



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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**Guy McInnis**  
*Parish President*

## **President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

### **Good Afternoon Councilmembers, Ladies and Gentlemen:**

The Veterans Day Parade held on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> was a successful event for our community but more importantly for our veterans. This was an opportunity to honor the ones who have served this nation so bravely. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, organized and participated in this great event, especially the 89 veterans.

On Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor atrium, there will be an employee Thanksgiving Luncheon for government complex workers. There will also be a lunch at Val Riess beginning at 11:30 for all field workers. Employees and Council members are invited to attend.

**Transit** - As of November 8th, St. Bernard Parish Transit began picking up and dropping off passengers at a new bus stop near the entrance of the St. Bernard Parish Hospital. The Transit Office worked with hospital officials on a location for the bus stop that would not obstruct emergency vehicles and ensured that there was an accessible path for passengers to follow from the bus stop to the hospital. The new stop brings passengers closer to the medical center. This is a welcome addition for people using public transportation to reach the medical complex.

**Animal Control** - The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Paws in the Park event which was held this past Saturday at Torres Park was a great success. Over \$2,600 was raised, 124 rabies vaccinations administered and 49 animals micro chipped. We were fortunate to have two veterinarians from the LASPCA, Dr. Gina Cheunk and Dr. Adrianna Smith, as well as the Parish shelter veterinarian, Dr. Liz Friedman, donate their time by spending the day giving rabies vaccinations and micro chipping.

**Fire Dept.** – Fire Chief Thomas Stone is attending PBF Energy’s corporate industrial fire school this week. This the 18<sup>th</sup> time in the past 20 years that Chief Stone has been an instructor with Chalmette Refinery at their Industrial Firefighter training at the Brayton Fire Training Field in College Station, Texas. Brayton Field at Texas A&M is the largest fire training center in the western hemisphere. In turn for his services, Chalmette Refinery pays all expenses for St. Bernard Parish Firefighters to attend this very elite industrial course. Over 60 Parish Firefighters have attended this training in past classes. This week, three (3) Parish firefighters as well as 170 other PBF Energy firefighters are spending four intense days fighting fires in a variety of industrial settings. We would like to thank Chalmette Refinery for this special training opportunity.

Join us for St. Bernard “Christmas at the Complex” on Friday, December 2, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Come be a part of our first annual Parish Complex Christmas tree and Torres Park lighting celebration as we light up this season with some holiday cheer. Santa will be present for photos and Christmas caroling will fill the air. Refreshments (cookies, coffee and hot chocolate) will be served. Come get in the Christmas spirit with this special event which is sure to kick off the holiday season in a big way.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy McInnis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

Guy McInnis  
Parish President