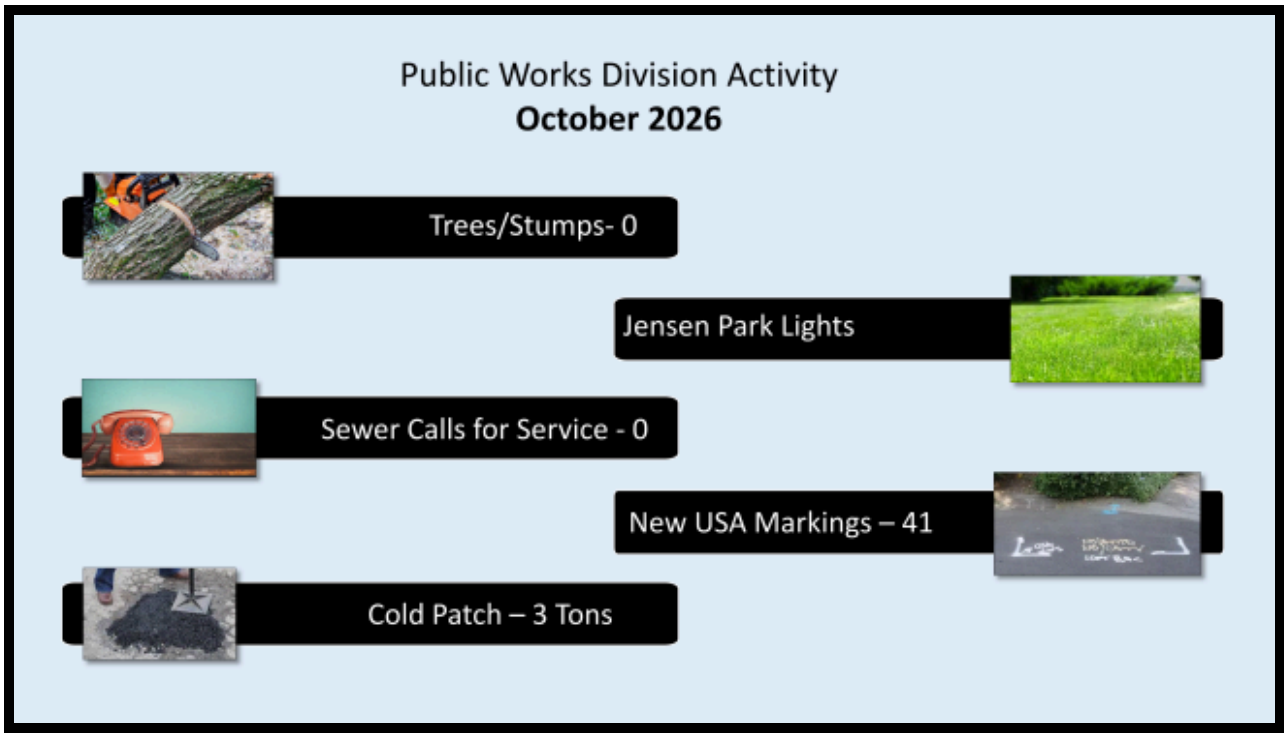
HELP SHAPE THE DESIGN! SHARE IDEAS FOR DESIGN DETAILS, ENERGY CONSERVATION, SAFETY, AND BEAUTIFICATION—YOUR IDEAS MATTER!

NOVEMBER 17, 2026
5:30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
201 N. LASSEN ST, WILLOWS, CA 95988

We want to know what you want!!!!Share your ideas for a recreation center and outdoor park.





FINANCE

Finance Updates

Excellence in Utility Management

Building a Stronger, Safer, and More Sustainable Tomorrow



Please join us in celebrating a significant technical milestone for our City administration.

Finance Director Joei Harrison, MBA, UMC, CGIP, has successfully passed the California state examination to earn her D1 Water Distribution Operator certification through the State Water Resources Control Board.

While this credential is traditionally pursued by water utility and field personnel, Director Joei pursued the certification to deepen her technical understanding of municipal utility infrastructure, water distribution systems, system hydraulics, regulatory compliance, and the operational considerations behind safe and reliable public services.

