

# STATE OF SCOTT 2024



#### WATER SECTOR GRANT

The 1st phase of the water sector grant has been completed on Marie Street and Provost Street. These grant dollars helped to improve water capacity deficiencies, as well as improve our fire protection resulting in better scoring for

our PIAL rating. A special thanks to Grooms Engineering for their hard work in securing these dollars to improve our infrastructure, thus Improving our citizens' quality of life.



- ✓ LA 93 Traffic study has been approved by DOTD. We have submitted to the state for capital outlay dollars. We are beginning geotechnical, surveying, right of way acquisition, and preliminary design work to make necessary improvements to this corridor to improve safety, traffic management, and promote future economic growth. We are optimistic, with the support of DOTD and our state legislature, to begin work on this project by summer of 2024.
- Improving and expanding our gas infrastructure. The City of Scott has extended gas to the newly formed Payton Woods subdivision and awaiting phase 1 of homes to be built.
- ✓ Apollo Utilities Phase II-A has begun. This project is the expansion of sewer capacity towards the new phase of Apollo. This will allow us to pick up customers in the Waters complex, as well as any future development in this area.

- ✓ The City of Scott and LCG executed a CEA to overlay and stripe the eastern section
  of Dulles drive from Westgate Road to the Apollo Roundabout. This project is
  complete.
- ✓ Westward Heights survey work has been completed. We will proceed to Phase II, which will be right of way, servitude, utility relocation, and construction.
- ✓ Apollo Road from Benoit Patin to Cameron Street is now complete and all lane striping/signal changes have been installed. A special thanks to DOTD and Siema construction for their continued partnership with the City of Scott and its infrastructure improvements.
- ✓ Cameron Street overlay project is complete.

## This is RAM COUNTRY

The aesthetic improvements at the Rue De Belier and Dulles roundabout are to showcase "OUR" Acadiana High School. Designed to focus on the 4 pillars of education and our mascot, the roundabout will feature 4 Rams on pedestals and the educational pillars of learning to be, to know, to live with, and to learn. Once a Ram, Always a Ram!!



## APOLLO ROAD PHASE II & III has Opened!

Apollo Road officially opened Thursday, December 14th. A special thank you to Siema and Fenstermaker for their due diligence and professionalism in seeing this project come to fruition. A big thank you to all the visionaries, property owners, prior administrations, and council members who made this all possible.

This project encompassed 3 major components:

- 1. Drainage
- 2. Traffic Mitigation
- 3. Economic Development Opportunities

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during the process and we look forward to the growth that will follow it.





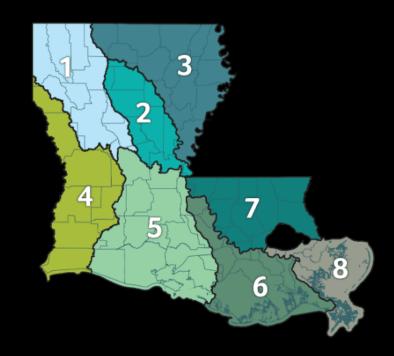
Our Public Works cleaned 12,850 ft. of ditches and 3,400 ft. of channels maintaining focus on mitigating flood risk throughout our community.

The City of Scott and LCG executed an IGA to do flushing work of sub surface drains and culverts. The agreement allowed LCG to flush, vacuum, and pressure clean areas of concern within our city limits. This improves storage, remove obstructions, and increase water conveyance within our subdivisions. Streets included Emerald Gardens, Stephen, Chip, Caroline, Provost, Harvest Pointe, Cheyenne Circle/Drive, Grass streets, Judice Oaks, and Westward Heights, Sylvia, Rockne, Notre Dame, and West Park. The flushing partnership with LCG is complete and over 30,000 ft of subsurface and roadside channels were cleaned resulting in the removal of over 300 cubic yds of silt, debris, and dirt.

Old Spanish Trail and St. Mary Street sidewalk/drainage projects are both in ROW acquisition period. We are optimistic to secure this right of way to begin construction by the fall of this year. Stay tuned.



