



Willits Economic Localization Newsletter  
**The WELL Bucket**

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**Community Events  
 July & August 2018**

June 30-July 4, Willits Frontier Days events continue. Check local papers for schedule  
 July 7, Salmon BBQ in Ft. Bragg, see page 2  
 July 8, 9am, Eel River trip, see page 2  
 July 9, 12-3pm, Farm-to-Kitchen workshop at Redwood Valley Grange, see page 3  
 July 9, 6:30, WELL CoCom meeting at Willits Hub  
 July 14, 1-4pm, Cannabis Medicinals in Willits, see page 7  
 July 18, 4pm, Willits Tourism Board at City Hall, see page 8  
 July 18, 5pm GRID Alternatives informational meeting at the Willits Library, see page 5  
 July 19, 7pm, Now & Then Film TBA (email [awaters@pacific.net](mailto:awaters@pacific.net) for info)  
 July 20, 10am-noon, Mitigation Lands Tour, RSVP to Marisela, 841-7172, see page 4  
 July 21, 2-4:30 pm, 'Tomorrow' documentary film at Grace Hudson Museum, see page 8  
 July 22, 8-11am, Pancake Breakfast at LL Grange  
 July 23-27 Farm School workshop, see page 3  
 July 24, 7-9pm, Midsummer Night's Feast to Support Local Farmers at Yokayo Ranch, see page 3  
 Aug. 1, 8:15am, Chamber of Commerce Women in Business (breakfast & speaker)

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**ART IN THE PLAZA**

A vision for Willits is becoming reality: "Art in the Plaza" will debut July 14-15 and will be open every weekend through September. Come see our local artists and artisans – free - in the congenial plaza behind Café 77. Hours are 9am-4pm each Sat. and Sun. More info at [www.artintheplaza.com](http://www.artintheplaza.com).



Art in the Montmartre district of Paris – Let's have Willits become known as the art destination in northern California!

We have some spaces available for artists to sell their handmade goods (up to 10 artists each weekend). The spaces will be 4X8 & 7X8. If interested, please contact Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online

**COLORIZING & REVITALIZING WILLITS!**

**Ideas & Implementation—by Paul Jacobson**

At WELL's Entrepreneurs Forum earlier this year, several participants suggested ways to bring **color** into our community. WELL is following up, contacting many interested people and groups (including Visit Willits Board, Chamber of Commerce, and Center for the Arts). A meeting will be scheduled in July to strategize on going from ideas to implementation. Contact Paul at [4paul@gmail.com](mailto:4paul@gmail.com) or 459-1418 to get involved!

The list of ideas ranges from A to (almost) Z:

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|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Alleys</b>       | <b>Cafes</b>         | <b>Hide-Outs</b>  | <b>News-Racks</b>          | <b>Sidewalks</b>    |
| <b>Awnings</b>      | <b>Doors</b>         | <b>Interiors</b>  | <b>Open Spaces</b>         | <b>Stairs</b>       |
| <b>Art Contests</b> | <b>Entry Ways</b>    | <b>Juke Boxes</b> | <b>Poles, Pots</b>         | <b>Signs</b>        |
| <b>Banners</b>      | <b>Fences</b>        | <b>K-Rails</b>    | <b>Public Art</b>          | <b>Tables</b>       |
| <b>Barriers</b>     | <b>Fire Hydrants</b> | <b>Libraries</b>  | <b>Questionable Places</b> | <b>Under-Things</b> |
| <b>Benches</b>      | <b>Flowers</b>       | <b>Lights</b>     | <b>Rails</b>               | <b>Walls</b>        |
| <b>Businesses</b>   | <b>Gutters</b>       | <b>Medians</b>    |                            | <b>Windows</b>      |

Each idea has its own set of tasks, possible need for funds (e.g. grants), (continued on page 8)

## CITY OF WILLITS NEWS – by Mayor Madge Strong, June 30, 2018

The City continues to face challenges and opportunities on many fronts. Below are some of the issues we've dealt with in the past two months (May & June).

**Priorities & Budget:** New City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra (who started in March) says that the City's plate is full with projects already underway and essential to tackle in the next two years, so "wish-list" items will be addressed only as time permits. Working together with the interim Finance Director, she expects the 2018-19 budget to come to City Council in August (meanwhile operating on a continuing resolution based on the current FY.)

