

*a monthly insight into PPLLC*



Jordan Rodosta

**Position:**  
Asst PM / QC / Surveyor

**Employed Since:**  
2018

**If you could be an animal, which would it be?**

A Tiger because of **LSU**



**What else do you do for fun?**  
Volleyball and Tailgating!

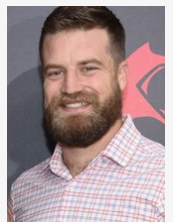


## Employee Highlight—Jordan Rodosta

This month, PPLLC continues our quest to get to know and highlight our employees. During the month of February, we are highlighting one of our Assistant Project Managers who wears additional hats as a QC and a Surveyor—**Jordan Rodosta!** Jordan has been employed by PPLLC since February 2018.

Jordan is a loyal employee who embraces the challenges that come with working for a construction company. He is eager to learn new roles and take on differing responsibilities. Just as in previous editions, Jordan was given a list of random questions and asked to answer. After reading his responses, you will truly get a feel of Jordan's character. So here is what we have found out:

- ⇒ Before working at PPLLC, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? Working at a movie theater
- ⇒ How did you first learn about PPLLC? Online
- ⇒ If you could switch your job with anyone else within PPLLC, whose job would you want? Danny Blanks
- ⇒ What do you find the most challenging at PPLLC? It's something new every day, so you are constantly learning
- ⇒ What do you like most about PPLLC? That it's different every day. That you're never doing the same thing.
- ⇒ What is your role at PPLLC? Assistant Project Manager/QC/Surveyor
- ⇒ Are you messy or organized? Organized
- ⇒ Best vacation you've been to? Went Sailing the British Virgin Islands
- ⇒ How do you define success? Happiness
- ⇒ What celebrity do people think you look like? Ryan Fitzpatrick when I have a beard (Hmm...what do you think??)



Jordan, we are glad to have a little more insight into who you are, and we look forward to seeing what else you will accomplish!



# HUMAN RESOURCES

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## welcome to our NEW HIRES

01/02 - Barry Keegan  
01/09 - Anthony Haas  
01/09 - Larry Sledd  
01/21 - Kasie Bertrand



Thank you all for your service and dedication. PPLLC appreciates you!

### 1 Year

02/18 - Ezra Bennett  
02/25 - Charlie Green

### 24 Years

02/02 - Francisco Garcia

### 2 Years

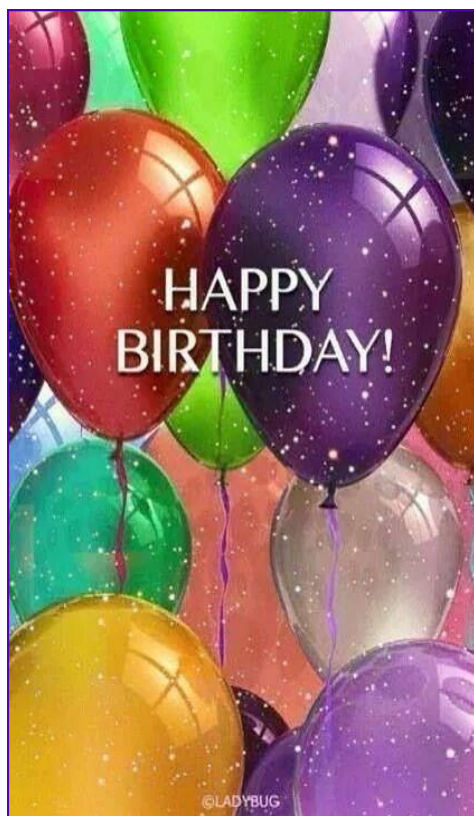
02/5 - Jordan Rodosta  
02/19 - Mitchell Young

### 32 Years

02/24 - Warren Turner

### 9 Years

02/14 - Keith Stevens



2/1 Nicky Dufrene

2/2 David Reulet

2/6 Bart Cook  
Jason Eaton  
Shantell Harris

2/7 Raymond Brown  
Raven Melrose

2/15 Warren Turner  
Tevin Henry

2/16 Jerode Garner

2/24 Andrea DeJesus

2/28 - Wilson Buttram  
Jordan Rodosta







**FEBRUARY 14TH**  
*"Where there is love there is life"*  
- Ghandi

## **FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

### **Little Known Black History Facts**

(courtesy of PBS.org)

