



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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**From the Desk of Parish President Louis Pomes**

**October 1, 2024**

## **President's Report**

**To the Honorable Members of the Parish Council and St. Bernard Parish Residents,**

As we move into the fall season, I am excited to provide you with an update on the progress we continue to make on behalf of our residents and community. St. Bernard Parish is steadily moving forward, and I am proud of the tremendous efforts being made to improve our infrastructure and overall quality of life, support and grow local businesses... sustaining, protecting, and improving our beloved community. With every positive step taken, big or small, it is my steadfast goal to foster a sense of community and deep pride in the rich culture and unique way of life that makes our parish so very special.

Our local business landscape continues to rapidly grow and evolve. With each of these biweekly reports I am pleased to see an impressive and growing number of new businesses, and to share them here with you. Beyond that, I am incredibly pleased that our established businesses around the parish are overwhelmingly stable and thriving. My administration has been very engaged with businesses and entrepreneurs here in St. Bernard, as well as our local economic development foundation (SBEDF) and Chamber of Commerce. It has also been a priority and focus of ours to support and facilitate economic development by streamlining policies and processes to better facilitate that growth and stability. We've increased focus on code enforcement and compliance parish wide, and have made progress that we can all be truly proud of, especially along our main thoroughfares and commercial corridors. Issues like blighted structures, high grass, trash and debris, abandoned commercial signage, and other potentially hazardous or unsightly concerns have been prioritized and addressed parish wide. I am very pleased to report that significant progress and improvements have been made to that end, and I assure you it will remain a high priority in the future.

So, please join me in extending your support and well wishes to the following new businesses that opened here in St. Bernard Parish in the two weeks since my last report... Manny's Photography: Urban, Nature, & Commercial Real Estate Visions, Universal Liquidation Outlet, Parish Garden Design, Nexus Career Coaching, L & V VIP Nails, Hidden Dimension Studio & Gallery, Two Fish Books (new location in Arabi), NOLA Plant Buddy, Cathedral Da Restaurao Cao Church, Starbucks, Crescent City Carnival Outlet, Deals Outlet Bin Store, Practicing Joy School of Music, and Four Reason Behavioral Health.

This past weekend, we had an incredibly successful **Seafood Market in Hopedale**, where over 3,000 pounds of fresh, locally caught shrimp and crabs were sold. The turnout was fantastic, and it was a pleasure to see our community coming together to support our local fishermen and enjoying the best and freshest seafood in the world, right here at home.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to invite everyone to the **First Annual Fiesta Filipina on October 12, 2024, at the Islenos Complex**. This celebration of Filipino American History Month will honor the rich and longstanding cultural influence of the Filipino settlers at St. Malo and their descendants here in St. Bernard Parish. This promises to be a wonderful event and the first of its kind, celebrating our unique history and vibrant community that continues to grow with time. The Philippine Louisiana Historical Society (PLHS), in partnership with the Philippine Consulate-New Orleans Office, the New Orleans Filipino American Lions Club (NOFALC), St. Bernard Parish Government and Los Isleños Heritage and Cultural Society, will be holding Fiesta Filipina at the Los Isleños Museum Complex (1357 Bayou Road, St. Bernard) in celebration of Filipino American History Month. A family day and expo, Fiesta Filipina is a full-day feast offering not just traditional games and cultural displays but also an array of sumptuous Pinoy cuisine, historical pieces and artifacts, arts and crafts, and even free health screenings offered by vendors and volunteers.

A highlight at Fiesta Filipina is an Arts and History Exhibit showcasing stories and artifacts from the first permanent Filipino settlements in the USA—Manila Village and Clark Cheniere (both in the Town of Jean Lafitte in Jefferson Parish) and St. Malo in coastal St. Bernard. Please visit: <https://www.plhs.net/events-and-projects/fiesta-filipina-2024> for more information.

For a full schedule of upcoming community events in St. Bernard Parish, please visit our website at [www.SBPG.net](http://www.SBPG.net) and view the calendar page.

