

Willamette Activity Center

Fast Facts



Past

- In **1952**, the Willamette City Elementary School was built in Willamette City. Twenty years later in **1972**, Willamette City merged with the City of Oakridge.
- In **1977**, the Willamette City Elementary School was closed. By **1980**, a grant was used to repurpose the building to serve as a hub for community services and activities. This is when the Willamette Activity Center (WAC) was born.
- In **2022**, the WAC closed to outside tenants due to issues with the electrical system and roof leaks.



Present

- To bring the WAC back to life, there are 3 phases. Phase 1 is currently underway thanks to funding from the 2022 Oregon Rural Infrastructure Package and Oregon Community Foundation grants.
- An architect has assessed necessary renovations and the electrical has been fixed. Up next will be upgrading the roof and completing a study funded by the Oregon Department of Energy to explore using solar energy to lower operational costs.
- Phase 1 may be complete by December **2024**. After Phase 1, as many services as possible will return to the WAC.



Future

- Phase 2 is not currently funded, which makes the timing unknown. If and when funded, this phase will bring the building up to code and fortify it to withstand earthquakes. Upgrades will improve accessibility and energy efficiency.
- For Phase 3 funding and timing are also unknown. If and when funded, this phase will upgrade the interior and exterior of the building.
- The WAC will be put back in commission to serve our community as a hub for activities and services.



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