



# Willits Economic Localization The WELL Bucket

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### March & April

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“Avenues to Wellness” at Willits Senior Center, see p. 7

**Mar. 9, 2pm**

Extreme Water Conservation Garden Tour, Kol Ha’Emek Synagogue (Redwood Valley). Contact Louisa: [midnite@pacific.net](mailto:midnite@pacific.net)

**Mar. 12, 6:30pm**

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## Water-Wise Forum

### ‘How to Grow Food & Plants in a Drought’

**February 28, 7 pm**

**Little Lake Grange  
291 School Street. No  
Charge**

**Short presentations &  
discussion of our best ideas  
about using or re-using water in  
local food production.**

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Grange & WELL**



- ◆ Dave & Jenny Watts (Sanhedrin Nursery): specific plant water needs, prioritizing your garden water use
- ◆ David & Ursula Partch: permaculture saves water!
- ◆ DripWorks: drip irrigation, volume meters, timers
- ◆ John Jeavons (Ecology Action): Biointensive water saving, soil building & planting methods
- ◆ Jamie Chevalier (Bountiful Gardens): understanding water needs per plant for best results
- ◆ Alan Adkisson: mycelium: the use of effective microorganisms for added drought resistance in soil & crops
- ◆ Larry Desmond: our local water sources & water geology
- ◆ Max Meyers: aquaponics can save water
- ◆ Michael Foley (Willits Grange president): local food report from the Farmer's Guild
- ◆ Ann Waters (California State Grange program director): introduction to hugelkulture and olla jars

**Town Hall Meeting**  
**Drought: Water and Fire**  
**Long-Range Preparedness**  
**Sunday, March 16 at 4 pm**  
**at Willits City Council Chambers**  
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# Caltrans Bypass Update

by Madge Strong

While the bypass construction is idled for winter, many groups have been actively urging a design change to reduce the impacts and costs of the project.

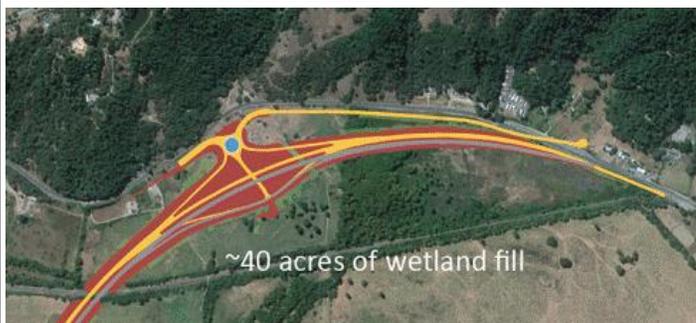
The current drought has added urgency to the concern that the construction uses large amounts of water (6 million gallons just during 2013) while destroying valley wetlands that recharge our aquifer. (Wetlands are also vital in helping control floods and providing unique wildlife habitats.)

Proponents of scaling back the northern interchange point out that a huge I-5 style interchange is not needed to connect the two-lane bypass to the existing two-lane 101 highway north of Willits. A common sense modification would:

- ◆ Avoid paving over about 30 acres of wetlands;
- ◆ Reduce the need for extracting, trucking, and compacting 900,000 cubic yards of additional fill;
- ◆ Reduce the extent, disruption and uncertainty of the required mitigation plans;
- ◆ Potentially save tens of millions of taxpayers funds; and
- ◆ More than adequately handle projected traffic.

Caltrans has already designed an at-grade intersection or round-about.

It's critical to make this change before the trucks and heavy machinery start rolling again sometime



Outside the Jan. 30th water board meeting. Next water board meeting Mar. 13th. Photo by Cynthia Raiser Jeavons

between April 1st and May 1st. Activists have been lobbying all decision-makers, including the Governor, US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Congressman Jared Huffman, and Caltrans itself.

On Jan. 15th RWQCB (Water Board) staff issued a warning letter to Caltrans about the violations of their permit conditions, including major delays on the required mitigation program. On Jan. 30th, about 20 Willits residents carpooled to Santa Rosa to urge the Board to issue a cease & desist order, with the goal of impelling Caltrans to reduce the impacts. Another contingent is planned for the next Water Board meeting on March 13th.

On Feb. 8th Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV) held a gathering to mark the first anniversary of Warbler's tree-sit, to honor and regroup for the efforts to reduce the impacts, and to send healing for the damage that has already been done. Nearly 100 people were led in a ceremony by the Round Valley Feather Dancers.

