

# News Release

## Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

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**Aaron F. Broussard**  
Parish President

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### JEFFERSON PARISH BREAKS GROUND TO REPLACE GYM DESTROYED BY KATRINA

Jefferson Parish Officials will break ground for construction of a new gymnasium at the Walley Pontiff Jr. Playground on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 10 a.m. The old gym was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The ceremony will take place at 1521 Palm Street, Metairie, at the site of the old gym.

J.A. “Jack” Julius Jr., Inc. will perform the work at an estimated cost of \$5,613,000.

Once completed, the building will consist of over 32,000 square feet.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> floor will include the gym, concession stand, three meeting rooms, restrooms, staff office and elevator.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will include 1 meeting room, a large ceramics area, equipment storage and a Supervisor’s office.

The project will take 500 days to complete barring any unforeseen contractor delays and weather permitting. For more information, contact CJ Gibson, Director of Jefferson Parish Parks and Recreation, at 736-6999.

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