

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PROGRESS REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRESIDENT HOTARD

It is my great privilege to serve the residents of St. John the Baptist Parish and to share with you this annual report—a reflection of what we've accomplished together over the past year and a look at where we're headed.

From historic infrastructure investments to improved emergency response, we've continued building a stronger, more resilient parish. Together, we've made bold strides: securing over \$120 million in funding for water and utility upgrades, completing major road and drainage improvements, and launching our first comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan in more than two decades.

But beyond the numbers, this year has been about restoring trust, rebuilding stronger, and keeping our residents at the center of everything we do. Whether it's supporting families through community services, expanding youth recreation programs, or strengthening public safety, our focus remains clear: deliver results that matter.

This progress belongs to all of us—made possible by hardworking parish employees, dedicated partners, and a community that never stops pushing forward. Thank you for continuing to believe in our parish and in what we can achieve together.

We're not just moving forward. We're building something stronger than before.

Jaclyn Hotard
Parish President



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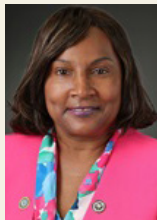
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ST. JOHN COUNCIL ON AGING

The St. John the Baptist Parish Council on Aging Senior Centers are aimed to enhance the quality of life for senior citizens living in St. John Parish.

Breakfast and lunch are served daily, and activities include Bingo, card games, birthday month celebrations, and sponsored field trips. All residents 60 years and over are welcome.



EAST BANK SENIOR CENTER

- 214 Regala Park Road, Reserve, LA 70084
- (985) 479-0272
- Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

WEST BANK SENIOR CENTER

- 3445 LA 18, Edgard, LA 70049
- (985) 267-1010
- Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department of Community Services provides financial assistance and case management services, educational programs, community resources, and emergency assistance to residents.

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS SERVED IN 2024:



For four years in a row, the Department of Community Services and Director Kali Price met 100% of the CSBDG and Louisiana Workforce Commission Annual Performance Standards.

To contact the Department of Community Services, please call (985) 536-4955.



PARKS & RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Swimming Lessons
- Tee Ball
- Soccer
- Summer Sports Clinics
- Baseball
- Flag Football
- Agility Clinics

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Line Dancing
- Water Aerobics
- Swimming Lessons

2024 SUMMER CLINICS

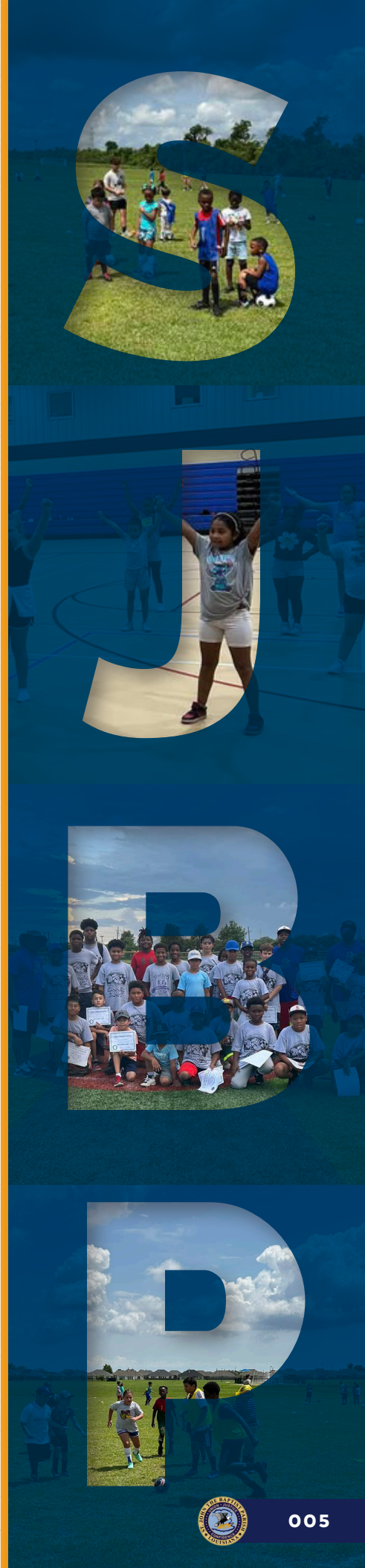


3rd YEAR PARTNERING WITH NFL & RCX SPORTS



To register for activities and sports, please call Parks & Recreation at 985-536-4933 or visit the website at sjbparish.gov.







THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

All emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities are coordinated through emergency preparedness.



WEATHER ALERTS

Get alerted about emergencies, such as severe weather, by texting **SJPWEATHER** to **888-777**.

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A woman with dark hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved dress, stands at a clear acrylic podium, speaking into a microphone. The podium features a circular seal of St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, which includes the text "ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH", "UNION • JUSTICE", "CONFIDENCE", and "LOUISIANA". The background is a white wall adorned with several identical circular seals of the same parish. To the right, a portion of another person in a white shirt is visible. The scene appears to be an outdoor or semi-outdoor event.





OFFICE OF FIRE SERVICES

The **St. John Parish Fire Department** is an all-hazards emergency response organization providing fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and technical rescue services to everyone who lives, works, or visits St. John the Baptist Parish.





**THE OFFICE OF FIRE SERVICES
RESPONDED TO A TOTAL OF
2,418 INCIDENTS IN 2024.**



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN 2024 THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Continued to work together with Louisiana Economic Development and the Small Business training center on the FastTrac program and other initiatives that help small business owners grow
- Hosted Job/Career Fairs for the community
- Partnered with the Small Business Administration to host workshops/seminars

25 WORKSHOPS
INCLUDING **SBDC**

98 OCCUPATIONAL
LICENSES ISSUED

42 CAREER/JOB
FAIR VENDOR
PARTICIPANTS

16,497 ANDOUILLE
FESTIVAL ATTENDANTS

26 RIBBON
CUTTINGS

28 FASTTRAC
GRADUATES IN 2024.
287 TOTAL





WATER PROJECTS:

- ## WASTEWATER PROJECTS:

- Cambridge Pump Station Modifications and Force Main Replacement
- Woodland Regional Pump Station Project
- Sewer Force Main Extension Connection from River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant to Reserve Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Central Lift Station Rehabilitation

- Garyville Pump Station and Force Main Project
- Belle Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant Demolition
- Cambridge #2, Cambridge #3 and Ned Duhe Lift Station Rehabilitations
- Ezekial Jackson and Esperanza Lift Station Rehabilitations
- River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Clarifier Rehabilitation
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Repairs
- River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Temporary Belt Press
- Reserve Wastewater Treatment Pond Capacity Expansion

OTHER PROJECTS:

- West Shore Levee Water Line Project
- Hurricane Ida Utilities Damage Assessments

OVER **\$160 MILLION**
DEDICATED TO UTILITIES
IMPROVEMENTS



ST. JOHN

THE BAPTIST PARISH

To report water or wastewater issues, call 985-651-6800 Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For after-hours emergencies, call 911.





PUBLIC WORKS

The St. John the Baptist Parish Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining:

- Roadways • Roadsides • Drainage
- The collection of debris on more than 400 miles of roads, major canals, and ditches throughout the parish.



OVER 5,000 WORK ORDERS COMPLETED IN 2024



“We will continue to aggressively pursue funding for much-needed drainage improvements.”

- PARISH PRESIDENT HOTARD

For more information or to make a Public Works request, call (985) 652-4815 or visit sjbparish.gov.

PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Department works to shape the future of St. John by implementing the parish's plans and resilience projects, while coordinating with local, state, and federal policies. The department works with residents and businesses to review and issue building permits, respond to code violations, and manage coastal and floodplain development.



