



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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## **President's Report**

**From the Desk of St. Bernard Parish President Louis Pomes**

**August 20, 2024**

**To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Councilmembers and Residents,**

Thank you for allowing me to present this biweekly President's Report on August 20, 2024. This report is part of my ongoing commitment to keep you informed about the latest projects, progress, and developments in our parish. There continues to be a vast amount of work taking place daily throughout St. Bernard Parish on your behalf, and I am pleased to share the latest updates with you.

## **New Businesses in St. Bernard Parish**

We are excited to announce the opening of several new businesses in our parish. These establishments bring valuable services, jobs, and economic growth to our community. I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation and best wishes to; Party Rentals LLC, T. Riggio & Sons Trucking, Papa's Snowballs, Manny's Photography: Urban, Nature, & Commercial Real Estate Visions, and Universal Liquidation Outlet. Thank you on behalf of parish government, for your commitment and investment to our local economy. Not only is St. Bernard Parish home to a diverse and growing small business community, but our residents, visitors, and community members have a longstanding history of supporting local and shopping small. So, to our local business owners and entrepreneurs, as well as the loyal customers who patronize and support them, please know the impact and investments you make here at home have a profound impact on our community and quality of life. As always, I just want to reiterate my enthusiastic and unwavering support of the businesses that choose to call St. Bernard Parish home. I am very pleased and proud of the work being done by all departments, directors, and employees here in parish government, to support and facilitate the entire process from inspecting, permitting, and issuing licenses to new businesses, while also providing a high level of service and support to longstanding businesses here. The feedback this entire process and the dedicated employees who contribute daily to that end, has been consistently positive and complementary. For all these reasons and more, St. Bernard Parish remains an

exceptional place to live, work, and own a business. Please continue to support local businesses, to stimulate and sustain our local economy, now and in the future.

## **Upcoming Events**

Please join our community for the annual Hurricane Katrina Remembrance Ceremony, which will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2024 from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM at the Katrina Memorial in Shell Beach. 1201 Yscloskey Highway St. Bernard, LA 70085.

You can find a schedule and brief description of all planned events on the Community Events calendar by visiting our website at [www.sbpj.net/calendar](http://www.sbpj.net/calendar) or calling my office at (504) 278-4303.

## **Ongoing Public Works Projects**

Our community projects are progressing steadily. At the new public library, the parking area, light pole bases, and waterlines are complete, with the State Fire Marshall's approval for interior sheet rocking. Patricia Park has received its light pole bases, with restroom roofing arriving soon, while Vista Park's concession stand slab has been poured and construction is underway. The 40 Arpent Trail had its final walkthrough, and a crosswalk light was installed at Paris Road. Significant underground work has been completed at Fanz Trailer Park, and sidewalk repairs at Torres Park will be finished by August 21st. The Florida Walk canal excavation begins this week, and renovations at Fire Station 11 are set to start soon, as anticipated. Manhole repairs on Judge Perez Drive were completed on August 16th.

Additionally, drainage improvements in Old Arabi continue, with camera work completed and pipe lining, point repairs, and asphalt restoration in progress. More specifically, the following repairs were completed on Angela and Mehle between St. Claude and North Peters: 5 Point Repairs on the existing sewer lines, 390 feet of new sewer line installed, liner was installed in 1100 feet of sewer line to prevent infiltration, 2 sewer manholes were repaired to prevent infiltration, and 10 sewer service laterals were replaced.

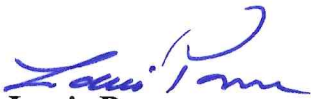
## **Code Enforcement**

In Code Enforcement, our proactive focus on "Abandoned Commercial Signage" has led to positive community response, with many signs being replaced or removed. We continue to maintain neutral grounds along major corridors and enforce maintenance ordinances at strip centers. Additionally, our team is actively enforcing the Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance—reminding property owners that STRs are not permitted in residential zones and to check with our Permit Office before listing their properties.

## **Honoring our past...**

One of the darkest times in the modern history of our Parish are undoubtedly the days, weeks, and months following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The physical devastation and scars of that time are less evident today as we approach the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its landfall, and we've really come so far in our recovery as a parish. It is so important though, that we never forget those who lost their lives in the storm and in the unthinkable difficult and tragic days and months after. Each year on or around August 29 our community gathers in Shell Beach at the memorial plaque bearing the names of all known St. Bernard residents who died in Katrina. It is a day of remembrance, reflection, honoring those we lost as a community. It concludes with a somber reading of each of the 165 names on the plaque and wreaths being laid in the waters off Shell Beach in their memory. It is my honor to host this ceremony on behalf of St. Bernard Parish Government this year, along with many state and local elected officials, and members of our beloved St. Bernard Parish community. I encourage the public to attend the ceremony on Thursday August 29, 2024 at 9:30am at the Katrina Memorial in Shell Beach, located at 1201 Yscloskey Highway St. Bernard, LA 70085.

**Respectfully,**



**Louis Pomes**

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## **Contact Information**

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**Attachments:** List of completed work and ongoing projects on the following pages.





## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **August 20, 2024**

#### **Road Yard Update:**



- 133 St. Avide, pipe repair
- Magaret Ln., Installed 44' A2000
- Buffon/E. Morales, filled potholes
- Sydney/Center, flushed 200' of drain line
- 2200 block of Fenlon, flushed 600' of drain line
- Cleared 800 ft. of Green's Ditch
- Spread rock and built pad for fire trailer.

#### **Concrete Work:**



- 2713 Bartolo, 2 Street Panels, each 11x13 poured.
- 2704 Bartolo 15x13' street panel replaced
- Repaired or replaced sidewalks at;
  - 2217 Aycock, 38' (as well as a 7x7 wheelchair access ramp)
  - 2325 Aycock, 20'
  - 2206 Plaza, 27'
  - 2825 Juno, 19'
- Repaired manholes and replaced cement at;
  - Judge Perez at Lena Dr.
  - Judge Perez at Campagna
  - Judge Perez at Corinne
  - 2405 Volpe
  - 2701 Wisconsin
  - 3516 Mumphrey
  - 3313 Corinne.
  - 3209 Corinne
  - 2801 Corinne