



## President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2019

Good evening Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

**New Year Greetings** – We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! This previous year was filled with many accomplishments across St. Bernard Parish. Special thanks must be sent to our tireless employees who show up every day and try to make their community a better place to live. It is this administration and council's goal, to make 2019 even better.

**Jackson Day Race** - The 112<sup>th</sup> Jackson Day Race, in connection with the Battle of New Orleans Celebration, will take place on **Sunday, January 6, 2019**, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in St. Bernard Parish. The race will begin and end at the Aycock Barn, located at 409 Aycock St. There will be road closures on Friscoville Avenue in Old Arabi from North Peters Street to St. Claude Avenue, as well as the eastbound lanes on St. Claude Avenue/St. Bernard Highway from Friscoville Avenue to the Chalmette Battlefield. St. Bernard Parish Government apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the road closures.

**Christmas Tree Pick-up** – The parish will be collecting Christmas trees to be used as part of the marsh restoration. Trees will be picked up **Monday, January 7, 2019 through Friday, January 11, 2019**. Residents of St. Bernard Parish can also bring their Christmas trees to the Paris Road Transfer Station, located at 5120 Paris Road in Chalmette or the E. J. Gore Station located at 7715 E. Judge Perez Drive in Violet. Only clean, unpainted and non-flocked trees will be accepted. All lights, tinsel, garland, ornaments, tree stands, and plastic bags must be removed from the tree.

**Tri-Parish Works Business & Career Solutions Center** – Effective Monday, January 7, 2019, the St. Bernard Business & Career Solutions Center will be relocating from the Government Building to Nunez Campus Kane Technology Building (at the corner of W. Magnolia Drive and Montesquieu Street). The office will be closed on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> to allow the staff to move.

**40 Arpent Fishing Pier** – St. Bernard Parish has received approval of a State grant to construct a new fishing pier at the site of the 40 Arpent Wetlands Observatory in Chalmette. The \$77,800 grant will fund a 40x16 ft. fishing pier directly east of the existing bridge and will include a connecting sidewalk to the existing parking lot. The project is expected to be completed in 2019.

## Battle of New Orleans Events

Tuesday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> 9a.m.	Wreath-laying ceremony	Chalmette Monument.
Friday, January 11th -11a.m.	Wreath Laying Ceremony	De la Ronde Plantation
Friday, January 11th 9-3	BONO Symposium	Nunez College
Saturday, January 12th 9-3	BONO Symposium	Council Chambers

For more info on the following events visit [www.viststbernard.com](http://www.viststbernard.com)

Sincerely,



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Parish President