



# St. Bernard Parish Government

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**Guy McInnis**  
*Parish President*

## President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2016

### Good Evening Councilmembers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The 2016 holiday season has arrived! The recent cold snap makes it feel more like winter. As the holiday shopping season is underway, we would like to encourage all residents to shop local and support our local businesses. Not only does this help create and sustain local jobs but it helps improve the local business economy.

December is the most festive time of year and St. Bernard Parish is filled with many holiday activities that is sure to put everyone in the Christmas spirit. There was a great turnout at the first annual Christmas at the Complex Ceremony this past Friday. I would like to thank everyone who attended, participated in and organized the event. Our goal is to grow this family-friendly event bigger and better every year into an occasion that the residents of our community look forward to. St. Bernard Parish has a lot to offer and we hope everyone will join us in attending the many community events during this holiday season.

The Housing Department recently served 65 low income residents with food baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday. We are pleased that the outreach programs offered through the St. Bernard Parish Housing Department are working to serve the residents of St. Bernard Parish.

The Animal Shelter participated in Jefferson Parish's Pet Fest at Lafreniere Park on November 20<sup>th</sup> where six St. Bernard Animal Shelter dogs found forever homes. Through the LASPCA, the Animal Shelter was able to send nine dogs to Chicago and over the past month, has been successful in the placement of four breed specific rescues. The holiday season is a popular time for bringing new animals into families. If you are looking for a new pet, please consider adopting an animal from the St. Bernard Animal Shelter.

As part of the wellness program, employees recently had the opportunity to participate in on-site, no cost wellness screenings which consisted of blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes lab work and flu shots. Safety manager, Robert Barton, is currently performing vehicle safety inspections on all St. Bernard Parish Government vehicles. We would like to thank all of the departments for their cooperation throughout this process.

The Fire Department is conducting their annual pump testing of apparatus this week. We would like to thank Crew Boats, Inc. who allows this testing to be conducted at their Paris Road facility every December. The Fire Department had two new Fire Recruits graduate from the LSU Fire Academy on Friday after 14 weeks of intense training. Upon graduation, they will receive six national certifications and soon they will be attending advanced shipboard firefighting at Delgado Community College's Marine Fire School. Last week two Firefighters attended a week of industrial firefighting training in Beaumont, Texas. We want to thank Valero for sponsoring this very important training.

As a convenience to our community, the La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Government Complex from December 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm offering new commercial fishing licenses and renewal.

We invite the community to join us in all of this year's holiday celebrations.

Respectfully,

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

Guy McInnis  
Parish President

## **DECEMBER EVENTS**

### **DECEMBER 7 – PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

Tomorrow St. Bernard Parish will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. The memorial ceremony will include guest speaker John Murphy, Assistant U. S. Attorney of the Eastern District of Louisiana, a band, color guard and the laying of a memorial wreath at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Monument at 5601 Paris Road. December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, Members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, the United States Military, local elected officials and other groups will participate in the commemorative ceremony. All St. Bernard residents are invited to attend this important anniversary commemoration. December 7, 1941, “A Date Which Will Live In Infamy”.

### **DECEMBER 8 - ST. BERNARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GALA**

The St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce is having its Annual Gala. The gala will be held at Docville Farm and catered by Crave. The event will celebrate accomplishments of 2016. Additional recognitions include the Chamber Citizen of the Year, the Chamber Member of the Year, and the Friend of Tourism Award.

### **DECEMBER 8 - CHALMETTE HIGH'S CHRISTMAS GALA CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK**

Tickets for Chalmette High's Annual Christmas Gala are now on sale. Show Dates are December 8th and 9th @ 7:00 PM. Call 504-272-0302 for more information.

### **DECEMBER 10 - LOS ISLENO'S HOLIDAY DRIVE-IN CAR SHOW**

From 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Los Islenos Complex. Come join in for a jolly good time at the Los Islenos Holiday Drive-in Car Show. Enjoy the great holiday movie "Elf" drive-in style! Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles are welcome. There will be raffles and prizes, funnel cakes and popcorn as well as food cooked by the Los Islenos Heritage and Culture Society members so you know it will be good. Come see the beautifully holiday decorated village. Registration is \$25 the day of the show. Show cars will have preferred parking but there will be a large area where everyone can place their chairs and watch the movie. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **DECEMBER 10 - 3RD ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

The event will be held at the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. All inside events are free admission. Come out and bring the kids and take your picture with SANTA CLAUS and Mrs. Claus. There will also be a fundraiser for the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office. All of the money collected from the Parade of Prizes and 50/50 will benefit the Sheriff's Office.

## **DECEMBER 10 – SANTA ON THE BAYOU**

From 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Santa on the Bayou at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 2805 Bayou Road will host its 17<sup>th</sup> annual celebration for the children of St. Bernard Parish. Santa will provide food, a life nativity narration, games, face painting and toys for children who attend.

## **DECEMBER 10 - YULETIDE CELEBRATION AT THE MALUS- BEAUREGARD HOUSE AT THE BATTLEFIELD**

The Chalmette Battlefield of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve is hosting its annual Yuletide at the Malus-Beauregard House from 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Join the living history as reenactors prepare for the holidays in the fashion of the 1800's. The event will be held at the Chalmette Battlefield, 8606 W. St. Bernard Highway.

## **DECEMBER 10 - SATURDAY WITH THE ARTS, “WHO IS HUGO KRINGLE?”**

Hugo, also known as award-winning dulcimer player and storyteller, Mike Anderson will share a sleigh-full of interactive stories and music. St. Bernard Parish Library, 10:30 AM.

## **DECEMBER 10 - ST. BERNARD SEAFOOD & FARMERS MARKET**

From 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Aycock Barn. There will be live entertainment as well as fresh produce, seasonal seafood, herbs, spices, jams, jellies, crafts and much more.

## **DECEMBER 10 – DOCVILLE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

From 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at Docville Farms. The event is open to the public. St. Bernard Public Schools will be performing all day.

## **DECEMBER 13 – LEADERSHIP ST. BERNARD AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE**

Barry Lemoine and Leadership St. Bernard will be discussing the history of the Historic Beauregard Courthouse from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM at the historic courthouse.

**DECEMBER 14 - WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL NETWORK  
HOLIDAY PARTY**

Join the Women's Professional Network in celebration of the season. Wendy Haines and The Cottage Store located at 6707 St. Claude Ave will be hosting the holiday get together from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Enjoy some delicious treats, sip a glass of wine, and grab a few holiday gifts for someone special.

**DECEMBER 17 – PANCAKES & PAJAMAS WITH SANTA**

From 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Frederick Sigur Civic Center. Come in your PJs and have pancakes with Santa. Decorate cookies, crafts, write a letter to Santa and take a picture with Santa. Tickets are \$9.00 per person and must be pre-bought. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased through the Recreation Dept. or at Local Flair, 1515 West Judge Perez Drive.

**DECEMBER 17 - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

The Pinups for Patriots Louisiana Platoon will lay wreaths at the National Cemetery in honor of our veterans. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission of Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

**DECEMBER 18 – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOY GIVEAWAY**

The Knights of Columbus will be having its annual toy give away in the Southern Ballroom of the Frederick Sigur Center from 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Children from St. Bernard Parish are invited to attend.