On Mar. 15th, people from Willits will join a statewide anti-fracking rally in Sacramento, building alliances and pointing out how this project similarly abuses water resources.

Efforts are underway to meet with officials in the Governor's office, the new California State Transportation Agency, and Caltrans, particularly in light of the recent independent report (Smart State Transportation Initiative) that called for major changes in Caltrans' conduct and misplaced priorities. Another group trip to Sacramento is likely in the near future.

For latest news and suggestions on what you can do, go to [www.savelittlelakevalley.org](http://www.savelittlelakevalley.org). ◆◆◆

## Town Hall, March 16

by Carlin Diamond

The fourth Town Hall meeting will be held Sunday, March 16, 4-6 pm, at the City Council Chambers. The subject is DROUGHT: Water and Fire Long Range Preparedness.

Speakers are Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner, Brooktrails Fire Dept., Chief Carl Magann, Willits and Little Lake Fire Dept., Chris Baldo, past firefighter and present registered forester and land owner. There will be two other speakers, not yet confirmed, who will be focusing on water issues.

Town Hall meetings are designed so that the community can have their say. Speakers have 7 minutes each and the rest of the time is shared by participants.

For more info call Carlin Diamond at 459-4850.

## PACE: Action & How to Participate!

by Keith Rutledge and Madge Strong

On Jan. 21, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (by 3-2 vote) confirmed the decision to form a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program district. This voluntary program allows property owners to fund water and energy efficiency improvements, to be repaid through a property tax assessment.

This program will be administered by Ygrene, which has successful experience with similar programs in several other counties. There is now a 60-90 day period for district formation, expected to be complete by May.

At this point, the program only applies to the unincorporated areas of the County. Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal plans to introduce a measure on March 12th for the City to "opt in" – so that city residential, commercial, industrial and institutional property owners can choose to participate. WELL encourages people to come to City Council on March 12th, 6:30pm.

The next step will be for property owners and individual investors to participate in the program. WELL is focusing our Spring general meeting on April 27th on this topic. Featured presenter will be Keith Rutledge, director of REDI (Renewable Energy Development Institute), who has shepherded this program through the process, and who has promoted other energy conservation programs locally and nationally for decades.

We will also invite Willits area contractors, suppliers and manufacturers in both energy and water technologies to be available to provide help and answer questions. ♦♦♦



## Community Rights Initiative Being Planned

by Peter Norris & Madge Strong

The Community Right Organization of Willits (CROW) is actively pursuing the goal of putting a county-wide initiative measure on the Nov. 2014 ballot. While CROW members have initiated this effort, there is also growing support throughout Mendocino County.

Paul Cienfuegos, who presented two forums on this topic last year, has recently conducted two additional weekend trainings – on the coast Feb. 15-16 and in Willits Feb. 22-23. These trainings are educating local citizens about the historic precedents and the importance of reclaiming local democratic decision-making, in contrast to the increasingly corporate-dominated state and federal regulatory system.

The next step will be a "Campaign Democracy School" – led by Shannon Biggs and Ben Price of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). This weekend hands-on workshop on Mar. 21-23 will focus on actually preparing the ordinance and implementing an initiative measure for our county. The ordinance will consider Home Rule, where municipalities take themselves out of Dillon's Rule – the prevailing legal doctrine under which municipalities only have the powers given to them explicitly by the state – and instead allows them to create a structure of governance of their choosing, so long as they do not conflict with state or federal law. In so doing it will give us greater local authority to protect water systems within the County.

The timeline for gathering signatures in time for the Nov. ballot is very tight! Lots of volunteers will be needed! If interested, contact Peter at 456-9968 or [petersnorris@gmail.com](mailto:petersnorris@gmail.com).

WELL endorses this effort, is serving as fiscal sponsor (for tax-deductible contributions), and many of our members are involved. However, CROW is not seeking formal co-sponsorships from groups.

For more information on the issues, check [www.celdf.org](http://www.celdf.org) [www.globalexchange.org](http://www.globalexchange.org) or [www.paulcienfuegos.com](http://www.paulcienfuegos.com). ♦♦♦



## Report from:

# Cuba - Lessons in Agriculture

By Madge Strong

Willits mayor and WELL president Holly Madrigal shared a video and slides about her two-week trip to Cuba at a WELL-sponsored event on Sunday Feb. 9th. About 40 people came on the rainy day to enjoy her stories and exchange some ideas on how the lessons of Cuba could apply to Willits.