LWI (Louisiana Watershed Initiative) has begun the demolition of properties who voluntarily entered their flood prevention program. As of today, LWI has closed 15 properties within the downtown area of Scott. Most of these are located on Lafayette, Scott, St. Louis and Blanche streets. These properties, once restored to their original state, will then be turned over to the city to preserve and provide green space, passive park options, and to prevent potential future flooding in this special flood hazard area.





#### FINANCIAL STATUS

The City of Scott financial status remains strong. We received our annual audit report last evening and we continue to remain fiscally responsible with the taxpayer dollars. For the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the City of Scott finished within 1% of both revenues and expenditures and maintained an operating surplus of 1.6 million. With the continued growth and investment into our community, we continue to be

cognizant of our spending to ensure we don't let the growth outpace the infrastructure. A special thanks to our city clerk, accounting clerk, our police and fire chief, and council for their focus on remaining financially healthy and fiscally conservative.



#### CAPITAL OUTLAY DOLLARS

The City of Scott was able to secure some capital outlay dollars in this year's legislative session. However, the Governor did veto our top priority capital outlay request, the LA 93 North improvements. Here is what we received:

LA 93 Roadway Improvements- I-10 Ramp to Renaud Drive, Planning, Construction, and Land Acquisition (Lafayette)

Payable from General Obligation Bonds
Priority 1 \$ 1,000,000
Priority 5 \$ 2,495,000
Total \$ 3,495,000

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY DOLLARS

Eraste Landry Road Extension, Planning and Construction (Lafayette)

Payable from General Obligation Bonds

Priority 1 \$ 1,175,000

Priority 5 \$ 7,832,000

Total \$ 9,007,000

Water and Sewer Line Installation along Apollo Road Extension, Planning and Construction (Lafayette)

Payable from General Obligation Bonds

Priority 1 \$ 2,513,750

Payable from State General Fund (Direct) Non-Recurring Revenues \$355,250

Total \$ 2,869,000

#### **GROWTH**



- √\$505 Million Gross Sales Tax Generated
- ✓ Operating Surplus 1.6 Million
- ✓ Yearly taxable sales increase to 8.5 million, the highest mark on record for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year. Up 11% from the previous year.
- √ 6 New Subdivisions Under Development with 162 lots
  - Estates at West Village Phase 2 26 lots
  - West Village Annex Phase 1 69 lots
  - Sutton Place Phase 2 67 lots
- √ 40 New Businesses in 2023

## **GROWTH**



- ✓ A strip mall has been constructed on southeast corner of Cameron and Apollo. This site is anchored by Louisiana Orthopedic Specialists with 2 parcels available for future business. We look forward to enticing new business to our community.
- ✓ We recently celebrated the grand opening of the following:

PJ's Coffee

**Peach Cobbler Factory** 

Grab - N - Geaux

Plush Box Spa

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary care facility

Louise Lane Boutique

Walker First Turn

Nestled & Co.

Em & Co Salon

Daily Deals

American Windshield

Southern Advance Process

LOS Urgent Care / Physical Therapy

LUS Fiber

Fontenot Family Dentistry

✓ Construction is currently underway for several developments including Payton Woods, the Waters, Harvest Creek, and the Pines.



Water line improvements in the City of Scott



**LGAP - \$31K** 

Painting, Siding and Window Repair and other structural improvements at the Begnaud House

#### KLB – Keep Louisiana Beautiful Grant

10 Trash Receptacles:

Scott Park

**Begnaud House** 

Memrancook Park



The City of Scott closed on the property north of Scott Park. This additional acquisition of 37 acres will allow us to expand our recreational footprint and continue our mission to improve our quality of life. Our public works staff has been working tirelessly to remove trees and clear property for land leveling to occur and is now removing old fencing to allow for easier access and maintenance. We look forward to seeing future renderings of potential recreational components we may add.