**Vacant Commercial Use Ordinance:** This ordinance now in place requires long-vacant properties to register with the City, have a local person responsible for maintenance, and be inspected periodically to avoid fire or health hazards or illegal occupancy. The initial fee is minimal but escalates annually if a property remains vacant. We hope this will encourage owners to find tenants (or sell) and reduce our vacancy rate.

**Proposed Cannabis Excise Tax:** City Council approved putting a measure on the November ballot for an excise tax on commercial cannabis activities in the City. The measure sets a maximum tax that can be charged, and actual rates will be set by ordinance to be in line with other jurisdictions. Note that medical cannabis sales are not subject to sales tax, so other than out-of-pocket permit fees, this is a way to offset City services needed to serve this industry. If passed by City voters, these taxes will benefit the City's general fund.

**Old Howard Hospital:** The County Advisory Committee on Measure B (that raises funds for mental health needs in the County) has looked at the former Howard Hospital as a potential site for a psychiatric facility. However, there are many steps ahead, starting with a 'needs assessment' and looking at a range of options, locations, etc. before they make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. City is now represented at the Measure B meetings. Meanwhile, the City Council

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## Summer Fun With ERRP – Willits Going Wild Again – by Pat Higgins

If you want to get out and see the beauty of the wild Eel River watershed, all you have to do is show up at the Willits Hub (630 S Main Street) at 9am to be whisked

away to paradise in the Willits Goes Wild van. The season kicked off with the WELL-sponsored mitigation lands tour on June 9<sup>th</sup>, assisted by the ERRP van. On June 30, we will travel to Hearst where there will be a training on fish observation and identification for beginners. Afterward the group will visit Emandal, an organic farm and retreat center, where we will walk

upstream to Robin's Pool, and Pat Higgins will discuss the health of this vital upper Eel River reach and its fishes. Those with appropriate attire (river shoes) and stamina can assist with a pikeminnow survey.

**ERRP participates in the World's Largest Salmon BBQ** in Ft Bragg that is held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to attend and volunteer with ERRP at their education table should call Pat Higgins (223-7200). This event is sponsored by the Salmon Restoration Association and proceeds benefit education and restoration.

Willits Goes Wild began a year ago with a trip to the upper Eel River and Lake Pillsbury, and this year's July 8 field trip will revisit the same locations. See wild Tule

elk, learn about Soda Creek restoration and the possibility of a Salmon Park between the dams, and slap on a mask and snorkel and see what fish are in the pool downstream of Cape Horn Dam. Bring a lunch, swimsuit, sunscreen and water.

August 4 the Willits Goes Wild van will travel to another favorite destination, the Angelo Reserve. ERRP is co-sponsoring this trip in cooperation with the Institute for Sustainable Forestry. Dr. Mary

Power and Dr. Bill Dietrich will be available to discuss their research. Bring a lunch, swimsuit, sunscreen and water. On August 25 we will join another ISF sponsored event touring the Redwood Forest Foundation's Usal Forest. Meet RFFI Board members and their For-ester Lynwood Gil and learn about the community forest model that could help save the redwood biome. For info on Willits Goes Wild van rides call Robin (459-0155) or Jeff Hedin (247-3030).



Group at one of last year's Willits Goes Wild field trips.

Photo by Pat Higgins

## A Midsummer Night's Feast to Support Local Farmers

The Good Farm Fund and the Mendocino Food Hub are bringing the 4th Annual Midsummer Night's Feast, one of Mendocino's premier local food and wine events, to Yokayo Ranch on Tuesday, July 24th from 7-9pm. Guests will enjoy more than 20 of the area's local-food-forward chefs, paired with Mendocino & Lake County's farms and ranches to deliver the best of what is in season, showcasing exceptional, locally grown produce. Local beer, wine and specialty farm-to-glass cocktails will add a special touch to the evening.

