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**City of Willows Celebrates National Public Works Week!**

**(Willows, CA)** – The City of Willows celebrates National Public Works Week (May 18-24, 2025) with a proclamation from the City Council to the Public Works Division on Tuesday, May 13 and by inviting the community to visit the City’s Corporation Yard on Thursday, May 22 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm! Lunch is on us!

“Our public works crew is the backbone of our community—working tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to keep everything running smoothly. Their dedication, skill, and pride in their work make our town a better place to live every single day,” commented Mayor Hutson.

With only a four-person Public Works (PW) Maintenance crew, one Mechanic and one PW Superintendent, the small but mighty Public Works Division maintains and cares for the City’s three public parks plus Southern Pacific’s Park area, 2.9 square miles of streets (e.g., cold patch potholes, striping), tree maintenance (e.g., trimming, removal), five sewage lift stations, jetting all city sewer lines, street sweeping, public facilities maintenance, leaf pickup, city vehicle and equipment maintenance, and flood prevention activities.

When asked to comment on National Public Works Week, Vice-Mayor Thomas had this to say: “It is a perfect time to recognize and thank the unsung heroes of the City, our dedicated Public Works staff. We are all accustomed to and expect clean streets, trimmed trees and our parks clean and mowed. They also take care of our critical sewage infrastructure. These things we take for granted, because we can! Please join me in saying thanks to the folks that do the work.”

Thanks to a federal grant, the City is in the process of purchasing a new woodchipper, claw backhoe, and tree stump. The upcoming FY 2025-26 budget also includes a recommendation for a new F150 Truck for Public Works, because the Superintendent’s 15-year-old truck engine permanently froze, and it was not cost effective to repair it. The PW team is looking forward to the new equipment’s arrival and working on all of the delayed projects that have been on hold for the past several months.

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**Event Details:**

**Event:** Celebrate National Public Works Week!

**Date:** Thursday, May 22, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Location:** City of Willows Corporation Yard, 400 East Ash Street

**Activities:**

Stop by and check out the Public Works equipment and vehicles, talk to city employees, enjoy hamburgers and drinks. Learn more about your Public Works Division!