## Growth at SCOTT PARK

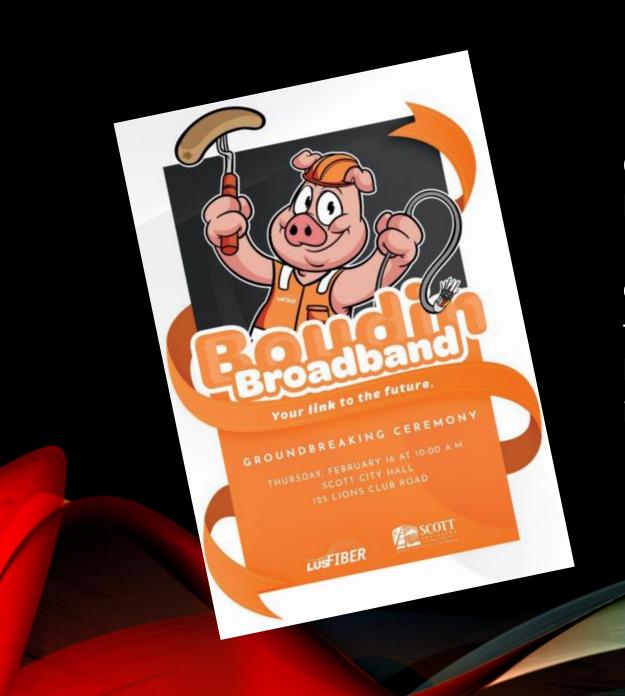
We have secured an agreement with TESLA to secure a super charging station off Interstate 10. Continuing our focus on being more progressive and innovative, we are excited about this potential partnership and opportunity. This project will be fully funded by TESLA, and we hope to secure more visitors to our community through this partnership.





The City of Scott is now an LDRC designation (Louisiana Development Ready Community). The opportunities to continue our growth, improve our infrastructure, create additional job placement, while continuing to invest in our people is enhanced by this designation. The partnership between LED, LEDA, and the City of Scott allows us to maximize our assets and create a more vibrant, attractive community through our strengths. This designation, the 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lafayette parish, allows us the ability to expand our economic base, take advantage of our geographic location off I-10, and become more attractive to businesses, investors, and developers throughout the region.





Boudin Broadband has expanded to the City of Scott! We are excited about businesses and residences having access to LUS Fiber's network offering a more robust connectivity of high-quality, high-speed fiber broadband for communication, online learning, telehealth and managing business in a digital economy.



#### **FHWA**

The City of Scott applied for the FHWA recreational trails program. The intention is to provide trails along Coulee Iles Des Cannes creating more access to walking, biking, and nature activities. We look forward to creating more opportunities for people to stay connected while creating quality of life components for all.



#### **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

With the rapid rate of growth within the city, both commercially and residentially, we are near capacity with our 30-year old plant. We must start the design process and plans for a new one to handle what we have currently and how to prepare for future expansion.



## Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of Scott has officially adopted its Comprehensive Plan update. We will now begin working on ordinance amendments and land use adjustments to reflect the discussions, suggestions, and opinions of our residents. We will be ensuring our growth does not outpace our infrastructure and that we capitalize on how we grow.

The City of Scott has added a concerns, complaints, and compliment tab to its website/app. I highly recommend you send in all inquiries here, so that we can address appropriately and expeditiously. We thank you in advance for your commitment to the betterment of our community. Remember positivity goes a long way.



#### PROVOST POND PLAYGROUND

Playground equipment has been installed at the Provost Pond. We are super excited about the added recreational equipment which will maintain, improve, and sustain our quality-of-life initiatives. This park is OPEN to the entire public and is the first PUBLIC playground equipment to be installed on the southern portion of our community. The Provost Pond amenity also has a walking trail and fishing pier open to the public. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries has fully stocked the pond for catch and release.





