

City of Gonzales

City Manager Report

September 2024



Gearing up for the Fall and Winter festivities is always fun, and a lot of hard work. Staff members from the Recreation Department are busy working away to make it another memorable year. This year, we kicked off Fall with a series of Pool Movie Nights that brought community members out to enjoy the nice weather well into the end of September. Next, they'll be getting everything set up for the Harvest Festival, the Halloween Movie Drive-In Night, the Holiday Parade and Holiday Lights. Make sure to get all those family-friendly events calendared in.



Dennis and Janice Caprara Community Center Complex

The center is making great progress. We are slightly ahead of schedule and if everything continues to run smoothly, we'll be getting ready to celebrate the completion of the center's construction in December of 2025! Please continue to adhere to the signs and traffic signals out there to ensure your safety and the safety of others in that area. To view the daily progress of the center, visit the link <https://share.earthcam.net/GonzalesCommunityCenter>

Economic Development and Revenue Generation

- **Measure S** will be on the ballot this November 5th. If approved, 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.

It would help us capture the rest of the sales tax cap and ensure that the funding stays local and that it is overseen by a committee of local residents. Its passage would bring us in line with the rest of the local cities, bringing us to 9.25%. For more information on Measure S, please visit the City's website or the City's Facebook page.

Housing

- The Visita Lucia Housing project continues to advance. Negotiations are ongoing with the developer and LAFCO application components are being put together to seek annexation.
- Three ADUs are in process and another permit was issued this month.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Rehabilitation

- The first phase of the construction of the industrial wastewater pipeline along Fermin Lane to the business park is moving along. Staff is planning to hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the project sometime mid-November.

Community Engagement

- Thank you to all of you who participated in helping to clean up our community during **Community Beautification Month!** There is no reason to stop now, especially with Salinas Valley Recycles hosting their Free Cleanup Day on the 19th!



- Here are some ideas of what you can do to beautify the community: clean after your pet, plant or clean up your garden, maintain your property, get rid of old junk that is hanging around your residence. We can all contribute to making our community a beautiful, clean and healthy one.



Save the Date for the upcoming events:

- Fall Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, October 26th** from 4:00pm – 7:00pm on Fourth Street.