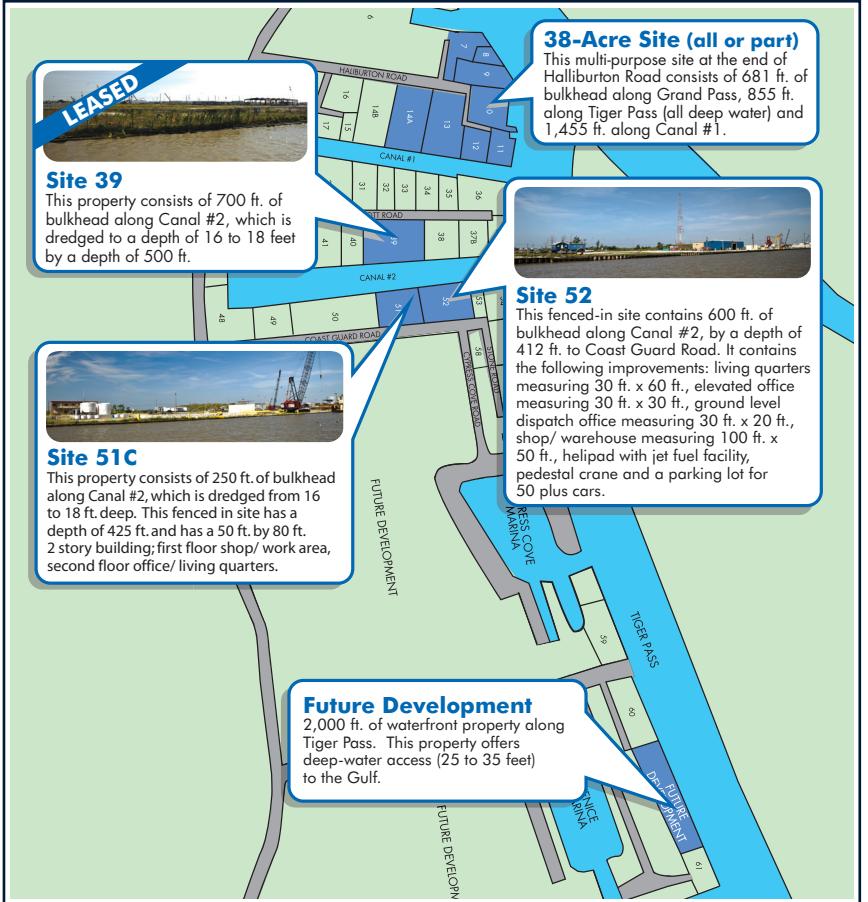


## Opportunities abound at the VPC!



## Available Sites

The Venice Port Complex has developed and undeveloped sites available for ground lease, or we can build to suit. The developed sites range from one to ten acres, while the undeveloped sites are larger. If your business is looking to expand or relocate, please contact George Pivach, II for more information on one of the most strategic sites on the Gulf of Mexico. He can be reached at 504-392-1830 or e-mail [gpiovich@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpiovich@veniceportcomplex.com)

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While current economic conditions continue to dominate the news, we at the VPC are looking to the future. From investing in infrastructure upgrades to streamlining governmental red tape, improving the business climate is an important part of continuing our economic growth as the energy hub for the Eastern and East Central Gulf.

The LSU Center for Energy Studies recently completed a study on the economic benefits of Venice area businesses at the request of the Venice Port Coalition. The study concluded as the "Gateway to the Gulf, Venice serves as one of the region's premier energy service ports, providing a wide range of services to a balanced mix of state and federal drilling as well as production capabilities in the Gulf." The importance of the Port's close proximity to the prolific offshore production areas of the Central Gulf of Mexico (New Orleans district) and status as a primary service base for state and inland water, oil and natural gas production mean that the VPC has a significant competitive advantage in servicing the new offshore areas in the Eastern Gulf.

The study reports that Venice provides oil and gas service companies a 6-to-95 percent fuel cost advantage to the important Eastern Gulf of Mexico

Energy Studies' report, *The Benefits of Continued and Expanded Investments in the Port of Venice*, is available on our website's homepage at [veniceportcomplex.com](http://veniceportcomplex.com).

