

President's Report **Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

Good afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

CPRA Meeting – We will host a meeting of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) on tomorrow, July 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Chalmette High School's Cultural Arts Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Audit - Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC has completed the audit of the St. Bernard Parish Government's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and has issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on those financial statements. The Parish's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) reported a net position balance on the government-wide basis of \$647 million, an increase of \$33.9 million over the net position for 2015. The Parish's CAFR also reported no new internal control or compliance issues along with forward progress to resolving two findings from past administrations.

Coastal letters of support – St. Bernard Parish received letters of support from U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy and U.S. Senator John Kennedy for the CWPPRA Point Aux Marchette's Delacroix Marsh Creation and Terracing Project

CEA - St. Bernard Parish Government signed a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for oyster spat on shell deployment. This project will create a productive oyster seed grounds to offset impacts to oyster areas resulting from any exposure to Deepwater Horizon oil, dispersant and response activities.

Restore Act - Parish Government received approval from the Department of Treasury for St. Bernard's Multiyear Plan which includes several projects totaling over \$1.9M. The parish will now be able to begin the submission for Direct Component funding to support the activities included in the accepted Multiyear Plan.

Road Project on LA 300 in Delacroix - Project consist of elevating the roadway up to 2' in the low lying areas and fortifying the shoulder with rock rip rap. This will ensure all of La 300 in Delacroix is at a minimum elevation of 4.00. This will also reduce or eliminate in some areas, standing water on the road for abnormal high tides and small tropical storms.

Uniform Giveaway - St. Bernard Parish Government Office of Housing and Redevelopment hosted a CSBG Community Outreach on **Friday, July 7, 2017**. Our Housing Department was able to assist 200 students with school uniforms and book bags.

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Free Play Basketball – Recreation Department is hosting Free Play Basketball three nights per week for youth ages 7-17. Free Play Basketball will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. June 20th thru August 3rd at Gauthier Gym located at 2214 Bobolink Drive in St. Bernard. The pick up games are for St. Bernard Parish residents only and all participants must sign a waiver.

First time players must register with the Recreation Department. For more information call 504-278-4295 or visit the Recreation Department at 1101 Magistrate Street in Chalmette.

Respectfully,

Guy McInnis
Parish President