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BIWEEKLY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2, 2025

To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Councilmembers and Residents,

St. Bernard Parish Government continues to make steady progress on public works, drainage, infrastructure, and community priorities. Public Works projects across the parish continue to advance on schedule. The Farmsite/Torres Lift Station remains on track, while crews are finishing the access road along the Violet Canal in preparation for the upcoming bore under the canal later this month. On Nancy Drive, all pipe work has been completed, with concrete and sod replacement ongoing. This week, crews will also begin installing manhole cover outfalls along Riverland at the 20 Arpent Canal. On Cochrane Drive, the concrete pour was completed last Friday, and crews will remove the forms this week, marking the conclusion of the project. Hyacinth removal has now progressed to Bartolo Drive along the 40 Arpent Canal. Additional facility projects include the completion of work at Paul Noel Gym, while Fire Station 12 remains in the planning stage as we await the finalized scope of work. In-house crews from our Road Department flushed more than 1,600 feet of drains along Charles Drive, Olivia Street, East Genie, Webster, and Elizabeth, with additional ditch cleaning completed on Saro Lane. Crews also delivered 30 loads of material for repairs to the Florissant Levee and extended a 15-inch outfall pipe on Center Street.

Last week, St. Bernard Parish Government was deeply honored to join with our residents, faith leaders, educators, and elected officials to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The day began with the Day of Reflection breakfast hosted by the St. Bernard Parish School Board, highlighting both the resilience of our school system and the promise of our students. A beautiful memorial mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Chalmette, celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Deacon Craig Taffaro, Father Marlon Mangubat, and clergy, brought together parishioners, families, and community leaders.

We were grateful to be joined by Governor Jeff Landry and First Lady Sharon Landry, Speaker of the House Philip Devalier, Senators Bill Cassidy and John Kennedy, Senator Bob Owens, Senator Joseph Bouie, State Representative Michael Bayham, members of the St. Bernard Parish Council, judges from the 34th Judicial District Court, and representatives from Congressman Troy Carter's office, Louisiana State Police, and the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office. Their presence, along with numerous current and former parish officials, reflected the continued dedication of public servants at every level.

The day concluded with a wreath-laying at the Shell Beach Katrina Memorial, where Governor Landry delivered an inspiring address. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to all parish employees who worked

tirelessly to make these memorial events possible, ensuring families of victims and the entire community had a meaningful space for healing and remembrance.

In closing, thank you to our community, as well as the many friends near and far who stood with St. Bernard after Hurricane Katrina. To those who returned, those who remember, and all who continue to call this place home... we are forever grateful. Twenty years later, our parish remains strong and steadfast, guided by the bonds of shared history and the commitment of those who support and inspire us each day.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating the following new and renewed businesses that have obtained occupational permits from St. Bernard Parish Government since our last report: Love the Dove Driving Academy, ECOFresh Cleaning, Ajans Auto Repair, Courteaux Catering, Creole Chevevo, 1Unique Event and Designs, Hopedale Lodge and Fishing Charters, Swift Balance Consulting, Personal Outlook on Reality, and Southern Real Estate Professionals. Your support of local businesses is vital to the continued growth and vibrancy of our community.

Thank you all for your continued dedication to making St. Bernard Parish a wonderful place to call home.

Respectfully,


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Public Works Updates:

- Farmsite/Torres Lift Station – On schedule.
- Riverbend Force Main – finishing the access road along the Violet Canal in preparation to bore under the canal later this month. This week, crews will also. On Cochrane Drive, the Hyacinth removal Additional facility projects include the completion of work at Paul Noel Gym, while Fire Station 12 remains in the planning stage as we await the finalized scope of work.
- Misc. Drainage –All pipe work on Nancy is complete. Replacing cement and sod there now.
- Crews installing manhole cover outfalls along Riverland at the 20 Arpent Canal this week.
- Cochrane Dr. – Finished pouring cement on Friday. Crews will finish breaking down the forms this week, and the project will be fully complete.
- Hyacinth Removal – has now progressed to Bartolo Drive along the 40 Arpent Canal.
- Paul Noel Gym –Project completed.
- Fire Station 12 – remains in the planning stage as we await the finalized scope of work.

In-house work completed by SBPG Road Department:

Flush Truck:

- 3600 & 3700 block of Charles Dr. – 760 ft. of drain line flushed.
- Olivia St. – 300 ft. of drain line flushed.
- 505 E. Genie – 200 ft. of drain line flushed.
- 2001 Webster – 100 ft. of drain line flushed and box cleared.
- 2400 Elizabeth – 250 ft. of drain line flushed.
- 1900 Center St. – extended 15ft. outfall pipe.
- 8213 Saro Ln. – 300 ft. of drainage ditch cleared.
- 30 loads of material delivered to repair Florissant Levee.