



WELCOME

BREAKFAST WITH
MAYOR
GEORGE L. BASS

October 15, 2024



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George L. Bass is a lifelong resident of Long Beach. George is a 1972 graduate of Long Beach High School and a graduate of Louisiana State University in Fire Management. In addition to an Associate's Degree from LSU, he has national training in Budget Management and Analysis and multiple levels of federal certifications in Incident Command Systems. He is a 1998 graduate of the Leadership Gulf Coast Program and he served several years on the Board of Directors after graduation from the program.

George retired from the Long Beach Fire Department in 2014 with over 35 years of service. He was the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director for 21 years. He is a past member of Harrison County 911 Commission.

George was elected Mayor of Long Beach in 2017 and re-elected to a second term in 2021.



ROADWAY/INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

2019 Asphalt Overlays & Repairs - 2019

Construction cost ~ \$1,100,000

Paving roads throughout Long Beach

6.26 miles of paved roads at over 48 locations

2nd Street Sidewalk Extension - 2023

Construction cost \$371,000

Sidewalk along 2nd Street, between South Burke Avenue and the USM campus, along with drainage improvements

Mitchell Road Widening - 2023

Construction cost ~ \$257,315

Construction of drainage improvements and widening and paving of South Mitchell Road

North Jeff Davis Extension - January 2024

Construction cost \$222,000

Extension and construction of North Jeff Davis Avenue to connect W Railroad Street to E Old Pass Road including asphalt, curb and gutter, stormwater infrastructure

ROADWAY/INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS



Pineville Road Widening - 2024

Construction cost ~ \$325,000

Pineville Road will be widened by 2' in total from Espy Avenue to Beatline Road.

Pineville Road Sidewalk - 2025

Construction cost ~ \$1,000,000

Anticipated construction beginning 2025

Sidewalk along Pineville Road, from Harper McCaughan Elementary School to "Five Points" intersection and from "Five Points" to Railroad Street

2023 Asphalt Overlays & Repairs - 2025

Construction cost ~ \$1,400,000

Paving roads throughout Long Beach. This project will be completed in 2025; however, completed roads include



Commission Road, Beatline Road, and Pineville Road widening.

Beatline/Pineville Intersection - Future

Construction cost ~ \$1,500,000

Improvements to the intersection of Pineville Rd and Beatline Rd to include additional turning lanes and signalization

Klondyke Road Widening - Future

Construction cost ~ \$4,900,000

Widening of Klondyke Road from 28th Street to Cleveland Avenue including the construction of a center turn lane

Klondyke/28th Street Intersection - Future

Construction cost ~ \$1,570,000

Intersection improvements include widened lanes, modifications to the signalization, and drainage improvements



Klondyke Road/Commission Road Intersection - Future

Construction cost ~ \$1,570,000

Improvements to the intersection of Klondyke and 28th Street including widened lanes, modification to the signalization, and drainage improvements

DOWNTOWN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Construction cost ~ \$3,654,150

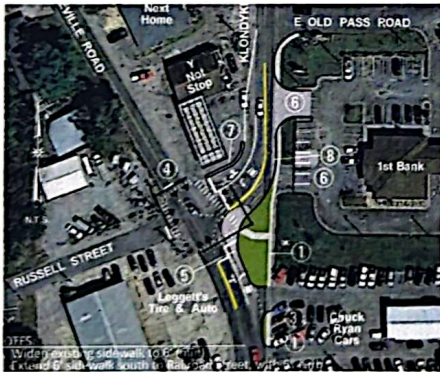
Railroad Street/Jeff Davis Avenue - Future

Intersection improvement to include storage lanes for traffic flow



Klondyke/Pineville Road - Future

Intersection improvement with stoplights for safety



Klondyke Road/Cleveland Avenue - Future

Intersection improvement includes roundabout





SEWER/WATER/DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sewer System Inspection & Rehabilitation - 2018

Construction cost ~ \$197,000

Installed cured-in-place pipelines inside active, aging sewer mains

Pump Station “P” Upgrades - 2018

Construction cost ~ \$85,000

This project was the result of a systematic study of the Commission Road sewer basin in the city with regard to existing capacity and projected growth.

Todd Terrace & Valentine Drive Water System Improvement - 2018

Construction cost \$183,000

Improvements to water service, water utility reliability, and fire protection benefiting 41 parcels

Lovers Lane Drainage Improvements - 2019

Construction cost \$535,430

This project was a direct product of the 2017 Drainage Study. Improved drainage in 207 acre drainage basin with over 250+ parcels being benefited.