State of California
State Water Resources Control Board

D1
WATER DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR

RCAC
Rural Community Assistance Corporation

This technical training complements her continuing education in the financial and regulatory side of utility management. Director Joei has also completed **California Rate Design & Legislation** training through the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), expanding her understanding of the relationship between utility operations, rate design, California regulatory requirements, and long-term financial sustainability.

How This Supports Our City

Together, these areas of professional development strengthen the connection between utility operations and municipal finance. A better understanding of how infrastructure functions, what drives operating and capital costs, and how those costs are ultimately recovered provides important context when evaluating:

- Utility Rate Studies
- Proposition 218 Processes
- Enterprise Fund Sustainability
- Capital Improvement Planning
- Infrastructure Replacement and Lifecycle Costs
- Long-Term Investment and Resiliency

This broader perspective supports more informed financial planning by connecting the operational needs of a utility system with the revenues, reserves, rates, and capital resources necessary to maintain these systems responsibly over time.

A Personal Commitment to Professional Development

Director Joei independently completed the D1 study, registration, and examination requirements on her own personal time and entirely at her own expense, with no cost to the City. Her additional professional development in utility finance and rate design reflects her commitment to expanding her knowledge beyond traditional municipal finance.

Congratulations, Director Joei, *on this exceptional achievement and your continued dedication to building a stronger, safer, and more sustainable future for our community.*

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

Acceptance into the Doctor of Public Administration Program

Advanced Core Coursework in Public Administration



Please join us in celebrating a significant professional milestone for our City leadership.

Finance Director Joei Harrison, MBA, UMC, CGIP, has been accepted into the Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) program at Columbia Southern University, which she plans to pursue part time while continuing her full-time responsibilities with the City.

Director Joei has not yet officially begun the program. Once coursework begins, her doctoral studies will move beyond foundational public-administration concepts into advanced work focused on public leadership, administrative law and policy, organizational management, research, evidence-based decision-making, and public-sector systems.

How This Supports Our City

Advanced study in public administration complements Director Joei's background in municipal finance and utility management by strengthening the connection between fiscal stewardship and executive public-sector leadership. Her coursework will provide additional tools and perspective in areas such as:

- **Public-Sector Leadership**
- **Administrative Law and Policy**
- **Policy Analysis and Evaluation**
- **Organizational Management**
- **Research and Evidence-Based Decision-Making**
- **Long-Term Strategic Planning**

This broader perspective can support stronger organizational decision-making, policy implementation, infrastructure planning, financial stewardship, and the responsible management of public resources.

A Personal Commitment to Professional Development

Director Joei is pursuing this educational goal on her own personal time and entirely at her own expense, with no tuition or educational costs being paid by the City. She plans to complete the doctoral program gradually on a part-time basis while continuing to fulfill her responsibilities as Finance Director. By continuing to expand her education beyond traditional municipal finance, Director Joei is working to strengthen her understanding of the broader administrative, legal, organizational, and policy frameworks that guide effective local government.

Congratulations, Director Joei, *on your acceptance into the Doctor of Public Administration program and your continued commitment to professional growth and public service.*

INVESTING IN KNOWLEDGE, LEADERSHIP, AND A STRONGER TOMORROW

CITY OF WILLOWS

Your City Finances, At a Glance

1ST QUARTER RESULTS

$5.73M
Combined cash & investments

$2.03M
Reported General Fund balance

25.38%
General Fund budget spent

Understanding the City's cash

The City reported approximately $5.73 million in combined cash and investments across Stifel, LAIF, U.S. Bank and Columbia Bank. That figure is not a single pool of money available for everyday General Fund expenses.

The total includes resources belonging to sewer operations, development impact fees, library trusts, bond requirements, CDBG programs and other restricted or designated purposes.

Two funds. Different financial stories.