The event is set at Yokayo Ranch, a 40-acre hillside ranch built in the 1920's, a beautiful country setting in Ukiah adjacent to Mendocino College. There will be live music, a farm tour of Yokayo Roots Farm, farmer success stories, and a silent auction. The night's revelry

benefits the hard work of the Good Farm Fund, which awards capacity-building infrastructure grants to small farms around Mendocino & Lake Counties, and helps fund food stamp matching at local farmers markets. The Good Farm Fund also established an emergency relief fund for farmers affected by last year's disastrous fires. Tickets for the Midsummer Night's Feast are on sale online at

[www.goodfarmfund.org](http://www.goodfarmfund.org), or at the following Ukiah establishments: Ukiah

Farmers Market, Mendocino Book Company, Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op and Westside Renaissance Market.



## Farm School Workshops and News

Open House: The School of Adaptive Agriculture (aka Grange Farm School) is hosting two open houses this summer at its Ridgewood Ranch location, 16200 N. Hwy 101: July 15 and Aug. 12, from 1-3pm. RSVP to [office@adaptiveagriculture.org](mailto:office@adaptiveagriculture.org).

Farmers Market: See the SAA among the many booths at the weekly downtown Willits Farmers Market, Thursdays, 3-6pm in the parking lot next to Main St. Music.

Fun/Fund-Raisers: On Sat. Aug. 18, Halden Worford & the Highbeams will bring honky-tonk dance music to the Little Lake Grange, 6-11pm to benefit the Farm School. Then plan (way) ahead for Hot Buttered Rum on Oct. 31st, also at the Grange.

Practicums: The School continues its program of intensive practicums



training new farmers. Live, work and learn on the Farm's 5,000 acre ranch. Apply now for this Summer's program, August to October.

Week-Long Workshop: The School is also offering: "HEALTH FROM THE GROUND UP: FRESH FROM THE FARM" – a week long farm experience from July 23-27. Join us to dive into the foundations of where food comes from, the direct connection of farmers to the soil. See microbes, animals and roots in action, for an exploration of the processes that create the nutrients our bodies need. Gain understanding of farming and ranching, create (& eat) nutrient-rich meals. Only 16 spots are available for this workshop. Lodging is available on-site.

Visit [www.adaptiveagriculture.org](http://www.adaptiveagriculture.org) to register.

## Food Entrepreneurs!

### Take It From Kitchen to Market

Workshop presented by West Company and the Mendocino Women's Business Center (SBA) on July 9, from noon-3pm at the Redwood Valley Grange. Come to this Kitchen to Market business workshop with specialty foods expert and business advisor Anni Minuzzo to learn the ins and outs of the rapidly growing specialty food industry from an insider with over 30 years of ex-

perience in the food and beverage industry, 20 of which were spent owning a wholesale baking company. Topics include: Kitchen to Market licensing, fees and certifications, the planning and production process, capitalization options, contacts to help you get started, business planning, current and future industry trends, creative marketing ideas and more....

Register by calling 964-7571 or online at <https://foodbiz7918.eventbrite.com>



## Mitigation Tour Report by Marisela de Santa Anna

On June 9th, WELL (Willits Economic Localization), in collaboration with the Mendocino Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) and Cal Trans, conducted a tour of the Willits Bypass Mitigation Lands, led by MCRCD project interpreter Marisela de Santa Anna. The Tour was an opportunity for the public to see some of the work that is being done to mitigate for the construction of the Highway 101 bypass around the town of Willits. This work includes restoration and enhancing of wetlands, riparian corridors, and grasslands by planting native plants and the removal of invasive non-natives species.

The tour participants also could see how livestock grazing, which is one of the management tools being used on mitigation lands, is helping to maintain and improve certain habitats.

The tour group was kept to 25 people to protect sensitive areas, which was easily filled before-hand with a wait-list created for future tours. It was a lively and positive group, with a few MCRCD staff members present including Tom Schott, a consulting Forester and Megan McClure, the new Executive Director of the MCRCD. The tour was followed by a delicious potluck lunch at the Hub followed by a panel discussion with guest speakers Javier Silva, a member of the Sherwood Band of Pomo, Victoria Patterson, an ethnohistorian, and Kate Marionchild, the author of Secrets of the Oak Woodland and a Naturalist and avid Oak woodland advocate.

