



# St. Bernard Parish Government

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**Louis Pomes**  
*Parish President*

President's Report

December 16, 2025

To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Council and Residents,

As we gather for our final Council meeting before Christmas, I want to take a moment to reflect on a truly special season here in St. Bernard Parish.

Over the past several weeks, our parish has been filled with the spirit of the holidays — from festive community events to charitable outreach and family-friendly celebrations that brought neighbors together across the parish. These events do not happen on their own. They are made possible by the dedication of parish employees, volunteers, community partners, sponsors, first responders, nonprofit organizations, and countless residents who generously give their time, talent, and resources to spread joy during this season. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this holiday season so meaningful for our community.

As we look ahead to Christmas and the New Year, I wish all of our residents and parish employees a safe, peaceful, and joyful holiday season. May this time be filled with rest, gratitude, and time spent with family and loved ones.

Even during this busy and celebratory time of year, important infrastructure and public works projects have continued moving forward across the parish. Recent and ongoing work includes the completion of hyacinth removal just beyond the Story Park area in Meraux, improving water flow and drainage in that corridor. Asphalt replacement projects funded with the remaining \$150,000 allocated for 2025 have been completed, addressing roadway needs at multiple locations parish-wide.

At the Farmsite/Torres Lift Station, construction continues with the first manhole set and gravity line work underway between the manhole and the wet well. Additional gravity line installation is ongoing along fence lines, and coordination is pending a survey at the Green Canal to allow for directional drilling. Improvements are also progressing at the Reggio Water Tower, where a new fill line and mixer are being installed to enhance system reliability.

Renovations at Fire Station #11 remain ongoing, with work focused on the lower floor, including plumbing, mechanical, and electrical upgrades. Three newly required doors have been installed, and crews are awaiting the arrival of exterior wall panels to continue progress. The Riverbend Force Main project is now complete, with a close-out meeting and final walkthrough scheduled to establish a punch list. I am

grateful to our parish government employees who continue to deliver steady progress on these critical projects, even during the holiday season. Thank you, once again, to our residents, employees, and community partners for a wonderful year and a memorable holiday season. I look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.

Respectfully,



Louis Pomes  
Parish President  
St. Bernard Parish Government



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## December 16, 2025

### Recent Holiday & Community Events

- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony  
Held a ceremony honoring those who served and sacrificed at Pearl Harbor. Thank you to everyone involved in continuing this important program.
- Wreaths Across America  
Participated in the national Wreaths Across America program honoring fallen veterans. Nearly 1,000 wreaths were laid. Thank you to the Daughters of the American Revolution and all volunteers who keep this program going, and to Councilmember Randall for attending.
- St. Bernard Parish Public Library – Grand Opening  
Celebrated the grand opening of the new St. Bernard Parish Public Library, an important addition for our residents and families.
- Louisiana National Guard Departure Ceremony – Jackson Barracks  
Attended the departure ceremony in support of Louisiana National Guard soldiers deploying in service to our country. Thank you to Major General Friloux and General Greer for the invitation to attend and participate.
- Christmas at the Complex  
A parish-wide holiday event and parade made possible by parish employees, volunteers, sponsors, community partners, and participants from our local school system, Sheriff's Office, and Fire Department. Thank you to the elected officials who attended and to everyone who worked for months to make this event a success.
- Santa on the Bayou  
A 26-year St. Bernard Parish holiday tradition bringing Christmas cheer to children across the parish. Thank you to Mr. Tony Fernandez, his family, friends, volunteers, and the many people who work year-round to make this event possible, as well as the elected officials who attended.
- Holiday Park Decorations  
Special thanks to parish employees for the extensive work decorating the park and creating a festive holiday atmosphere.
- Additional Holiday Events  
Attended several other holiday events, including the Pickleball Christmas Party at the Val Riess Multipurpose Center, along with charity fundraisers, toy drives, and Christmas basket distributions.

- These events reflect the strong sense of community in St. Bernard Parish and how much we take care of one another.
- I'm grateful to represent a parish with so much generosity, kindness, and holiday spirit.
- As we head into the holidays, please enjoy time with your families, take care of one another, and stay safe.