SEWER/WATER/DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Clower Avenue Water Main Improvements - 2020

Construction cost \$306,751

Improved water service and fire protection along Clower Avenue with 52 parcels being benefited

Pump Station "A" Diversion - 2020

Construction cost ~ \$170,000

Improved sewer function and capacity along Commission Road and Klondyke Road

St. Charles Drainage Improvements - 2022

Construction cost ~ \$37,000

Installing drainage improvements to eliminate flooding at homes constructed near St. Charles and Pine Street

HCUA Wastewater Treatment Improvements - 2023

Construction cost \$7,758,245

Removal of all old, failing Price Brother pipe from active service.
Installation of new PVC sewage force mains from N. Nicholson Avenue Pump Station to the wastewater treatment plant in Pass Christian
Funded by the Harrison County Utility Authority through RESTORE ACT and city funds

Lynwood Circle Water Improvements - 2023

Construction cost \$534,000

Replacement of small diameter and failing water main infrastructure and water services within the Lynwood Circle Water System, along with fire hydrants to improve fire fighting capabilities in the subdivision. Included asphalt overlay of the subdivision

Funded by ARPA/MCWI

SEWER/WATER/DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

South Nicholson Pump Station Rehabilitation - 2023

Construction cost \$62,000

Removal and replacement of existing discharge piping and guide rail systems and necessary modifications to restore the South Nicholson Pump station to full operational capabilities

2021 & 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation - April 2024

Construction cost ~ \$919,000

Rehabilitate sections of sanitary sewer lines throughout the city using multiple repair methods. This project involved several areas of the city, but majority of the work was performed within the Royal Estates and Green Acres subdivisions.

Funded by ARPA/MCWI

Trautman Basin Wastewater Improvement - May 2024

Construction cost \$1,066,000

Wastewater improvements to the pump station/force main at the intersection of Pineville Road and Railroad Street, extending force main to the pump station at Nicholson Avenue and eliminating sewage overflows into the Trautman Drainage basin
Funded through the RESTORE Act

North Lang Pump Station Improvements - July 2024

Construction cost ~ \$154,000

Upsized existing pumps and motors, removed and replaced existing discharge piping and guide rail systems, and necessary modifications to restore the N. Lang Pump station to full operational capabilities

Edmund Drive Subdivision Water System Improvements - 2024

Construction cost ~ \$544,000

Improve the water and drainage system on Edmund Drive and Edmund Circle and services required for the removal, furnishing, installation, and testing of valves

Clower/Kuyrkendall Pump Station Improvements - 2024

Construction cost ~ \$210,000

Installing a 4-inch force main and modifying an existing pump station and services required to restore the pump station while alleviating a sanitary sewer overflow issue in the area.

SEWER/WATER/DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Parkwood Drainage Improvements - 2025

Construction cost ~ \$295,000

Replacement of failing drainage infrastructure in backyard easement areas along this road. This project is anticipated to be under contract in late 2024, with construction work to commence in 2025.

Funded through ARPA/MCWI

Park Row Drainage Improvements - 2025

Construction cost ~ \$598,000

Installation of a designed drainage system in this area, to replace the aging drainage infrastructure in the roadside ditches, many of which are under-sized or sloped incorrectly. This project is anticipated to be under contract in late 2024, with construction work to commence in 2025.

Funded through ARPA/MCWI

Briarwood Drainage Improvements - 2025

Construction cost ~ \$184,000

Replacement of failing drainage infrastructure in backyard easement areas along this road. This project is anticipated to be under contract in late 2024, with construction work to commence in 2025.

Funded through ARPA/MCWI

Magnolia/Dearman Drainage Improvements - 2025

Construction cost ~ \$185,000

Replacement of failing drainage infrastructure in backyard easement areas near this intersection. The existing infrastructure is near an existing home and continued failures could threaten the structure. This project is anticipated to be under contract in late 2024, with construction work to commence in 2025.

Funded through ARPA/MCWI



CITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Replace Public Works Roof - 2022

Construction cost ~ \$99,000

Replaced metal roof on Public Works facility, along with replacement of ventilation fans.

Funded by FEMA/Insurance

City Cemetery Improvements - 2022

Construction cost ~ \$119,000

Piping existing drainage ditch at southeastern corner of Long Beach Cemetery, relocating entrance roadway to facilitate creation of additional burial plots, installation of lighted flagpole, and installation of fence.