Javier spoke on his experience with the mitigation process and expressed disappointment about the way local tribes were treated throughout the project. Javier talked about plans for an interpretive sign that will be installed on the project to inform and educate visitors about local

native people and their cultures and traditions. The hope is for the tribes to play a greater role on mitigation lands moving forward. Victoria spoke about the history of the Indians in the Little Lake valley, or “Mithom Kai” the Pomo name for the valley. “Thom” means splashing and “mi” means with the toes. She told us about the thousands of years of habitation in the Mithom Kai before much history was even recorded, and how it is hard to piece together the life of the Mithom Poma.

Next, Kate spoke on the value of Oak Woodland and how important it is to preserve, protect and restore these valuable resources. David Drell then spoke on the process of securing mitigation for the bypass, his and

Ellen’s hard-won place at the table with the agencies, and the shaping of the MMP (Mitigation and Monitoring Proposal). Their involvement was important: they were the only residents of Willits allowed to participate and be a voice for the environmental community, though they were supported and helped by many others.



The event was informative and well attended with a positive result. We can feel good at this point that a difficult and divisive situation has been turned into a positive collaboration of agencies trying to restore, create, and enhance a significant portion of the Willits valley. There are botanists, water resource biologists, wildlife biologists, agriculture experts, water quality experts, and more out in our valley each day paying attention to and working with the systems that are out there. To keep up to date on the Bypass project and future tours, read our weekly blog and see photos of wildlife and habitats, visit MCRCD’s website at [www.mcrcd.org](http://www.mcrcd.org). Next tours are planned for July 20, Aug. 25 and Sept. 29. Space is limited. RSVP required to Marisela, 841-7172.

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## RICHARDSON GROVE Good News! – by Barbara Kennedy

The Humboldt County Superior Court recently ruled that a lawsuit challenging Caltrans' proposed highway widening through Richardson Grove State Park can continue, meaning the building of the destructive highway is still on hold. The lawsuit was filed in 2010 by the Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC), Center for Biological Diversity, Californians for Alternatives to Toxics and community members, to prevent a project that would needlessly damage or destroy thousand-year-old redwood trees.

This decision is related to an Appeals Court ruling in 2014 that Caltrans' environmental analysis was critically flawed. In response, Caltrans released an addendum that repeated its discredited arguments that highway work would not harm ancient redwood trees, allowed no public comment period, and sought to dismiss the lawsuit. But Judge Kelly Neel found in the new decision that the court-ordered halt to construction should remain in place until the court can review the new documents released by Caltrans and address legal issues presented by opponents in a separate 2017 lawsuit.

Project opponents remain vigilant in defense of the Grove, with three current lawsuits challenging Caltrans' inadequate environmental analysis and other attempts to dodge public scrutiny. If you are able to make a financial contribution in support of our efforts please access EPIC's website at [www.wildcalifornia.org](http://www.wildcalifornia.org) and mark your contribution for Richardson Grove.

### Hope Springs Anew - Help for Fire Survivors

[Excerpt] by Megan Barber Allende, CEO,

Community Foundation of Mendocino County

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County has been incredibly honored to be working at the heart of recovery efforts in supporting families to get back on their feet and work towards long-term recovery. These efforts have been made possible by all of the generous donations received into our Disaster Fund.

Our mission is to rehouse as many families as possible in the long-term, while addressing their short-term needs. Currently, this is being done through a two-tiered process. First, there are the Critical Needs Grants that have allowed nearly 50 households to have utilities restored to their properties, heating returned, transportation repaired, and tools acquired to rebuild and return to work. These grants have removed barriers to recovery and offered the helping hand many needed to take that next step in their own recovery process.

The second-tier of support is the rebuilding of homes. In partnership with Hope Crisis Response Network (aka "Hope City"), we can harness the money-saving

labor of volunteers and maximize it with Disaster Fund grants to have homes rebuilt for families for considerably less than if they were to do this themselves. The goal is to break ground this summer and begin rehousing as many families as possible before the end of the year.

Volunteer opportunities are available for local residents to assist with the Hope City building effort. To learn more, contact Rose Bell, M-ROC Project Manager, [rosebellconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:rosebellconsulting@gmail.com). Fire recovery is a long-term effort, and the Disaster Fund for Mendocino County is still accepting donations for Redwood Complex Fire relief. Visit [www.communityfound.org](http://www.communityfound.org).