Additionally, I'd like to provide a brief update on some of the on-going efforts of our public works department in regards to capital projects. SBPG employees throughout all departments are hard at work on multiple fronts to improve infrastructure and ensure the safety and convenience of our residents. In Old Arabi, we are currently lining drainage pipes, completing point repairs, installing new drain lines, and restoring asphalt. For the Old Arabi Streetscape, all sand has been placed and compacted, and rock is being laid and compacted. Concrete pouring will commence later this week or next, weather permitting. The Florida Walk project has progressed with the cleaning of three pipes, and work continues with the building of a dam to clean the remaining pipes. At the Fanz site, we are awaiting the arrival of electrical panels to move forward. The first phase of Fire Station #11 Refurbishment is nearing completion, with only the sprinkler system still pending completion. The Riverbend Pond Force Main project has seen significant progress with the mobilization of materials and the delivery of all pipes. Miscellaneous drainage work includes concrete pours on Shannon Drive and the completion of 60% of pipe work on Marquez. Additionally, we are lining all 12-inch laterals on streets such as Fable, Legend, Nancy, Shannon, and Plaza. At Vista Park, the rock base for the turf is now complete, and the turf will be laid this week. We are also pouring the second batting cage slab and parking area and next we'll begin steelwork on the concession stand. At Patricia Park, the steel structure roofing for the restroom and covered patio is up, and light poles will be installed this week. Lastly, at the New Public Library in Meraux, interior work continues, with progress on electrical, sheetrock, and insulation, and the chiller has been delivered and set in place. This project is progressing well and is now beyond the halfway mark to completion.

These efforts, along with countless others behind the scenes, are all part of our commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of St. Bernard Parish, every single day.



As always, it is a pleasure to serve and represent the people of St. Bernard Parish. Myself and all of Parish Government remain committed to delivering the services and support that our residents expect and deserve, and I look forward to continuing our work together to build the brightest possible future for St. Bernard Parish.

Proudly,



Louis Pomes

Parish President

St. Bernard Parish Government



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**October 1, 2024**

### **Concrete Work:**

- 2206 Plaza 27' sidewalk
- 2238 Plaza 8' sidewalk
- 2426 Plaza 10'x13' driveway apron
- 3301 St. Marie 52' sidewalk with wheelchair ramp
- 2300 block of Hannan Blvd., pipe fixed and panel poured 14'x14' with curb.
- Filled potholes at;
  - 2233 Marietta
  - E. Casa Calvo/ Buffon
  - 207 E Casa Calvo
  - Marietta/ Judge Perez
  - Packenham /Judge Perez
  - 3601 Palmisano

### **Drains Repaired or Flushed:**

- 2509 Creely, drain repair
- Delille / Grand Holmes, drain box repair
- 3617 Ventura, repaired drain frame/cover
- Flushed drains at;
  - 2913 Karen 300'
  - 2708 Karen 300'
  - Charles/Riverland 300'
  - Genie/Josephine 150'
  - 3012 Delambert 300'
  - 101 Reiss Pl. 100'





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**IN CELEBRATION OF FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH!**

# Fiesta Filipina

**A FAMILY DAY & EXPO**



The **Consulate** of the Republic of the Philippines (New Orleans, LA), in partnership with the **Philippine Louisiana Historical Society (PLHS)** and **New Orleans Filipino American Lions Club (NOFALC)**, invites all Filipino American families and friends in the Gulf South to embrace our Pinoy culture in America as we celebrate **Filipino American History Month** this October! You're in for a fun and immersive experience that will ignite your spirit like never before!

**October 12, 2024**

**LOS ISLEÑOS MUSEUM COMPLEX**  
1357 BAYOU ROAD, ST. BERNARD, LA 70085

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Craft and Food Vendors
- Health and Safety Talks
- Vision and Hearing Screening
- Pinoy Games and Kids' Corner
- Traditional Dance and Art Showcase
- Recycling Bins
- "Filipinos in Louisiana" History Exhibit
  - at iba pa (and many more!)



Food & craft vendors may sign up via: [bit.ly/fiestafilipinaLA](https://bit.ly/fiestafilipinaLA)