

City of Gonzales

City Manager Report

January 2025



2025 started off with a bang! City staff continues to advance our major projects: the **Dennis and Janice Caprara Community Center Complex**, the **Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and the **Vista Lucia Housing Project**. All three are making great headway and are on track.

Dennis and Janice Caprara Community Center Complex

The Community Center is about to celebrate its “dry-in” milestone. If you have not had a chance to drive by it, we recommend you do as this is an exciting time! The “dry-in” is when the building is fully protected by the elements with roofing, waterproofing, exterior walls, windows and doors installed, signifying the transition from the rough phase construction to the interior work.

The Gonzales Youth Council are even planning a “sit test” where they will look at potential furniture pieces and decide which ones they like the best for the Teen Lounge and Innovation Center.



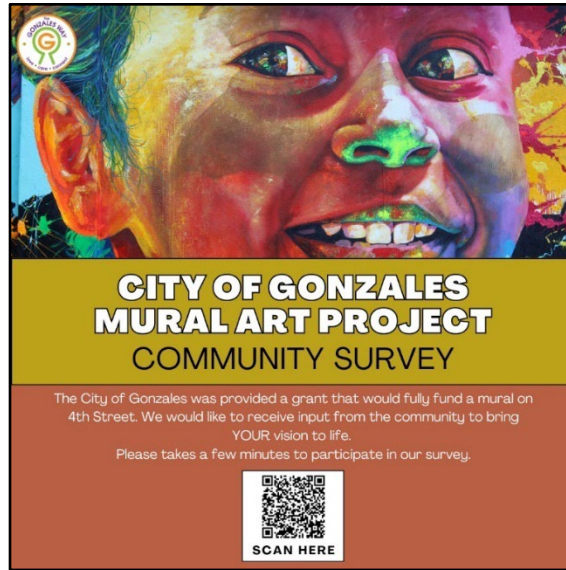
Housing

- The Vista Lucia Housing project continues to move forward. If everything goes as planned, it will be going to the Planning Commission and City Council for consideration shortly.
- The City’s 6th Cycle Housing Element is almost finalized. Staff is working with the State on some of the final aspects of it, and should be approved in the next few months.
- The City’s ADU impact fee exemption is set to expire February 28th. Starting March 1st, proposed ADUs not utilizing the City’s pre-approved plans for dwellings between 750 sq. ft. to 1,200 sq. ft., will be subject to City impact fees. For more information, contact Taven Kinison Brown, Community Development Director at 675-5000.

Coming Soon

The City received grant funding for an **Emergency Communication System**. As the system gets rolled out, you will hear more about how to register for emergency notifications and how to prepare yourself and your family in case of a local emergency.

The City also received funding for a **Mural**. Staff is working through a process to identify things and aspects that make Gonzales unique that could be part of the design. If you haven't provided your input yet, please do so by scanning the code below – we want to hear from you!



Growing Our Own

Please WELCOME our newest Officer, Ivan Correa. Mr. Correa is a Gonzales High School graduate who started with us as a Community Services Officer, and recently graduated from the Police Academy. He has completed his training and is now working to keep you safe. We are always recruiting for first responder positions, if you have an interest in joining the force, please contact us.



Save the Date for the upcoming events:

FREE ART & COOKING CLASSES!

ART CLASSES	COOKING CLASSES
Time: 10AM	Time: 11:30AM
• 2.13.25	• 2.14.25
• 3.13.25	• 3.14.25
• 4.10.25	• 4.11.25
• 5.8.25	• 5.9.25
• 6.12.25	• 6.13.25

Location: Gonzales Adult School- Portable Classroom #1
Address: 650 Elko St, Gonzales, CA.

Location: Taylor Farms Family Health & Wellness Center
Address: 850 5th St, Gonzales, CA.

For questions please call 831-675-4206

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR FREE CHAIR YOGA
SPONSORED BY SALINAS VALLEY HEALTH!

DATES:
• Sat. February 8 & 22
• Sat. March 8 & 22

TIME: 9-10 AM
LOCATION: Taylor Farm Family Health & Wellness Center

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DATES:
• Wed. February 12
• Wed. March 12
• Wed. April 9
• Wed. May 14
• Wed. June 11

TIME: 9-10 AM
LOCATION: Taylor Farm Family Health & Wellness Center