

Press Release



Recreation Improvements on the East Bank

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Project Rebuild Plaquemines opened a new playground in Davant. It has play equipment, a walking track, benches and an amphitheater as an added feature. Like the other Project Rebuild Plaquemines' playgrounds, it has a line of palm trees lined up on the angle that Hurricane Katrina crossed over the parish. Neighboring the playground is a baseball diamond, basketball courts, and the Davant pool. And just a few hundred feet away, the Reverend Percy M. Griffin Community Center is under construction.



“We’re also working on another added enhancement for the Davant area,” said Parish President Billy Nungesser. “We’re getting grant money through the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries to put fishing piers in different areas of Plaquemines, with one planned to go in the pond behind the playground.”

Project Rebuild Plaquemines is a non-profit organization which aids the recovery of Plaquemines Parish. Major sponsors are the Bush Clinton Katrina Foundation, ConocoPhillips, Chevron Oronite, Devon Energy, Wal-Mart, and Louisiana Disaster

Recovery Foundation.

“We thank all those involved in this project,” said District 1 Council Member Don Beshel. “We look at this playground and see a bright future for our children. As the entire complex converges, we are both jubilant and humbled by all the support given to our community.”

The Davant park is the third of five Project Rebuild Plaquemines parks which have opened this year. The other two are Roger Halphen in Buras and Leroy Harvey in Boothville. The remaining two projects are in Port Sulphur and Belle Chasse.