- ◇ The first licensed African American female pilot was named Bessie Coleman in 1921.
- ◇ Interracial marriage in the US was banned in 1664 and not overturned until 1967.
- ◇ Esther Jones was the real Betty Boop.
- ◇ One in four cowboys was black, despite the stories told in popular books and movies.
- ◇ The earliest recorded protest against slavery was by the Quakers in 1688.
- ◇ Inoculation was introduced to America by a slave named Onesimus. He landed in Boston, MA and told a Puritan church minister of the centuries old tradition of inoculation practiced in Africa. By extracting the material from an infected person and scratching it into the skin of an uninfected person, you could deliberately introduce smallpox to the healthy individual making them immune.
- ◇ In his August 28, 1963 public appearance, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. improvised the most iconic part of his "I Have a Dream" speech. As he began his address, he pushed his notes aside and transformed the speech into a sermon.

2020 tax season is upon us, and all W2's have been mailed. If you have not received your W2's please contact, Kristyn Harris or Renea Helire in the Human Resources Department to ensure your correct mailing address in the system.



# New Orleans Style



## Saturday, February 1

Marigny - Krewe of Chewbacchus 7:00pm

## Friday, February 7

French Quarter - Krewe Boheme 7:00pm

## Saturday, February 8

### French Quarter

Krewe du Vieux 6:30pm  
Krewedelusion Follows

### Slidell

Krewe of Bilge 12:00am  
Krewe of Poseidon 6:00pm

## Sunday, February 9

### Metairie

Krewe of Little Rascals 12:00 pm

### Slidell

Krewe of Slidellians 1:00pm  
Krewe of Perseus Follows

### Marigny

'tit Rex 4:30pm

### Pearl River

Krewe of Pearl River Lions Club 1:00 pm

### New Orleans East

Krewe of Nefertiti 1:00 pm

## Friday, February 14

### French Quarter

Krewe of Cork 3:00pm

### Metairie

Krewe of Excalibur 6:30pm

### Uptown New Orleans

Krewe of Oshun 6:00pm  
Krewe of Cleopatra 6:00pm  
Krewe of Alla Follows

### Mandeville

Krewe of Eve 7:00pm

## Saturday, February 15

### Metairie

Magical Krewe of Mad Hatters 5:00pm  
Krewe of Centurions Follows

### Uptown New Orleans

Krewe of Pontchartrain 1:00pm  
Krewe of Choctaw Follows  
Krewe of Freret Follows  
Knights of Sparta 5:30pm  
Krewe of Pygmalion Follows

### Westbank

Mystic Knights of Adonis 11:45am

### Slidell

Krewe de Paws of Olde Towne 10:00am  
Krewe of Titans 6:30pm

### Madisonville

Krewe of Tchefuncte 1:00pm

### Covington

Krewe of Olympia 6:00pm

### Chalmette

Krewe of Nemesis 1:00pm

## Sunday, February 16

### French Quarter

Krewe of Barkus 2:00pm

### Metairie

Krewe of Atlas 4:00pm  
Krewe of Kings Follows

### Uptown New Orleans

Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale 11:00am  
Krewe of Carrollton Follows  
King Arthur Follows