GRID Alternatives, a national non-profit solar program, has an office and projects here in Willits! Last year they installed solar at the LL Grange; this year was their first residence in town. Qualified low-income homeowners can get a system FREE. GRID Alternatives will have an informational meeting Wed., July 18, 5pm at the Willits Library. Come find out more, or contact Justin at [jfricker@gridalternatives.org](mailto:jfricker@gridalternatives.org) or 456-4852.



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## The 1st Annual Grange Pomona Picnic

Sunday, August 12th, 11am-3pm

At the Lions park in Redwood Valley and the RV Grange. A great chance to meet and socialize with other Grangers from all over the county!

Pomona will supply meat for BBQ and Grange members will bring side dishes. Some will bring ice cream freezers and make home made ice cream! Volley Ball and other games.



## Little Lake Grange 80th Birthday!

*We were born on August 3, 1938.*

We are celebrating on August 4th with an all-day open house. Displays about our history, projects and community service. (Possibly a by-invitation Grange member-only dinner on Aug. 3rd.) For more info, contact

Grange office at 459-9716  
or Annie at awaters@pacific.net .

EV Charging Stations are about to be unveiled (paid for by MCOG) at the City's Mendocino Ave. parking lot. Ribbon cutting date TBA .

## CO-COM SUMMARIES

May 14, 2018

*Updates & Reports:*

- Pollinator/Monarch event: This was very successful; well-attended. It's noted that Chris Ineich will do another show in Laytonville this summer.
- Healthy Mendocino: Not much currently happening in Willits.
- Candidates Forum: This Apr. 19 forum co-sponsored by WEC and WELL was very successful and informative.
- Food Pledge: More people are getting involved; the buyers' club is especially thriving. They meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:30 at LL Grange.
- Biking 'Round the World: This slide show at the Hub May 11 was fascinating and well-attended.
- 'River's Last Chance' is showing on May 18<sup>th</sup>. *City News:* See article this issue. Note that Madge presented at Rotary Club on May 10.

*Mitigation Tour:* Details of PR and logistics were discussed. We have a good line-up of lunch presenters. See article this issue.

*Colorizing Willits:* Many good ideas were discussed and people being contacted. See article this issue.

*Membership Renewals:* The phoning and another email reminder have helped bring in most of the formerly non-renewed folks. Follow-up continues.

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## WELL Coordinating Committee 2018

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Lyn Talkovsky, 621-3215, lyn@twinberry.net

There are currently two vacant seats. If interested, come to a meeting or call Madge at 459-1493.

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## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT REVIEW

by Claudia Wenning  
 The first Northern California Women's Empowerment (WE) Summit was a success! We gathered at the Little Lake Grange on June 9<sup>th</sup> to spend the day, inspire and support each other, and create new connections. The motto was: "Conscious connection creates change."  
 We also shared what it means for us individually to R-E-S-P-E-C-T ourselves, tap into being a woman, ask what love means, feel connected and grounded, renew our relationships with nature, communicate with our innate purpose and most importantly with the passion within. Together we took the time to look at goals and aspirations and what it takes to make these become reality. If we want change, we are the ones that can make it happen now. I am impressed with the many stories about networking and connecting. New collaboration projects have already started!



I am very grateful for the incredibly inspiring speeches and processes, the yoga, the music, dance and the laughter, and all the generous presenters, helpers and participants.  
 In 2019 there will be additional options to participate on varied levels, and be part of this community! For now I am delighted to share the WE Directory with all:  
<https://claudiawenning.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/WE-Directory.pdf>  
 If you like be listed in this directory, please message the fb page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/NorCalEmpowered/> or Claudia Wenning  
 You will find many photos of the event on the page also.  
 Anyone interested in the upcoming local WE-related speaker series and events starting in September 2018, the next Northern

California Women's Empowerment Summit and the whole Northern California WE movement, feel free to contact me at [Claudia@claudiawenning.com](mailto:Claudia@claudiawenning.com). I am looking forward to exciting content, growth and refinement in all aspects.

