

# Town of Arnaudville

From the Mayor's Desk



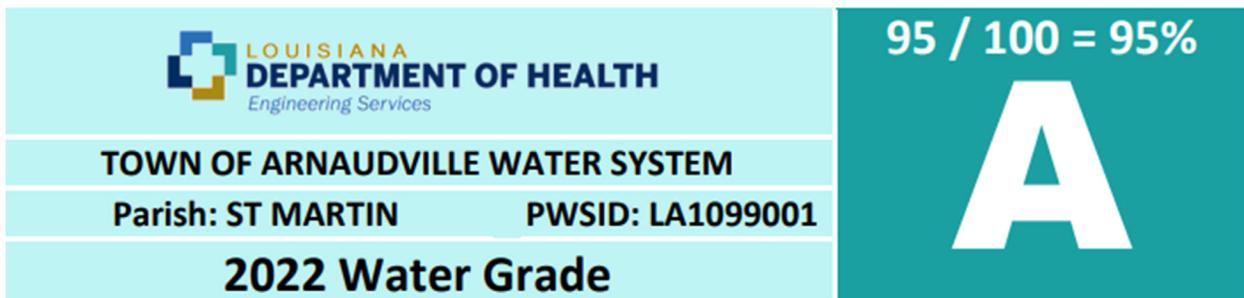
Greetings from the Mayor:

As we close out one year and start the new fiscal year, I want to thank the council and the police chief for their hard work passing the new budget. While we couldn't put everything on our wish list in the budget, the council unanimously passed a budget that addresses the town's priorities. We have funded the replacement of five police vehicles since January of this year, and passed the largest police department budget to date in order to address the needs of the Arnaudville Police Department. Our hope in this is to better support the new police chief in rebuilding our police department.

Here are some things we have completed and some that are in the works:

## From the Front Office:

1. The Louisiana Department of Health graded all water systems in the state, and I am proud to report Arnaudville water system received an A. I want to thank our employees for their hard work and dedication to the town that made this possible.



2. We replaced the outdated phone system in City Hall.
3. Special thanks to St. Martin Parish President Chester Cedars and the Parish Council for the just completed new pavilion on the Bayou Teche next to Myran's.
4. The new Arnaudville Fire Station will soon be completed. It's been a pleasure working with the Arnaudville Fire Department to see this project materialize. This is a great asset for the Fire Department and the Arnaudville community.

## From the Utility Department:

1. We have completed the repair and replacement of gas main lines on Rue DeLaporte. We also killed and capped the old four-inch gas line that crosses the Bayou Teche by Myran's as requested by Pipeline Safety.
2. The town was awarded two grants, LGAP - \$12,069.00 for new equipment and CWEF for \$15,000.00 for water repairs.
3. We capped the old water well #1 as required by DHH.
4. We budgeted \$165,000.00 for continuing our street program to overlay and patch areas around town.
5. We purchased a utility truck to replace one that was falling apart.
6. We continue to address blighted property issues, and have had some success with some of the long-time eye sores. Thanks to St. Landry Parish Government and Parish President Jessie Bellard for their assistance in addressing the property on the corner of Robin Street.
7. We have been awarded two grants from the state totaling \$445,000.00 to upgrade our water meters. This will allow us to automate the meter reading process for greater efficiency and accuracy, thus freeing up our employees to address other issues instead of the whole crew reading meters for a couple of weeks every month.

In closing, I would like to thank the council, the employees, and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to improving our community. By continuing to work together, we will continue to see our community shine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Meche".

Mayor Todd Meche