Cuba has survived a 50-year trade embargo from the U.S. and subsequent collapse of trade with the USSR by becoming a beacon of organic agriculture. The documentary video "Tierralismo" showed an inspiring model of a thriving organic farm cooperative near Havana. Holly also visited other urban and rural, smaller and larger-scale farms. Holly and her husband were fortunate to get professional visas to learn about Cuba's agricultural renaissance as part of an



18-person delegation representing diverse mix of farmers, students and just interested folks.

As Holly summed up: "The challenge now is to bring these lessons home."

More local and sustainable agriculture will continue to be one of WELL's major goals, working along side the Grange, Farmers Market, and other related groups. ◆◆◆

## Water-Wise Gardening in a Drought Year

by Mary Buckley, UCCE Master Gardener

Drinking-quality water from your tap—a luxury beyond the reach of most humans who have ever lived! Drought years teach us to appreciate water and to become more water-wise.

Here are some tips from University of California experts for outdoor water conservation:

### Vegetable Gardening

- Do not expand vegetable beds this year.
- Focus on infrastructure—compost bins, beds (non-raised), paths, permeable paving, greywater systems (now legal in Mendocino County!) and water catchments.

- Don't plant thirsty vegetables like berries, onions or corn. Try herbs, root crops (if planted early) and early, fast-maturing veggies. Tomatoes, peppers and squash need less water than most people think.

- Plant veggies close together in blocks to shade the soil and optimize irrigated areas.

- Mulch! On unplanted areas, spread wood chips over cardboard, newspaper or landscape fabric. On veggie beds, spread straw or other clean organic material. Mulch lightly if rain still has a chance of soaking through, but heavily in summer.

- Row covers help retain moisture.

- Strategic drip irrigation uses less water than sprinkling. Water roots, not mulch or paths. Don't let weeds hog the water.

- Water at dusk or dawn & only when soil is dry.
- Harvest promptly, as soon as vegetables are ripe. Compost plants as soon as they finish producing.
- Rinse veggies in a bowl; use the rinsewater for plants.

### Landscaping

- Adjust your irrigation system for optimal watering and avoid runoff.
- Don't water in wind or sun.
- Minimize fertilizer use, which stimulates growth and water demand.
- Choose drought-adapted local or Mediterranean-climate plants.
- Aerate your lawn, mow higher, and leave clippings in place. Better yet, let the lawn go brown or replace with xeriscape plants.

### Fruit Tree Tips

- Don't plant new fruit trees in a drought year.
- Most mature trees can survive without water.
- NO winter pruning for most fruit trees (peaches are an exception), as pruning stimulates growth. Thin young fruits early and severely. Once fruit sets, reduce summer watering.
- Make basins full of mulch 3' wide x 6" deep around the dripline of small trees (avoiding trunks), and fill with water every 2-3 weeks.
- Collect usable water from your kitchen and bath in buckets to water your trees.

Be water-wise, and find more ideas of your own!

**Resources:** Graywater info: [scwa.ca.gov/graywater](http://scwa.ca.gov/graywater). UC info links: [http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/Living\\_with\\_Drought/](http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/Living_with_Drought/). Master Gardener helpline: [anrmg-mendocino@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrmg-mendocino@ucanr.edu) or 463-6360

## Update on Grange Agricultural Arts School

by Antonia Partridge

The Grange Farm School is pleased to introduce Ruthie King, our newly hired Farm Site Manager. Ruthie moved from Colorado to join the Farm School team on Feb. 18th. Her background includes work with dairy cows and other livestock as well as a degree in Architecture & Sustainable Planning from Columbia University.

In other farm news, the cover crop planted before the big storm in early February has emerged with excellent germination throughout the 3-acre field. Pruning in the orchard is nearly done, and layout for vegetable beds is underway.

Please join us for volunteer days (most weekends) and look at our wish-list on the website: <http://californiagrango.org/agschool/events.html>. We are also accepting applications for our Live-Work-Study Practicum Student Program. For info or to apply for this program go to: <http://californiagrango.org/agschool/apply.html>.

For more information, contact Antonia Partridge at [farmdirector@californiagrango.org](mailto:farmdirector@californiagrango.org) or (707) 272-1395. ♦♦♦



Above: Ruthie King, the Grange Farm School's new farm site manager. At top: Orchard workshop.



