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From the Desk of Parish President Louis Pomes President's Report

November 6, 2024

St. Bernard Parish Residents and Council Members,

As we enter the month of November, I want to thank each of you for your continued dedication to our parish. Together, we are seeing significant progress in our ongoing projects, welcoming new businesses, and preparing for community events that honor our shared values and heritage. It's a pleasure to keep you informed about the strides we're making to enhance St. Bernard Parish for everyone who calls it home.

Capital Projects Update: Our capital projects are advancing well, with several key developments across the parish. In Old Arabi, drainage work is actively underway as we line pipes and install new drains, while streetscape improvements continue with completed cement work on the parking lot, permeable pavement installations, and a second EV charging station coming soon. Entergy is also setting up new service to support these upgrades. At the Florida Walk project, we're making headway after discovering an unexpected concrete slab, and once cleared, we will proceed with the new pipe installation. At Fanz Trailer Park, concrete placement and process tank drainage are expected to finish by the end of next week.

The new Public Library project is progressing steadily; the parking area has been poured, electricians are pulling wires, plumbers are setting fixtures, and crews are working on both the interior ceilings and exterior stucco. Our team is also addressing miscellaneous drainage needs, including finalizing the catch basin at Legend and additional work on Fable and Marquez. Over at Vista Park, turf installation is complete, and we're working on the concession stand, utility building roofs, sidewalks, and parallel parking areas. Finally, Patricia Park is nearing completion, with restroom ceilings and waterline installations underway.

Last week, the St. Bernard Parish Government was proud to reinstall a beloved local landmark—the “End of the World” sign. This iconic sign, a fixture for locals and visitors alike, marks the unique and historic destination at the edge of Delacroix Island. Together with a team of dedicated employees from Public Works and the Road Yard, I was proudly able to reinstall the

reinstall the sign back to its rightful place in Eastern St. Bernard. We're thrilled to see it standing proudly once again as a symbol of the beauty and resilience of St. Bernard Parish, and I'd once again like to thank all of those who made this possible.

Fire Department Returns to Station 11 in Yscloskey: I'm pleased to announce that our St. Bernard Parish Fire Department has officially returned to Station 11 in Yscloskey. This station sustained significant damage during Hurricane Ida and has been out of service since then. The reopening of Station 11 is an important accomplishment, as it restores vital fire and emergency services to the lower areas of our parish, ensuring that response times are improved and residents in Yscloskey and nearby areas are better protected. This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to rebuilding and strengthening essential services in every corner of our community.

Also, in other Fire Department related news, I'd like to once again extend my sincere appreciation and deep respect for the men and women of the St. Bernard Parish Fire Department, as well as their families, in addition to the countless residents and visitors who passed by the central fire station this weekend and donated funds. Everyone involved contributed in a major way to a very impactful fundraiser for a local charity. The very successful "Fill the Boot" fundraising drive benefitting the St. Bernard Parish League of Angels, was truly positive and heartwarming to witness. The generous outpouring of donations, as well as the enthusiasm and involvement of those collecting was a sincere reminder of the strength, kindness, support, and community spirit that endures here.

Upcoming Events: St. Bernard Rod Knockers' Cruzin Da Parish will take place on Saturday, November 9, 2024. This scenic car cruise through St. Bernard is an opportunity to enjoy the sights, connect with fellow car enthusiasts, and support local charities. Registration will be held at The Palms Casino & Truck Stop (8001 W. St. Bernard Hwy, Chalmette) from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with a \$35 registration fee per car, covering both the driver and passenger. Additional stamp cards can be purchased for \$15.

The event will feature stops at local landmarks including Los Islenos Complex, Robin Seafood, Delacroix Island Pier, and Docville Farm, with prizes raffled off at each stop and cash drawings for participants. All proceeds will benefit St. Bernard-based charities and the Rod Knockers operations. Participants must be 18 or older, and both drivers and passengers will need to sign a standard release and waiver of liability. For more information, contact Chad at 504-975-2371 or Robert at 504-432-8776. We hope to see you there for a fantastic day on the road!