#### SCOTT POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Detective Division assigned 97 cases, closed out 58 cases and made 37 arrests and recovering \$30,001 in property returned to victims.
- 43 drug arrests effectively taking drugs off our streets.
- Ordinance Enforcement was assigned 75 violation complaints, with 55 of those resolved back into compliance, 2 pending and 23 issued citations and referred to court.
- SRO program is very successful with the officers having a great relationship with the administration while positively mentoring the kids.

Great job Chief Leger and all our men and women in blue!





## SCOTT FIRE DEPARTMENT

992 Incidents in 2023 1,120.4 Total Hours Spent on Emergency Incidents

Station 51 – Lions Club Road	29.44%	292 calls
Station 52 – Dulles Drive	35.69%	354 calls
Station 53 – Rue Bon Secours	34.88%	346 calls

## FIRE PREVENTION

The Scott Fire Department has adopted the latest Life Safety Codes for enforcement.

371 Inspections Conducted by Fire inspectors.

446 Violation Found; 357 have been corrected to date.











#### Congratulations

to all our newly elected council members:

Mark Moreau

Lee Domingue

**Blaine Roy** 

as well as our returning council members:

Doyle Boudreaux

**Terry Montoucet** 

A big congratulations to our Chief of Police, Chad Leger, for earning his 6th term at the City of Scott's Chief of Police. I relish the opportunity and look forward to serving alongside these tremendous servant leaders in creating a better future for us.



Envision Scott, a local Scott chamber of commerce, was announced at the Scott Business Appreciation banquet this October. An organization that will be business driven focusing on retention, education, sustainability, and economic growth within our community. Please join us in promoting the entrepreneurial spirit throughout Scott.

As part of Envision Scott, we also announced a leadership program called V.I.S.I.O.N. Scott that will be a subsidiary of the chamber. A wonderful opportunity to locate, educate, and cultivate future leaders in our community.





Veteran's Memorial at the Rail dedication was a beautiful and memorable event celebrated on Veterans Day, November 11. A special thanks to our contractor, architect, VMR committee, council, public works, police, fire, and, most importantly, our vets and their families. We now get to visit, in perpetuity, a beautiful memorial to honor and pay respects to our veterans. God Bless America.











Our 11th annual Household Hazardous Waste Day was a huge success, and we were able to dispose of hazardous materials safely and keep those items out of our ditches/waterways. A special thanks to all our volunteers, especially our local cub/boy scouts, Acadiana High school students, our councilmen Terry Montoucet and Lee Domingue, our public works staff, our city engineers Mark Savoy and Earl Paddock, our Acadiana high principal's Layne Edelman and Erin Atkins, as well as our former principal of AHS, Mr. David Lejeune for their assistance in our annual Sweep Scott event. We removed over 75 bags of trash from our roads, ditches, and intersections.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

Mr. Rick Martinez has done a FABULOUS job of promoting our Tourist Information Center:

### La Maison de Begnaud

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Cajun House Party Jams – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month The French Table – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month Bouree' Games – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

Diner et Danse celebrating Mardi Gras

Easter at the Begnaud House

Dejeuner et Danse in May for Mothers' Day

Independence Day Celebration with Fireworks

Dejeuner et Danse in August for Back to School

Christmas Market in December

Christmas Trees on Parade







## UPCOMING INITIATIVES:

- Finalize a TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan).
- Finalize the revisions to the 2012 Comprehensive Plan to include design standards both residential and commercial.
- Expansion of EV Charging Stations.
- Master plan for the future expansion of Scott Park.
- Expand certified sites within the community for development.
- Implement and promote retail strategies to attract investors, developers, and businesses to our community.



## CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

LA 93 Roadway Improvement

Westgate at Eraste Landry Road Roundabout

**Eraste Landry Road Extension** 

**Apollo Road Extension Utilities** 

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, understanding, and patience while we continue to grow this wonderful community, we call home. It is an honor and privilege to serve you and I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue my service to you. I look forward to continuing our progress in making the City of Scott the greatest place to live, work, play, raise a family, and, of course, Eat More BOUDIN!



God Bless

Mayor Jan-Scott Richard