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Louis Pomes
Parish President

President's Report

January 6, 2026

To the Honorable St. Bernard Parish Council and Residents,

As we begin a new year, I want to extend my sincere wishes for a healthy, safe, and prosperous 2026. I am grateful for the dedication of our parish employees and for the continued support and engagement of our residents. With a strong foundation behind us, we look ahead with optimism and a continued focus on progress, infrastructure, and service to our community.

Our Public Works Department continues to make steady progress across the parish. Crews recently completed approximately 900 feet of canal and ditch cleaning along the Bluebird Lateral Ditch, improving drainage capacity and system performance. Work continues across multiple capital and maintenance projects, including turf replacement at Val Riess Park on Fields 5 through 8, while concrete work at Val Riess is pending contract execution. Slabs have been poured at the Tot Lot and the Val Riess Shelter, marking continued progress on recreational facilities. Hyacinth removal operations are ongoing behind Meraux Lane, and work continues at the Farmsite/Torres Lift Station with crews addressing gravity lines and manholes. The Reggio Water Tower project has been completed, Fire Station #11 is currently awaiting materials, and crews are finalizing remaining punch list items at the Riverbend Force Main, with completion expected this week.

St. Bernard Parish will take part in several events commemorating the Battle of New Orleans, including:

- Thursday, January 8
Battle of New Orleans Commemoration Wreath Laying Ceremonies
 - Jackson Square (9:30 a.m.)
 - Chalmette Battlefield (11:00 a.m.)
- Friday, January 9
Daughters of the British Empire Wreath Laying Ceremony
 - Denis de La Ronde Ruins Site (10:00 a.m.)

Battle of New Orleans Historical Symposium

 - Nunez Community College Student Testing & Career Counseling Center
 - 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 10
Battle of New Orleans Historical Symposium
 - St. Bernard Cemetery (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Chalmette Battlefield Memorial Illumination Driving Tour

– Chalmette Battlefield (5:30 p.m.)

- Sunday, January 11

Jackson Day Race

– Aycock Barn (8:00 a.m.)

As we move further into the year, our focus remains on steady progress, responsible planning, and continued investment in the infrastructure and services that support our community. With strong coordination across departments and the continued support of the Council and our residents, we look forward to another productive year working to strengthen St. Bernard Parish and improve quality of life for everyone who calls it home.

Respectfully,



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Canals & Drainage

- Approximately 900 feet of canal/ditch cleaning completed along the Bluebird Lateral Ditch

Concrete, Sidewalk, and Drainage Repairs

- 316 Reiss Place – Driveway apron repair (140 sq. ft.)
- Val Riess Park – Walkway trip hazard repair (12 sq. ft.)
- 2705 Laplace Street – Sidewalk repair (48 sq. ft.)
- 1808 Kelly Road – 4 ft. of 15" pipe repair
- 5 Provincial Drive – Storm drain manhole junction box repair and sidewalk repair (80 sq. ft.)
- 709 Norton Avenue – Street panel repair (30 sq. ft.)
- 405 Lynx Drive – Driveway apron repair (429 sq. ft.)

Capital Projects

- Val Riess Turf – Working on turf replacement for Fields 5–8.
- Val Riess Concrete – awaiting contract signature.
- Tot Lot – Slab poured.
- Val Riess Shelter – Slab poured.
- Hyacinth Removal – currently working behind Meraux Lane.
- Farmsite/Torres Lift Station – Continuing work on gravity line and manholes.
- Fire Station #11 – Waiting on materials.
- Riverbend Force Main – Punch list being completed this week.

Asphalt Repairs

- A total of 492 square yards of asphalt were repaired at the following locations:

Meraux / Judge Perez Corridor

- Delille @ W. Judge Perez Drive
- W. Judge Perez Drive @ Ermine
- Buffon @ E. Genie

Chalmette – Paris Road / Buffon Area

- 2112 Buffon Street
- 2800 Paris Road
- 2900 Paris Road
- 3020 Paris Road

Chalmette – Jackson Boulevard Area

- 2707 Jackson Boulevard
- 2711 Jackson Boulevard
- 2921 Jackson Boulevard
- Jackson Boulevard @ N. Villere
- Marais @ Jackson

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- 513 Bayou Road
- Bayou Road @ Torres Drive
- A Street @ Louis Elam
- 2201 A Street
- 2209 A Street
- 4th Street @ Canal Street
- 6305 Canal Street

St. Bernard Highway Corridor

- 7601 E. St. Bernard Highway
- 7725 E. St. Bernard Highway
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- Theresa @ E. St. Bernard Highway

Old Arabi / St. Claude Area

- Delambert @ E. Urquhart
- E. Urquhart @ Laplace
- 213 E. Urquhart
- 209 E. Urquhart
- E. Girod @ Tournefort

Chalmette – Pakenham / Prosper Area

- 401 E. St. Avid
- 404 E. Prosper
- 302 E. Prosper
- 3315 Pakenham
- 3217 Pakenham

Violet / Lower Parish

- E. St. Jean Baptist (by laundromat)