**884 PERMITS
ISSUED SINCE
JANUARY 2024**

**968 VIOLATIONS
CLOSED SINCE
JANUARY 2024**



TO REPORT A CONCERN

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**Help us keep
St. John the Baptist
Parish beautiful!**

 **985-359-1185**

 **www.mgoconnect.org/cp/portal**



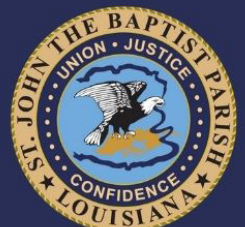
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JUNKED VEHICLES



TALL GRASS & WEEDS



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LEVEE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

18.5
MILE RISK
REDUCTION
SYSTEM

8 FLOOD
WALLS

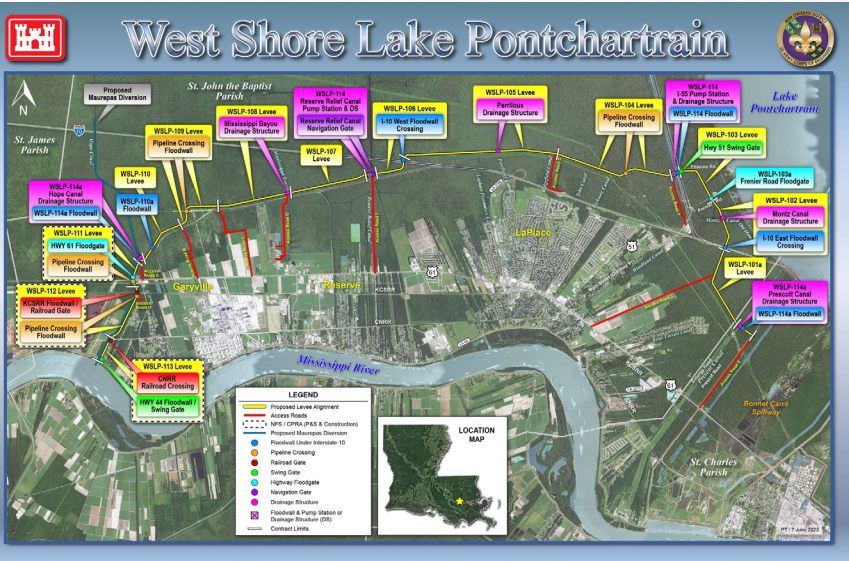
3
GATES

13.2
MILES OF
LEVEES

7 DRAINAGE
STRUCTURES

2
PUMP
STATIONS

11 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
AWARDED **\$683 MILLION**





THE AWARD WINNING ANDOUILLE FESTIVAL WAS A SMOKIN' GOOD TIME!

The festival took place October 18th through the 20th on the Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park grounds located off Hwy 51 in LaPlace. The three-day festival was filled with delicious food and arts and crafts from over thirty local vendors. There were kids' tents, a gospel tent, rides, games, and live music for everyone to enjoy.

The Andouille Festival won two awards at the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Convention (LAFF): Best Marketing and Best Poster, created by local artist Dana Bardell.

Miss Andouille Layla Jackson also represented the festival in the LAFF Queen of Queens Pageant.







STRONG





In continuing with major wastewater improvements Parishwide, Parish President Hotard spearheaded a ribbon on the Cambridge Pump Station & Woodland Wastewater Treatment Plant Decommission Project.



Parish President Hotard joined the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, CPRA, and many stakeholders and officials, for the groundbreaking of the River Reintroduction into the Maurepas Swamp Project which will revitalize over 45,000 acres near Hope Canal with freshwater, sediment and nutrients.



Parish President Hotard presents Drainage Master Plan, marking another major step forward in addressing drainage concerns across the Parish.

WHAT'S NEXT



MAJOR **WATER**
AND WASTEWATER
IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE



ANIMAL SHELTER
EXPANSION



DRAINAGE MASTER
PLAN COMPLETION



WEST SHORE **LAKE**
PONTCHARTRAIN
PROJECT CONTINUES



50th ANNIVERSARY
ANDOUILLE FESTIVAL



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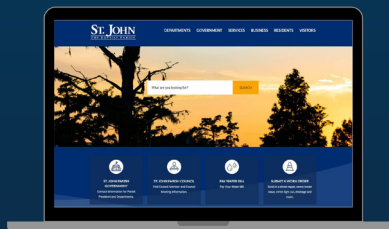
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FOR UTILITIES EMERGENCIES CALL (985) 652-6338