# New Orleans Style

## Sunday, February 16 Cont'd

### Slidell

Krewe of Dionysus 1:00pm

## Wednesday, February 19

### Uptown

Krewe of Druids 6:15pm

Krewe of Nyx 6:45pm

## Thursday, February 20

### Uptown

Knights of Babylon 5:30pm

Knights of Chaos 6:15pm

Krewe of Muses 6:30pm

## Friday, February 21

### French Quarter

Krewe of Bosom Buddies 11:30am

### Uptown

Krewe of Hermes 5:30pm

Krewe of d'Etat 6:30pm

Krewe of Morpheus 7:00pm

### Slidell

Krewe of Selene 6:30pm

## Saturday, February 22

### Uptown

Krewe of Iris 11:00am

*\*Brooke Woods & Shannon Blanks*

*Riding*

*Float #25-C (Christmas Float)*

*Bottom, neutral ground*

*1st & 5th Positions*

Krewe of Tucks 12:00am

### Westbank

Krewe of NOMTOC 10:45am

### Mid-City

Krewe of Endymion 4:15pm

### Bush

Krewe of Bush 9:00am

### Kenner

Krewe of Isis 6:00pm





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## Sunday, February 23

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### Metairie

Krewe of Athena	5:30pm
Krewe of Pandora	6:30pm

### Uptown

Krewe of Okeanos	11:00am
Krewe of Mid-City	11:45pm
Krewe of Thoth	12:00pm
Krewe of Bacchus	5:15pm

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## Monday, February 24

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### Uptown

Krewe of Proteus	5:15pm
Krewe of Orpheus	6:00pm

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## Tuesday, February 25

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### Metairie

Krewe of Argus	10:00am
Krewe of Elks Jefferson	Follows
Krewe of Jefferson	Follows

### Uptown

Krewe of Zulu	8:00am
Krewe of Rex	10:00am
Krewe of Elks Orleans	Follows
Krewe of Crescent City	Follows

### Covington

Covington Lyons Club	10:00am
Krewe of Covington	Follows

### Folsom

Krewe of Folsom	2:00pm
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### Lacombe

Krewe of Chahta	1:00pm
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# PPLLC IN THE NEWS

## Project 1195: Restoration of Queen Bess Island



On February 3, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards and other Federal and State officials and politicians, including Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), visited Queen Bess Island to officially re-open the Island to the Brown Pelican and other nesting birds. Since September, PPLLC has restored 37 acres of prime bird nesting habitat. This restoration project provides 30 acres of restored Brown Pelican and wading bird habitat and seven acres of nesting tern and Black Skimmer habitat. Included in the project is marsh habitat accessible by fish and protected by a breakwater to reduce wave and tidal erosion. A row of breakwaters on the south side of the island have been installed to give young birds a safe, calm area for swimming. Rebuilding the land started by

barging Mississippi River sediment to the project site. Then, the sand was pumped onto the remnant island to reach elevations varying based on the target habitat for each area. With the exception of the habitat for terns and skimmers that prefer barren ground, most areas will be planted with native vegetation.

Queen Bess Island is an important waterbird nesting colony site for a variety of species. This colony is one of only a handful of Reddish Egret colonies in the state (one of the rarest herons in the Americas).

Among those on-site for Pontchartrain Partners, LLC to greet the Governor and other dignitaries were Members Danny Blanks, Bart Cook and James R. Washington III, as well as Project Manager Jerry Crump and Superintendent Matt Karl. Photos are courtesy of Makeda Miller.

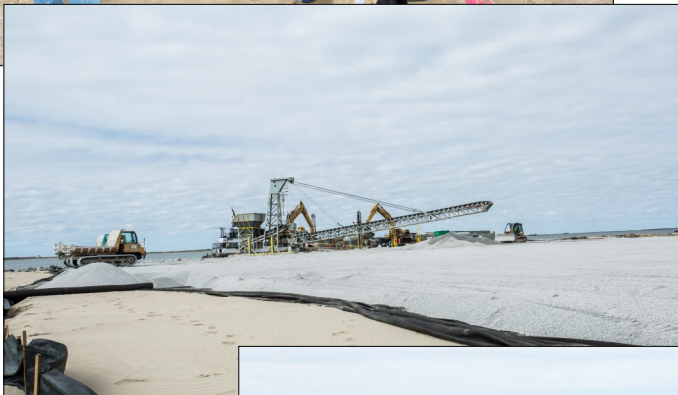
PPLLC is extremely proud of this project and is excited to have played such an integral role in such an important coastal restoration project.





