



## President's Report

### Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 7, 2018

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

**Torres Park Improvements** – Construction and installation of the New Torres Park Playground and Skate Park are rolling along. The shades have been installed and playground equipment is being delivered for installation this week at both Torres and Violet Parks. The Skate Park is well underway and concrete pours are just around the corner. The project has a late September completion date which is on target. We are all looking forward to an early October ribbon cutting for this first class project.

**Recreation** - St. Bernard Parish Recreation Department hosted the first track and field meet since Hurricane Katrina. The meet was held at Chalmette High School with the help of Assistant Principle/Assistant Track Coach David Koontz and the Girls Track Coach Tanesha Sanchez. Over 150 boys and girls participated in dashes, distance runs and relay races for the track phase. Softball throws and long jumps covered the field events. Parish President Guy McInnis pulled double duty working the softball throw and presenting awards. District B Councilman Nathan Gorbaty and other park officials also participated in the awards ceremony. The Recreation Department would like to thank the booster club members for volunteering their time and making this a successful track meet. Special thanks to Awards Unlimited for donating the trophy for the overall winner, the Kenilworth Knights.

**Football-N-America** – Saints Quarterback **Drew Brees** is hosting a flag football clinic at the Val Riess Sports Complex. This program will run from September 5<sup>th</sup> until November 14<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The league will feature co-ed rosters and will be for those in grades K to 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a heavy emphasis on fundamentals and participation. Each team will be eligible to play 8 regular season games with a subsequent single elimination playoff culminating with a league champion. Additionally, there will be a pre-season camp on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. To register visit [playfna.com](http://playfna.com) or call Jason Dewey at **504-338-9286**.

**Boat Blessings** – This past Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Bernard Parish celebrated the 2018 Hopedale, Shell Beach and Yscloskey boat blessings. More than 70 boats participated in the Blessing of the Fleet and hundreds of residents from throughout the Parish attended this wonderful annual event. The Blessing of the Fleet was administered by Archbishop Gregory Aymond and St. Bernard Parish Catholic Priest, Father Hoang Tuong. Many thanks to Robin's Seafood for helping facilitate and host this event. The Blessing, as always, is a great family oriented celebration and a cultural staple in Eastern St. Bernard Parish.

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**Hurricane Katrina Commemoration** – The public is invited to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hurricane Katrina Commemorative Ceremony. The event will be held at the Katrina Monument in Shell Beach on **Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** following the St. Bernard Parish School Board Day of Reflection. This is done each year in memory of the St. Bernard residents who lost their lives due to Hurricane Katrina. St. Bernard Transit Department will provide bus transportation to the event. The bus will leave Chalmette High School's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy at 10:45 a.m. and return after the ceremony ends. For more information please contact [\*\*Lenor Duplessis at \(504\) 278-4331.\*\*](#)

**Seafood Market** – Parish Government has once again partnered with Louisiana Sea Grant to host the St. Bernard Seafood Market at Delacroix Pier event on **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the parish's new fishing pier complex in Delacroix (5565 Delacroix Highway). This event will provide an opportunity for local commercial fishermen to sell their seafood products directly to the public. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the St. Bernard Parish seafood industry and promote direct-to-market seafood retail.

The location and deadline for booth vendors (prepared food, etc.) are the same, and must be submitted to Jerry Graves at [jgraves@sbpg.net](mailto:jgraves@sbpg.net) by the established deadline. He can also be reached by phone at **(504) 343-4041.**

**Upcoming Events:**

Nemesis Luau	Saturday, August 18 <sup>th</sup> – 8:00 p.m.	Ballroom
Football-N-America Football Camp	Saturday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Val Riess
Hurricane Katrina Commemoration	Wednesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup> – 11:30 a.m.	Shell Beach
Delacroix Seafood Market	Saturday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.	Delacroix

Sincerely,

Guy McInnis  
Parish President