



*St. Bernard*  
Parish Government

*Guy McInnis*  
PARISH PRESIDENT

## President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2018

**Good evening Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**Meetings in Washington, DC –** Parish Officials met with representatives of the Department of Treasury, FEMA, US Army Corps of Engineers, multiple Congressmen from the Louisiana Delegation regarding issues that affect St. Bernard Parish. During our meetings we requested assistance from FEMA with regards to storm drainage and Hurricane Isaac debris removal. Additionally, we requested the US Army Corps of Engineers for a post construction traffic study on the Inner Harbor Navigational Lock (IHNC) Expansion Project.

**Port Project –** The Port of New Orleans Board of Commissioners awarded AECOM Technical Services \$300,000.00 to evaluate a 675 acre piece of land in Meraux (Sinclair Tract) to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the site can support a riverside container terminal and distribution campus. The site, owned by the Meraux Foundation, is presently undeveloped but is zoned for heavy industrial use.

**Jean Lafitte Drainage Improvements –** We broke ground on the Jean Lafitte Drainage Improvement Project which includes replacement of subsurface drain lines. The project costs \$3,990,035 and is funded by FEMA. The project is estimated to be completed by Mid-November, 2018.

**Marine Debris Removal –** St. Bernard Parish Government Coastal Department is clearing bayous of debris in Shell Beach and Yscloskey in Eastern St. Bernard. Parish Government worked with the local commercial and recreational fishermen to assist in identifying marine debris target areas.

**New Home Construction -** St. Bernard Parish is seeing an increase in new home construction. The Community Development Office issued 34 new home construction permits since January 1, 2018. The number of permits to date is 30% of the total for 2017.

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**LED Lights** – Crews are installing approximately 250 LED lights throughout the parish. The parish will have a reduce energy cost and result in a savings of approximately \$50,000.00 annually.

### **Welcome New Businesses**

I would like to welcome the following new businesses to St. Bernard Parish and thank them for investing in our community.

Cross Country Mortgage Company  
Nola Lock and Security

### **Upcoming Community Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Shamrock Painting Class	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 pm	Val Riess Complex
In10sity Dance Competition	February 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am	Sigur Civic Center
NTG Dance Competition	February 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Sigur Civic Center

For more information on events check out the Events Calendar on the website at [www.sbpsg.net](http://www.sbpsg.net).

Sincerely,

Guy McInnis  
Parish President