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Parish President

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St. Bernard Parish Residents and Parish Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. Here's a brief update from my office on some recent and notable developments in St. Bernard Parish:

Firstly, I'd like to mention the successful and enjoyable Mardi Gras season we just had, and to express my gratitude for all involved in this effort. It's no small feat to coordinate a parade, several carnival balls, and the various public gatherings and celebrations that were had throughout the parish in the last few weeks. Thanks to the continued coordinated efforts of many departments, agencies, and organizations, who ensure that we have these events, year after year, for all to enjoy. The safety and quality of life here in St. Bernard Parish, remains one of my highest priorities, and it takes collaboration and cooperation from many dedicated partners and community members, public and private, to ensure our continued growth and success. Thank you all, for your hard work and dedication to St. Bernard.

On that note, we have many upcoming events, as we approach the busy and exciting Spring season of fairs and festivals. Please visit our parish's official tourism website at www.visitstbernard.com for more information and a detailed schedule of events. This is the perfect time of year to enjoy all that our beautiful parish has to offer.

The 6th annual Cook-Off for the Coast offers free family-friendly fun on Saturday, February 24 at Docville Farm in St. Bernard Parish, this weekend. The event – co-hosted by Restore the Mississippi River Delta, Vanishing

Paradise and the Meraux Foundation, in collaboration with St. Bernard Parish Government – raises awareness about coastal restoration by celebrating the bounty of southeast Louisiana. Cook teams will compete with dishes featuring wild game found in Louisiana's coastal wetlands and serve up free samples to event attendees. For more information, please visit www.coastcookoff.com.

I'm pleased to announce our recreation department is hosting our first Biddy Basketball regional tournament, for the 10U age groups. Recreation Director Lonnie Banks has been diligently preparing for these large tournaments, which run on March 1-3 for boys, and March 8-10 for girl's divisions, ensuring it will be a professionally executed event for participants and spectators alike.

This is sure to be an exciting tournament with national coverage, as the top 2 ranked 10U boys in the country will be playing on the first weekend. These two talented young men, Henry and Ashton Jolly, are also proud residents of St. Bernard Parish, and we are thrilled to see what they accomplish in the future. Please come out and support our local teams, and enjoy a weekend (or two!) of exceptional athleticism in Biddy Basketball.

Also, I'm delighted to share that several new businesses have opened their doors in our parish since my last update. I welcome and congratulate; Costa 10 Minute Oil Change, Edward Jones Financial Advisors, Empire Automotive, G&G Fashion Boutique, and Parish Plumbing, and wish them success in the future. These ventures not only contribute to our local economy but also enrich our community with diverse services and opportunities.

Lastly, an update on roadwork; I recently met with DOTD about their upcoming efforts to service and maintain the Bayou Bienvenu bridge on Paris Rd. I was advised that extensive repairs will begin there soon. My office will provide more detailed information and updates, along with an expected timeframe per DOTD, as more information becomes available to us.

As we look forward to the spring season, filled with various community events and celebrations, I encourage everyone to stay informed and engaged in our

parish's activities and to enjoy the countless and totally unique things St. Bernard has to offer.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louis Pomes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a stylized "P".

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