

President's Report **Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

Good evening Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Office of Homeland Security – The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness began utilizing a new service to provide important, valuable community information when you need it, using the latest technology. The office will create and publish messages through a system called Nixle. Nixle will deliver this information to you instantly via text, email and web message. There are several simple ways to register:

1. Text your ZIPCODE to 888777 from your mobile phone
2. Go to the St. Bernard Homeland Security Webpage and sign up via “Nixle Emergency

Alerts Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's website at www.nixle.com. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email or simply over the web.

Water and Sewer – *the Department of Health and Human Services awarded a \$13 Million Dollar loan to St. Bernard Waterworks.* The loan is through the State's Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, and will help the water system improve its drinking water quality. The following projects will be accomplished as a result of the loan:

- Replacement of aging and deteriorating cast iron water lines in the distribution system.
- Installation of a 20-inch diameter PVC waterline extension along Hwy. 46 in St. Bernard to address low pressure and improve fire protection.
- Adding fire hydrants, valves, service lines, meters and fittings along the length of the new and replaced water lines.

Leisure Services - St. Bernard Parish Leisure Services will host a Sock Hop on Friday, June 16th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Val Riess Park. Children ages 9 – 13 can attend at a cost of \$5.00 each. For more information contact Recreation at 504-278-4295.

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Jazz In June - St. Bernard Parish Leisure Services hosted their first "Jazz in June" Concert on Thursday, June 1st. The FREE concert will take place every Thursday in June from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Sidney Torres Park Amphitheater, located behind the Fredrick Sigur Civic Center. Bring your lounge chairs and enjoy the beautiful sound of Jazz music. Food, drinks and crafts will be available for purchase. In the event of rain the concert will be held inside of the Sigur Civic Center.

Vendors interested in participating should contact Denise Montalbano at dmontalbano@sbpg.net.

June 8th – Cypress Pop Trio
June 15th – Swingaroux
June 22nd – Garden District Jazz Quintet
June 29th – Patrice Fisher and Arpa, Latin Jazz Band

St. Bernard Salutes America – The St. Bernard Salutes America Committee will host their 33rd Annual Celebration on **Tuesday, July 4th from 4:30 to 10:00 p.m.** on the grounds of Sigur Civic Center. Admission is FREE. The celebration will include food, drinks, music, games, rides, and a spectacular fireworks show. For more information contact Andrew Becker at (504) 473-7238.

Respectfully,

Guy McInnis
Parish President