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### Cannabis Medicinals Workshop by Annie Waters

A workshop on ancient apothecary wisdom in combination with modern herbal knowledge will be led by Annie Waters on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm in Willits.  
 "Cannabis Medicinals" is a hands-on workshop. Learn the benefits of cannabis medicine and how to use it safely and effectively. We will learn about and how to make various cannabis herbal products – edibles, topicals, infusions, extracts, sublinguals, and cosmetics. What is the difference between THC and CBD, CBN and terpenes? Between using whole flower for smoking or edibles? What happens in my brain and body when I use cannabis? What conditions are helped by cannabis? The science behind cannabis healing is coming of age, but you may not be aware of how to best use this medicine without getting "high" or being anxious about it. Relieve your fear of this sacred herb. Get answers to your questions in a safe environment.

If interested, contact Annie at [awaters@pacific.net](mailto:awaters@pacific.net) or 459-6362.

**COLORIZING** (continued from page 1) volunteers, etc. We'll work on identifying which projects need permits vs. which can just be done on the spot, which are low cost and easy vs. which will require long-term implementation. It's important to get started and see progress! Meanwhile, the 13-member Visit Willits Tourism Board, an independent non-profit organization, is pursuing many projects to enhance attractions in town for both tourists and residents. Their first successful project has been bringing the MTA trolley to town for Frontier Days (sponsored by Ace Copy and Imagination Station). Their Visit Willits website is close to being launched, along with other promotion efforts. They are also planning a family-friendly weekend event Oct. 19-21 featuring 5K and 10K runs, kids races, costume contest, music, comedy, food, and vendors. The Tourism Board meets the 3rd Wednesday each month, 4pm at City Hall. Contact Saprina at [srodriguez@cityofwillits.org](mailto:srodriguez@cityofwillits.org) for more info or to get involved on projects

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### WILDLIFE NEWS:

Willits has its first Fawn Rescue! We have had over 17 fawns so far. Our AMAZING Volunteer, Olivia Grupp, is the most capable rehabber we could ask for. Growing up in Willits and working as a vet tech she comes by this work naturally.

We at Mendocino Wildlife Association are a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to our wildlife and our habitat. Please check us out at [www.mendowildlife.com](http://www.mendowildlife.com). to make a donation or become a member. It takes all of us to make some dreams come true. We are a vision in action. Please join in if you can! For The Love of the Wild! Contact Traci Pellar @ 357-5693

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### LOCAL ELECTIONS:

After the June 5 primary election, John Haschak and John Pinches will face a run-off for 3<sup>rd</sup> district Supervisor in November. Shawna Jeavons was 3<sup>rd</sup>; then Mike Horger and others. In addition, the Nov. election will include two seats on City Council (currently Ron Orenstein and Larry Stranske's). The filing period is July 16-Aug. 10. If interested in running, please make an appointment soon with Cathy at City Hall, 459-7121 or [cmoorhead@cityofwillits.org](mailto:cmoorhead@cityofwillits.org). AAUW and/or MWPC will likely do a candidates forum in the Fall.

### FREE CPR CLASSES

Learn how to save a life through Howard Memorial's free CPR classes.

Did you know that, if performed immediately, CPR can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival? Of all out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims in the United States, only about 40 percent receive CPR aid from bystanders prior to the arrival of first responders, and fewer than 10 percent actually survive.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial (AHHM) wants to improve those statistics by offering free CPR/AED classes throughout the year, because your ability to conduct CPR could mean the difference between life and death for someone you love.

The three-hour class, accredited by American Heart Association, teaches adult and child CPR and AED use, infant CPR, and how to relieve choking in adults, children and infants. The hands-on course is for anyone who needs the certification as part of job requirements or for those who just want to learn how to save a life. No medical training required. The Heartsaver CPR/AED classes are held at the hospital located at 1 Marcela Drive in Willits. The next class is scheduled for Thursday, August 2. Space is limited, so participants must register before-hand to reserve their spot. (A \$25 reservation fee is required, which will be refunded upon completion of the class.)

Other dates are available throughout the year. For more information or to register, call 456-3156.

