

City of Gonzales

City Manager Report

August 2026



August was an exciting month for us as we welcomed students back to school for the 26/27 school year. We held the first ever Paint the Valley Purple event at Central Park in collaboration with Supervisor Lopez, the other South County Cities, the American Cancer Society, and its local organizers. This year, dedicated organizers made it their mission to engage the South County communities and make them part of the event to honor those who have fought the battle against cancer. Here in Gonzales, it was a beautiful and somber Saturday event where we celebrated and honored those who bravely fought the disease. Supervisor Lopez's Office was kind enough to sponsor banners that now adorn our downtown in honor of those touched by the illness. We hope to continue the program next year and honor more of our brave men and women.



Housing

On August 24th, the Vista Lucia housing project hit a major milestone; the Board of Supervisors approved the final step for the application to be deemed complete so that it could be submitted to the LAFCo Commission for final consideration and approval. The final application was submitted the following day and is now scheduled for a LAFCo hearing on September 28th at 3:00pm in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers. For more information or to be added to the Interested in Housing List, please contact the Community Development Director at TKinisonBrown@ci.gonzales.ca.us.

Community Engagement

On August 26th, the City received the final approval on a competitive grant application submitted to TAMC for a total of \$3.4 million dollars. The City was awarded the grant, and work to improve our local City streets is expected to begin in the Spring of 2027. Improvements will take place on Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Alta Minor, the Industrial Park, and Rincon Road, with speed cushions being installed on Fairview Drive and Cielo Vista Drive.



Save the Date:

- **Relay for Life event in Downtown Salinas** September 19th, 4:00pm-9:00pm
- **Community-wide Garage Sale** October 10th – 11th, Deadline to Register is October 8th
- **Veterans Day Hometown Heroes Banners & Celebration** November 10th, Central Park, 11:00am, registration is currently open. You can scan the code on the flyer for more information.

