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President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Good Afternoon Councilmembers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Knights of Nemesis parade rolled on Saturday, February 18th following the traditional St. Bernard parade route. Under beautiful skies; St. Bernardians enjoyed a fun filled day of floats, bands food, comradery and much more. Thanks to the Department of Public Works, the Road Department, St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office and Pelican Waste, the streets were immediately cleaned with little trace of a parade.

Transit - Starting on Wednesday, March 1st St. Bernard Transit's new bus route and bus schedule will go into effect. Signs have been placed at the bus stops that are being moved or merged with information about the nearest new bus stops. Signs were also placed at the new bus stops in advance of the route shift. There will be two major changes to the route and schedule. First, the bus route will shift from St. Bernard Highway to East Judge Perez between Colonial Boulevard and Archbishop Hannan Boulevard. Secondly, buses will now pick up on the hour from bus stops, simplifying the bus schedule. The Transit Department will run a third bus on March 1st and the transit staff will be available along the old and new routes to provide information to riders. Passengers can obtain copies of the new schedule from bus drivers or at the Parish Government Complex. The schedule is also available online at www.sbpbg.net/transit. Passengers with questions about the new bus route and schedule are encouraged to call the Transit Department at 504-277-1907. Due to the Mardi Gras holidays, there will be no bus service on Monday, February 27th and Tuesday, February 28th.

Public Works - One west bound lane on Judge Perez at Montesquieu Street will be closed down until Friday, February 24th for pavement repairs. The lane closure will reopen on Saturday, February 25th. We apologize for any inconvenience and encourage morning commuters to leave early or use alternate routes. If you have any questions or comments please call The Department of Public Works at 504-278-4300.

Animal Shelter – St Bernard Parish Animal Shelter will open on Saturdays for Adoptions beginning March 4th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. The Shelter is opening to accommodate those residents who cannot get to the shelter during regular business hours during the week. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The shelter staff has been accommodating those who were in need of after hour visits by scheduling meet and greets after work. The Saturday Adoption hours will make our shelter more accessible to those with busy schedules or those who are traveling from another area. The Animal Shelter is only a phone call away and is happy to work with you to meet your needs. St Bernard Parish Animal Shelter is located at 5455 East Judge Perez Drive, Violet, LA 70092; the phone number is 504-278-1534

Preventative Maintenance, PPM – The Preventative Maintenance Department completed a Community Bulletin Board in Torres Park. It will be used to advertise community events as well as to post information regarding lost animals and animals available for adoption. The Department of PPM did an outstanding job in building this enclosed bulletin board which will be greatly utilized to relay information to the community.

Recreation Department – The St. Bernard Leisure Program will host a two day Mardi Gras Camp at the 40 Arpent Wetlands Observatory, located at 8201 Benjamin Street in Chalmette. Campers will get ready for Easter by making a String/Yarn Easter Basket to decorate and fill with candy. The cost of the camp is \$30.00 per person and will be held on March 2nd and 3rd. Space is limited so please register by calling the Recreation Department at 504-278-4295.

Community Development - The pre-launch for the “Sold on St Bernard” campaign is editing the first commercial today. The commercial is slated to be finalized on March 1st and thereafter will begin airing. For more information on available homes under the “Sold on St. Bernard” program, visit the website at <https://soldonstbernard.com/>.

Tourism Office - The Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society Festival will celebrate its 42nd annual festival on March 4th – 5th on the grounds of the Los Islenos Museum Complex, 1344 – 1357 Bayou Road in St. Bernard Village. The Isleno Historic Village, situated in the rear of Los Islenos Museum, will once more be the setting for a series of living history demonstrations featuring folk crafts, historic vernacular lifestyles and the cultural identity of the Isleno descendants community in St. Bernard Parish. The Agrupacion Floclorico Hatacuperche from La Gomera Island and the Grammy Award winning group Mestisay from Gran Canaria will perform during Fiesta 2017. We encourage

everyone to get out and support the event while experiencing the Los Islenos Heritage and Culture. Admission to Los Islenos Fiesta 2017 will be \$5.00 per person for those 12 years of age and older.

Rudy's Redfish Series will be held in Hopedale Louisiana at Breton Sound Marina on March 10th and 11th. The St. Bernard Parish Office of Tourism and the St. Bernard Tourist Commission, along with the Meraux Foundation are assisting in hosting this event. The event will open with a Captain's Dinner at Docville Farm on March 9th. The final weigh in will be held on March 11th, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Breton Sound Marina. Don Dubuc will be covering the event live for the final weigh in. For more information please call the Office of Tourism at 504-278-4242.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy McInnis', written in a cursive style.

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