

# City of Gonzales

## City Manager Report

March 2024



March was a busy month for staff as we continued to wind down all the aspects needed for the start of construction of the long-awaited Community Center. After receiving the complete set of construction documents, the team reviewed them and is finalizing everything on the funding part for Phase I. We are busy working with the USDA on a daily basis to get everything in order to complete the loan, and all the requirements so that construction can continue as scheduled.



### GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

You are invited to the groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 1 of the Dennis & Janice Caprara Community Center Complex

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**Saturday, April 27**  
1:00pm



**At the Site Location**  
Gabilan Court/5th Street  
East of Fairview Middle School

Join state and local elected officials, Mayor Rios, Gonzales City Council and Staff, and community members as we kick off the first phase of building the new community center complex.

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More Information

- We continue to seek donations for Phase II of the center. If you are interested in making a donation or for more information, please visit the Community Foundation’s website ([www.cfmco.org](http://www.cfmco.org)) and type in Gonzales Community Center in the search box. Donations made through their website are secure and will come directly to our Community Center fund.

### Economic Development and Revenue Generation

- In April, the Planning Commission will hear a proposal to amend our local sign ordinance that may give way to a digital billboard for the community. This opportunity can potentially bring in additional non-restricted revenue as well as serve as an important communication tool for the community. For more information, see the Planning Commission Agenda for the meeting set for 04-08-24.

- Economic Development staff continues to work with local businesses and individuals who are wanting to set up shops in Gonzales.

### Housing

- The Visita Lucia Housing Environmental Impact Review (EIR) public review period has closed, and staff is diligently reviewing the comments and working to address them.
- Staff conducted a presentation to the School Board on March 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed Vista Lucia Development.
- In March, staff issued 5 ADU permits.

### Community Engagement

- We want to thank everyone that has been contributing to the community garden. Please continue to help us maintain it and keep it clean. As the weather begins to warm up, we hope to see more people out there. Also, the third box is up and ready to be filled and awaiting plants.

### Save the Date for the upcoming events:

- **April 20<sup>th</sup> - Gonzales Car Show**



- **April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm - Dennis and Janice Caprara Community Center Complex Groundbreaking Ceremony**
- **Chair Yoga** is back by popular demand
- **April 28 - Dia Del Niño** at Central Park, coordinated By Groups Unidos

