

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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A MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRESIDENT HOTARD

It is a great honor to continue serving you and the resilient people of St. John the Baptist as Parish President. Our first term review reveals that we persevered and delivered on promises despite unprecedented and unexpected disasters challenging us. We overcame the setbacks caused by a pandemic and a devastating hurricane and rebuilt and revived our parish to new strengths.

Our primary investment throughout 2023 was in bold, new infrastructure upgrades. We secured over \$120 million to comprehensively improve our drinking water systems, ensure better water quality, and improve reliability on both sides of the river. We overhauled our dilapidated wastewater treatment system. We commissioned a drainage master plan to address our drainage problems, an achievement 20 years in the making.

As we worked to enhance quality of life, our recreation department enjoyed record enrollments in youth programs, supporting the development of our next generation. Post-Hurricane Ida, we repaired parish buildings, fire stations, over 100 wastewater facilities, and streetlights, restoring normalcy.

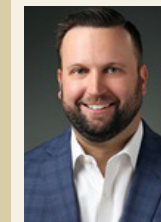
As we look ahead, balancing community and industry growth is vital. With projected capital investments of \$50 billion in Louisiana, over 30 years, we will strive to remain competitive while preserving our community's uniqueness.

I appreciate the support of our council members and look forward to collaborating with each of them to enhance districts and better serve you. Prioritizing our community's needs, we remain focused on community engagement to shape the future of St. John the Baptist Parish together.



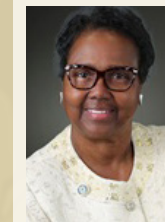
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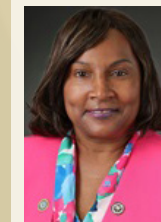
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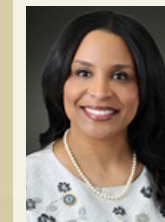
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ST. JOHN COUNCIL ON AGING

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.

The East Bank Senior Center is located at 214 Regala Park Road, Reserve, and can be reached at 985-479-0272. The West Bank Senior Center is located at 3445 LA 18, Edgard, and can be reached at 985-267-1010.



• East Bank Senior Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays.

• West Bank Senior Center hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.



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

- 219 COATS FOR KIDS
- 464 LIHWAP
- 257 FOOD VOUCHERS
- 463 DUPLICATED COMMODITIES
- 74 ELDERLY FOOD SERVICES
- 348 UNDUPLICATED COMMODITIES
- LIHEAP 1219 / CRISIS LIHEAP 238

For three 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.

- DISASTERS SERVICED 2
- 11 RENTALS
- TUITION / BOOKS 3
- 103 VITA
- 1 CLOTHING
- TRANSPORTATION 1



PARKS & RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Art
- Volleyball
- Line Dancing
- Yoga
- Water Aerobics
- Tennis Clinic

The Mission of the St. John the Baptist Parish Parks & Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for all parish residents by providing well-maintained parks and facilities, outstanding programs, as well as activities for the community.

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





WEST BANK MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX



PUBLIC SAFETY

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





Public Safety continues to use real-time emergencies and state and federal training to ensure that our parish is prepared for and equipped to respond to any event. This Department leads hurricane response efforts and is an active participant in the Waterford 3 Nuclear Drills.



WEATHER ALERTS

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

STAY CONNECTED!

-  sjbparish.gov
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-  instagram.com/stjohnthebaptistparish



ANIMAL SHELTER RENOVATION PROJECT



The project will include a 1,270 square-foot addition to the existing facility that is made up of two separate buildings. This project will connect, reorganize, and renovate the two existing facilities, while also adding new veterinary spaces.





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.


CONDUCTED
94 FIRE
SAFETY
EDUCATION
TRAINING
SESSIONS

RESPONDED
TO 2,016
INCIDENTS

INSTALLED OVER
200 
SMOKE ALARMS

TRAINING
SESSIONS
REACHED
2,300
RESIDENTS


5 MEMBERS
COMPLETED
CONFINED
SPACE & ROPE
COURSES



Hurricane Ida repairs are completed to all fire stations & facilities.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Under Parish President Hotard's leadership, the St. John the Baptist Parish Department of Economic Development

- Completed the Louisiana Economic Development's Louisiana Development Ready Communities Program.
- Partnered with CAFA (Capital Area Finance Authority), in which qualified homebuyers are allocated grant funds that can be used for down payments, closing costs, prepaid items, and even for assistance with private mortgage insurance costs.
- Continued to work together with Louisiana Economic Development and Small Business Training Center on the FASTTRAC program and other initiatives that help small business owners grow.
- Partnered with the Small Business Administration to host workshops/seminars.
- Hosted Job/Career Fairs for the community.

