

# ExxonMobil Pipeline Company – West Baton Rouge

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## Engaging With Our Neighbors

This inaugural newsletter is part of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company’s ongoing efforts to enhance our communications with our neighbors in the communities where we operate, including in West Baton Rouge Parish.

In 2021, we are continuing to advance the pipeline infrastructure across the greater Baton Rouge area. When our project nears your area, we will provide periodic updates about our work. To help ensure the timely receipt of our communications, please visit our project website and sign up for an e-version of our project newsletter at [batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com](http://batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com).



ExxonMobil Pipeline Company is considered a good neighbor to West Baton Rouge Parish. The company has kept us informed on its projects, including the ongoing Pipeline Improvement Initiative. We also appreciate efforts from ExxonMobil Pipeline to positively impact the community by giving a grant to benefit the West Baton Rouge Parish Animal Control Shelter and LEPC. We consider it a win-win situation for local government and industry such as ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. to work together for the benefit of our people.



– Riley Berthelot, Jr., Parish President  
West Baton Rouge



## Meet Community Engagement Lead, Mike Smith

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company operates and manages pipelines and related facilities in many different communities across the United States — each with their own unique history, people and stories. Mike Smith, our Baton Rouge community engagement lead, is focused on getting to know you, our neighbors, in the greater Baton Rouge area in order to better understand your needs and concerns. Mike also works with the development and planning teams, construction crews, utility workers, city officials, school administrators and first responders in the area.



“While I’ve worked in many states over the years, greater Baton Rouge has always been home. Folks here share so much in common: culture, cooking, family, friends and support of the LSU Tigers. There’s always a way to find common ground. I like to say that no one is a stranger — just a friend I haven’t met yet.”

We realize and appreciate that at the end of the day, our work is enhanced by the support of our neighbors. If you have any questions for Mike or our team about our upcoming work, please email [michael.d.smith1@exxonmobil.com](mailto:michael.d.smith1@exxonmobil.com).

## Project Work Underway

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company is dedicated to safely maintaining and operating pipeline infrastructure that supports Louisiana’s energy industry. While we continue working in local communities throughout Baton Rouge, project updates will be made available to inform the public of our progress and provide information on current construction activities.

To learn more about current projects in your area, visit our website at [batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com/project-updates.aspx](http://batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com/project-updates.aspx).



*ExxonMobil Pipeline crews working on pipeline installation near the Antonia Plantation Estates subdivision in Brusly, Louisiana.*



*Crews safely work on pipeline construction projects throughout West Baton Rouge.*

## Community Outreach

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company respects the communities in which we work. While we continue our project operations in West Baton Rouge, be on the lookout for mobile information kiosks where residents can speak with ExxonMobil Pipeline representatives. We're available to answer questions and provide relevant information about our ongoing work. For upcoming dates on booth locations visit [batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com/project-updates](http://batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com/project-updates).



*An ExxonMobil Pipeline Company mobile information kiosk available for residents in Antonia Plantation Estates during certain construction phases.*

## Community Spotlight: Supporting Local Businesses

Dale Crochet, owner of DC's Grill, has been serving home-cooked meals to the Westside community since 2005. They also serve as a vendor for ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. After working for other restaurants for many years, Dale decided it was finally time to open a place of his own.

There are many reasons why DC's Grill continues to be a go-to dining location in the area. Dale does more than make great food, he leaves a lasting impact. Throughout his time, he has built friendships with his customers and employed over 200 high school students from the area.

"I feel like it's my responsibility to not only employ these young people, but to also teach them what it will take to be a long-term success in their jobs. Working here will teach them a work ethic that will carry them forward in life."

Over the last 14 years of business, Dale has continued to provide great food, a welcoming atmosphere and excellent service to the community. Being a part of this area and getting to know and serve the people is what he enjoys most about this line of work.

"People in Louisiana see food as a way of life. I absolutely love giving people a great meal at a fair price and seeing them really enjoy my food."

If you are interested in becoming a vendor for ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, contact us here: [vendor.opportunities@exxonmobil.com](mailto:vendor.opportunities@exxonmobil.com).



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“As the community grows we hope to grow with it for many years.”

– Dale Crochet, owner of DC's Grill

## Good Neighbor Grant opportunities

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company supports local first responders, civic organizations and other non-profits through our Good Neighbor Grant program. This program provides funds to local tax-exempt organizations to support their community programs, educational initiatives and environmental projects.

This year, we've presented grants to the West Baton Rouge Parish Animal Shelter, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council and Brusly High School, just to name a few. We encourage all eligible organizations in the area to learn more about our Good Neighbor Grant opportunities by contacting [public.awareness@exxonmobil.com](mailto:public.awareness@exxonmobil.com).

In 2020, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company supported 12 organizations across Baton Rouge and the surrounding parishes with grants totaling more than \$15,000.



Community engagement lead, Mike Smith, presents Good Neighbor Grants to Brusly High School (top) and the North Vacherie Volunteer Fire Department (bottom).

## Supporting Baton Rouge During COVID-19

The simple acts of washing your hands and using hand sanitizer can help slow the spread of diseases like COVID-19. In the midst of this global pandemic, access to chemicals used to manufacture disinfectants is critical. ExxonMobil's Baton Rouge Chemical Plant is helping to meet demand for products like medical-grade hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes and disinfectant sprays by maximizing production of a key ingredient, isopropyl alcohol (IPA). ExxonMobil produces IPA at the world's single largest unit located within the Baton Rouge Chemical Plant, and production was maximized to meet customer and societal needs.

To read the full story and learn about other initiatives ExxonMobil is taking to help communities visit [www.energyfactor.exxonmobil.com](http://www.energyfactor.exxonmobil.com).



The locally made hand sanitizer is proudly produced in West Baton Rouge.

## ExxonMobil Gives Back To Local Organizations

In 2020, ExxonMobil joined Entergy Louisiana, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation, Humana and Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association Foundation to set up Fueling the Fight Fund at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. Together they contributed nearly \$300,000 to the charitable account. ExxonMobil also supported local relief efforts by reimbursing the cost of fuel to Baton Rouge emergency response vehicles and providing gas gift cards to healthcare workers at Our Lady of the Lake, Baton Rouge General and Ochsner Health.

ExxonMobil is dedicated to continuing our efforts supporting our local communities, advancing educational opportunities for students and serving as a resource for emergency response personnel.



Food from local restaurants being delivered to hospital workers as part of the Fueling the Fight program.

## ExxonMobil Continues Sponsorship Of Local Firefighter Trainings In 2021

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company invites firefighters in the greater Baton Rouge area to participate in our pipeline emergency response training course provided at one of the world's top training facilities, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Brayton Fire Training Field.

ExxonMobil worked with TEEX to develop specialized firefighter training designed to teach how to manage pipeline and terminal facility emergencies. The company also funds the tuition and expenses for firefighters who attend, and to date, more than 250 firefighters have taken advantage of the opportunity. Information on the upcoming training at [batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com](https://batonrouge.exxonmobilpipeline.com).



2020 TEEX training specialist Tom Hardey leads a hands-on demonstration.

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ExxonMobil, to date, has provided the specialized training for more than 250 firefighters and is continuing to offer more opportunities throughout 2021.

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