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 Parish Council (225) 562-2400
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 President's Office (225) 562-2260
 Recreation (225) 562-2337
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 St. James Parish Hospital (225) 869-5512
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 School Board (225) 258-4500

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Welcome (225) 562-2463
 Lutcher (225) 562-2878
 Convent (225) 562-2299
 Vacherie (225) 562-2568
 Sheriff's Office (225) 562-2200
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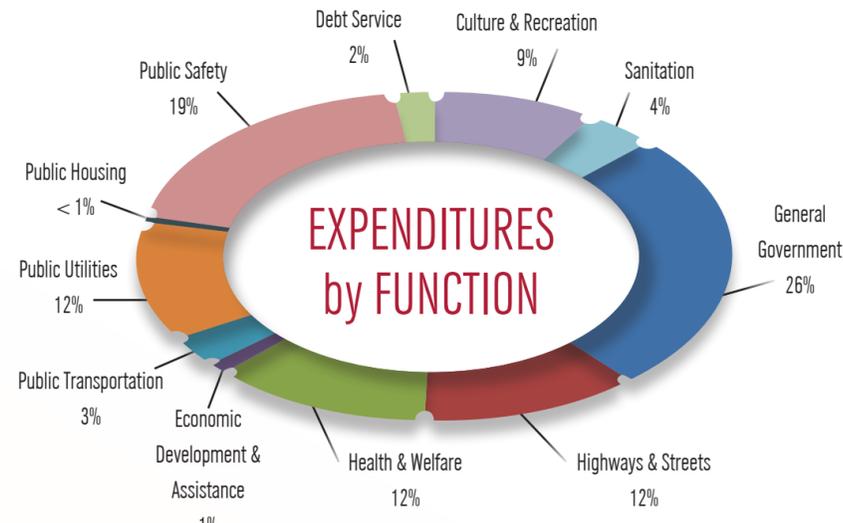
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YEAR 2019 BUDGET



2019 EXPENDITURES \$45.1 MILLION

2019 REVENUES \$41.1 MILLION A DECREASE OF \$2.3 MILLION

FROM 2018 REVISED REVENUES

2019 REVENUE FROM TAXES 43%

2019 SALES TAX REVENUES \$7.6 MILLION

ST. JAMES BUSINESS AND CAREER SOLUTIONS CENTER

COURTHOUSE ANNEX
2631 HWY 20
VACHERIE, LA 70090
(225) 562-2458

Small business owners are encouraged to visit the St. James Business and Career Solutions Center to receive assistance with small businesses and career searches. The office provides resources, one-on-one consultations, and hosts workshops through the year. The following partnerships make these opportunities available:

- Louisiana Economic Development (LED)
- South Central Planning
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
- SCORE
- St. James Parish School Board
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

FOR PARK RENTAL INFORMATION:

Call Natalie Bodin, Recreation Office: 225-562-2337

District 2-Lutcher Park and Pavilion

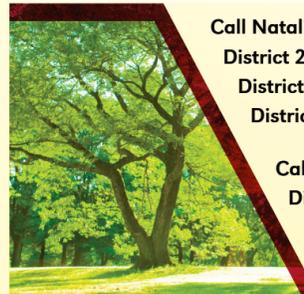
District 3-Paulina Park and Pavilion

District 4-Convent Community Center

Call Tammie Bodin, Utilities Office: 225-562-2415

District 6-Magnolia Park/West Bank Hall

District 7-South Vacherie Park



PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
NEW ORLEANS, LA
PERMIT NO. 2250

ST. JAMES PARISH
5800 CANATELLA STREET
CONVENT, LOUISIANA 70723

VISION

We envision a thriving St. James Parish community in which economic and social gains prevail and all people grow, prosper, and live productive, healthy lives while preserving our culture and heritage.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. James Parish Government works together with community, business, industry, and agriculture to provide resources and services to improve our quality of life.



"stjamesparishla.gov" is the new domain for St. James Parish Employee E-mails and website.



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STATE of the
PARISH



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Timothy P. Roussel St. James Parish President

On behalf of the Parish Council, administration, and employees of St. James Parish, it is my privilege and honor to present the 2019 State of the Parish report. St. James Parish Government continues to work diligently to provide the best services for the residents. Please take the time to review highlights, accomplishments, and updates which enable us to celebrate our achievements together.