## Report on Mayor's Initiative

by Madge Strong

Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal launched an initiative during 2013 with a goal of expanding and facilitating industrial enterprises in Willits. She reported on it at the Feb. 12th City Council meeting.

Her goal of a 3% growth was accomplished by the opening of the new Wowser facility – an industrial arts, fabricating and teaching facility at the former Little Lake Industries site. Ideally this group may spawn other spin-off businesses that outgrow their current manufacturing space.

Meanwhile, a committee of the mayor, April Tweddell, Alan Falleri, John Sherman, Lynn Kennelly, and Lynn Dee Johnson did the footwork to prepare a catalog of all industrial sites within the City. This catalog will assist prospective manufacturers (buyers or tenants) in finding suitable sites for their business. The catalog includes the size and location of properties, zoning, and availability of utilities. They note that there are 31 industrial properties currently available to rent or own in the City.

The City's Planning and Building Department staff (Karen Gauss, Alan Falleri, and John Sherman) all encourage applicants to visit them early in project development, so that issues can be addressed and to avoid delays in the regulatory process. ♦♦♦

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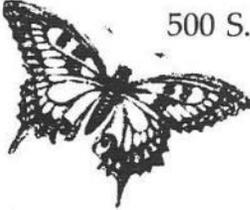
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## **Now & Then Films**

7 pm at the Little Lake Grange  
291 School Street

Suggested Donation: \$5-\$10

Organic popcorn and chocolate, refreshments for sale by the Grange. More info: 459-6362.

**Thursday, March 20**

### **'Last Call at the Oasis'**

This timely documentary about our urgent water issues wisely focuses on the U.S.A. and California's drought. Water isn't just a Third World worry. We explore the drought, threats to fishing, agriculture, and the safety of drinking water. Filmmaker Jessica Yu examines the looming global water crisis and what can be done to avoid it. (105 minutes).

[www.takepart.com/lastcall](http://www.takepart.com/lastcall).

**Thursday, April 17**

### **'More than Honey'**

Filmmaker Markus Imhoof studies the important role of bees in sustaining both organic and industrial concerns, as well as showing us in microscopic and breathtaking detail the intricacies of the hive. In the US, the latest estimates suggest that a total of 1.5 million (out of 2.4 million total beehives) have disappeared across 27

states. Without bees, there is no pollination, and fruits and vegetables could disappear from the face of the Earth.

[www.morethanhoneyfilm.com](http://www.morethanhoneyfilm.com)

## **Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast**

**March 23  
and April 27**

8am to 11 am  
Little Lake Grange #670  
291 School Street

Choose Hank's Famous Butter-milk or Sourdough Multigrain Pancakes, Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs made to order, Real Butter, Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea. \$7 ; \$6 for Seniors; \$4 for children under 12, plus sides of Organic Fruit in season, Amish Maple Syrup.

## **Avenues to Wellness**

The new Avenues to Wellness launches their semi-monthly Speaking Series, with Howard Hospital's Executive Chef Kyle Evans and Annie Dogali, RD, on 'Powerful Plant-Based Foods.' Tuesday, March 4th from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Willits Senior Center. Free.

Recipe demonstration, food tasting and super food discussion to help you navigate to a healthier lifestyle. Chef Kyle and Annie remind us, "Eat healthy, play hard, live well!" Info: 459-2777.

## **'Growing from the Roots'**



Gardening expert Robert Kourik will speak on "Growing from the Roots" at the Willits Branch Library on Sunday, March 30th, 1-

3pm. Kourik will share his insight into survival strategies for gardening in dry times. Author of numerous books and articles, he is best known for his pioneering work on edible landscaping. His most recent book is "Roots Demystified." Kourik has also been called the "drip guru" by Organic Gardening Magazine. This lecture is free of charge (but donations are welcome). Sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library.

## **Herb Walks and Classes**

Classes with Beth Riedel, AHG, NC, include "Spring Cleaning for the Body," "Herbs - A Relationship for Health," "Using Herbs for Pain Management," "Creating a Useful First Aid Kit," and "Using Flower Essences." Spring Herb Walks: 10 am to noon.

Contact Beth for dates, locations and registration at 459-1810 or [beth@multitalents.net](mailto:beth@multitalents.net).