\$12 MILLION
IN CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS
& OVER 70
PROJECTS

CLEANEST
CITY AWARDS:
GARYVILLE,
PLEASURE BEND,
RESERVE &
WALLACE



RIVER PARISH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

34 FASTTRAC
GRADUATES IN 2023,
259 TOTAL

12
RIBBON
CUTTINGS

ANDOUILLE
FESTIVAL
ATTENDANCE
21,115

98
WORKSHOPS

WIOA
TRAINING
112

163 WIOA
CREDENTIAL
STATUS

JOB
REFERRALS
1,120

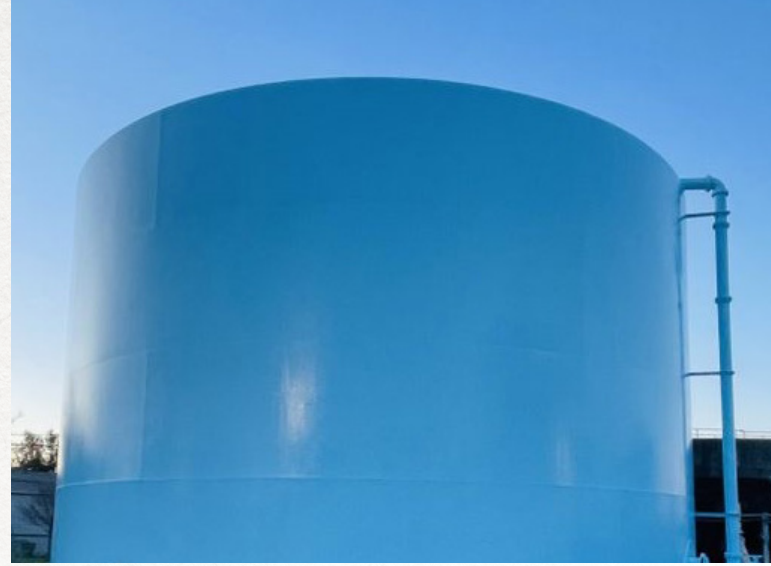
1,547
INDIVIDUAL
SERVICES
RECEIVED

100 WIOA
PROGRAM
COMPLETIONS

WIOA PROVIDER'S
REFERRAL & PROGRAM
STATUS **50**

2,649
SERVICES
PROVIDED TO
EMPLOYERS





UTILITIES

The Utilities Department supplies wastewater and water services to our citizens, businesses, and industries. It also monitors our water systems and makes necessary repairs.

Utilities is working on a \$60 million project to upgrade all parish Water Treatment Facilities and \$40 million in projects for wastewater.

ONGOING WATER PROJECTS:

- Cambridge Pump Station Modifications and Force Main Replacement
- Woodland Regional Pump Station
- Sewer Force Main Extension Connection from River Road WWTP to Reserve Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Central Lift Station Rehabilitation
- Garyville Pump Station and Force Main
- Belle Pointe WWTP Demolition
- Cambridge #2, Cambridge #3 and Ned Duhe Lift Station Rehabilitations
- Ezekial Jackson and Esperanza Lift Station Rehabilitations
- West 13th, East 13th, and West 8th Lift Station Rehabilitations

- River Forest No. 1 Lift Station
- Gravity Sewer Smoke Testing
- Gravity Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation
- Main Street Lift Station Improvements
- River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Clarifier Rehabilitation
- Maintenance Repairs at River Road WWTP, Garyville WWTP, Wallace WWTP, Tigerville WWTP, and Central WWTP
- River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Temporary Belt Press
- New 1 MGD Wastewater Treatment Pond on the West Bank
- Reserve Wastewater Treatment Pond Capacity Expansion
- Elevated Water Tower and Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project

ONGOING WASTEWATER PROJECTS:

- Lions Electrical Building Project
- Lions One MGD Filter, Sludge Return, and Existing Media Filter Replacement
- Water Transmission Line (Mississippi River to Woodland Drive)
- LaPlace Water Intake Pump Station and Pre-Treatment Facility
- Expansion of Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility

208
LIFT
STATIONS

119
FORCE
MAIN
LINES

211
MILES
OF GRAVITY
LINES

80 CAN
STATIONS





PUBLIC WORKS

The St. John the Baptist Parish Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining roadways, roadsides, drainage, and the collection of debris on more than 400 miles of roads, major canals, and ditches throughout the parish. The department's annual operating budget includes funding for solid waste, drainage, maintenance, equipment and roads and bridges.

