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President's Report

From the Desk of St. Bernard Parish President Louis Pomes

September 3, 2024

To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Councilmembers and Residents,

Thank you for allowing me to present this biweekly President's Report on September 3, 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.

Large-scale Marsh Creation Project in St. Bernard Parish Receives Landmark Grant Funding

St. Bernard Parish Government is pleased to announce the receipt of a groundbreaking \$14.8 million grant through FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program for Phase III of the Lake Lery Marsh Creation and Rim Restoration Project near Delacroix. This project, with a total cost of approximately \$21 million, marks the first time FEMA FMA funds have been awarded for marsh creation and restoration, reflecting a new approach to coastal protection.

The project will nourish over 400 acres of marsh and establish more than two miles of armored shoreline along Lake Lery, providing vital protection to the parish by reducing flood risk and enhancing resilience against hurricanes and natural disasters. This funding is made possible through a partnership between FEMA, GOHSEP, CPRA, and St. Bernard Parish, demonstrating innovative collaboration at all levels to protect and restore Louisiana's coast.

Ongoing Capital Projects Updates

Significant progress continues on drainage and streetscape projects in Old Arabi. The Old Arabi Drainage Project is moving forward with pipe lining, point repairs, installation of new drain lines, and asphalt restoration. Meanwhile, the Old Arabi Streetscape Project is currently in the excavation phase to prepare the area for the installation of a proper base.

At the Florida Walk, crews have dammed three pipes, fully cleaned one, and are now working on the second. At Fanz Trailer Park, the boring of all pipes is complete, and work is now underway to connect all lines, with pumps and a control panel on order.

Several of our ongoing park projects are also progressing on schedule. At Vista Park, preparations are underway for the concession stand roof and work continues on light pole bases and turf installation. Patricia Park is set to begin work on light pole bases, and sheet metal for the restroom is expected this week. Torres Park sidewalk

repairs are now complete, and cones should be removed soon. The 40 Arpent Trail project is finished, though the trail will be temporarily closed for two weeks near pump station #7 in Meraux for the Collins Pipeline project.

Renovations at Fire Station #11 are also advancing, with sheetrock up, textured, and painted. Cabinet installation is ongoing, lighting in the engine bay is complete, and a water booster pump will be installed this week. At the new public library in Meraux, crews are hanging insulation and working on electrical installations inside the building, with parking lot preparations underway and transformer delivery expected by the third week of September.

Recently, a Vietnam War Memorial was erected in Torres Park to honor veterans of the war or those who died while fighting in it. The memorial was dedicated by the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 550 located in St. Bernard Parish. The VVA is an organization that works to generally assist and better the lives of veterans of the Vietnam war. St. Bernard Parish Government was honored to facilitate this memorial in Torres Park, and wishes to thank VVA Chapter 550 for all they do in our community. A concrete path to the memorial and a wheelchair access ramp were recently installed, and benches have been ordered.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

The St. Bernard Parish Council will host a Town Hall Meeting with US Congressman Troy Carter on Friday, September 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the St. Bernard Parish Government Complex. This meeting will focus on the state of the fisheries industry, and all commercial fishermen and interested residents are encouraged to attend. Acy Cooper from the Louisiana Shrimp Association will also be present to answer questions and address any concerns.

Please mark your calendars for the St. Bernard Seafood Market in Hopedale, which will be held on September 28th 2024 from 9am-1pm at Robin's Rock Dock 6104 Hopedale Hwy., St. Bernard, La.

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

Respectfully,



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



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Road Yard Update:

- ✓ - Green Canal, dug out and cleaned more than 1600' of ditch

Concrete Work:

- ✓
 - 2704 Bartolo 15x13' panel and 7x7' ramp poured
 - 3301 Earhart sidewalk and 7x7' ramp poured
 - 2325 Aycock 20' sidewalk and 7x7' ramp poured
 - 2217 Aycock 38' sidewalk poured
 - 2825 Juno 19' sidewalk poured
 - Patricia and Jupiter 10x5' sidewalk replaced
 - 2704 Bartolo 3rd phase, 15x13' poured