# PPLLC IN THE NEWS

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## KNOW THE NEW PARADE RULES

The New Orleans City Council passed new Mardi Gras parade rules in early 2014. Be sure you know them before you head out to the parades to avoid tickets, and to avoid bringing a bunch of stuff that you'll just have to move later. The new rules are as follows:

1. There can be no ladders or other personal effects, like grills and coolers, closer than 6 feet to the curb.
2. Parking on Napoleon and St. Charles will be prohibited on BOTH sides of the neutral ground this year, not just the parade side, starting 2 hours before the parade.
3. There is now a ban on roping off territory via chairs, tarps, or anything else if you are in the public right of way. This includes neutral ground and
4. There can be no private portable toilets in the neutral ground or other public property.

## PLAN YOUR TRANSPORTATION

If you are driving in for the day from a suburban hotel, remember that the French Quarter during Mardi Gras weekend is closed to vehicular traffic. Only French Quarter residents and hotel guests with special parking passes can get by the police barricades. Off-site commercial parking lots are expensive and fill up fast, so get there early! Make sure you know how far away your hotel will be, and remember: taxicabs are more difficult to find at this time of year.

It is a good idea to get a map of the city and study the areas you'll be visiting. New Orleans is a "checkerboard city" - safe neighborhoods can be within blocks of unsafe areas. Your hotel concierge or front desk can help you with route times, traffic and parking.

If you stay in an outlying hotel, don't depend on them to supply you with transportation to the French Quarter or the parade routes. Although some have shuttles to New Orleans, they are often not in use during Mardi Gras season. Traffic during Carnival is unbelievably congested, and standard routes are often barricaded to redirect the traffic flow.

Even public transportation can be difficult - bus and streetcar routes/schedules often change during Carnival season, so plan ahead and make sure you know when and how to get there and back.



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If you want to save yourself some walking, bring a bicycle. Bicycles provide a great means of transportation in areas where cars are not allowed or where parking is too difficult. Just be sure to be cautious when you get into the big crowds, and bring a chain to lock up your bike when you're not using it.

## WATCH OUT FOR PARKING TICKETS DURING MARDI GRAS

Do not double-park or park in driveways, on neutral grounds (medians), in front of water hydrants, within 15 feet of curb corners, too far from the curb, or on the parade route within three hours of a parade. Your car will get towed away and/or you'll receive a fine of Biblical proportions.

## GET THERE EARLY

Parade routes can look empty, but the crowd size can swell fast within an hour or two of the parade, making that front-row spot four or five people deep. For the biggest parades rolling in the evenings on the weekend before Mardi Gras, plan to get there about **four hours ahead of time** to get yourself a great spot.

For the Sunday night Bacchus Parade, we're at our spot (drum roll here) at 6:00 a.m. You can find us on St. Charles Avenue near Napoleon Avenue, near the beginning of the parade. We sit wrapped up in a blanket, and enjoy people-watching. That Sunday, several afternoon parades also roll by as the crowds swell for one of the biggest parades of the season - Bacchus. I save the spot until my family shows up, so they can make another area parade taking place in Mid-City. All of this for a parade scheduled to roll at 6:00 p.m.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE CARNIVAL SEASON!!!**

**HAPPY MARDI GRAS!**





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## Amphibious Excavator Safety Alert!

Amphibious excavators are specially designed to maneuver in marshy, swampy area and soft terrain and it can also float on water as an added safety feature. AM Excavators can be used to do the following:

1. Maintenance and cleaning of waterways, lakes, shorelines, ponds, etc.
2. Erosion control and prevention. Deepening of waterways and river deltas. Maintenance and repair of natural environment.
3. Flood protection and flood maintenance works.
4. Landscape building and protection. Accessing difficult strands of water/soft terrain



## Amphibious Excavator Safety Guidelines!

- Operators shall be trained prior to machinery operation.
- Operator training shall include: how to inspect, use equipment and attachments to ensure personnel and equipment safety while preventing accidents.
- Operators shall wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during machinery operations to include hardhat, safety glasses, steel toe boots, gloves, lifebelt and life jacket.
- Operators shall review the job and identify hazards, controls and/or mitigation plan(s).
- Excavate at the recommended water depth. Operators shall know the water depth at each project. The equipment operator's manual provides the recommended water depth for the digging purpose of each model.
- Avoid excavating in floatation mode!
- Use supplementary pontoons and spud pile to increase safety.
- If machinery needs cleaning, clean using a pressure washer on solid ground!