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President's Report

March 18, 2025

To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Council and Residents,

As we move into spring, our parish is bustling with community events, new business growth, and ongoing improvements to our infrastructure. I want to take a moment to update you on some key happenings in St. Bernard Parish.

It's been a busy spring season so far, and we're proud of the various cultural and community events throughout St. Bernard Parish, especially at this time of year. One of my personal favorites is the Islenos Festival, held on the Ducros Museum grounds in beautiful Eastern St. Bernard this past weekend. Despite a rainout on Saturday, Sunday's beautiful weather drew large crowds. I was proud to once again volunteer at the grilled oyster booth with so many great friends and my family. The turnout was incredible, the weather was great, and the volume of oysters we shucked, grilled, and fed to hundreds of delighted festival attendees, still astounds me. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cultural event and coming together as a community to celebrate what makes St. Bernard so incredibly special.

Last week, my office had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Laine Hardy, a talented recording artist from Livingston Parish, who will be performing at this weekend's Louisiana Crawfish Festival. Laine has a personal connection to our area, as his grandparents lived here in the 1950s (his grandfather even worked at Kaiser Aluminum back then). His visit included a tour from our Office of Tourism of our local landmarks, complete with a visit to the Islenos complex, where I'm told he graciously played a song or two, on one of the antique pianos at the Islenos Museum, much to the delight of the staff and visitors. We were so happy to meet Laine, and very much appreciate his enthusiasm and connection to St. Bernard Parish. We are truly looking forward to having him perform at the festival on Friday at 10pm, and hope everyone comes out to enjoy his music and all of the musicians, vendors, and fun to be had. Please join our community in supporting the 50th Anniversary of the Louisiana Crawfish Festival throughout the weekend.

The Louisiana Crawfish Festival will be held this Thursday through Sunday at the Civic Center grounds in Chalmette, marking its 50th anniversary. We look forward to celebrating with crawfish races, live music, and a variety of crawfish-themed activities.

The community is invited to join us for the annual **First Lady Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 12th, 2025**, at 10am **Torres Park**. This beloved tradition brings our community together for a fun-filled morning of Easter egg hunts, games, and activities for children of all ages. We encourage everyone to join us and enjoy a day of family-friendly festivities!

Upcoming Events:

- **Louisiana Crawfish Festival** – March 20th through 23rd, 2025, at the Frederic Sigur Civic Center in Chalmette
- **Vietnam War Veterans Day** – Saturday, March 29th, 2025, with a monument dedication in Torres Park
- **Irish-Italian-Islenos Parade** – Saturday, April 5th, 2025, in Chalmette
- **First Lady Easter Egg Hunt** – April 12th, 2025, at Torres Park in Chalmette
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New and Renewing Businesses: St. Bernard Parish continues to grow, and we are pleased to welcome several new businesses while also recognizing those that have renewed their occupational licenses since my last report. These businesses contribute to our local economy and community vibrancy, and we appreciate their investment in our parish: Brian's Home Improvement & Security, Swampified, LLC, Comfort Care Transit, NOLA Sit N Stay, St Bernard Driving Academy, Tax Assassins, Apex General Contractors, JMJ Pharmacy, On-Call Mobile Mechanics, AA Repair, and JZ Handyman.

Public Works and Capital Projects: Our Public Works and Capital Projects teams remain committed to improving infrastructure across the parish. Several drainage improvement projects are in progress to help mitigate flooding, and road rehabilitation efforts continue throughout our community. The latest updates on these projects will be provided at the council meeting and there's an attached list of recent and ongoing work included in this report.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to making St. Bernard Parish a wonderful place to live and work. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Best regards,



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Road Yard Updates:

Concrete repairs that have been completed in the past two weeks.

- **2501 Meraux** – 160 sq. ft.
- **2505 Jean Lafitte** – 320 sq. ft.
- **2609 Jean Lafitte** – 180 sq. ft.
- **3245 W. Judge Perez & Civic Center** – 14 LF curb
- **Linda Lou** – Replaced 44' pipe
- **Morales & Buffon** – Repaired potholes
- **Reunion & Judge Perez** – Repaired potholes
- **500 Center St.** – Replaced drain cover

Public Works Updates:

- **New Public Library** - Final painting of walls, glass company finishing the screen area for back porch, roof sub. picked up excess materials and all safety devices off roof. Punch list items work has started.
- **Misc. Drainage** - Al CIPP lining is complete. Open cut crew for new pipe is currently on Riverland. Rosetta is scheduled to be the next, per contractor. ATMOS has been relocating main on Nancy. Prime contractor is addressing punch list items on all previous streets.
- **Farmsite Sewer Lift Station** - Waiting on ROE and lead time for materials.
- **Vista Park** - Complete. Only item is the two small areas of sidewalk on Prince side to be poured this week.
- **Old Arabi Streetscape** - One more pipe segment to line then restoration.
- **Meraux Ln.** - open cut done concrete restoration left.
- **Bradbury Drain Line** - Started replacing drain line this week.
- **Jean Lafitte Walkway** - Excavating on neutral ground and forming up in progress.
- **High Service Pumps at Water Plant** - Pre-Construction meeting today