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Louis Pomes
Parish President

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St. Bernard Parish Council and Residents,

I hope this message finds you well. Here's a brief overview of the progress and developments in St. Bernard Parish over the past two weeks. Since my last update there have been many notable accomplishments, developments, and events, in addition to the daily function of parish government as a whole. Vital work continues daily, and I am committed to planning, implementing, and overseeing each duty and project with the utmost care, efficiency, and responsibility. This report lists some, but not all, of the recently completed repairs, replacements, or tasks undertaken by employees of St. Bernard Parish Government. This is not an exhaustive list, but it is my aim to be transparent, informative, and available to the residents, business owners, and stakeholders of this community as we forge ahead in prosperity and positivity.

St. Bernard Parish Government, along with our elected officials, and community partners, had an incredibly successful and productive "St. Bernard Day at the Capitol" in Baton Rouge last Wednesday. This event, which is well attended, highly visible, and highly anticipated by our state lawmakers and representatives, serves to showcase and share everything we love about St. Bernard Parish, during the legislative session at our State Capitol.

St. Bernard Day at the Capitol is one of our best opportunities to educate and network, building stronger working relationships with our delegation, and other Louisiana officials and representatives, when we bring a little bit of St. Bernard over to their doorstep. We proudly served delicious chargrilled oysters, fresh from St. Bernard Parish waters and grilled on-site. Local restaurant Today's Catch was there, proudly serving the tastiest fried Louisiana shrimp and delicious seafood, a spectacular representation of our thriving seafood industry and vibrant culinary heritage. Then of course another highlight for our guests that day was undoubtedly, a St. Bernard staple, Rocky and Carlo's baked mac and cheese... made with love in St. Bernard Parish, then carefully transported and served to our lawmakers, much to their delight and appreciation. This is a day and an experience that state legislators and others at our State Capitol won't soon forget, and the importance of that impact will benefit our parish greatly, now and in the future. The connections, conversations, and lasting positive impressions forged through this collaborative outreach effort will promote and propel St. Bernard Parish forward for years to come.

To that end, while at the capitol last week, I was pleased to have a very successful and productive meeting with Senate President Cameron Henry. We spoke about a number of things, and had a very productive conversation about securing dollars for Capital Outlay projects that are vital to our continued growth and long-term sustainability. Myself, my administration, and staff were able to network and have meaningful dialogue with many of our state-level leaders to promote the interests and discuss concerns of St. Bernard Parish, and we'll keep working with our delegation to do the same.

In addition to the Parish Officials, community and business leaders in attendance that day, it is also worth noting that the SOS (Save Our St. Bernard) organization was on-hand with an information table and concerned citizens stationed to speak on behalf of parish residents in opposition to the proposed LIT project in Violet. They distributed full copies of the report published after a recent impact study, and other literature and information expressing the concerns of many in our community. This is just one example of the networking, advocacy, and meaningful dialogue that took place at this event, all thanks to the partnerships, involvement, and generosity of so many officials, citizens, organizations, and businesses in our community.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in the progress of our parish. Please see the following pages of this report for a detailed breakdown of jobs, repairs, replacements, and updates completed by SBPG in the previous two-week period.

Best regards,



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Public Works and Infrastructure:

*all of this work was done in-house by our SBPG road yard crews.

- Skimmed ditches on; St. Bernard Hwy. from Webster to Paul Dr. (northside), on Suzi Park, on Russell Dr. and Bayou Rd.
- Repaired 6 dead-end barricades on Creely ditch, and 1 on Dove St. at Margaret Ln.
- Installed dead-end barricade on Charles Ct.
- 1.5 yards of concrete poured on Bear St. in Arabi to repair 18'x4' sidewalk trip hazard.
- 1.5 yards poured on Cougar in Arabi, to repair/replace an 18' sidewalk and manhole cover.
- 1 yard poured on Rowley St. in Arabi to repair 13' sidewalk.
- 1 yard poured on Patricia St. in Arabi to repair/replace 18' sidewalk.
- A two-phase street repair in the 400 block of Bear St. in Arabi. Phase One saw 11.5 yards of concrete poured to repair a 30'x12' section of the street. In Phase Two 8.5 yards were poured to repair another 26'x12' section.
- On Van Cleave Dr. in Meraux, 27' of curb was repaired/replaced, as well as a 8'x6' catch basin repair with 3 total yards of concrete poured there.
- Also in Meraux on Van Cleave Dr., from Florida Ave. to Stella Dr., we repaired/replaced 106 linear feet of curbing, pouring 2 yards of concrete there.

Total yards of concrete poured: 30 yards

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Congratulations to the newly opened businesses in St. Bernard Parish this month:

- Specks Store & Grill
- Flowers & Thing's
- Red Bottom Sports Bar LLC
- Latif Global Solutions LLC
- Jalaram Subway 2525 LLC
- Wendelta Inc
- Saint Air LLC
- China Ruby Restaurant LLC
- Handyman and Maintenance Services LLC
- Creole'ish Catering
- Daku Enterprise LLC

Updates from DOTD:

- Addressed damaged/missing signs on Paris Rd. and replaced the faded signs at the intersection of Judge Perez and Packenham Ave on the signal mast arms. The old construction sign near LA 46 was also removed.
- Raised pavement markers were installed between the skip marks of Judge Perez from Norton Ave to the Violet Bridge in both directions.
- Road striping on Judge Perez from Norton Ave to the Violet Bridge is still pending, but our striping crew will address the elephant tracks that are faded at the intersections of Judge Perez and Packenham Dr and Archbishop Hannan Blvd next.