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President's Report

From the Desk of Parish President Louis Pomes

December 17, 2024

To St. Bernard Parish Council Members and Residents,

As we gather for the final Parish Council meeting of the year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made together and the joy this holiday season has brought to our community. Serving as your Parish President during this special time of year has been an honor for me, my administration, and my family, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas: community, generosity, and togetherness.

Capital Projects Update

Our Capital Projects team continues to make excellent progress across St. Bernard Parish:

- At the new Public Library, exterior trim work on glass, curtain walls, and glazing is ongoing, and sidewalks were poured yesterday. The site is being cleaned, interior work continues, and chillers are being tested today.
- At Vista Park, electrical work is wrapping up with wiring to light poles.
- Patricia Park is now complete and ready for the community to enjoy.
- Miscellaneous Drainage projects are progressing well: pipework on Fable is complete, and pipework on E. Genie and Legend is finishing today. Concrete pouring on Legend is mostly done, with crews moving to Fable this week. Preparations for Riverland have begun. Work will pause on December 23 and resume on January 6.
- Old Arabi Drainage: Concrete is being poured on Angela today, with asphalt work starting next week.
- Florida Walk: Equipment mobilization for jack and bore work is planned for this week. Work will pause December 23 and resume January 2.
- Old Arabi Streetscape: The project is nearly complete, with some sod placement planned as needed.

Coastal Restoration Projects

I am proud to announce that two largescale coastal restoration projects have been recommended for CWPPRA funding approval.

- **North Delacroix Marsh Creation and Terracing:** Approved for Phase 2 (construction) funding, this project will create or nourish over 410 acres of marsh near Delacroix at an estimated cost of \$35.5 million.
- **Woodlake Marsh Creation and East Lake Lery Shoreline Protection:** Approved for Phase 1 (engineering/design) funding, these combined projects will enhance our coastal landscape with an estimated cost of \$33.4 million.

Additionally, ongoing projects include:

- **Bayou La Loutre Ridge Restoration:** Under construction.
- **East Delacroix Marsh Creation:** Scheduled to begin construction in Q1 2025.
- **Reggio Marsh Creation:** Expected to begin construction in 2026.

Special thanks to our Federal and State partners, NGOs, private landowners, and Coastal Operations Director John Lane for their support and dedication to these transformative projects.

DOTD Road Striping Updates

- **Project 4400030423:** Preconstruction meeting was held today for a road striping project covering several key routes, including Hopedale Hwy, Florissant Hwy, Bayou Rd, and E Judge Perez. Work is expected to begin January 6th, 2025, and will be completed within 30 days.
- **Future Project:** Plans are underway for restriping W Judge Perez from Norton Avenue to LA 47, with additional concrete patching and surface improvements. Details are still in design.

New Businesses

There are several new businesses that have opened since my last report. Please welcome; Southern Gleauz Tanning, Inspirations Beauty Salon, Aristeo Garcia Construction, Pathways to Independence and Empowerment, Pretty Soon Gowns, Experience Event Space, Fotomojo Pictures, Essential Tax Solutions, and Tasty Cream Donuts.

Holiday Reflections

This holiday season has been truly unforgettable, marked by the wonderful community events that have brought us all closer together. From the inaugural Christmas at the Complex Parade, to the 25th Anniversary of Santa on the Bayou, and the countless celebrations across our parish, the spirit of St. Bernard has shone brightly this year. Witnessing the joy and unity of our residents during these events has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my tenure thus far.

As we prepare to close out the year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Parish Council, incredibly hardworking Parish employees, volunteers, and residents for their hard work and dedication. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant St. Bernard Parish. On behalf of my family and all of Parish Government, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year in 2025.

With Gratitude,



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Concrete:

(Repaired or Replaced)

- 3020 Judy Dr. – 60 ft. of curb
- 1302 Louis – 189 sq. ft. of driveway apron and 128 sq. ft. of sidewalk
- 2300 Lyndell – 224 sq. ft. of driveway apron
- 2224 Lyndell – 32 sq. ft. of sidewalk
- 8461 Patricia – 30 ft. of curb
- 3605 Juno – 56 sq. ft. of sidewalk
- 8520 Patricia St. – 92 sq. ft. of sidewalk
- 3559 Kings – 72 sq. ft. of driveway apron

Demolition Work:

- 32 Packenham Ave. in Chalmette
- 1805 Robert Dr. in Poydras