Parish President Jaclyn Hotard continues to secure grants to remove debris from canals Parishwide. Phase 2 of the National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Canal Cleaning Project is nearly complete. To date, approximately \$2.5 million has been allocated for canal cleaning.



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

- PARISH PRESIDENT HOTARD

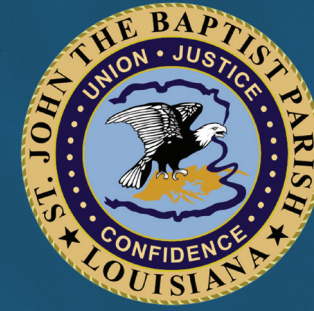
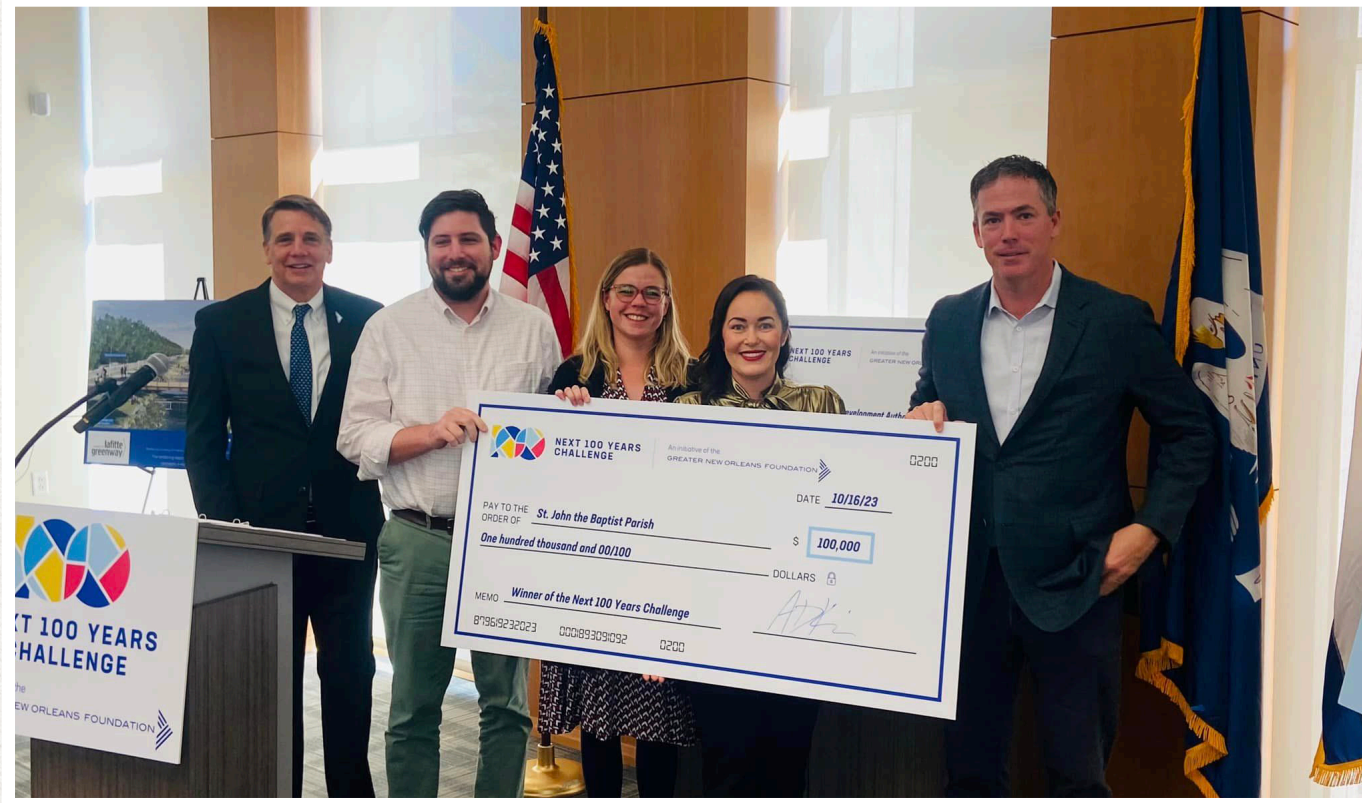
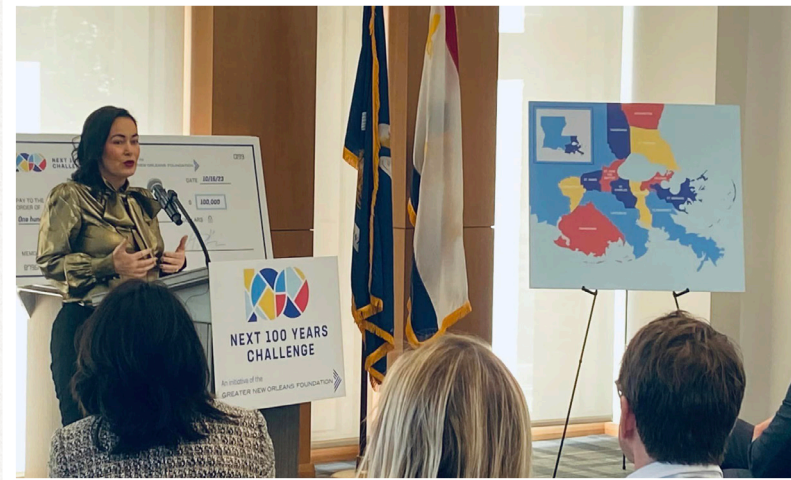
For more information or to make a Public Works request, call (985) 652-4815 or visit sjbparish.gov.



