



President's Report

Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 2, 2019

Good afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

FISHERIES DECLARATION - US Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross declared "a catastrophic regional fishery disaster occurred for Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama due to extreme flooding events in the Gulf of Mexico." With the declaration, commercial fishermen who have incurred verifiable losses will be eligible for NOAA fisheries disaster assistance. St. Bernard Fisheries Task Force, which included parish officials and leaders in the local commercial fishing community, and officials with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries met with members of Congress and the Trump Administration to seek a disaster declaration due to multiple openings of the Bonnet Carré spillway that poured Mississippi River floodwaters into St. Bernard Parish's estuaries and the Mississippi Sound.

REDFISH FESTIVAL – The Inaugural Redfish Festival was held this past weekend on the grounds of the Sigur Civic Center. Congratulations to all of the winners of the Redfish Tournament.

RECREATION – Soccer games began this past weekend. A total of 290 Soccer games will be played during the regular season which runs through November. We look forward to a great season and encourage everyone to come out and support our kids.

TRUNK OR TREAT – The Recreation and Leisure Department will host the 4rd Annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Sidney Torres Park. The event is FREE and open to the public. The Leisure Department is in need of volunteers, donations as well as participation from businesses, clubs, individuals, families, churches, organizations to make this another great year. For more information contact Denise Montalbano/Leisure Coordinator at 504-518-6031 or dmontalbano@sbpg.net.

RABIES DRIVE – Friends of the Animal Shelter of St. Bernard will host the St. Bernard Parish Rabies and Microchip Drive on **Saturday, October 12, 2019** from **11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The drive will be held at the St. Bernard Parish Animal Services located at 5455 East Judge Perez Drive in Violet. No appointment is necessary. Rabies vaccinations (\$15 per pet) and identification microchips (\$15 per pet) will be available for purchase. All dogs must be on a leash and cats should be in a pet taxi or cat carrier (no cardboard boxes). For more information contact The Animal Services Office at 504-278-1534.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Congratulation to Muddy Miss Art Studio, Big Easy Blasting and Simply Marvelous Nutrition on the opening of your business.

Upcoming Events

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| Blues, Brews & BBQ | October 5 th | Docville |
| Wind Down Wednesday Concert | October 9 th - 6 - 8 p.m. | Torres Park |
| Trunk or Treat | October 11 th - 6:00 p.m. | Torres Park |
| Sugar Festival | October 12 th - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Aycock Barn |
| Oyster Festival | October 18 th - 20 th | Our Lady of Lourdes Church |

Sincerely,

Guy McInnis
Parish President