



THE WILLIS INFORMER

NEWSLETTER

"Dedicated to informing and connecting the Willis community."

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meeting Time

5:30 p.m.

Location

Willis City Hall
Council Chambers
200 N. Bell St., Willis, TX 77378
(936) 856-4611

October

Tuesday, Oct. 21

November

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Holiday Office Closings



In observance of Veterans Day, City of Willis administrative offices will be closed

Tuesday, Nov. 11



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, City of Willis administrative offices will be closed

Thursday, Nov. 27

Friday, Nov. 28

WILLIS POLICE TO HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, OCT. 7



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Willis Police Department is set to host its annual National Night Out event from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Kroger Marketplace parking lot, at 12605 I-45 N Willis, TX 77318. Come meet and greet the members of Willis' dedicated public safety team composed of police, fire, and EMS personnel. The local event supports a national goal to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Admission is free and will offer a variety of activities for all to enjoy such as: music, prizes, game activities, a mechanical bull ride, rock climbing wall, and an assortment of safety-themed giveaways. The Community Resource Booth will also provide published material on numerous safety practices. Free food will be available while supplies last.

CITY HALL GETS A FRESH NEW LOOK WITH EXTERIOR PAINT UPGRADE



Travelers may have noticed a fresh new look while passing by the Willis City Hall building at 200 N. Bell St. The two-story structure has undergone an exterior transformation, changing its color from white to a vibrant charcoal gray. The updated color brings a lively and uplifting presence to the building, which serves as the municipal hub for all city administrative operations and services. Once renovations are complete at the new City Hall location, at 501 W. Montgomery Rd., this site will become the future headquarters of the Willis Police Department.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

It's an honor to serve as your Mayor. Since the beginning of this administration, your voices—residents, business owners, civic leaders, and elected officials—have guided our efforts toward real community progress.

Willis is growing quickly and emerging as a rising star in Montgomery County. In just the third quarter of this budget year, we've welcomed new businesses and seen exciting housing developments ahead.

With this growth comes responsibility. We're focused on:

- Maintaining safe roads and reliable utilities
- Supporting sustainable development
- Enhancing public safety, services, and cultural opportunities

I want to recognize City Administrator Shey Ipaye and our dedicated city employees for driving strategic goals that build a thriving, inclusive, and connected community.

During recent international travels, I was reminded of a shared global goal: to create better communities. That same spirit is alive in Willis, where we're working together for a better today and a brighter tomorrow.

I encourage everyone to stay involved—attend City Council meetings, join upcoming events, and take part in new engagement opportunities.

Warm regards,

William Brown
Mayor of Willis, TX

WILLIS LEADERS GAIN GLOBAL GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES



Willis Mayor William Brown and City Administrator Shey Ipaye attended the ICMA Annual Conference in September. The ICMA Global Engagement Strategy provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange among local government leaders from around the world.

Part I of the conference was hosted by the Municipal Council of Manzini in Eswatini, while Part II took place in Johannesburg, South Africa, it was hosted by the South African Local Government Association.

Key topics included workforce development, infrastructure funding, and climate resilience. Participants also took part in numerous site visits.

MOODY'S WILLIS EARNS AA3 CREDIT RATING FROM MOODY'S

Moody's Corporation is a New York-based company that owns Moody's Ratings, which evaluates the creditworthiness of companies, governments, and fixed-income debt securities. Below is a summary of Moody's findings from its report on the City of Willis, Texas:

The City of Willis (Aa3) benefits from a growing local economy, supported by robust residential and commercial development. This economic expansion is expected to drive continued revenue growth.



 **FY 2025-2026 BUDGET**
TAX RATE \$0.5518 PER \$100

OPENING THIS FALL
WILLIS ANIMAL SHELTER

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2025 WILLIS WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

3rd Quarter

Jan. Feb. March

Burlington -
 Gemini Packing Solutions -
 Holt Truck Centers of Texas -
 Moore Automotive -
 Pinnacle West Medical - Popeye's
 Purgerite (office build out) -
 Willis ISD Band Hall (addition)

By Industry

Apparel & Home Product (1)
 Automotive (1)
 Shipping, industrial
 and packaging materials (1)
 Education (1)
 (Arts & Humanities)
 Fast Food (1)
 HVAC and Geothermal
 Systems (1)
 Transportation (2)



April May June

AT&T - Five Below - Inkdom
 Tattoos & Collectibles - Chili's-
 Jackson Hewitt Tax -
 Kustom Kabinetry -
 Lilly's - Michael Bailey, DDS -
 Memorial Herman Sports
 Medicine & Rehabilitation -
 PurgeRite (addition) -
 Ross - Stronger Training -
 Triton Renovation -Vista Willis -
 Wells Fargo

By Industry

Automotive (1)
 Cabinet Sales Industry (1)
 Casual Dining (1)
 Construction (1)
 Counseling (1)
 Dentistry (1)
 Fast Food (1)
 Financial Services (1)
 Hot and Iced Drinks (1)
 Physical Therapy (1)
 Retail (1)
 Specialty Retail (1)
 Tattoo (1)
 Personal Training (1)
 Tax Preparation Service (1)
 Telecommunications (1)



July Aug. Sept.

Discount Tire -
 Engineering
 Mechanical Services -
 Southern Lumen -
 Wells Fargo

By Industry

Engineering (1)
 Automotive (2)
 Financial Services (1)

TOURISM



Willis held its Family Fun Day on Sept. 13, drawing more attendees—many for the first time—from across the Houston Metroplex, reflecting the city's housing growth and the event's economic impact.



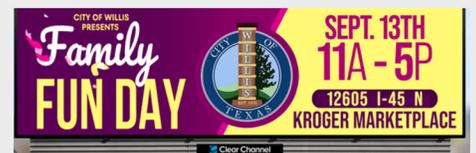
HOUSING UPDATE

Currently, two apartment complexes and ongoing single and multi-family housing developments are underway. These housing options are expected to significantly increase the local population.

TOURISM

MARKETING

BILLBOARD
I-45 NORTH



Fall/Winter Event Schedule

Halloween Movie in the Park



Saturday, Oct. 18

Mink St. Park – 300 S. Danville Street
Willis, TX 77378 (Behind Justice of the Peace PCT 1)

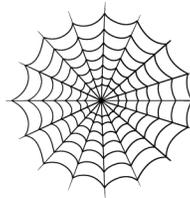
7:00 p.m.

Vendor Carnival-Themed Activities Begin

8:00 p.m. – Movie Starts / Feature Film: Coco

Free Admission

Free hot dogs and chips while supplies last!
Bring your blankets, lawn chairs for seating.



**TOURISM CONTINUED...
2025 FAMILY FUN DAY**



Community Development Update

CONNECT WITH THE CITY OF WILLIS

The Community Development Corporation (CDC) serves as a bridge between residents and the Willis business and civic communities. We want to hear from you – your concerns, interests, and suggestions matter.

We are building a Dialogue Network on:

- Business Relations
- Neighborhood Relations
- Recreation & Community Engagement

Whether you want to share ideas, voice concerns, participate in local initiatives, or simply stay informed and involved, we invite you to connect with us!

Email: Send a message stating "I'm interested in ways to connect" to:

Jacqueline Madden
Community Development Corporation
Coordinator
jmadden@willistx.gov

Call: (936)827-1086

Text: Willis Connections to (936) 827-1086

Willis Christmas Parade

**OH
WHAT
FUN!**

**CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 13
10 A.M.**

Join the fun!
Parade entry forms located on
city website and at Willis City Hall.
ci.willistx.us