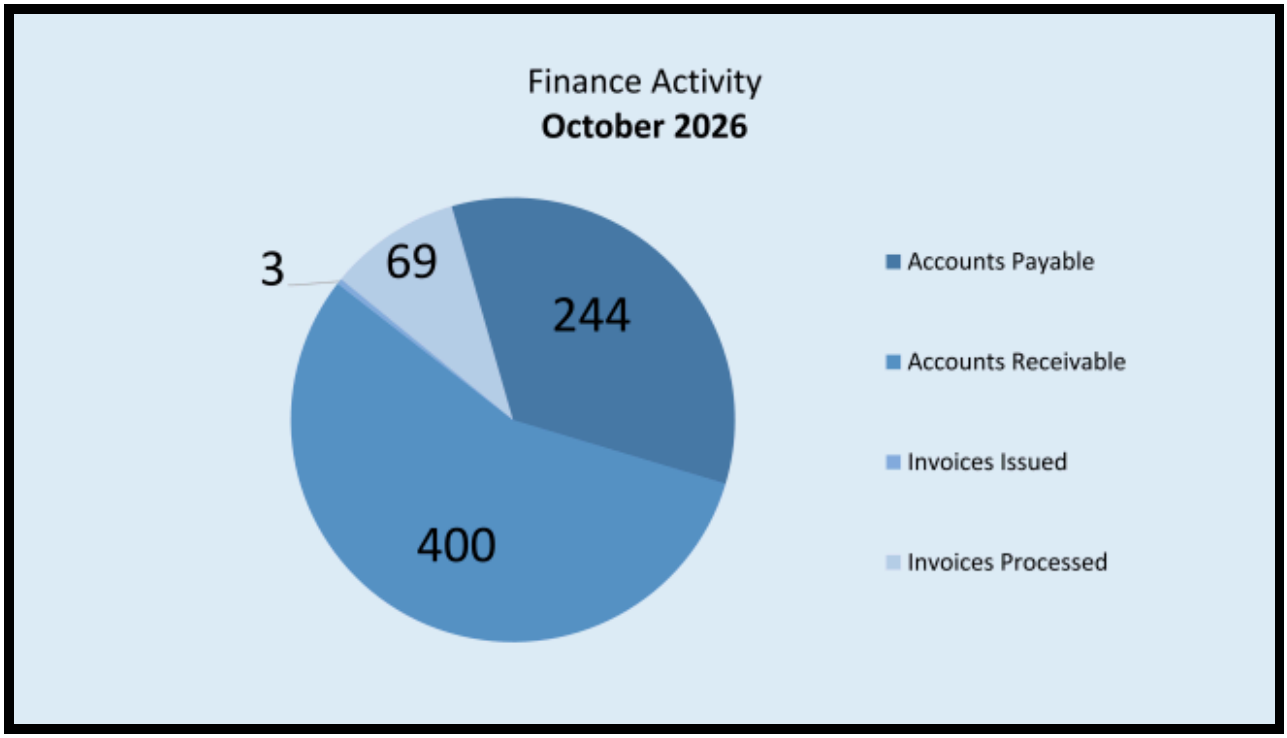
$1.94M
General Fund: Q1 expenditures

$863K
Sewer Fund: Q1 expenditures

General Fund spending was close to the 25% first-quarter benchmark. Sewer spending was slightly above it, reflecting debt service, equipment repairs and annual costs.

Figures are from the committee meeting materials reconciliations were still being completed.

Cash and fund balances are not interchangeable; subsequent monthly bank



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services

Prevention & Training



Training Together for a Safer Community

The Willows Fire Department participated in the City's recent **Run, Hide, Fight** training on **October 14**, presented by the Orland Police Department.

The training focused on improving awareness, preparedness, and response during active-threat emergencies. Training alongside City personnel and public safety partners helps strengthen coordination and reinforces the importance of emergency preparedness.

Thank you to the Orland Police Department for providing this valuable training opportunity.

Keeping Skills Sharp!

Two Willows Fire Department career members traveled to Novato to attend CA-219 Firing Operations Training, **October 26–29**. This specialized wildland fire training included intensive hands-on field exercises focused on ignition techniques, safe drip-torch handling, and burning-out operations used to help control the spread of wildfires.

The training provided valuable opportunities for firefighters to strengthen their technical skills, improve operational safety, and gain practical experience in wildland fire management.

Continuing education like this helps ensure our firefighters are prepared to respond safely and effectively when wildfires threaten our community.

Community Events & Outreach

Fire Safety Starts Young!

The Willows Fire Department celebrated **Fire Prevention Week**, **October 5–9**, by visiting local primary and elementary schools to teach students important fire safety lessons.

