



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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*Parish President*

## **President's Report**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

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

I hope this report finds each of you well as we move into April with a renewed sense of community and purpose. As always, I remain committed to transparency, safety, and celebrating the people and progress that make our parish a place we're proud to call home.

First, a brief overview of a recent situation, to clarify the details and our emergency response. On Friday, March 21, a subcontractor conducting permitted telecommunications work damaged a natural gas pipeline near Jacob Drive and East Genie Street in Chalmette. This resulted in a gas leak that prompted a multi-agency emergency response. Our Fire Department was on scene within two minutes, supported by the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and additional parish personnel. We thank Atmos Energy, Hazmat crews, and all who helped restore safety and gas service to the area quickly and professionally. This incident serves as an important reminder to always call 811 before digging to help prevent similar incidents. Thank you again to our first responders and residents for your cooperation during this emergency.

We'd also like to recognize the 50th Annual Louisiana Crawfish Festival, which was a tremendous success. Thousands of residents and visitors came out to enjoy live music, crawfish races, rides, and incredible food at the Civic Center grounds. Events like these highlight the strong cultural spirit of our parish and the importance of continuing traditions that bring us all together.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Vietnam War Veterans Day** – Friday April 4, 2025, 10:30am with a monument dedication in Torres Park
- **St. Bernard Parish Fire Department** will host a traditional **Apparatus Dedication Ceremony** on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** at **Fire Station 5 (2000 E. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette)**
- **Irish-Italian-Islenos Parade** – Saturday, April 5th, 2025, in Chalmette
- **First Lady Easter Egg Hunt** – April 12th, 2025, 10am-12pm at Torres Park in Chalmette

We invite the community to join us in honoring our local heroes at the **1st Annual Vietnam War Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony** on **Friday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.**, at the **Vietnam War Veterans Monument** in Chalmette (8201 W. Judge Perez Drive at Sidney D. Torres Memorial Park). Hosted in partnership with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #550, this meaningful event is supported by the St. Bernard Tourist Commission and the Arlene and Joseph Meraux Foundation.

The **St. Bernard Parish Fire Department** will host a traditional **Apparatus Dedication Ceremony** on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** at **Fire Station 5 (2000 E. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette)**. The department will welcome a new 1,000-gallon Pumper into its fleet with a time-honored fire service tradition dating back to the 1800s.

On behalf of Cherie and our family, and with the generosity of sponsors and volunteers, the community is invited to the **First Lady Easter Egg Hunt!** 🐣 This free event will be held on **Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Torres Park. 🌸 There will be Easter egg hunts, Easter Bunny pictures 🐰, train rides, a petting zoo, refreshments, and more! 🍷 We sincerely look forward to spending this fun and festive time with many of you and celebrating the joy of the season together.

### **New & Renewed Businesses**

Economic growth and local entrepreneurship are vital to our parish's future, and we're excited to recognize a group of new and established businesses that have recently been issued permits to open or continue operating in St. Bernard Parish. These businesses reflect the resilience, creativity, and dedication of our community. Please join us in showing continued support by shopping local and utilizing their services whenever possible.

New and renewed businesses include; TH Professional Services, JZ Handyman, JJ1 Holdings, Southpoint Boatworks, PR Car Clinic, Rupp Consulting, The Mystic Krewe Of Cthulhu Social Club & Parade, Quality Labor Management, Kreative Lashes & Brows by Ash, Peli-Can Cleaners, Dan J. Burghardt Insurance Agency, Bywater Hardware, and Riverbend Cre8tions.

We are grateful for their investment in St. Bernard Parish and encourage all residents to please continue contributing to their success.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Respectfully,



**Louis Pomes**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### April 1, 2025

- Ran flush truck & cleaned drains at:
  - 1900 Goodwill Drive, 200 ft.
  - 3317 Park Drive, 175 ft.
  - 2400 block of Livaccari Ln., 200 ft.
- 1800 block of Linda Lou, 80 ft. of drainage pipe replaced.
- 2521 Pakenham Drive in Violet, 824 square ft. driveway apron repair.
- Fence install around Patricia Park Playground is complete.



