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Parish President

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BIWEEKLY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Councilmembers and Residents,

As we move into July, I want to take a moment to wish all of you a safe and happy Independence Day. This time of year, brings us together to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and the strength of our community. It's also a time when we remain mindful of the summer heat and the ongoing threat of hurricanes and severe weather. To help beat the summer heat, St. Bernard Parish offers two splash pads for kids and families to enjoy. The first is located at the Val Riess Sports Complex in Chalmette, open daily from 9 a.m. to sundown., and is free for all visitors. The second splash pad, in St. Bernard State Park, is open Tuesday-Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$2 admission charge to enter the park, but access to the Splash Pad is free. It's located at 501 St. Bernard Parkway, in eastern St. Bernard Parish. Both of these facilities provide a fun and refreshing way to cool off. Please note that children should be accompanied by an adult for safety.

As always, St. Bernard Parish Government remains prepared and vigilant year-round, maintaining our pumps, canals, storm drains, and other infrastructure critical to keeping our parish protected. While our crews continue their work behind the scenes, we encourage all residents and business owners to take a few moments to prepare your property, clean out storm drains and ditches, secure any loose items, and have a plan in place in the event of an emergency. If you see an issue that requires Parish attention, please call us at (504) 278-4200 so we can address it. Your vigilance and cooperation are a vital part of keeping St. Bernard safe and secure through hurricane season.

We are pleased to welcome and congratulate the following businesses that were issued new or renewed permits in the past two weeks: **Prince Dump Truck Services, HSC Communications, Paris Casino, Ultimate Auto Glass, and New Orleans East Wellness Center.** We thank these businesses for choosing St. Bernard and wish them continued success in their ventures.

Public Reminder: In observance of Independence Day, all Parish Government offices and facilities will be closed on **Friday, July 4, 2025.** Trash pick-up will continue with no interruption on Friday July 4, 2025.

Public Works & Capital Projects Update: Several Capital Projects and infrastructure improvements are actively underway across the parish. In Old Arabi, the drainage project is nearly complete, with only one asphalt patch remaining. The Jean Lafitte path project is wrapping up as well, with final sod and soil leveling to be completed. At Val Reiss Park, the Tot Lot and Shelter improvements were both awarded to On Point and are awaiting signed contracts before construction begins.

Also, the waterline replacement on Cochrane is currently awaiting legislative signatures to finalize the grant funding. Drainage crews have been pouring concrete on Rosetta Street and anticipate finishing early next week, followed by sod replacement and clean-up. Work has also started on Nancy Drive and is expected to be completed by July 29th. A pre-construction meeting for the Farmsite-Torres drainage project is scheduled for July 3rd, with construction set to begin the following week.

Crews are making major progress on the Riverbend Force Main project. They've installed an air relief valve and manhole behind Jumonville, pulled 3,900 feet of 12" pipe from Debouchel to the Munster Plant, and another 1,200 feet of 18" pipe across the plant site. The next major pull will take place between July 7-11, running pipe from the pond to the Violet Canal. Meanwhile, on Lyndell Drive, 300 feet of 15" drain line is currently being replaced.

Upcoming Events: As always, we look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming community events:

- **St. Bernard Salutes America** will host the **41st Annual 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show on Friday July 4, 2025** at the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center Grounds in Chalmette. The celebration kicks off at **5:00 PM** with the Bell Ringing Ceremony at the Liberty Bell, followed by live music and a spectacular fireworks display at **9:30 PM**. Food, drinks, and family fun await. No outside coolers, please.
- The **St. Bernard Seafood Market** returns to **Robin's Rock Dock in Hopedale** on **Saturday, July 19** from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**.
- The annual **Blessing of the Boats in Hopedale, Shell Beach, and Yscloskey** will be held on **Saturday, July 26** from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**.
- On **Friday, August 29**, we will observe **Hurricane Katrina 20th Anniversary Remembrance Day** with **Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church**, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Shell Beach Katrina Memorial. More details will follow in upcoming reports.

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Sincerely,



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Canals & Drainage Updates:

- Lyndell Drive, 300 feet of 15" drain line is currently being replaced.
- Work has started on Nancy Drive and is expected to be completed by July 29th.
- Aycock canal from Judge Perez to the 40 Arpent. Sediment, vegetation, and debris was removed.

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Road Yard Update:

Blacktop patches parish-wide

214 East Prosper

Ermine at West Judge Perez Drive

1912 Highland

513 Bayou Road (shoulder of the highway)

Brittany Place at Aycock

Buffon at East Moreau

West Prosper at Paris Road

2120 Lloyds

3419 Rose Street

2424 Violet

2701 Jackson Street

3503 Rose Street

East Morales at LaPlace

3420 LaPlace

405 East Morales

212 East Morales

Aycock at Royal

4006 East Genie (around drain box)

2620 Plaza

Green Street at St. Bernard Highway

Delta Queen at St. Bernard Highway

Reunion Street at Judge Perez

Both sides of Racetrack

Evans Street in Carnarvon

Ohio at Chalona

500 block of Bayou Road

Marietta Street