



*St. Bernard
Parish Government*

Guy McInnis
PARISH PRESIDENT

President's Report

Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Good afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Town Hall Meetings – We hosted two Town Hall Meetings on October 9th and 11th to discuss the future of Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA) in our community. Residents can view the meeting on the Government Access Channel 76.

Torres Park Improvements – The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting on **Monday, October 22nd at 4:30 p.m.** to celebrate our new playground, fitness zone and skate park. These improvements will play an important role in the revitalization of the adjacent neighborhoods and provide additional recreational outlets for our youth. Cypress Pop Trio will be performing following the ribbon cutting.

Public Works – The crews were out after Hurricane Michael clearing debris from roads in Delacroix and Hopedale.

Water & Sewer – The Electricians are continuing to replace street lights with LED lights. The Water and Sewer Department is also working on updating their preventative maintenance program which will ensure that all parts of the plant are properly maintained.

Recreation – The Recreation Department has a number of events happening in October. Tackle Football Season started on October 13th with 25 teams and Volleyball Season on October 15th with a total of 15 teams participating. The Homecoming Parade will be Saturday, October 27th at 8:00 a.m. beginning at Despaux Drive and ending at Chalmette High School. Games will be played at Carolyn Park and Kenilworth Park.

Val Riess Phase III – The Val Riess Sports Hall of Fame Complex will be completed by the end of the month. The construction includes two basketball courts, 3 volleyball courts, scoreboards, bleachers new gymnasium lighting, updated sound system and new gym flooring.

Delacroix Shipyard – The Delacroix Shipyard opened two weeks ago in eastern St. Bernard and has already picked up 9 boats. Yesterday our crew picked up a 55 foot Oyster Boat from Hopedale that weighed 51,000 pounds. The boat lift has a capacity of 75 tons with the ability to safely raise boats with a length of 70 feet. To schedule a boat pick up contact 504-1530.

Coastal – St. Bernard Parish Government and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has recently completed the Lake Fortuna Spat-On-Shell Project which consists 16,000 cubic yards over 61 acres of cultch material. Over 800 baskets were placed on top of the cultch which will result in 57,000 sacks of oysters.

Trunk or Treat – St. Bernard Parish Government Leisure Department will host the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat on **Friday, October 26, 2018** from **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The event will take place at Sidney Torres Memorial Park and is FREE and open to the public. The parish is in need of volunteers to give out candy. Any person or business interested in participating should contact Denise Montalbano at 504-518-6031.

Veterans Parade & Recognition – The annual Veterans Day Parade and Recognition Ceremony will be held on **Sunday, November 11th** at **9:30 a.m.** Veterans from all branches of the military are invited to participate in the parade and ceremony. Interested Veterans should contact Maurine Liuzza at 504-278-1507.

Energy Assistance – The Housing Office is offering energy assistance for St. Bernard Parish residents whom are eligible for low income energy payments. Applicants will be seen by appointment ONLY for regular (non-crisis) assistance. Clients may call **1-888-332-2721** to schedule an appointment.

Film & TV - Government access channel has made significant strides facilitating constituent outreach initiatives and general marketing of our parish. Such changes have included the implementation of a 24/7 live stream channel, new media link on the SBPG website, revamping of the YouTube channel, an updated on-demand channel and the purchasing of various high quality equipment.

October Events

- 17th BPW Man & Woman of the Year Gala • Frederick Sigur Center
- 19th-21st Violet Oyster Festival
- 20th Boo on the Bayou • Los Islenos Museum
- 22nd Torres Park Ribbon Cutting
- 24th St. Bernard Chamber Political Forum • SBPG Council Chambers
- 26th Trunk or Treat • Sidney Torres Park.
- 27th Recreation Homecoming Parade and Games * Carolyn Park & Kenilworth
- 27th Battered Women's Give a Hoot Trivia Fundraiser • Docville Farm

Sincerely,

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