Funded through State Bond

Library HVAC System Improvements - 2022

Construction cost ~ \$165,000

Replacement and modernization of aging library HVAC systems for continued service and simpler maintenance

Funded through GCRF

City Hall HVAC Repairs - 2023

Construction cost \$118,000

Removal and replacement of aging HVAC systems at Long Beach City Hall

Funded by GCRF

CITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Long Beach Senior Center Generator - 2023

Construction cost \$138,000

Generator was installed to service the Long Beach Senior Center during power outages.

Library Roofing Improvements - 2023

Construction cost \$143,000

The construction and installation of a tapered insulation roof system at Long Beach Library. This new roof provides obvious roofing improvements eliminating leaks into the Library building and improving energy efficiency.

Safe Haven Baby Box - 2023

Construction cost - Donations

Mississippi's first Safe Haven Baby Box location in Long Beach, located at Central Fire Station due to Caitlin Kelly's advocacy.

Quarles House Renovations - January 2024

Construction cost \$1,731,000

This project includes extensive renovations and improvements to the Quarles House located on E. Old Pass Road. The historic building was restored to its original appearance as the Quarles family residence in 1892. Funded by GCRF

Fire Station #3 - February 2024

Construction cost \$1,163,000

The construction of a new Fire Station #3 on Johnson Road, along with other related site improvements and restoration. Funded through city and county partnership

CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

War Memorial Park - 2024

Construction cost ~ \$102,786

Park improvements include new playground equipment, safety surfacing, picnic tables, fence, shade structure, and bathroom

Town Green - 2024

Construction cost \$53,451

Improvements include repairing the broken lighting system and repairing the memorial located at the Town Green

Magonila Park - September 2024

Construction cost ~ \$4,743

Improvements include new playground equipment and safety surfacing.

South Forest Park

Construction cost \$15,362

Improvements include new playground equipment and safety surfacing.

FETCH Park

Construction cost \$5,214

Included new fence around the west side of the park



LONG BEACH HARBOR

01

Nate Repairs

Construction cost \$500,000
Included repairs to Harbor Gates, Fuel Facility, Pier Repairs, Debris Removal, and Harbormaster Building
FEMA-reimbursable

02

Zeta Repairs

Construction cost \$300,000
Harbormaster Building repairs caused by Hurricane Zeta
Completion 2023

03

SE Bulkhead

Construction cost \$2,800,000
Construction of a concrete bulkhead wall for protection of the shoreline
Funded through GOMESA & Tideland funds

04

Eastern Bulkhead

Construction cost ~ \$4,827,000
Installation of a new concrete bulkhead along the eastern shore of the Harbor
Completion 2025

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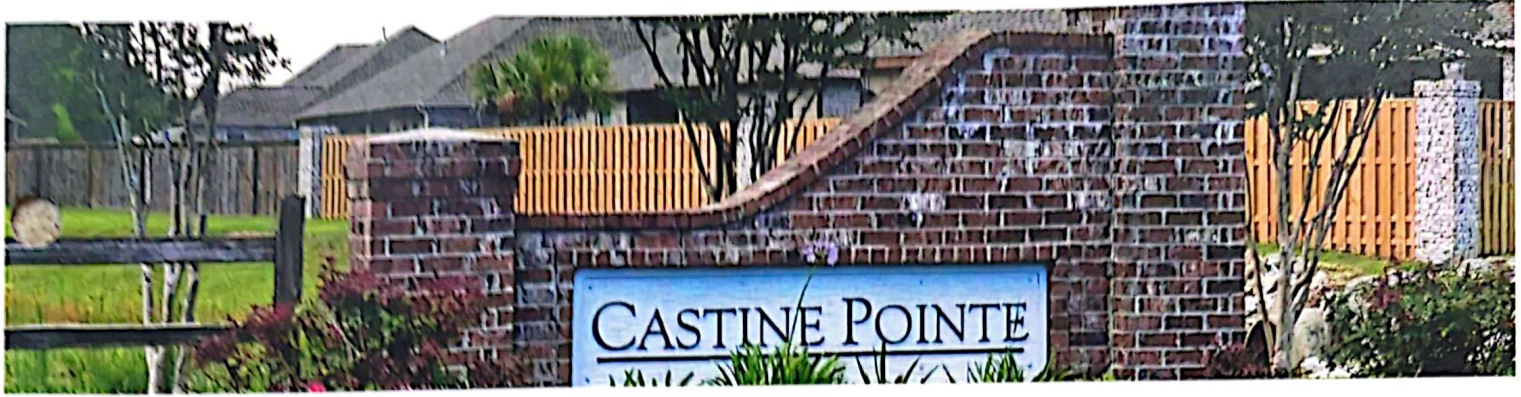
Inner Bulkhead

