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ST. TAMMANY HOUSING MARKET AND CONSTRUCTION PERMITS UP

In 2012, there was a marked increase in the total number of home sales in West St. Tammany, but the average sales price decreased. Now, the parish is again seeing an increase in the number of home sales, and the average home sales price is rebounding, also. West St. Tammany has a very healthy single-family market. Stats show a similar pattern in East St. Tammany, where home sales prices, like in West St. Tammany, have bottomed out and are on the rise again. All figures indicate that the housing market in St. Tammany is moving in the right direction.

In April 2013, new construction permits were up 80 percent from the previous year. In fact, the April numbers were the highest for any April since 2007, and the highest for any month since March 2008. Additionally, commercial construction permits are at a three-year high, with a 160 percent increase from April 2012. The numbers for approved commercial and residential plan review are at a five-year high and have seen a 78 percent increase from last year.

St. Tammany Parish President Pat Brister says, "We have been working to increase economic growth in the parish, and these numbers indicate we are on the right path."



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million to various organizations in the past 17 years through the raffle house program!

For the Maison du Lac home, Bobby worked with designer Sharon Ripoll of Designs by Sharon. Details included custom gas light fixtures from Bevolo, custom cabinetry from Milltown Cabinets and an overall palette of ivory and grey that is sophisticated and soothing. The lucky winner of the custom home was Tara Hunter, a Coast Guard Lieutenant from Slidell.

This year, STHBA and its partner charities worked together to sell more than 6,200 raffle tickets at \$100 apiece. This revenue covers any hard costs associated with the home, plus the

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