



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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**Louis Pomes**  
*Parish President*

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To the St. Bernard Parish Council Members and residents,

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable and safe summer. As always, thank you for your time and interest in the stability and growth of our beloved St. Bernard Parish. Parish Government employees in each and every department have been tirelessly working to progress, promote, maintain, and improve the infrastructure, functions, operations, and utilities here, and it is equally important for me to summarize and communicate that information to the residents, business owners, and stake-holders through these reports. My office has also been creating monthly video updates, called "Progress in the Parish," which are published on our social media and YouTube pages, as well as on our website at [www.sbpbg.net](http://www.sbpbg.net).

Last week, numerous children from our Parish had the experience of a lifetime at 4-H Summer Camp. One-hundred middle schoolers, six junior leaders, six adult volunteers, and two 4-H agents traveled to Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, LA for the annual Louisiana 4-H Summer Camp. I'm told the kids had a great time, and enjoyed swimming, hiking, canoeing, outdoor sports, campfires, singing, and just learning and living the 4-H spirit. These lucky students returned to our Parish with more than just fun memories of an amazing summer camp experience... through this 4-H program, and thanks to the wonderful volunteers, agents, and sponsors... our students were exposed to activities and gained life skills that will contribute to and enrich our community for decades to come. I'd like to personally thank Mr. Wayne Burgess and Ms. Gabrielle Guerra with the LSU Ag. Center, and the Department of 4-H Youth Development, for their commitment to the children of St. Bernard Parish. It is through their tireless efforts and dedication that these programs exist for our future leaders and community members. The work they are doing is so vital to a prosperous future in St. Bernard Parish. Thank you Wayne and Gabi, as well as the numerous volunteers throughout the year, donors, parents, and students for their participation and cooperation in our wonderful 4-H program.

On Saturday June 8, 2024 we hosted a Seafood Market at the Delacroix Pier. This event was such a huge success, and I am thrilled to share that another market is currently being planned. I'll provide further details on that as soon as possible.

Tomorrow, on Wednesday June 19, 2024 from 9am-11am, there will be a community event commemorating Juneteenth. This celebration aims to foster education, cultural awareness, and honor the historical significance of Juneteenth. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, marks the emancipation of

enslaved African Americans in the United States. It is a day for celebration, reflection, and learning. The Juneteenth Committee has organized a rich array of activities including historical presentations, a catered breakfast, music, and water activities for children. This year's event will highlight and commemorate the Historical Fazendeville Community of St. Bernard Parish. Please come out and support this important community event.

Also, on the topic of community events, I'd like to invite everyone to our annual "St. Bernard Salutes America" celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for 5:30pm at Torres Park. For more details and a schedule of events please go to our Facebook page and/or SBPG website. But please don't forget to mark your calendars for this beloved annual community event.

Finally, I wanted to recognize the newest businesses that have opened in St. Bernard Parish since my last report. In recent weeks, 10 new permits were issued for the following businesses; Empire Carwash, Empire Self Storage, Cold as Ice Vending, Lolitas Housekeeping, NOLA Construction Consulting, Southern Respite Counseling & Wellness Services, Calegan Designs, Moley Disposal, Perks Café, and Louisiana Council of Resources. As always, I'd like to congratulate and wish all of these businesses sustained success and prosperity, and to commend the new business owners on their contribution to our local economy. I extend my sincere appreciation for the impact these 10 new businesses, and all businesses Parish-wide, have on the quality of life and growth of St. Bernard Parish. Please continue to patronize and support our local businesses, stay vigilant throughout this hurricane season, and look-out for each other. I hope you all get some time to enjoy the great outdoor and kid-friendly amenities our beautiful Parish has to offer, and that the weather and the fishing are exceptionally great for us all. Take care, and as always, thank you for your support, concern, and cooperation as cherished members of our community.

Proudly,



Louis Pomes  
Parish President

Work completed in-house by our **SBPG Road Yard** employees:

- Flushed 300' on Bear Dr.
- Flushed 100' of drain line on Palmisano.
- Flushed 300' on Flamingo.
- Flushed 150' on Casa Calvo/ Buffon.
- Flushed 200' on Margaret Ln.
- Filled sinkholes on Lyndell, plaza, and Marquez.
- Filled a pothole on the 1300 block of Angela.
- Dug ditches on Farmsite, from Woodchase to Rice St. (an 8 day job).

**Concrete Work:**

- 300 block of Doerr Dr., 52' concrete poured for sidewalk.
- 7000 block of W. Judge Perez, 15' sidewalk set, ready to pour (weather permitting.)
- 3008, 3012 Tara, 110' sidewalk, 16'x7' apron poured.
- 2912 Tara, handicapped ramp set, ready to pour (weather permitting.)
- 2218 Stacie, handicapped ramp set, ready to pour (weather permitting.)
- 3112 Danielle, street panel removed and set, working on catch basin, box.
- Islenos Museum – removed plaques to build new signs.

**Public Works Project Updates:**

- Old Arabi Drainage Project – installing new drain line on Angela. Flush-truck currently working on Friscoville Ave., cleaning and CCTV inspecting of lines.
- Miscellaneous Drainage – currently working on Shannon Dr., moving next to Marquez. Bradbury has been cleaned and inspected. CCTV is currently being evaluated by the engineers.
- New Public Library – currently working on interior of the building and parking lot drainage.
- Patricia Park – set forms and placed steel for bathroom slab to be poured this week (weather permitting.)
- Vista Park – drove pilings for both structures on site, poured playground slab last Friday.
- Geuringer Canal bridge – projected completed last Thursday, 06/13/24.