



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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**Louis Pomes**  
*Parish President*

**November 19, 2024**

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

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

I'm proud and grateful, as always, to briefly share some updates, events, information, and thoughts in this biweekly President's Report. Thank you again for being engaged and committed to the continued growth and prosperity of our beloved community here in St. Bernard Parish.

On Monday, November 11, 2024, St. Bernard Parish proudly hosted our annual **Veterans Day Parade and Recognition Ceremony**. It was truly heartwarming to see so many grateful residents and community members line the parade route to honor, thank, and celebrate our veterans, culminating in a heartfelt recognition ceremony and luncheon at the Frederick Sigur Civic Center.

Parish government wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to all veterans for their selfless service to our country. This year's event was especially meaningful as it was held on Veterans Day itself, reflecting the preference of many local veterans to honor this important day on its official date. While we understand the weekday timing may have posed challenges for some, we are thankful for the community's overwhelming support and commitment to making the day very special for our veterans. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event's success, from the organizers and sponsors to the schools, marching groups, and countless individuals who helped create such a beautiful tribute.

On Saturday, November 9, 2024, **Norman's Gym in Arabi** hosted an exciting evening of boxing, drawing a wonderful turnout from the community. Norman's Gym has a rich history of fostering recreation opportunities for the youth of St. Bernard Parish through its commitment to the sport of boxing.

Boxing, as a sport, offers incredible benefits for children, including improved discipline, confidence, and physical fitness. Safety in the sport has come a long way, and the well-trained coaching staff at Norman's Gym ensures a secure and positive environment for participants.

We thank Norman Vancourt, Coach Boogie, and the entire dedicated team at Norman's Gym, as well as the athletes and their families, and all supporters of this program for their combined efforts in sustaining it for many decades here in St. Bernard Parish. Special congratulations to Jacob Feraci, who won the night's main event representing Norman's Gym and St. Bernard Parish in such a positive and powerful way. We are very proud of you Jacob!

## Upcoming Community Events

### Season of Thanksgiving

As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, let us take time to reflect on the many blessings we share as a community.

### Christmas at the Complex

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 6, 2024, for our annual **Christmas at the Complex** event. A flyer for this event will be attached at the end of this report.

### Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony

St. Bernard Parish Government and the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association will host a memorial service on Saturday December 7, 2024 beginning at 11am at Pearl Harbor Memorial Park, 7215 W. Judge Perez Drive in Arabi.

Additionally, with the holiday season upon us, there are many wonderful community events happening in St. Bernard Parish. I encourage everyone to visit the **Community Events Calendar** on our website at [sbpg.net](http://sbpg.net) and follow the **St. Bernard Parish Government Facebook page** for the latest updates.

I am pleased to welcome and congratulate several businesses that were issued or reissued permits by our Office of Community Development here in St. Bernard Parish in the last two weeks. Please join me in supporting these new ventures as they settle into the community, while continuing to support the established businesses that are the backbone of our local economy. These businesses reflect the ongoing growth of our parish. Congratulations again to: **Amazing Hands Home Care Services, Marina Inn and Suites, Sols Jewelry, Smashed Plates, Serigne's Live Bait.**

Lastly, many ongoing **Capital Projects** continue to progress steadily across St. Bernard Parish. In Old Arabi, drainage improvements are ongoing with pipe lining, replacements, and the installation of new drains, while the streetscape project is preparing for sidewalks to be poured. A State Fire Marshal inspection for the ceiling and sprinkler system is scheduled for November 25 at the new public library in Meraux, and preparation work is in progress to pour sidewalks at the site. The Florida Walk project has advanced with sheet pile installation, and pipe lining to begin soon. In the Fanz Trailer Park area, sewer pump rebuilding is underway. Additional projects include pouring sidewalks and driveways on Marquez and prep. work on Fable, where crews are currently addressing a drain line. Vista Park improvements include installing dugout and bleacher covers, completing sheet metal work and HVAC installation on concession area and utility building. Meanwhile, Patricia Park is nearing completion following a final inspection set for December 9, with only minor clean-up remaining.

Thank you for your continued involvement 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.

Respectfully,



Louis Pomes  
Parish President  
St. Bernard Parish Government



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 19, 2024

### Canals and Drainage:

- Temporary Repairs to Sinkholes:
  - 415 Center St.
  - Riverland Dr.
- 400 Bear Dr., catch basin flushed and drain cleaned.
- Temporary Repairs to Potholes:
  - Stander Pl.
  - Riverbend
  - W. Beauregard St.
  - W. St. Jean Baptiste / Delille St.





# **CHRISTMAS AT THE COMPLEX PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION**

DECEMBER 6, 2024

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

SIDNEY D. TORRES MEMORIAL PARK

**CHRISTMAS PARADE BEGINS AT 5:30 PM**

## **PARADE ROUTE:**

**THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT DR. MERAUX DRIVE FROM THE  
GOVERNMENT COMPLEX HEADING NORTH TOWARD PATRICIA  
STREET TO JEAN LAFITTE, MOVING SOUTH ALONG JEAN LAFITTE &  
CONCLUDING IN THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT.**



**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, MUSIC BY ADAM PEARCE, TRAIN  
RIDES, COOKIES, SNOW FLURRIES, HOT CHOCOLATE & PHOTOS  
WITH SANTA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PARADE**



**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS & BLANKETS!**

