



*St. Bernard
Parish Government*

Guy McInnis
PARISH PRESIDENT

President's Report
Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Good afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Christmas at the Complex - The 2nd annual Christmas at the Complex was well attended. Guests were treated to cookies, hot chocolate, train rides, photos with Santa and performances by our own St. Bernard Parish school children. Thank you to all of the employees who worked hard to make sure the event was a success. Special thanks goes to the following sponsors for donating refreshments for the event: St. Bernard Parish Tourist Commission, Valero Refinery, Coffee House, UNO Credit Union, Eric Bopp Law Firm, Old Arabi Market Place, and Chalmette Refining.

Coastal - Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) has awarded \$20 million in projects selected for funding through the CPRA Parish Matching Program. St. Bernard Parish will receive \$2.78M of the \$20 million for construction of the Lake Lery Marsh Creation Project.

Donuts with Santa - St. Bernard Leisure Program hosted Donuts with Santa. Over 250 people attended the event held at the Sigur Civic Center. Special thanks to the parish employees and Council Members who helped with the event. Also, a special thank you to the sponsors: Gerald's Donuts, Mc Donald's of St. Bernard, Ideal Construction, Music by JP Repath, John Finckbeiner and Mark and Cindy Crowl from Tennessee.

Use of Fireworks - Residents should be reminded of the St. Bernard Parish ordinance, which designates the times when fireworks can legally be used in the parish surrounding the New Year's celebration:

December 15th thru 28th - 9:00 a.m. til 11:00 p.m.
December 29th and 30th - 9:00 a.m. til Midnight
December 31st - 9:00 a.m. til 2:00 a.m. New Year's Day
January 1st - 9:00 a.m. til 10:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Jackson Day Race - St. Bernard Parish will host the Jackson Day Race on Sunday, January 7, 2018 beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the Aycock Barn in Arabi. The Jackson Day race is the 3rd oldest race in the country and this will be St. Bernard's first year hosting the event. Council Members and Administration have worked closely assisting the organizers of the event.

Battle of New Orleans - St. Bernard Parish Office of Tourism invites you to participate in the Battle of New Orleans Events from January 5 – 8, 2018. For more information on events contact the office of Tourism at 504-278-4242.

Remembrance Ceremony - January 5th at 11:00 a.m. Daughters of the British Empire Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Denis de la Ronde Plantation Site on St. Bernard Highway.

Lantern Tour – The public can experience living history tours at the Chalmette Battlefield and the Battle of New Orleans Lecture Series held Saturday, January 6th in the St. Bernard Council Chambers.

Wreath Laying Ceremony - January 8th at 9:00 a.m. a wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Chalmette Battlefield.

In closing, On behalf of myself, St. Bernard Parish Government and the St. Bernard Parish Council, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Guy McInnis
Parish President