

Progress GONZALES

CITY OF GONZALES | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Gonzales is **springing** into warmer weather, and our residents are spending more time in their gardens, visiting our parks, and enjoying the beautiful environment of our city. As we spend more time outside and with one another, it's important for us to work together to keep Gonzales clean and beautiful for everyone.

This month, I encourage all of our residents to take little steps for big change. Small, simple actions can have a huge impact on our environment. Let's work together in the warm weather, Gonzales!

– **BARNEY D. ARCENEUX**

LITTLE STEPS FOR BIG CHANGE

Monday, April 22 is Earth Day! Here are a few steps we can all take every day to help treat our planet with kindness.

- ✓ Switch to reusable bags
- ✓ Use reusable utensils, dishes, and trays
- ✓ Buy local foods and organic ingredients when possible
- ✓ Turn off lights when not in use
- ✓ Use a reusable water bottle

THREE TIPS FOR GROWING A SPRING CONTAINER GARDEN

FROM CONCHITA RICHEY, MASTER GARDENER, AND MEMBER OF THE GONZALES GARDENING CLUB

1. **Choose the right container.** Make sure the container you choose has proper drainage and if not, plan to drill holes to ensure soil can drain.
2. **Buy the correct soil.** Container gardens need potting soil rather than garden or topsoil and leave the soil about 2 inches from the top of the container.
3. **Buy plants that are compatible in growing conditions by each other.** Put shade plants together and sun-loving plants together to help them thrive.

BONUS TIP: Remember *Thriller, Filler, and Spiller* when arranging your container garden! Start with higher or thriller plants in the back, filler plants in the middle, and a type of spillover plant in the front.

ARBOR DAY 2024

Did you know The City of Gonzales' Climate Action Plan includes a focus on greening our community through increasing urban tree canopy?

Recently, members of the Gonzales Garden Club planted trees at City Hall in honor of Arbor Day and serve as a great example of caring for our environment.

Greenspace has a positive association with mental and physical health and well-being. You can help increase greenspace by planting trees and native plants at home. By increasing our urban tree capacity, can help support the health and wellness of our community.

View the full Climate Action & Resilience Plan [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CITY

ASCENSION PARISH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY

Lamar Dixon Expo Center,
9039 S St Landry Ave

April 13, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

GONZALES GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AND BAKE SALE

Gonzales City Hall,
120 South Irma Blvd

April 19, 9:00 am – noon

LOVE THE BOOT WEEK: GONZALES CLEANUP EVENT

Cabela's Parkway, Hwy. 30 at I-10

April 23, 9:00 am

How to Volunteer:

Visit keeploouisianabeautiful.org
and search for Gonzales in the
events page!