

St. Tammany Parish Government
2012 Annual Report



Dear Citizens of St. Tammany Parish,

2012 was a year of transitions, challenges and ultimately, growth for St. Tammany Parish. As we look back on the highlights of our inaugural year together, I once again feel gratitude for the opportunity you have given me to serve you. Day to day, we continue to abide by the standards of Customer Service, Transparency, Accountability and Cooperation.

We made many strides in 2012, despite circumstances beyond our control which presented us with some unforeseen obstacles. Hurricane Isaac left devastation in many areas of the Parish. Due to the strength of our citizenry, and efficient systems already in place, our recovery has progressed steadily. One example of efficiency in place that proved to be invaluable, is the consolidation of the permitting duties of four separate departments to create the Department of Development in early August of 2012, which made the permits process a “one stop shop,” before Hurricane Isaac even reached our shores. Unfortunately, casualties of the storm like the new Fishing Pier which opened to the public just three months before the storm hit, remain closed.

However, there are many accomplishments in 2012 that we feel are noteworthy:

Parish Operations Budget Cut – As stewards of public trust and taxpayer dollars, my administration’s first priority is always to use the resources we have as effectively and as efficiently as possible. To that end, a collaborative, comprehensive evaluation was conducted in each department which resulted in the reduction of the Parish operations budget by more than \$3 million.

Fishing Pier – The soft opening of the pier in May drew many people who would ultimately relish in the use of this structure following the Grand Opening and First Annual St. Tammany Fishing Pier Rodeo in June. We are diligently working to get the pier opened again.

Creation of the Department of Development – The creation of the Department of Development has given citizens a “one stop shopping” experience when it comes to securing the proper paperwork and permits for any construction or expansion project.

Justice Complex Parking Facility – This 200,000 square foot parking facility provides 535 parking spaces, as well as an additional 10,000 square feet of office space for the Parish Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of Court’s Election Division.

Mental Health – During 2012, we were faced with the closure of the state-run, inpatient mental health facility, Southeast Louisiana Hospital here in St. Tammany. Due to diligent efforts by Parish leaders, area legislators and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, an agreement was reached and St. Tammany Parish was given the authority to oversee all property on the campus, to keep these services open and available to our residents at a time when this is so clearly needed.

We look forward to the challenges of the coming year, and know that with your help, we are ready for what comes our way.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia P. Brister". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Pat Brister, Parish President

This is a summary of the St. Tammany Parish Annual Report for 2012. To reduce costs, we are printing this abbreviated version of the report. The full report is available on-line at www.stpgov.org.





Dear St. Tammany Parish Residents,

2012 was very productive for the Parish Council in fulfilling its commitment to the citizens of our great Parish, to operate government as efficiently and effectively as possible. Through the cooperative efforts of both the Council and the Parish President, public budgetary hearings were again conducted in which every Parish Department was required to justify its request for funding in 2013. An extensive review was conducted of each department, and as a result of this process the budget from the previous year was reduced by \$2.4 million.

Great success was achieved in completing the first-year transition with Parish President Pat Brister and the new members of the Council. A consolidation of the internal departments of Parish government was approved by the Council, which resulted in the establishment of "One Stop Shopping," with everything from the opening of a business, to obtaining a building permit. Revision of the impact fee ordinance essentially eliminates impact fees for single family residential construction north of the urban growth boundary line, and reduces fees for all other types of construction throughout the Parish. A fire efficiency study was authorized to review the operation of the numerous fire districts throughout the Parish to determine what steps could be taken by the Council to maximize the productivity of fire and emergency response.

The success of the Council's continuing efforts in funding Parish drainage infrastructure projects and improving drainage regulations for new development, can be seen in reduced instances of flooding during major rain events and lower property flood insurance premiums. This is particularly true with work on four major regional storm water detention ponds in strategic areas of the Parish.



Key Activities of the Council in 2012

- Had a successful transition with newly elected Parish President Pat Brister
- Supported the administration in opening the Slidell Fishing Pier
- Supported consolidation of Planning, Permits and Subdivision Review into one department, Development
- Weathered first major storm under Pat's new administration
- Saw success of new regional detention ponds during storms
- New Council members integrated well with existing Council and made significant contributions
- Approved the purchase of two major drainage basins
- Authorized the review and reorganization of the Parish Code of Ordinances
- Retained the services of a Financial Advisor
- Helped save service at Southeast Hospital in lieu of shutting down
- Reached agreement with Administration for more oversight on issuance of contracts
- Council sat as Board of Review

The Parish Council will strive to make policy decisions in the coming year in keeping with its vision for a growing Parish with high quality of life standards. I invite everyone to be involved in your government, whether it is a call to your council member on a particular issue or participation at a public meeting. We are all responsible for the care and growth of our St. Tammany Home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Martin W. Gould, Jr.".