Through it all, I believe St. James Parish continues to prosper as our community expands to welcome new residents, businesses, and industries. By working together, we can build a stronger St. James Parish for all of our residents.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018 INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Completed the re-roofing of the Parish jail
- Lowest parish unemployment rate at 4.3
- Implemented a new HRIS/Payroll platform to improve efficiency and offers employees a portal for increased transparency regarding pay and benefits
- Refurbished and restored the exterior of the Welcome & Convent water towers, and the storage tank at the East Bank Water Treatment Plant
- St. James Parish recertified through the National Flood Insurance Program with a Class 7 rating, which resulted in a 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums for residents living in flood zones
- Continuous collaboration with the Next25 Group, St. James Parish School Jump Start Program, River Parishes Community College, and ACT Work Ready Community to prepare students for technical jobs, training and certifications to enhance employability with local industries
- Completed the Highway 44 gas and water main improvement project
- Completed transition to mass notification system via email, text, land-line phone and cell phone
- Completed the culvert placement/ditch digging project from North Vacherie to Highway 3127
- Partnered with Apache Industrial Services for work force training and employment commitments
- Completed the painting and renovating of District 2 and District 5 park pavilions

I am honored to serve the residents of St. James Parish and proud of our employees and their accomplishments. I will continue to work long hours with a spirit of enthusiasm for all our residents, because St. James Parish is a great place to grow, work, live, and prosper together.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Roussel
St. James Parish President

42 new residential construction permits

18 new commercial construction permits

623 million gallons of water sold

550 businesses
33 industries

480 million cubic feet of natural gas sold

25 new mobile home permits

Home to **21,037** residents

Serviced more than **72,081** patrons at both libraries, 26,400 books checked out, and 128,754 items available for public use

984 youth recreation participants

82 fitness center participants

105 men's softball participants

TOURISM:
In-State Visitors 3,353
Out-of-State Visitors 864
International Visitors 244
Telephone Calls:
14,928 Emergency 9-1-1
42,015 Administrative

30 unemployed received jobs
705 registered senior citizens
326 individuals received utility assistance
137 families benefited from the toy/coat drive
46,000 homebound meal delivered
3,188 transit riders

FUTURE PROJECTS:

- Identifying and Recording Servitudes & Right-of-Ways
- Relocating youth soccer and youth baseball to opposite parks
- Adding Splash park to District 5
- A project enhancing Storm Surge Protection
- Alternate Access Route in District 5
- Bayou Chevreuil/Highway 20 Widening Project

SOCIAL SERVICES

Department of Human Resources,
Community Action Agency

New Mission Statement: To work in collaboration with community partners to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency among residents of St. James Parish, by providing social services and educational resources that improve their quality of life.

Eight new members of the St. James Parish Youth Commission were sworn into office. Youth Commissioners get to experience the

world of politics and understand the way legislative decisions affect the community.

Three St. James Parish YouthBuild/Work Ready students sign employment commitment contracts through the Apache Industrial Apprenticeship Program. After a 15 week program, the graduates will be hired fulltime by Apache.

5 students received HSET Certifications

50 students opened savings accounts

LIBRARY SERVICES

S.T.E.M CAMP
STORY HOUR
SUMMER PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
(LSR, NUCOR, SHELL, MOSAIC,
ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOLS)



Proudly introducing the brand new St. James Parish Library Book Mobile, for all of your "books on the geaux" needs! For more information about receiving book deliveries, contact 869-3618.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

St. James Parish Drainage crew continues to seek grants of servitudes on ditches and canals to improve drainage throughout the Parish. Ongoing work with engineers to study drainage systems and provide solutions is a main priority.

St. James Parish Operations crew has replaced the old, wooden dock with a more durable, concrete dock at the Red Falgoust Boat Launch.

WELCOME/TOURIST CENTER

The mural at the St. James Parish Welcome Tourist Center received a much needed facelift.

The Welcome Center offers several unique opportunities for visitors and locals, a like.



Hurricane Checklist

- ▷ Food (3-day supply)
- ▷ Baby Supplies
- ▷ Personal Items
- ▷ Children's Supplies
- ▷ Sanitary Items
- ▷ Clothing + Bedding
- ▷ Battery-operated Radio
- ▷ Extra Batteries
- ▷ NOAA Weather Radio
- ▷ Waterproof Flashlights
- ▷ Cleanup Supplies
- ▷ Important Documents
- ▷ Driver's License or Some Form of identification
- ▷ Social Security Cards
- ▷ Birth Certificates
- ▷ Proof of Residence (deed or lease)
- ▷ Extra Cash
- ▷ Household Inventory (photo or video)
- ▷ Pet Veterinary Records
- ▷ Safety Supplies
- ▷ Prescriptions
- ▷ Medications (7-day supply)
- ▷ List of Each Family Member's Prescriptions, Medications, Dosage and Schedule
- ▷ First Aid Supplies

Volunteer Fire Departments Seek Firefighters

The St. James Parish Volunteer Fire Departments are accepting applications for volunteer firefighters. In addition to saving lives and property during a fire, volunteer firefighters provide rescue and emergency medical services.

The Parish fire departments are accepting applications for volunteer firefighters. For more information or to sign up, call (225) 562-2266.

St. James Parish 911

The St. James Parish 911-Dispatch/Radio Room received a make-over featuring a more comfortable, integrative, and ergonomic space for dispatchers to work more efficiently.

Requests

Requests such as Tree Limb Pick Up/Ditch Digging and Public Records can now be made online. Go to www.stjamesparishla.gov, select How Do I... from the menu bar then select the request option you would like to make, fill out the form, and submit.



Our community is stronger when we work towards bridging the gap between poverty and self-sufficiency.