Another big step toward improving the business climate in Venice was recently achieved when the Venice Port Complex worked with the Venice Port Coalition and Plaquemines Parish government officials to streamline the permitting process for temporary dispatch trailers. The permitting process will now be handled by the Plaquemines Parish Permits, Planning & Zoning Office and no longer has to be approved by



lease sales relative to other central and eastern ports in the region. Over the past five years, Venice has supported in-state oil and gas production activities that have contributed some \$1.69 billion in state mineral revenues. Investment in Venice could elevate it to a world-class oil and gas service port. This study, which was presented in mid October, will be used to further secure state and federal funding to improve infrastructure in South Plaquemines. The Center for

the Plaquemines Council, thus saving applicants time. The Venice Port Coalition, a non-profit group made up of over 30 local businesses was formed to work with parish, state and federal governments to improve infrastructure in South Plaquemines. The Coalition has already proven that it can make doing business in South Plaquemines easier and this is just the beginning. For more information, contact its Chairman Jerrold Denet at 504-534-7808.

The VPC is thankful for all of our tenants and the success we have achieved during the past year. We are working hard to ensure that 2010 is even better. We wish all of you happy holidays and best wishes on a prosperous 2010.

Sincerely,

  
George Pivach II  
Vice President and General Counsel

## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### John W. Stone Oil Distributor, LLC

John W. Stone Oil has been exceeding the expectations of its customers since 1946. The company has grown from a single truck, one man operation into a fleet of boats, barges, trucks, offshore vessels and facilities servicing the Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi River Valley.

John W. Stone Oil has been servicing the oilfield and commercial fishing industry in the Venice area since 1988. Through progressive and continuing improvements, the company can currently offer the Venice area 600 ft. of dockage with an average depth of 26 feet. They can service customers with the availability of over 1,000,000 gallons of diesel and 645,000 gallons of potable water. In addition, their diesel pumps are capable of pumping over 500 gallons per minute, and the potable water pumps transfer 650 gallons per minute. The Venice facility also stocks a variety of bulk and packaged lubricants to meet the needs of

its customers 24 hours a day/7 days a week. After Hurricane Katrina, John W. Stone also added a 350KW generator that allows them to operate at full capacity regardless of the weather conditions.

Their goal in Venice is to provide quality products in a prompt professional manner. In doing so, the company's success is based on customer satisfaction.

For more information please call 504-534-2613.



### Newman Crane Service, Inc.



With the pending expansion of Baptiste Collette and Tiger Pass, Newman Crane Service is poised to be a leading service and resupply point for the Eastern Gulf

Region. The expansion will be a great staging area for the oil exploration companies. Instead of having to go to Mississippi or Alabama, exploration companies can take advantage of Venice's shorter distance. Newman Crane commends the VPC for working as

hard as possible to get this done.

Newman Crane is celebrating their 50 year anniversary in 2009 and has the drive and experience to go well into the future.

The company also offers mobile crane service. If any of the other docks in the area lose use of their crane, keep your customers happy by placing one of Newman Crane's mobile cranes at your dock in short order until your crane is operational.

Also, if you don't necessarily want to be in the crane side of the business, Newman Crane can do a turnkey dock load-out package at your dock. By offering competitive rates and more experience in this field than anyone else in Plaquemines Parish, they can get you set up with what you need. For more information call 504-534-7507 or visit [www.newmancrane.com](http://www.newmancrane.com).

### Trash Bash

On October 12, 2009, VPC employees and tenants participated in a Trash Bash to clean up Venice. We thank the following for helping to make Venice more attractive:

Grand Isle Shipyard, L&L Oil, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, Premier Industries, Targa, Viking Construction, Environmental Operators, LLC and employees from the Venice Port Complex.



### BJ Services



For nearly 30 years, BJ Services has provided reliable service from Venice, ensuring their customers receive quality facilities and services so that they continue to come back year after year. Over those years,

BJ Services has earned a reputation for providing services for every major shale oil and gas operator.