This year's educational message focused on "Close Before You Doze," emphasizing how sleeping with bedroom doors closed can help slow the spread of smoke, heat, and flames during a house fire, providing valuable time to escape.

Firefighters enjoyed connecting with students and helping our youngest residents learn simple steps that can make a big difference in an emergency!

Flipping Pancakes for Fire Safety!



On **October 10**, the Willows Fire Department hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast, bringing the community together for a delicious meal and a great cause!

All proceeds from the breakfast support the Department's public education program, helping firefighters continue providing fire safety education and outreach throughout the community.

A big thank-you to everyone who attended and supported this annual tradition!

Firefighters Support Willows High School Football!

The Willows Fire Department provided standby coverage during Willows High School football games on **October 9** and **October 23**, helping ensure emergency assistance was readily available if needed.

Whether responding to emergencies or supporting community events, our firefighters are proud to be there for Willows!

$1,000 Boost for Our Firefighters

The Willows Volunteer Fire Department recently received a generous $1,000 donation from Sierra Central Credit Union!

The donation was made possible through contributions from Sierra Central employees, with matching support from the Sierra Central Foundation. This generosity reflects Sierra

Central's commitment to giving back to local communities and supporting the first responders who work tirelessly to keep residents safe.

A heartfelt thank-you to Sierra Central Credit Union, its employees, and the Foundation for their generosity and continued support of our volunteer firefighters.



LIBRARY

Library News & Updates



Holiday Closures

The Willows Public Library will be closed on the following dates in observance of the upcoming holidays:

- **Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11, 2026**
- **Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2026**

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all veterans for their service and sacrifice. We wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

A Little Pause on Book Donations

The Willows Public Library is temporarily pausing the acceptance of donated books and other library materials while staff catches up on processing previously received donations.

We truly appreciate the community's generosity and continued support! As a reminder, all donated materials go through a selection process and may not be added to the library's collection. Items not selected may be placed on the library's free carts or discarded depending on their condition.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Programs & Events

Homework Help Is Just a Click Away

Great news for students and families! **HomeworkCA** is now available on the Willows Public Library website under Youth Resources.

Students can use their library card number to access FREE, instant online tutoring in a variety of subjects, making it easier to get extra help with homework and school assignments. This valuable resource is funded by the California State Library for the 2026–2027 school year.

Visit the library's website to get started!

Take Your Class on a Library Adventure!

Teachers, bring your students to the Willows Public Library for a fun and educational class visit!

Library visits are a wonderful opportunity for students to explore books, discover library resources, and develop a lifelong love of reading. Contact the Children's Librarian to schedule a visit for your class.

Ms. Malagon's Kindergarten class is pictured below.



Library Board of Trustees

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 10, 2026**, at **11:00 a.m.** in the **Eubanks Room** at the Willows Public Library.

Community members are welcome to attend, participate in public comment, and stay informed about library programs, services, and activities.

