



President's Report

Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Good afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

COASTAL PROGRAM – We have partnered with Nunez College to launch a new academic program in Coastal Studies and GIS Technology in the Kane Technology Building. The program delivers skills and competencies in coastal studies that utilize the latest, cutting-edge technologies such as drones and Geographic Information Systems. For more information on the program visit www.nunez.edu.

FINANCE – Congratulations to Finance Department on completing the 2018 audit. The parish received a clean opinion (unmodified opinion) and no findings for the second year in the history of Parish Government.

FISHERIES TASK FORCE – Mike Bayham, John Lane and the Eddie Chagnard, Chairman of the Louisiana United Crabbers Alliance met with members of Congress and their staffers last week as we continue to press Washington in an attempt to secure federal relief for damages caused by floodwaters released into St. Bernard's estuaries.

GROUNDBREAKINGS – We recently broke ground on Heights Neighborhood Park in Arabi which will serve as a trailhead to the 40 Arpent walking/bike path and will feature a pedestrian bridge, a covered pavilion, decorative plaza, benches, picnic tables, and bike racks.

GRAND OPENINGS – We held a grand opening of the 40 Arpent Fishing Pier at 8201 Benjamin Street. The 40 x 16 foot pier is part of the St. Bernard Parish Bikeway and Pedestrian Plan which calls for construction of a multi-purpose trail, known as the 40 Arpent Trail, adjacent to the observatory and the new fishing pier.

We also celebrated the opening of Blue Bird Park in Chalmette. This park emphasizes special needs facilities and a universal playground design with 34 different accessible play unit components, an accessible covered picnic area and specially designed handicapped restrooms.

ANIMAL SERVICES – St. Bernard Parish Animal Shelter announces FREE Cat and Kitten Adoptions throughout August. Adoptions will be held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Bernard Animal Services located at 5455 E. Judge Perez Drive in Violet. Please bring a carrier to adopt your new best friend.

EMPLOYEE NEWS - Congratulations and best wishes to Kerry Crovetto on his retirement of 22 years with St. Bernard Parish Government.

PUBLIC WORKS – There are several waterline projects taking place throughout the parish. There is also a Reggio Booster Station project and bridge replacement projects over the 20 Arpent Canal at Mumphrey Road and Gallo Drive. The bridges are scheduled to be completed in November.

RECREATION – The Recreation Department recently hosted two free basketball clinics. The first was held with Mitchell Robinson of the New York Knicks and the second with New Orleans Pelicans. Both camps were well attended with over 200 kids participating. Volleyball Jamboree will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. The four zones are taking registration for Tackle Football through Friday, August 9th.

HURRICANE KATRINA – The public is invited to attend the 14th Annual Hurricane Katrina Commemorative Ceremony on **Thursday, August 29, 2019** at 11:30 a.m. at the Shell Beach Monument. This event is held each year in memory of the St. Bernard residents who lost their lives. Family members and the public are encouraged to attend.

SEAFOOD MARKET – St. Bernard Parish Government and Louisiana Sea Grant will host their semiannual St. Bernard Seafood Market at the Delacroix Pier on **Saturday, September 7, 2019** from **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** (or while supplies last) at the Delacroix Fishing Pier (5565 Delacroix Highway). Local fishermen who wish to sell at the event should contact Dominique Seibert at 504-458-2397. Other vendors who would like to participate should contact [Jerry Graves](#) at 504-343-4041. For general information contact [John Lane](#) at 504-579-2173.

SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION – With school's reopening this week I encourage everyone to use caution when riding through school zones. I would like to take this moment to wish everyone a successful school year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Business - We want to welcome Burrito's Grill located at 2800 Paris Road in Chalmette.

Boat Blessings - The Delacroix Boat Blessing was a successful event held this past weekend. The Yscloskey Boat Blessing will be held on Saturday, August 10th at 12pm.

Upcoming Events

Wind Down Wednesday Concert
Redfish World Series Pageant
Redfish World Series Festival

September 11th - 5:00 p.m.
September 14th -
September 27th thru 29th

Sincerely,


Guy McInnis
Parish President