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Climate Action Mendocino  
Presents TOMORROW - a documentary film



July 21, 2018 2-4:30 pm

431 S Main St, Grace Hudson Museum, Ukiah  
Suggested \$5 donation, no one turned away  
*Climate Change* - What can we do? A hopeful film that should inspire you.  
Refreshments, bring your own drink



CO-COM SUMMARIES (continued from page 6)

June 18, 2018

Updates & Reports:

- The Mitigation Tour (June 9) was excellent \*
- **Women's Empowerment Summit** was also successful; so much local talent, and a good model for similar events in future \*
- **Farmer's Market** had some red tape 'bumps' in moving to Main Street, but it worked out via a City Council decision. The new location seems to be popular and successful.
- City news \*
- **Caring Kitchen:** is now serving 25 patients once/week, operating at St. Anthony's with adult and youth volunteers.

*Local Food Pledge & Buyers Group* continues to meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at the Grange.

*Finance & membership:* After renewal efforts, about 20 non-renewed folks will be dropped. Emily Rose provided updated Profit & Loss, showing net loss of \$324 to date. (We still have ample reserves in the bank.) CoCom approved an introductory special \$10 1/2 year membership of \$10 offered at our Hometown Celebration table.

*Hub plans:* There is a still a shortfall on rent between the combined contributions of the groups (WEC, WELL, ERRP, and Mendo Wildlife Assoc.). The coordinating group has not met, and fundraising plans are still up-in-the-air. Fortunately Ellen Drell is willing to continue holding the lease.

*Newsletter:* Neil Richardson, who's done a great job on lay-out, faces a slow recovery from recent surgery and needs to bow out. Fortunately, Kristin (our former data manager) & Bret Fraser are able & willing to take it on.

*Summer & Fall events:* We continued discussing "Colorizing Willits" with potential hands-on Willits projects \*. We will also look into an energy and/or water conservation presentation. Discussion to be continued.

*Next meetings:* July 9, 6:30pm at the Hub, 630 S. Main St.; then Aug. 20 and Sept. 17.

\* See article this issue

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submitted a resolution to make it clear that we have authority over any such land use decisions in our jurisdiction.

**Caltrans Work:** Construction has proceeded apace on Main Street sidewalks and has begun on the Sherwood Road realignment. The City continues monthly meetings with Caltrans to review these projects. Unfortunately, a few additional trees were removed on Main Street, based on Caltrans' arborists determination they could not be saved.

**Mobile Home Park Issues:** The City's Ad Hoc committee met once with Willits Mobile Home Park owner, manager and tenants, with limited results. At its June 27 meeting, City Council heard again from the park manager and tenants, but decided a rent stabilization ordinance urged by tenants would not be cost-effective (to the City or tenants) to implement. We did make some other suggestions and will monitor that commitments made by park management, such as low-income rental assistance, are adhered to.

City Council meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (except not July 11), with a public comment period near the beginning of the agenda at 6:30. Suggestions are welcome! Also feel free to contact me at 459-1493 or [mstrong@cityofwillits.org](mailto:mstrong@cityofwillits.org).

Walk & Bike Mendocino is planning a Back-to-School Blitz to encourage parents and children to participate in forming groups to walk to school together. For info contact Neil Davis at 972-0926 or [ndavis@ncoinc.org](mailto:ndavis@ncoinc.org).

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### Community Events

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 at Willits Center for the Arts. Info at CofC 459-7910 or [www.willits.org](http://www.willits.org).  
 Aug. 2, CPR Class, see page 8  
 Aug. 4, LL Grange 80<sup>th</sup> celebration open house, see page 6  
 Aug. 4, 9am, Eel River trip, see page 2  
 Aug. 15, Willits Tourism Board at City Hall, see page 7  
 Aug. 20, 6:30, WELL CoCom Meeting at Willits Hub  
 Aug. 25, 9am, Eel River trip, see page 2  
 Aug. 25, 10am-noon, Mitigation Lands Tour, RSVP to Marisela, 841-7172, see page 4  
 Aug. 26, 8-11am, Pancake Breakfast at LL Grange  
 ONGOING:  
 Every Thursday, 3-6pm, Farmers Market on Main Street  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, Local Food Group at the LL Grange



**2018 WILLITS SUMMER MEALS**

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