



Teamwork + Dedication = **IMPACT!** Coming out of the pandemic the City put its resources towards **resilience** and came up big on some of our major projects. For our cross-sectoral collaborations, youth engagement efforts, and support for one another - the City was awarded the All-American City Award by the National Civic League in June after a rigorous and competitive process.



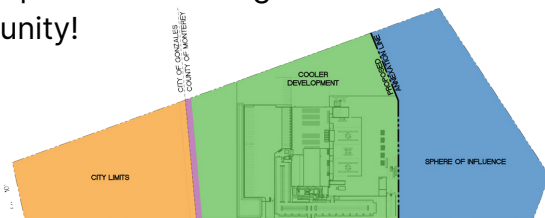
DENNIS AND JANICE CAPRARA COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX

The preliminary design for the Center has been finalized and we are moving into Construction documents. We will be breaking ground on Phase 1 of Center in April! The Capital Campaign, to date, has generated \$6.7 million and we have secured over \$18 million through grants and Measure X funding for the project.



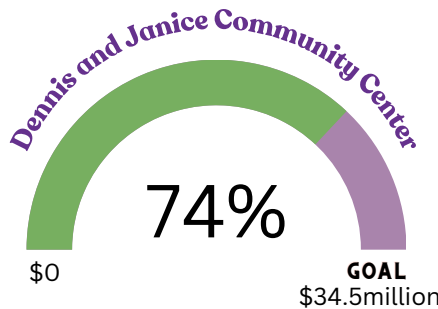
RIANDA COOLER

Was approved for annexation this year. It's a 250,000 sq. ft. processing facility that replaces an existing one in Salinas. The company opted to move to Gonzales due to its central location in the Salinas Valley. It will be located on Gloria Rd. just east of US 101 and promises to bring in over 435 jobs to the community!



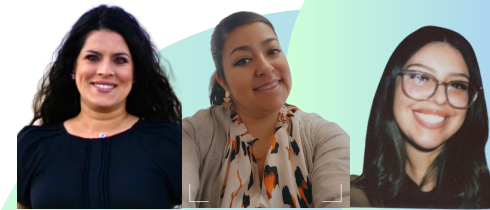
NEW CITY MANAGER

The City Council appointed Carmen Gil as the City Manager in June. Carmen served as the City's Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships Director for 3.5 years prior to being appointed.



NEW TEAM MEMBERS

This year we hired a total of eight new staff. Three are at City Hall, one is with Public Works, two are on the Police Force and two others with our Fire Department. Five of them are residents of Gonzales. Be sure to say "Hello" when you see them around town.



Celia Firme Esthela Palmerin Marisol Gomez



Ivan Correa Efrain Nunez Joshua Macias



Efrén Rizo Daniel Escobar



ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PRE-DESIGNED PLANS

These help cut down the cost for those wanting to add a unit on their property, helping us increase the local housing stock.

REACHED OUR FIRST AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 5388



The Gonzales Fire fighters went through the process to become a recognized Union and now have a formal Agreement with the City.



OFFICER NATHAN CORDOBA RECOGNIZED AS OFFICER OF THE YEAR!

A huge congratulations to Corporal Cordoba for being selected for this honor by the Monterey County Police Officers Association.



THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS 100% TRAINED IN ACTIVE BYSTANDERSHIP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (ABLE)

Through a “train the trainer” model the Gonzales Police Department is fully trained in Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement. A program out of the Georgetown University Law Center that empowers personnel, at all levels, to take action, intervene, and hold each other accountable before mistakes or misconduct escalates.

TREATMENT PLANT SYSTEM EXPANSION



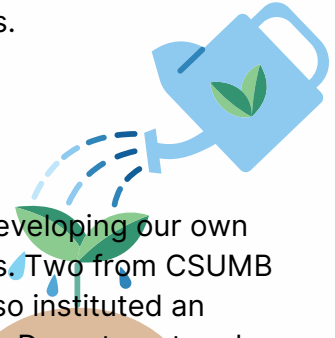
We are getting closer to the construction of the Wastewater System expansion. We are in the final steps to secure an State Revolving Fund Loan and plan to go out to bid for the project early next year and begin the work on the plant in the Spring.

COMPUTER SERVER UPGRADE

The City recently replaced the network servers for the Police Station, City Hall and the Fire Station. Our systems were outdated, and the new systems promises to allow for more automation and efficiencies.

GROWING OUR OWN

In an intentional effort to continue developing our own local talent we have hosted 3 interns. Two from CSUMB and 1 from UC Berkeley. We have also instituted an Officer Recruit position for our Police Department under the same model. This position will help us identify local talent interested in becoming a Police Officer and will allow us to invest in them while they develop into an official member of the Department.



GONZALES YOUTH COUNCIL (GYC)

The GYC continues to leave their mark wherever they go. They are still being recognized for their work on mental health and continue to present their work alongside CSUMB professors and research students. They were also the cover story for a local newspaper because of the impact they continue to have throughout the County and the State.

RINGING IN 2024...

- With the kickoff of construction of Phase 1 of the Community Center, that includes the Teen Innovation Center, the Library, the Outdoor Amphitheatre, Parking and all the site work.
- Continuing our work to bring in much needed housing to the community.
- Focusing on being fiscally responsible and working to attract new economic development opportunities.

** To view the Gonzales Community center video, Please scan the code.