## **Report from:**

## **North Coast Transition Get Together**

On Jan. 25th, Transition Ukiah Valley hosted a regional get-together for transition and permaculture groups in 6 or 7 neighboring counties. The event made regional connections of folks working on similar "new society" issues, and we learned about many

exciting activities and success stories.

There were presentations from Humboldt to Sonoma to Lake County, from inner spiritual transition to hands-on gardening and local investing. It's encouraging to know hundreds of people in our region are dedicated to the same concerns: "thinking globally; acting locally."

WELL representative Madge Strong collected ideas that we hope will inspire future programs here in Willits.

The 6-county region is encouraging another group to host a follow-up gathering later this year.

## Town Hall Wrestles with Water Issues

by Madge Strong

The hot topic of water drew a crowd of over 80 people to a Town Hall meeting on January 19th. Presentations by Scott Herman, City of Willits water, Robert Meliush, Brooktrails utilities, and comments from Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore clarified the situation in the City and Brooktrails as of late January. Rainfall since then has been helpful, but drought conditions persist, and most of the concerns are still relevant.

**City of Willits:** The City of Willits has an estimated 192 acre-feet, or about 100 days worth of water in its reservoirs, thanks to significant reductions in use. The City has imposed a Stage V emergency that limits use to 150 gallons per day (gpd) per residence of up to 4 occupants, and requires commercial & industrial users to reduce by 35% from last year's levels. During the current water emergency, no new hook-ups are allowed.

The City is now developing an emergency water supply system that involves using two existing city-owned wells (Elias and Park), piping that water to a temporary water treatment facility.

There were questions about the level of arsenic and other toxic elements, especially in the Park well. The wells have recently been tested, with the results posted on the City's website and at City Hall. The treatment facility must meet State drinking water standards. Some were concerned, however, that the State standard may not be sufficient to reduce the health hazard of arsenic. Decisions on treatment cost & effectiveness will be made by City Council.

**Brooktrails:** Brooktrails is at the highest risk of totally losing water supply within the county. It has an estimated 75 acre-feet, or about 80 days of water supply. (Their reservoirs filled with the recent rains, but conservation measures limiting use to 110gpd per residence per day are still in effect, so that supplies can last through the expected long, dry summer and fall.) Brooktrails continues to work diligently on correcting leaks throughout the system.

Both the City and Brooktrails are monitoring and working with any customers using excessive water, with punitive actions as a last resort. Lively comments from the public followed, raising issues of concern and lots of ideas on how to conserve water.

**Freeway Bypass Water Use:** It was noted that Caltrans used 4 million gallons of well water and 2 million gallons of City treated waste water last year for dust control and compaction. This coming season, water usage for the project could be higher, as the season will be longer and cement will require additional water. Many felt this should be subject to public review: it's "our water, our survival." A related concern is the impact of the 55,000 wickdrains and loss of wetlands on wells and

recharge of the valley's aquifer.

**Fire Danger:** The drought is simultaneously creating severe fire dangers, as the forests are so dry. Will we have enough water to fight fires? There are some emergency water sources, and the County and Brooktrails fire department are taking the initiative to impose a burn moratorium, to reduce the risks and not waste precious water on controlled fires.

**"Big Picture":** A number of people spoke in philosophical terms about our human relationship to water. Water isn't just a "resource" – it's our lifeblood. There's no such thing as "waste" water; all water recycles. Water belongs to all: plants, fish, trees as well as human beings. We need to be prepared for long term weather changes; conservation must become a way of life.

**On-Going Measures:** Education for children and adults is needed: in the schools; on radio; news articles; letters-to-the-editor; notices with the water bills.

Some suggestions were installing water catchment systems, greywater systems, and water recirculation and filtration systems. The City could be pro-active, for example with programs to install low-flow toilets and showers. One person noted it's hard to expect water agencies to promote conservation, since their operating revenue depends on water use.

Important advice: "Do not run water as a way to avoid pipes freezing!" People should instead insulate their pipes or use heat tape, available at local building supply stores. Seemingly small leaks can also cause major water loss. About 1/4 of toilets are leaky, often unnoticed. Check your meter: it probably has a leak detector, or if the meter is spinning when you're not using water, you have a leak.

Many other recommendations for water conservation have been covered in recent news articles. Also see separate article and upcoming events on water-wise gardening!

