



# St. Bernard Parish Government

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**Louis Pomes**  
*Parish President*

## President's Report

August 5, 2025

### To the St. Bernard Parish Council and Residents,

It's been another busy few weeks in St. Bernard Parish, filled with community traditions, vital infrastructure work, and continued partnerships that keep our parish moving forward, each and every day.

I was proud to take part in two cherished events honoring our deeply-rooted coastal heritage: the annual **Yscloskey–Hopedale–Shell Beach Blessing of the Fleet**, and the **Delacroix Island Blessing of the Fleet**. These ceremonies brought together residents, visitors, faith leaders, fishermen and their families to ask for protection, bountiful harvests, and calm seas throughout hurricane season. I extend my deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the most reverend Archbishop Gregory Aymond for his annual attendance and blessings, to the volunteer committee, fisherman, and all community members who make these events possible year after year.

We're also preparing for one of the most meaningful annual events in St. Bernard Parish. Please join us on **Friday, August 29**, for the **Hurricane Katrina Memorial Mass and Wreath-Laying Ceremony**:

• **11:00 A.M. – Memorial Mass**  
*Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church*  
2320 Paris Road, Chalmette, LA 70043

Celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond and Reverend Marlon Mangubat, joined by clergy from across the parish.

• **1:00 P.M. – Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony**  
*Shell Beach Katrina Memorial*  
1320 Yscloskey Hwy., St. Bernard, LA 70085

These events are open to the public as we honor the lives lost and recommit to our promise to never forget.

Meanwhile, our Public Works teams continue making steady progress in drainage and infrastructure maintenance parish-wide. Most notably, the removal of invasive water hyacinths is underway along the 40 Arpent Canal. These fast-growing plants are being cleared and placed along the canal banks to naturally dry out before being repurposed into mulch, helping support vegetation on our levees. In **Old Arabi**, culverts and ditches were recently cleared, including a major blockage on Aycock that had caused localized street flooding. We're also flushing storm drains daily and working hard to address widespread drainage issues made worse during summer months by heat, rainfall, and rapid vegetation growth. We appreciate residents' patience as our crews continue this vital work.

## **Public Works & Capital Projects Update:**

- Drainage work continues on **Nancy Drive**, where crews have begun laying 1,450 feet of 30" pipe north toward Tracy Street. Driveway pours are ongoing from 40 Arpent to Genie.
- Crews are mobilizing this week at the **Farmsite/Torres** drainage project.
- At the **Riverbend Force Main**, 3,300 feet of 18" pipe has been pulled from the midway point to the pond, with work continuing toward the Violet Canal.
- **Jail waterproofing** will begin August 11.
- **Old Arabi Drainage** is now officially complete.
- **Jean Lafitte Trail** signage is being added and should be finished by next week.
- Equipment has been ordered for the **Tot Lot and park shelter** upgrades.
- **Hyacinth removal** began last Thursday near Paris Road and is progressing well.
- On **Cochrane Drive**, the waterline is fully installed from W. Chalmette Circle to W. Claiborne. Saddle installation is underway, with pressure testing and chlorination expected early this week.

## **New and Renewed Business Permits:**

I'd like to welcome and congratulate the following businesses, who obtained new or renewed business permits in St. Bernard Parish since my last report:

Sweet Treats by Amy, Charlie's Shop, Pot Twist, AlphaCare Support Coordination, Core: Louisiana Counseling and Recovery Center, FY Tax Prep and Accounting Services, LA Pool Pro, Nation Realty, Love the Dove Driving Academy, ECOFresh Cleaning, Ajans Auto Repair, and Courteaux Catering.

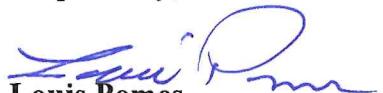
## **Upcoming Events:**

Please join us for the upcoming **St. Bernard Seafood Market**, a community-driven initiative to support local fishermen and bring fresh, local seafood to our residents.

- **Seafood Market**  
Saturday August 23, 2025  
9 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
Robin's Rock Dock  
6104 Hopedale Hwy., St. Bernard, LA 70086

As always, I thank our Councilmembers for their leadership and contributions, and the residents of St. Bernard Parish for staying engaged and informed. Together, we'll keep building a stronger, more resilient St. Bernard—one project at a time.

Respectfully,

  
**Louis Pomes**  
President, St. Bernard Parish



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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### **Public Works & Capital Projects Update:**

- Cochrane Drive - waterline installed from W. Chalmette Circle to W. Claiborne. Expected completion by Friday, August 15.
- Jail waterproofing - will begin August 11.
- Old Arabi Drainage - fully complete.
- Nancy Drive - laid 1,450 feet of 30" pipe. Working north toward Tracy Street. Driveway pours are ongoing from 40 Arpent to Genie.
- Farmsite/Torres drainage work - mobilizing this week.
- Riverbend Force Main - 3,300 feet of 18" pipe was pulled, from the midway point to the pond.

### **Canals & Drainage:**

- 2,000 ft of ditch dug on Licciardi Ln.
- 600 ft of ditch dug on Goodwill.
- 110 ft of 15" pipe installed at Sydney & Center.
- 22 ft of 15" pipe installed at 3616 Delille.

### **Concrete Work:**

- 3513 Despaux – 429 sq ft street panel R&R, 40 LF curb
- 2805 Legend – 500 sq ft driveway apron & sidewalk R&R
- 8401 Patricia – 160 sq ft handicap ramp & sidewalk R&R
- 3500 Campagna – 32 sq ft sidewalk R&R
- 8404/8412 Benjamin – 80 sq ft sidewalk R&R