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Louis Pomes
Parish President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July 15, 2025

To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Councilmembers and Residents,

St. Bernard Parish Government remains focused on service, safety, and preparation, especially during this active weather season. Over the past two weeks, we've continued working hard to improve infrastructure, support our community, and prepare for the road ahead.

First, I want to thank everyone who helped make our annual *St. Bernard Salutes America* celebration a huge success. From the Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony to the patriotic festivities that followed, the event brought together families, visitors, volunteers, pageant queens, and members of our community for a night of celebration and pride. A special thanks goes to our partners with the Business and Professional Women's organization and all who helped make the event possible, especially the employee volunteers from St. Bernard Parish Government and their families.

As we continue through hurricane season, I want to remind our residents that we are always monitoring conditions and remain prepared to respond when needed. The heavy rains of recent days caused temporary street flooding in areas of Old Arabi and beyond. Please rest assured that crews have been actively addressing problem spots and clearing drains. I urge everyone to stay alert and prepared—keep storm drains clear, follow all emergency alerts, and make a plan with your family should evacuation ever become necessary.

Our Public Works team continues to advance several key projects. Drainage work is ongoing in multiple neighborhoods, including 100 feet of new 18" drain line installed on Nancy Drive. Sod restoration is underway on several previously completed streets, including Daryl, Riverland, Rosetta, Plaza, and Magistrate. The Riverbend Force Main Project is moving forward, with 3,000 feet of pipe now fused and installation advancing toward the Violet Canal. In addition, construction is set to begin on August 4 for the Sheriff's Office waterproofing project and the Farmsite/Torres drainage work. The Val Reiss Tot Lot and Val Reiss Shelter projects also received notice to proceed on July 14.

We're also pleased to welcome several new and renewed businesses in our community this two-week period, including:

The Beauty Room, Five Micro School, Prince Dump Truck Services, HSC Communications, Paris Casino, Ultimate Auto Glass, New Orleans East Wellness Center, Jones Southern Co., Sweet Treats by Amy, Charlie's Shop, and Pot Twist.

Upcoming Events:

- **Blessing of the Fleet & Boat Parade**
Saturday, July 26, 2025 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Robin Seafood, Shell Beach
- **20th Anniversary Katrina Memorial Ceremony**
Friday, August 29, 2025

11:00 AM – Memorial Mass

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church

2320 Paris Rd., Chalmette, LA

Celebrated by Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, with Fr. Marlon Mangubat as concelebrant.

1:00 PM – Wreath Laying Ceremony

Shell Beach Katrina Memorial, 1320 Yscloskey Hwy.

Includes the solemn reading of all 164 names lost to Hurricane Katrina.

As always, I thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Our work continues, together.

Respectfully,



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Canals & Drainage:

- Aycock Canal cleared from the 40 Arpent to St. Claude and to the Aycock Barn.
- The Blood Canal in Old Arabi was cleared from Royal St. to St. Claude, and the drain line under St. Claude was flushed out from Westbound to Eastbound.
- Crews are working this week in Old Arabi to flush and clear drains from Angela to Aycock.
- Crews are actively clearing and assessing drains parish wide.
- All pumps are up and running at 100% capacity.
- Pump stations will be manned 24/7 this Wednesday through Friday due to forecasted weather.