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, businesses, and the parish administration to review and issue building permits, respond to code violations, and manage coastal and floodplain development.

1,129
PERMITS
ISSUED
IN 2023



NEED A PERMIT?

Applicants can now apply online for the following types of permits

mygovernmentonline.org

- Residential / Commercial
New Construction
Additions
Renovations
- Mobile Homes
- Trades
Generators
Solar Panels
- Accessory Structures
- Demolition



LEVEE

CONSTRUCTION

CONTINUES

3 STOCKPILE CONTRACTS & MULTIPLE MITIGATION BANKS CONTRACTS AWARDED

4,800 FEET OF SAND BASE COMPLETED

8 LEVEE REACH CONTRACTS AWARDED

9 LAND BRIDGE ACCESS ROADS COMPLETED

5,300 FEET OF CANAL EXCAVATION COMPLETED

1 PILE LOAD TEST CONTRACT AWARDED

2/3 OF STOCKPILING CONTRACT COMPLETED





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

The 48th Annual St. John the Baptist Parish Andouille Festival was held on October 20th, 21st, and 22nd in LaPlace with a record-breaking crowd of more than 21,000 people.

It featured live music, a new ride vendor, kid's activities, and great food featuring andouille! The Andouille Festival was also selected as the winner of "Best Festival" and "Best Outdoor Event" in L'Observateur's "Best of the River Parishes" Contest. The Andouille Festival also received awards for best poster (artist Dana Bardell) and best button/pin at the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Convention.

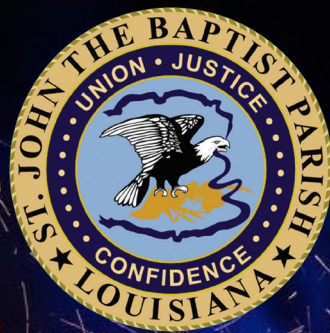
The festival is presented by St. John the Baptist Parish, along with Marathon Petroleum Company LP, and held on the grounds of the Community Center. Join us for this year's festival, October 18th through October 20th, 2024.





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FOR AN EMERGENCY

Call 911

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

(985) 652-2222

PARISH PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL

(985) 652-9569

UTILITIES EMERGENCY LINE

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191 (Comcast Xfinity), 99 (AT&T U-Verse)

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EMERGENCY MESSAGING

Visit sjbparish.gov to register for mass notifications and e-releases or call the Communications Department at (985) 652-9569. Text SJPWEATHER to 888-777 for weather alerts.

RADIO

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transmits emergency information