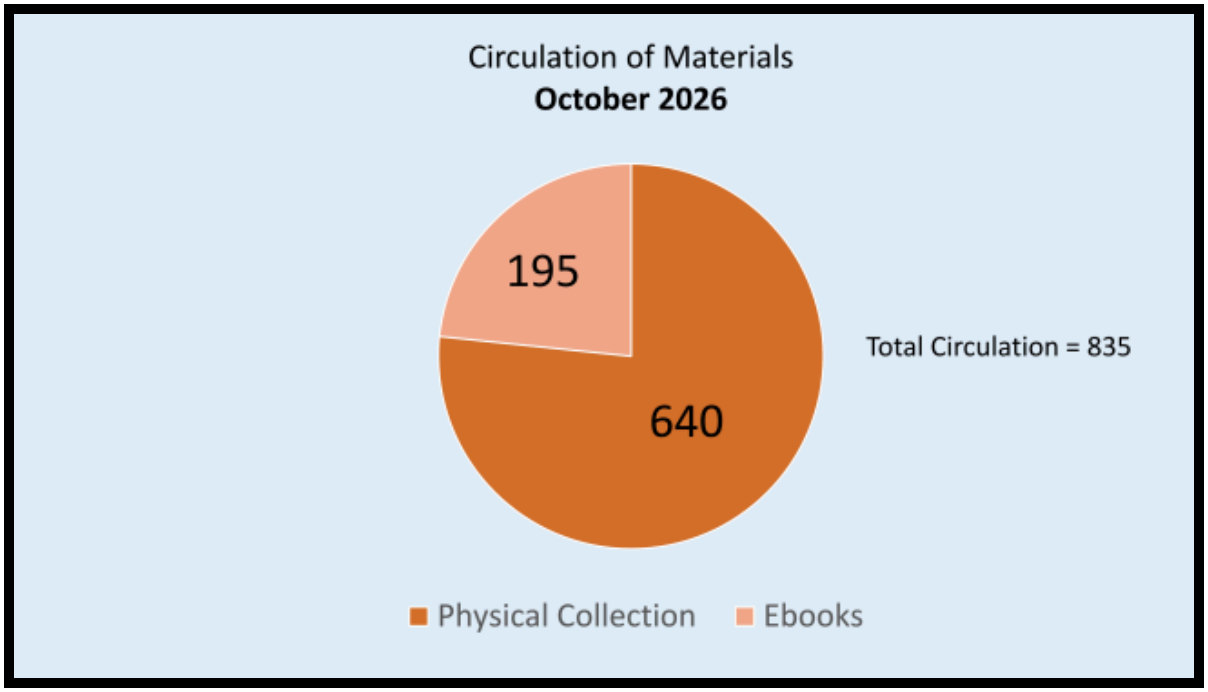
A recording of the meeting will be made available on the City of Willows website following the meeting.

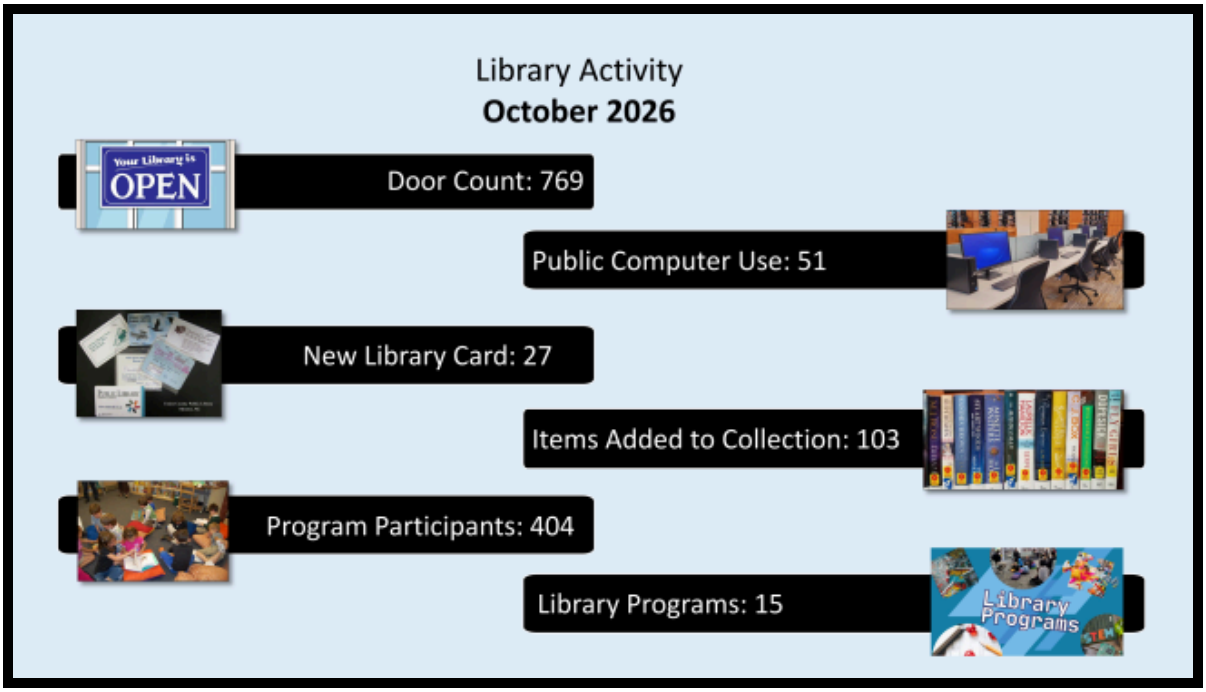




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