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Biweekly President's Report

April 15, 2025

To the Honorable Councilmembers and Residents of St. Bernard Parish,

As we approach what will hopefully be a safe, joyful, and peaceful Easter for the residents and community here in St. Bernard Parish, I'd like to provide a brief update of some recent and upcoming events, projects, and developments since my last report. First and foremost, on behalf of myself and Cherie, our family, and event planning committees, a huge recognition and thank you to all who participated in our recent community events and celebrations. From parades to Easter Egg Hunts, honoring our Vietnam Veterans and marking a historically significant event, it's been an exciting and very busy few weeks for St. Bernard Parish.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the many dedicated Parish Government employees, volunteers, sponsors, and families who made our 2025 First Lady Easter Egg Hunt such a tremendous success. The weather was perfect, the turnout was incredible, and the smiles on the children's faces reminded us exactly why we do what we do. Events like this showcase the spirit of our community and the hard work behind the scenes to make it all happen.

Just one week earlier, our crews jumped into action following the St. Bernard Irish, Italian, Islesnos Parade to clean and clear Judge Perez Drive. With 35 floats, 40 auxiliary groups, and 450,000 pounds of produce distributed by the riders, it was a massive turnout with even more massive cleanup. Thanks to the Road Yard, Public Works, IV Waste, and our partners at the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department, the streets were swiftly restored—clean, safe, and even lemon-scented.

In recent weeks, we also celebrated several meaningful milestones across the parish:

- A new American flag was raised on Paris Road thanks to a donation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and assistance from the St. Bernard Fire Department.
- A Legislative Breakfast was hosted at Nunez Community College, where Senator Joseph Bouie and Representative Mike Bayham discussed Capital Outlay strategies with parish officials.
- The St. Bernard Fire Department held a traditional Push-In Ceremony for the addition of a new 1,000-gallon pumper truck.
- The Torres Park Vietnam Veterans Monument was formally dedicated at a moving ceremony. Thank you to the Meraux Foundation, the St. Bernard Tourist Commission, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #550 for your partnership.

We are also proud to share an upcoming event that highlights our natural beauty and commitment to outdoor recreation: the **St. Bernard Bird Festival** will be held at the Los Isleños Museum on **May 2–3, 2025**, beginning

at 9:00 AM. We invite everyone to attend and enjoy birdwatching, cultural programming, and community connection.

New Businesses

We continue to welcome new and renewing businesses to St. Bernard Parish. Supporting our local entrepreneurs helps strengthen our economy and keep our community thriving. Congratulations to: Casa- Perez Market, Beignets and Bouquets, Family Cajun Kitchen, and Black Eden.

Upcoming Infrastructure Project

I'm pleased to announce the upcoming **Vulnerable Road Users Improvement Project**, set to begin in **May 2025**. This safety initiative is fully funded through a grant and will bring critical pedestrian improvements along Paris Road in Chalmette and Judge Perez Drive in Violet, including new five-foot sidewalks and accessibility ramps, crosswalks, and bus shelter improvements. More details will be shared as the project moves forward.

Park and Playground Improvements

Two recent upgrades to our recreational spaces reflect our ongoing commitment to quality-of-life improvements:

- New fencing has been completed around **Patricia Park**.
- **Torres Park Playground** enhancements are now finished and open to the public.

We thank residents for their continued feedback on park safety and facility upgrades. Your emails, messages, social media comments, and public reports are seen and documented—and they help guide our actions and decisions on future improvements.

Thank you for staying engaged and active in our parish. Your involvement is what keeps St. Bernard strong. Please see the next page for recent road and infrastructure updates provided by the Road Yard and Public Works Department.

Sincerely,



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Thank you to all employees, volunteers, sponsors, and families who made the 2025 First Lady Easter Egg Hunt a huge success—great turnout, perfect weather, and a true showcase of community spirit.

Public Works / Road Yard Updates:

- Linda Lou, replaced 110 ft. of drainage pipe.
- Judge Perez Drive, post-parade cleanup: 3 bobcats with brooms, 1 backhoe, 2 trash trucks, 2 IV sweepers, 1 garbage truck with 2 hoppers, 6 trustees with 3 deputies, 43 parish workers; cleanup ran from 2:00 PM to 9:30 PM with 6 full trash trucks removed.
- 2609 Jean Lafitte, replaced 446 sq. ft. of sidewalk.
- 2020 Landry Court, replaced 6 LF of curb at catch basin in driveway.
- Borgnemouth Park, replaced 72 sq. ft. of sidewalk.