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To the St. Bernard Parish Council Members and Residents,

I'd like to briefly update you on a few recent items of note, since my last report two weeks ago. My previous report was lengthy and detailed in nature, as there were many significant items, new and old, emergent and on-going, which I wanted to notify or discuss in detail.

Therefore, this report will serve as a brief follow-up, containing less detail and only relaying new and pertinent information on the work that's in progress. As always, please know that this is in no way an all-inclusive list. There are many projects, tasks, plans, and procedures, constantly evolving and being worked on and contributed to, by various entities and departments throughout Parish Government. That being said, I assured you all transparency and access to information and updates, and these biweekly reports are just one of the ways I can consistently provide that. You can also access our parish government website at www.SBPG.net, which we are currently overhauling and updating. We're making significant updates and progress on the site, to ensure a more user-friendly interface and better access to alerts, news, updates, and volumes of recent, relevant public information. Please be patient as we complete this large and complex undertaking, and we'll notify the public upon its full completion.

First, I'd like to make a really important announcement, of great significance to the welfare and quality of life in our parish. The State Legislature has granted significant funding to St. Bernard Parish, by approving Senate Committee Amendment #75 to Louisiana HB782. This earmarked \$2.9 million dollars in direct funding for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for "St. Bernard Fire Station #10, Planning and Construction. Payable from State General Fund (Direct)."

** SCAHB782 GASCONR 4157 SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS 2024 Regular Session. Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 782 by Representative McFarlan. <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1378050>*

We continue to make immense progress on many capital projects, infrastructure repairs and installations, and on-going work and maintenance in St. Bernard Parish. Each department and employee plays a vital role and function to significantly support and contribute, often behind the scenes, to the critical work being done. I am very pleased with the progress, plans, and strides

being made by the dedicated and hard-working employees in all departments of Parish Government. Updates and details on just some of that work is listed below;

- Miscellaneous Drainage Project kicked off this week on Shannon Dr.
- Replaced a drain grate at 500 Center St.
- Florida Walk drainage project starting on the 17th of this month.
- Patricia Park - old restrooms were demolished, plumbing is in place for new restroom.

- Skimmed ditches: St. Bernard Highway, Judy Drive Webster, south side.
- Skimmed the Riverbend-Reunion canal, North side of Judge Perez, Oxidation, Pond to 40 Arpent Canal.

- 40 Arpent Trail, waiting for signs to be placed. We have mock up samples printed to size and scale, displayed here in the Council Chambers tonight for you all to see.

- 13 complaints closed out from Q-alert; filled potholes on Chalona, 3925 Plaza, E. Urquhart, 3417 Fenlon, 201, E. Damour, 212 E. Morales, 2615 Buffon, Norwood, 2800 Marietta, Randazzo Ln.,
- Florissant south and north levees were tied into the newly raised Florissant highway.

- 3008 Palmisano, 24' sidewalk repaired and replaced, trip hazard. *
- 3529 Corinne, replaced handicap ramp on sidewalk. *
- 305 Doerr, 70' sidewalk repair and replaced, trip hazard. Also had two remove 2 large stumps two complete this work. *
- 3012 Tara, remove and replace 40' of sidewalk, trip hazard. *

**all of this work was completed in-house by SBPG Road Yard employees.*

Additionally, several new businesses have opened for business in our Parish since my last report. In the past two weeks, parish government issued Certificates of Occupancy for the following new businesses; Society Sneakers, Alpha Rigging & Supply, The UPS Store, Angels Demo Hauling, Arabi Coin Laundry, Angelicare Therapeutic Group Home, Fleur De Lis Janitorial, Beauty for All Spa, Hidden Gem of Louisiana, An Angles Touch, Sisters Nails & Spa, and Frozen H2O Ice Vending.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that the much-anticipated Delacroix Seafood Market returns to the Delacroix Pier, this Saturday June 8, 2024 from 9am-1pm. This is always such a great community event... a beautiful setting down in Eastern St. Bernard, with the unique opportunity to buy the best and freshest seafood our waters have to offer, directly from the boats of our local fisherman... moreover, this event is a direct and purposeful way to support our friends, neighbors, and fellow St. Bernard residents... our incredibly hardworking commercial fisherman, who are the fabric of our community. Please come support our fisherman, our local seafood

industry, and enjoy a beautiful day, rain or shine, down in Delacroix. There will be other local vendors selling crafts, food, drinks, and other handmade specialty items, along with fishing-related activities for kids of all ages. Freshly caught shrimp, live crabs, and softshell crabs will be available for purchase. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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 long, sweeping underline.

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