Construction cost ~ \$3,900,000
Installation of a new concrete bulkhead along the inner Harbor.
Future project

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Southern Quay

Construction cost ~ \$4,100,000
Installation of a new concrete bulkhead along the very southern margin of the Harbor
Future project



RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

Total houses built between 2017-2024 = 804

2017

Castine Pointe - 59
 Old Town Gardens - 18
 Various Places - 25

2018

Castine Pointe - 44
 Old Town Gardens - 18
 The Oaks of Long Beach - 6
 Various Places - 25

2019

Castine Pointe - 40
 Old Town Gardens - 27
 The Oaks of Long Beach - 8
 Various Places - 25
 Penny Lane - 2

2020

Castine Pointe - 44
 Old Town Gardens - 20
 The Oaks of Long Beach - 8
 Various Places - 25
 Penny Lane - 2

2021

Castine Pointe - 25
 The Enclave - 35
 Sumner Grove - 10
 Old Town Gardens - 9
 The Oaks of Long Beach - 8
 Various Places - 25
 Penny Lane - 2

2022

Castine Pointe - 18
 The Enclave - 34
 Sumner Grove - 8
 Old Town Gardens - 8
 The Oaks of Long Beach - 6
 Various Places - 25

2023

Castine Pointe - 33
 The Enclave - 27
 Bear Point - 30
 Various Places - 25

2024

Bear Point - 40
 Various Places - 16



EAT, SHOP, DRINK LOCAL

The city of Long Beach welcomed **109**
NEW businesses from 2017 to 2024.



GATEWAY PROJECT



CITY DEPARTMENTS

Highlights of the year of progress from key city departments



Police

- 30 officers, 13 civilian employees, and 5 reserves
- Responded to 26,162 calls for service. Issued 3,645 citations, worked 333 accidents
- Obtained and administered \$176,500 in grants
- Added 4 new police vehicles to the fleet
 - 1 vehicle was purchased through drug-forfeited funds
 - 1 vehicle was purchased through a grant
- Installed a network of tag-reading cameras to help mitigate crime
- Hosted DEA Drug Take Back Days and National Night Out Against Crime

The following information is based on FBI statistics:

- Long Beach crime rates are 31% lower than the national average
- Violent crimes in Long Beach are 87% lower than the national average
- In Long Beach you have a 1 in 63 chance of becoming a victim of crime
- Long Beach is safer than 71% of the cities in the United States
- Year after year crime in Long Beach has decreased by 21%



Court

- Approximately 4,600 cases were on the dockets in 2023
- There were approximately 550 warrants issued for 2023
- All court staff participated in the training session from the AG's office on Domestic Violence and Domestic Protection orders
- Court Clerk was invited and attended the Justice for Families Open House and Training in Brooklyn, NY along with the Gulf Coast Center For Nonviolence

Public Works

- Completed 2,694 work orders last year
- Maintained 75 lift stations throughout the city
- Oversaw maintenance, billing and collections for 7,300 water/sewer customers
- Maintained and beautified city right of ways
- Maintained roads, traffic signals and street lights



Building, Planning, and Zoning

- Issued permits for 171 residential homes in FY 2024
- Reissued 700 business licenses and issued 70 new business licenses in FY 2024
- Zoning implemented Short Term Rental ordinance and Mobile/Stationary ordinance



Fire



- 36 firefighters comprising three shifts and 4 admins
- Answered 1,400 calls for service
- The city's public fire protection classification is a class 5
- 3 firefighters recently graduated from the MSFA, 3 scheduled to attend in October
- New pickup truck was purchased and new pumper set for delivery next year
- New Fire Station 3 on Johnson Road completed in January
- Hosted Summer Splash Days at Town Green and Fire Prevention Education in Long Beach Schools
- Conducted yearly hydrant testing
- Implemented a new Records Management system which allows the department to work along with the State



Parks and Recreation

- Hosted 50 special events at the Town Green
- Over 1,000 children participated in youth programs
- Senior Activity Center hosted several activities throughout the year
- Department maintains 3 walking tracks, 8 parks as well as other city areas such as Jeff Davis Avenue and the Long Beach Harbor



Library


- 32,667 materials were checked out among over 14,000 active card holders in FY 2024
- Over 18,000 patrons visited the library in FY 2024
- 782 new library users in FY 2024
- Hosted 15 movie family days
- Planned 101 pre-school story times, 3 older children's programs, 13 adult programs, 32 family programs



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to the Friendly City...



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