Veterans Day Parade and Recognition Ceremony: Please join us for our annual Veterans Day Parade and Recognition Ceremony on **Monday, November 11, 2024**. We will provide trolley and bus service from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to transport Veterans from the Frederick Sigur Center parking lot to the parade starting point. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. at Old Hickory Avenue/Palm Avenue and Judge Perez Drive and will conclude at the Frederick Sigur Civic Center, where a recognition ceremony will take place at the Veterans Monument.

We are grateful to our sponsors—Domino Sugar, the Meraux Foundation, the St. Bernard Tourist Commission, Valero, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust, Associated Terminals, and Chalmette

Refining—for their support. For more information, please call 504-278-1506 or visit visitstbernard.com.

Welcoming New Businesses: We're excited to welcome new businesses that have joined our community in the last two weeks: Senior Insurance Options, Amazing Hands Home Care Services, and Familiars Events. These establishments bring new opportunities and growth, enriching our local economy. Please join me in supporting them and all our valued businesses in St. Bernard Parish.

Recognizing Our Registrar of Voters: I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to our Registrar of Voters, Ms. Connie Crumhorn, and her hardworking staff for their diligent work in overseeing the busy and monumental election that concluded yesterday. St. Bernard Parish saw a large turnout of early voters, with over 8,000 residents casting their ballots ahead of Election Day. Ms. Connie and her team managed this high volume with their characteristic efficiency and expertise, ensuring that every vote was counted and the process ran smoothly. Their dedication to upholding the integrity of our elections is something we can all be proud of. Thank you all again for your hard work and dedication.

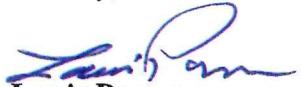
Congratulations to Our Re-Elected Representatives: I would also like to congratulate Congressman Steve Scalise and Congressman Troy Carter on their re-elections. Both of these outstanding leaders have served as dedicated representatives and steadfast allies for their districts, advocating tirelessly for our interests at the national level. Both have shown unwavering commitment to the needs of our communities, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such capable and experienced voices representing us in Washington. I look forward to our continued work together with Congressman Scalise, and am very pleased to now have Congressman Carter representing parts of St. Bernard Parish as well, to advance the priorities of St. Bernard Parish and its residents.

Reminder: LA 47 Green Bridge Closure: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will close the LA 47 (Paris Road) Green Bridge for ongoing structural rehabilitation. The closure will occur from 8 p.m. on Friday, November 15, through 5 a.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024. Detours will be in place for northbound and southbound motorists.

The Green Bridge restoration project, which is over 70% complete, is expected to finish by spring 2025. This project will preserve the bridge's structure and legacy, honoring its history since 1967. We ask motorists to remain vigilant and patient as we work toward enhancing the safety and longevity of this important structure, be prepared to take detour routes in both directions and plan ahead. For more information, please visit their website at www.dotd.la.gov, or call 511.

Thank you for your continued support in making St. Bernard Parish a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. I am proud of what we've achieved together and look forward to the future we are building.

Proudly,



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Attachments: list of completed work from the Road Yard



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Concrete Work:

- 3401 Jean Laffite, driveway apron and sidewalk – 471 sq. ft.
- 405 Lynx, sidewalk – 873 sq. ft.
- Mink and Beaver in Arabi, handicap ramp – 72 sq. ft.
- 201/205 Beaver, sidewalk – 60 sq. ft.
- 204 Beaver, sidewalk, driveway apron – 116 sq. ft.
- 208 Beaver, sidewalk, driveway apron – 64 sq. ft.
- 4516 Lamarque, 16 linear ft. of curb.
- 3512 Lyndell, driveway apron – 72 sq. ft.

Canals and Drainage:

- Ditches are being dug; 1500' on Francis Carroll, 1500' on Linda Lou, 1200' on Memory Ln.
- East Sylvia Estates ditch skimmed and graded, 1800'
- Culvert and flap gate was installed in Reggio.