

City of Gonzales

City Manager Report

July 2024



We kicked off July with the Independence festivities. Gonzales Rotary did a great job at planning the 5K, the Parade, and the Celebration at Central Park. The City team and our first responders also worked hard to put a plan in place to keep the community safe. A special thanks to the folks who volunteered for the Council Appointed Firework Committee: Larry Rodriguez, Eddy Ramirez, Ruben Zurita, James Perry, and Cesar Ayon. The Committee met leading up to the Fourth of July to strategize ways to keep the community safe and to address the illegal fireworks issue. We THANK EVERYONE who adhered to the law and did not utilize illegal fireworks. Since the Fourth of July, citations have continued to be issued for illegal fireworks. Please refrain from using them.

Dennis and Janice Caprara Community Center Complex

Construction is underway on the Center. Please adhere to safety measures out there as traffic is being impacted in front of the construction site. The sidewalk is now closed and a hazard. Make sure to follow the signs and use the sidewalk across the street and cross at the designated sidewalks for your safety. To view the daily progress of the Center, visit the link below anytime. <https://share.earthcam.net/GonzalesCommunityCenter>.

Economic Development and Revenue Generation

- The City Council is considering putting a Sales Tax Measure on the November Ballot. The Measure would help generate funding for unfunded programs and services like Fire, youth and adult programming, road and street maintenance, and repairs and City parks. If approved by the Council on August 5th, the new sales tax would sit in line with the rest of the local cities at 9.25%, an increase from 8.75%. City of King and the County have also decided to put similar tax measures on the ballot for their unfunded projects. For more information on the Sales Tax Measure, visit the City website.

Housing

- The Visita Lucia Housing project is moving along smoothly. This project, if approved, will bring much-needed housing to our community. Housing is set to be of all different levels of affordability and the project will also add schools, parks, green open spaces, and a Fire Substation to the north-east side of town off Fanoe Road.
- A Financial Literacy Workshop was held on July 13th, in partnership with United Way, to begin preparing the community for the potential new housing. Fifty people showed up to learn what they could do to prepare and learn how to get their finances in order. The City will work to coordinate similar opportunities in the future.



- CHISPA is engaged in the 498 S. Alta Street property and working on a housing project to propose to the City.

Community Engagement

- National Night Out is Planned for August 6th.
- Gonzales Youth Council is currently accepting applications. You can retrieve the application through the QR code.
- Community Action Grants Program applications are currently open. If you have an idea that you would like funding for that helps to improve the community, Apply Now! You can get up to \$5,000 for your project. Scan the code below to retrieve the application.

Important Dates:

- Applications Available: **August 9, 2024**. Apply now by scanning the code or visiting the link below.
- Apply by: **September 6, 2024**
- Grants Announced: **October 8, 2024**





<https://gonzalesca.gov/CommunityActionGrants>







"IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?"

BENEFITS OF THE GYC

- Gain invaluable leadership skills and hands-on experience.
- Learn to lead, collaborate, and navigate real-world challenges.
- Earn college recommendations.
- Spearhead impactful community service projects.
- Share your ideas, opinions, and solutions in a supportive space.
- Amplify your voice on matters affecting you and your community.
- Advocate for change with local leaders and policymakers.
- Ensure youth voices are heard in decision-making processes.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER:

- Fill out the application
- Get interviewed
- Attend Orientation

APPLICATION FORM:

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Save the Date for the upcoming events:

Summer Movie Night at the Pool



AUGUST 17TH



AUGUST 24TH



AUGUST 31ST

MOVIE STARTS @ 8:45PM
DOORS WILL OPEN AT 8:00 PM

TICKETS FOR SALE AT CITY HALL OR AT THE POOL!

CHILD ENTRY FEE (2-17): \$5
ADULT ENTRY FEE (18+): \$7

All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks and Beverages will be available for purchase, however, you are welcome to bring your own!



FREE SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST:

August 14
Ballroom Dancing
3 PM

Taylor Farms Family Health and Wellness Center
850 5th St,
Gonzales, CA 93926

August 8
ART CLASS
10 AM

GONZALES ADULT SCHOOL
650 ELKO ST, GONZALES, CA 93926

FREE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

August 8 TIME: 11:30AM

Fraud Prevention Presentation
Gonzales Police Department Conference room
117 Fourth St, Gonzales, CA 93926

August 9
Cooking Class
11:30 AM

Taylor Farms Family Health and Wellness Center
850 5th St,
Gonzales, CA 93926

Please contact Jessica Olmedo to register for the Fraud Prevention Class: [831-675-4206](tel:831-675-4206)