Martin W. Gould, Jr.— 2012 Council Chairman

Selected Major Accomplishments 2012

- Inauguration of Parish President and Swearing-in of Parish Council.
- Made Public Notices available online to increase transparency of St. Tammany Parish Government.
- Offered online option to sign up for email alerts from St. Tammany Parish Government.
- Hurricane Isaac emergency operations.
- High Definition information dissemination through the Access St. Tammany Television station allowed for local and national news stations to use Access St. Tammany feeds during Hurricane Isaac.
- 33% increase in single family home construction permits from 2011.
- Completed and opened St. Tammany Parish Fishing Pier.
- Additional early voting location opened in St. Tammany Parish at the Parish Administration Complex at Koop Drive.
- One-year anniversary of the successful St. Tammany Parish Crisis Response Program.
- Pilot program for grass cutting violations enforcement.
- Lifeway World Changers visited St. Tammany Parish to repair the exteriors of 17 homes in Covington's West 30s' neighborhood.
- Completed roundabout to replace the current signalized intersection at the intersection of Robert Road (LA 1091) and Brownsitch Road in Slidell.
- Paved and overlaid 46.5 miles of Parish roads.
- Abita River Sub Basin Detention Pond completed.
- Cypress Bayou Intermediate Detention Pond completed.
- Bayou Chinchuba Detention Pond completed.
- Widening on the I-12 overpass over US Hwy 11 completed.
- Penn Mill Bridge replacement completed.
- Koop Drive Extension Road completed.
- Began construction of connector road between US Hwy 11 and Airport Road.
- Covington Bypass Road South (Ochsner Blvd.) completed.
- Holiday Square Blvd., turn lane completed.
- Designed Hwy. 41 Park and Ride Facility.
- 84 Lumber Road Connector and Old Military Road turn lane completed.
- Krentel Road @ Hwy 434 and Fish Hatchery completed.
- Lowe Pond Canal Erosion: West Cherry Wood Lane Lateral completed.
- Polders Lane completed.
- Completed segments 2A and 3B of Slidell levee system.
- Completed reviews and commented on eight total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) in St. Tammany.
- Work began on E. Howze Beach Road in Slidell to raise E. Howze Beach Road over the levee connection between I-10 and the Lakeshore levee system.
- Animal Services cage-free cat house completed.
- First Annual St. Tammany Fishing Pier Rodeo.
- First Annual President's Cup fishing tournament.
- Second Annual St. Tammany Parish Student Film competition and awards.

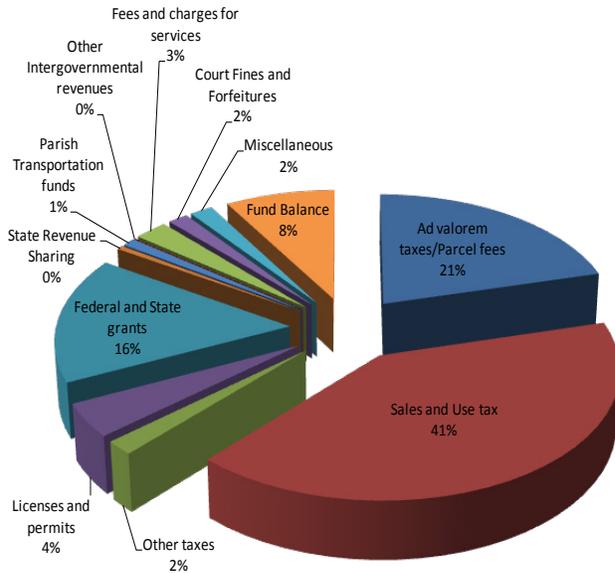


Projects Slated for 2013

- Connector road between Airport Road and Hwy 11, Phase I
- Begin construction of connector road between Airport Road and Hwy 11- Phase IIB
- Koop Drive signalization
- Koop Drive Park and Ride refurbishment
- Repair of Belle Terre Bridge
- Hwy 41 Park and Ride Facility construction to begin
- Meadowlake Subdivision drainage improvement project
- Raising East Howze Beach Road
- Francis Road Roundabout construction slated to begin mid-year
- Design of Dove Park widening
- Hwy 59/1088 turn lane
- Design of Tammany Trace Tunnel crossing at Hwy 59
- Design of LA Hwy 1077 / Hwy 1085 roundabout
- Design of Three Rivers Road widening
- Huntwyck Village – Phase I : currently under construction
- Begin construction of Huntwyck Village – Phase II
- Cleo at Military Road improvements
- St. Tammany Regional Airport – apron and taxiway improvements
- Adoption of Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM)
- Slidell levee segments 3A and 4, begin work
- Raise Hwy 11 over levee
- Labarre Street drainage improvements