## Mendocino Food Action Plan

In Mendocino County, a coalition of farmers, eaters, healthcare providers, land stewards, teachers, and advocates have begun working together as a Food Policy Council to strengthen the local food system. They recently issued the Mendocino County Food Action Plan presenting goals and actions designed to protect and enhance a community-based, ecologically sustainable food system.

The Food Action Plan's message is simple: it does take a village. The Plan has recommendations for individual, group, and governmental actions, from growing your own food and buying local, to laws and policies that protect farmland and water. For more info, go to [www.healthymendocino.org](http://www.healthymendocino.org), or contact Tarney Sheldon, the Nutrition Basics Program Manager at North Coast Opportunities (NCO), 467-3200.

# WELL Coordinating Committee Briefs

## January 13

Plans and PR for the Feb. 9th Cuba presentation were reviewed. It's proposed that we co-sponsor a candidates' forum for the 3rd District Supervisor race (Holly recusing herself). Madge will contact likely co-organizers.

We discussed ways to focus on water this year, to be followed up after the Jan. 19 Town Hall. Meanwhile, several other related forums are being planned, especially how to garden in drought conditions. (See articles in this issue.)

We plan to do another Bike Show-Parade this year, hopefully dove-tailed with the Fire Station Open House and the new Walk & Bike Mendocino group.

We discussed several "house-keeping" items, including renewing newsletter ads, memberships, referencing our new phone contact, and we authorized purchasing a new back-up hard drive. The website committee presented an outline of the menu for the new site; will continue working on implementation. The CC authorized a stipend for initial website set-up.

Karen Gauss, the City's new associate planner, was introduced. She comes to Willits with a rich & diverse background and is very enthusiastic about our town!

## February 17

The CC recognizes that many "spin-off" groups are currently active on issues relating to localization, including Community Rights, public banking, Town Hall events, the Grange Ag School, SOLLV, Local First, WHAT Walks, Now & Then Films, and others. This is wonderful - and in keeping with the Transition Town model of diverse participation! In light of those activities, WELL can do fewer programs of our own while continuing with our important role as a fiscal sponsor, educating, promoting (via newsletter, updates, website) and serving as a clearinghouse.

For now, the Feb. 28th garden forum (co-sponsored by WELL and the Grange), a Spring general meeting (a forum on PACE and to elect CC members), and upcoming candidates forum are all in the offing (see articles in this issue). We'll decide at future meetings about other summer-fall program ideas, including a potential bike show and farm tour.

Holly will be taking a "hiatus" from the CC until early June. Meanwhile, we unanimously voted to appoint Paul Jacobson to one of the vacant CC seats.

Holly noted that she will be bringing "opting in" to the PACE program to the City Council Mar. 12th. We also suggested our Spring membership meeting be Apr. 27th focusing on how people can participate in PACE (see article in this issue).

We heard reports on upcoming Community Rights activities and on a recent six-county Nor-Coast Transition gathering (see separate articles).

Other "house-keeping" items included the need to coordinate our "member" and "announce" email lists; follow-up on renewals; and continue implementing the new website.

### Next CC Meetings are:

**Mondays, March 17 and April 21 at 6:30 pm**

At log cabin, north-east corner of WISC on 221 S. Lenore St.

### Next WELL General Meeting

**Sunday, Apr. 27th at 4 pm**

Little Lake Grange

**Focus on implementing PACE**

see article, p. 3

**with presenter Keith Rutledge**

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## Schedule of Events: March & April

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**Apr. 23, 6:30pm**

WELL Coordinating Committee, WISC Log Cabin

**Apr. 26, 10:30am-4pm**

Mendocino County Garden Expo, Purdy Hall (Redwood Empire Fairgrounds), Ukiah. Free family-oriented event with speakers, discussions, vendors. Info: 485-0668

**Apr. 27, 8-11am**

Pancake breakfast at LL Grange

**Apr. 27, 4pm**

WELL General Meeting, see p. 3 and 9

**May 4, time TBA**

Candidates Forum for 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisors Race. Mark your calendar; more details later!

**Ongoing:**

Work days at Grange Farm School, , see p. 5

Indoor Farmers Market, Thursdays 3-5:30 pm, LL Grange



## WHAT IS WELL? Willits Economic Localization

**Vision:** An enduring local economy that provides health and security for our community.

**Mission:** To foster the creation of a local, sustainable economy in the Willits area by helping residents to learn valuable skills and to take action, and by partnering with other organizations to share knowledge and support projects that build a thriving community.

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