



President's Report

Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Good evening Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

CLEAN ENERGY – We are excited to announce two major developments toward bringing clean energy options to the Parish. A Nissan LEAF has been added to the fleet of Parish inspection vehicles, acquired through grant funds from the Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership administered by the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) program. RPC will assist the Parish apply for additional grant funding for two electric-vehicle stations in St. Bernard from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's trust from the Volkswagen Clean Air Act Civil Settlement. These stations will make clean energy more accessible to the residents of St. Bernard.

WETLANDS RESTORATION – St. Bernard Parish Government is partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program (BUDMAT) project in St. Bernard Parish. The total design cost is estimated at \$1.15 million under a 75-percent federal/25-percent non-federal cost-sharing agreement. The project is part of the overall LCA BUDMAT program.

IRISH ITALIAN ISLENOS PARADE - The Irish Italian Islenos Parade will roll on **Saturday, April 6th** with the walkers beginning at 11:00 a.m. and the parade follows at 12:00 Noon. The route will go from Dr. Meraux Boulevard to Ventura Drive and back to the Sigur Civic Center. This year Laurie and I have the honor of reigning as King and Queen. The Grand Marshall is Congressman Steve Scalise. Special Guests are Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and State Treasurer John Schroeder. This year's parade will feature 42 floats, 10 mega floats which holds 60 riders and 500 lbs. of produce from B&G of Chalmette.

FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTION - St. Bernard Parish Fire Department shall commence Fire Hydrants Inspections on **Monday April 8th**. Throughout the parish individual fire hydrants will be opened for approximately two minutes to record water pressure and flow readings. The inspections times will be between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

FREE CONCERT – The next “Wind-Down Wednesday” Concert will be held on **Wednesday, April 10th** at **6:00 p.m.** in Torres Park with Cypress Pop Trio. Bring lounge chairs and picnic blankets. Food, drinks, and various other vendor items will be available for purchase. If interested in becoming a vendor, please contact [Denise Montalbano](#) at 504-518-6031 for an application.

RECREATION – it was a great turn out for the League of Angels. The Department will host the 2nd Annual Track Meet for ages 5 to 15 on **Saturday, April 13th** at Chalmette High School. The 12 year old boys will be participating in Nationals in Slidell April 5th – 9th.

EASTER EGG HUNT – Everyone is invited to the 4th Annual First Lady Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 14th** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Children ages 10 and under will enjoy a day filled with activities ranging from a traditional Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bunny picture station, various yard games, obstacle course, train rides and more! The Easter Egg Hunt will be divided into three ‘exploration zones’ based on proportionate age groups: 0 to 3, 4 to 6 and 7 to 10. Golden Eggs will be dispersed throughout each sector resulting in a prize for their finding!

Sincerely,

Guy McInnis
Parish President

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