



President's Report

Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Good afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

BONNE CARRE SPILLWAY – Council Member-at-Large East Kerri Callais, Chief Administrative Officer Ronnie Alonzo, Coastal Director John Lane and Fisheries Task Force Chairman Mike Bayham are in Washington, D.C. meeting with Louisiana's Congressional Delegation, the Department of Commerce, and White House staffers to seek emergency funding for local fisherman and the fishing industry due to the negative impacts of fresh water. The freshwater inundation from the unprecedented openings of the Bonne Carre Spillway has devastated South Louisiana's estuaries and fishing industry. Also in attendance are various local fisheries task forces. Along with meetings for emergency funding requests, we will discuss lower Mississippi River water management, future plans for diverting water from the river and the long term affects freshwater has on the fishing industry and estuaries. These issues will remain on the forefront on this administration's legislative agenda as we move forward in 2019 and beyond. The waterways and bayous of Eastern St. Bernard Parish are not just an economic staple but a major part of St. Bernard's rich culture. We will keep residents updated, as information becomes available.

HOMELAND SECURITY – We were spared the brunt of Tropical Storm Barry over the weekend. Other than the usual flooding in Eastern St. Bernard, the parish had no big issues. We have a great partnership with our local and state Agencies and I want to thank them for their cooperation and assistance. I especially want to thank the parish employees who worked throughout this event to ensure our parish was safe and informed. I also want to thank our citizens for heeding the warnings from officials. Hurricane Season doesn't end until November so please make sure your families are prepared.

RECREATION – The Recreation Department hosted the USSSA World Series last week at Val Riess Park. The St. Bernard 6U and 11U All-Star Teams took home the World Series Championship titles. The 6U All-Star team defeated their rival team "The Naturals" from Slidell 18-11. Joshua Moity was named Defensive MVP and Jayden Forvendel was named Tournament MVP. The St. Bernard 11U All-Star Team defeated Franklinton 11U All-Stars, a team with only one loss all summer. Caleb Williams was selected as the offensive MVP for the tournament and Brady Nunez was selected the overall MVP for the tournament. Congratulations to the coaches and members of both teams.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAT PACK IS BACK CONCERT - "The Rat Pack is Back" will perform in concert on **Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Sigur Civic Center, 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive Chalmette. The Las Vegas show is a tribute to Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, and Frank Sinatra. Tickets can be purchased online or in the Government Building at 8201 W. Judge Perez Drive Chalmette.

PELICAN'S CAMP - The New Orleans Pelicans will host a FREE Junior Training Camp (JTC) on July 30, 2019 for ages 7 to 13. Limited space is available. The camp will take place at Val Riess Sports Complex, located at 1101 Magistrate Street in Chalmette. The first session is for ages 7-9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and the second session is for ages 10 to 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register at the Recreation Department by July 19, 2019.

Sincerely,

Guy McInnis
Parish President