PARISH FINANCES 12/31/2012

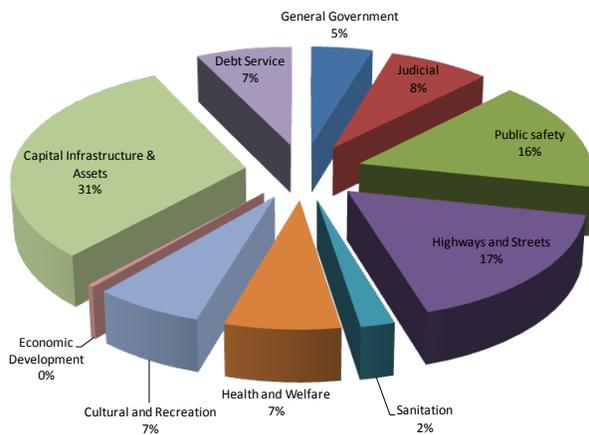
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT
REVENUES BY SOURCE, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 (unaudited)**



**St. Tammany Parish Revenue
12/31/12 (unaudited)**

Ad valorem taxes/Parcel fees	29,984,828
Sales and Use tax	58,870,438
Other taxes	2,573,323
Licenses and permits	6,197,684
Federal and State grants	23,256,773
State Revenue Sharing	743,498
Parish Transportation funds	1,487,126
Other Intergovernmental revenues	41,685
Fees and charges for services	3,722,181
Court Fines and Forfeitures	2,206,959
Miscellaneous	2,559,265
Fund Balance	12,180,610
Total	143,824,370

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH
EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 (unaudited)**



**St. Tammany Parish Expenditures
12/31/2012 (unaudited)**

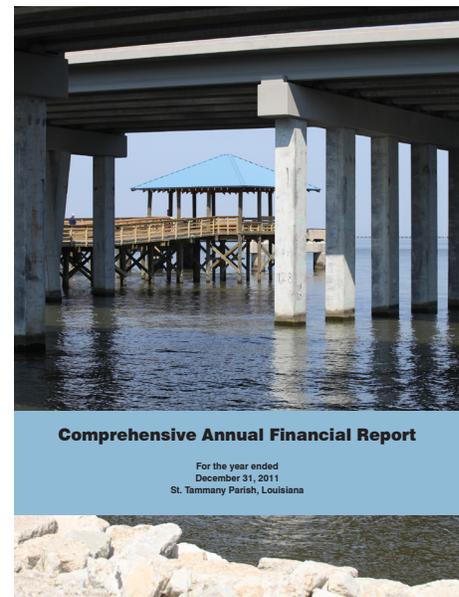
General Government	6,767,899
Judicial	11,165,123
Public Safety	22,790,842
Highways and Streets	24,454,995
Sanitation	3,051,625
Health and Welfare	10,309,388
Culture and Recreation	9,712,804
Economic Development	584,751
Capital Infrastructure and Assets	44,441,190
Debt Service	10,545,753
Total	143,824,370

General Fund Revenues	12/31/2012
	(unaudited)
Ad valorem Taxes	4,382,786
Other Taxes (Severance, Mineral, Beer)	2,292,138
Licenses	3,396,075
Permits	1,261,100
Other Federal Funds	35,543
State Revenue Sharing	287,321
Other State Funds	6,143
Fees, Charges & Commissions for Services	585,533
Fines and Forfeitures	171,703
Other Revenues	612,330
Total Revenues	13,030,672

General Fund

The Parish's General Fund accounts for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in special revenue or another type of fund. This includes state-mandated expenses such as, personnel for the 22nd JDC, District Attorney and Registrar of Voters. The main source of funding for the General Fund is property taxes, permit fees and occupational licenses and fees.

General Fund Expenditures	12/31/2012
	(unaudited)
Planning Department	849,460
Permits Department	1,182,170
Public Information	723,730
Commission on Cultural Affairs	80,944
Facilities Management Department	128,993
Fairgrounds Maintenance	64,093
22nd Judicial District Court	1,973,615
Ward Courts	206,828
District Attorney	2,087,193
Registrar of Voters	223,860
Tax Assessor	3,907
Parish Jail Maintenance Administration	80,787
Legal Department	504,532
Economic Development	28,734
Code Enforcement	438,186
Veterans Affairs	93,703
Camp Salmen Nature Park	164,419
Greater St. Tammany Airport	115,629
General Expenditures	760,773
Parish Administration	2,706,376
Total Expenditures	12,417,932



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