Since 1981, their skilled engineers and crews have successfully designed and pumped more than 12,000 shale frac stages around the world. BJ Services has a track record of servicing shale formations and offers the most advanced fracturing technologies—the right fluids, proppants and equipment-needed to "crack the code" for optimum frac designs and operations. Basically, they work until the job is done.

BJ Services is a Fortune 500 oil and gas equipment and services company. It is a leading worldwide provider of pressure pumping and oilfield services for the petroleum industry. For more information, visit [www.bjservices.com](http://www.bjservices.com).

### VPC Thanksgiving Drive

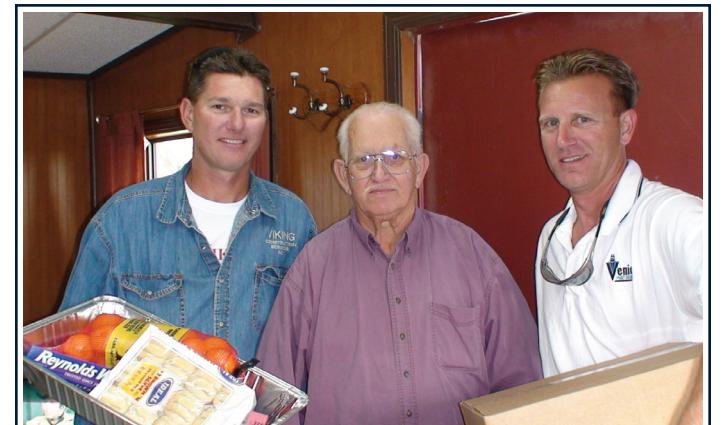
On November 19 and 20, the Venice Port Complex (VPC) organized its 3rd annual Thanksgiving gift basket drive to provide support to residents of South Plaquemines.

The drive provided 200 families in South Plaquemines with a Thanksgiving basket that included a turkey and all the fixings for a traditional holiday meal. The VPC, VPC tenants, local businesses, and residents gave contributions and assisted in the delivery of the baskets to area residents. Recipient names were provided from several churches, schools and charitable institutions that represent the area.

"Plaquemines is so special because of the wonderful people that make up this community—that is why during the holidays it is important to give back to those who are in need. The donations given by our tenants and business friends speak volumes about the spirit of Plaquemines Parish," said George Pivach, II, Vice President and General Counsel of the VPC.

The following businesses provided contributions to this event: Abe's Boat Rental; Adam's Grocery; Ballestra's Food Market; Ben Becnel's; Callais Marine Service; Couvillion Croup LLC; Cypress Cove Marina; D&C Seafood; Daybrook Fisheries Inc.; Ellzey Marine & Hardware; Fill A Sack; Fremin's Food Market; John W. Stone Oil Distributor, LLC; L&L Oil & Gas; Pivach, Pivach, Hufft, Thriffiley & Nolan, LLC; Madere & Sons Towing, Inc.; Offshore Cleaning Systems, LLC; Settoon Construction, Inc.; The Louisiana Fruit Company/Venice Port Complex; and Whitetail Oilfield Services, LLC.

The following companies and parish residents pro-



From Left to Right: Rolf Parelus, Robert Foster and Tony Frickey

vided help and assistance: Kathleen Antoine, Linda Banta and staff, Vanessa Billiot, Boothville Venice Elementary School, Boothville Venice Vol. Fire Dept., Dave Carlton, Marla Cooper and staff, Faith Temple Church, Troy Creppel, Michelle Frickey, Tony Frickey, Ricky Harvey, Todd Harvey, Leander Jurjevich, Rolf Parelus, Marlyn Parelus, Venice Port Complex, Cherie Pete, George Pivach, II, Port Sulphur Baptist Church, South Plaquemines Elementary School, South Plaquemines High School, Trinity United Methodist Church, Burghart Turner and Staff, Venice Steel & Pipe, Inc., Chris Wooton, Jerrold Denet and Billy Stewart.

"It is with great pride that we continue to organize and participate in the Thanksgiving gift basket drive. It's a wonderful way for all of us to give back to our fellow residents," said Tony Frickey, Site Supervisor of the VPC.