



# St. Bernard Parish Government

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**Guy McInnis**  
Parish President

## President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2017

### Good Evening Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The St. Bernard Irish, Italian and Islenos Parade rolled on Saturday under beautiful, sunny skies. The parade is a great community event which has become a local tradition that grows bigger every year. I'd like to thank the Department of Public Works for doing an excellent clean-up job. The crews worked into the early morning hours and by Sunday morning you couldn't tell there was a parade on Judge Perez Drive.

The First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Torres Park. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will begin at 9:00 a.m. Laurie and I would like to invite families and friends to bring their children and the neighbor's children to the park. Children from newborn to age 12 will enjoy a good ole' fashion Easter egg hunt that will include the Easter bunny, yard games and of course the Easter egg hunt. The Easter egg hunt will be divided among age and sections: Newborn to 1, 2 to 3, 4 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 12. You just may win a chance for a FREE ½ hour Paddle boat ride among other great surprises.

Last week's meetings in Washington, D.C. were very productive. We were able to meet with Senator John Kennedy, Congressmen Scalise, Graves, Abraham and Johnson as well as Senator Cassidy's Senior Policy Advisor. The major issue discussed was the FEMA drainage repair claim. Water from Hurricane Katrina caused major damage to St. Bernard Parish streets and the water, sewer and drainage lines under the streets. Millions of federal dollars have been awarded to St. Tammany and Orleans Parishes and we are pushing for FEMA to accept our claim.

The "Sold on St Bernard" launch party was held on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> on Center Street. The weather cleared and tours of the new homes were showcased. Everyone was able to see the innovative development of this

program. We are looking forward to welcoming new residents into our community.

St. Bernard Parish Government and Pelican Waste are partnering this week through Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> by doing a parish-wide debris sweep. Pelican Waste and Parish Government employees will work together to pick-up trash that wouldn't normally be picked up curbside, such as appliances and furniture. This is a good time for residents to do their spring cleaning. Debris must be placed curbside the evening before scheduled garbage pickup. Construction debris, demolition debris and/or hazardous materials will **NOT** be picked up. For more information please contact the President's Office at 504-278-4227.

Tomorrow, Parish Government employees will be sprucing up Torres Park. In the event of inclement weather, clean-up will be held on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Employees will be planting flowers, weeding the gardens around the playground area and picking up litter. Volunteer efforts such as these are part of the "Don't Trash our Future" litter campaign which is to be kicked-off in the near future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy McInnis".

Guy McInnis  
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