



St. Bernard Parish Government

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Guy McInnis
Parish President

President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Good Afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Spring is here and there are a lot of activities that St. Bernard Parish Government will be a part of. This week, the Knights of Columbus will be kicking off their annual Louisiana Crawfish Festival which runs from Thursday, March 23 through Sunday, March 26th. The Knights of Columbus and Parish Government will be hosting an employee crawfish event at the Frederick J. Sigur Cultural Center on Friday, March 24th beginning at 2:30 pm. This gesture is a small way of recognizing St. Bernard Parish Government employees and letting them know they are appreciated and are a vital part of making St. Bernard better each day.

The "Sold on St Bernard" campaign is underway with billboards, social media, and TV commercials. On Thursday, March 30th, St. Bernard Parish will host an official Launch Party in St. Claude Heights to showcase the "New" St. Bernard.

The Irish, Italian and Islenos Parade will roll on Saturday, April 1st beginning at 11:00 am. The St. Bernard Irish, Italian, Islenos Community Parade is one of the largest events in St. Bernard Parish. The parade begins along the traditional parade route, beginning at the Frederick J. Sigur Cultural Center on West Judge Perez, traveling down Judge Perez to Ventura where the parade will turn around and head back up Judge Perez Drive to the Civic Center where it will dismantle. The parade has over 1,500 members and consists of approximately 53 floats and 35 marching groups; there will be over 500,000 pounds of produce thrown. Everyone is invited to come join the fun.

St. Bernard Parish Government and Pelican Waste will partner to do a parish wide debris sweep Monday, April 3rd through Saturday, April 8th. The debris sweep will be held in conjunction with the daily residential garbage

pickup. Pelican Waste and Parish Government employees will work together to pick up trash that wouldn't normally be picked up curbside, such as appliances and furniture. This is a good time for residents to do their spring cleaning. Debris must be placed curbside the evening before scheduled garbage pickup and curbside garbage will be picked up as well. Construction debris, demolition debris and/or hazardous materials will **NOT** be picked up. For more information please contact the President's Office at 504-278-4227.

As a continuation of the parish wide debris sweep, Parish employees will be sprucing up Torres Park on Wednesday, April 5th. Employees will be weeding the gardens around the playground area, picking up litter and cleaning in and around the pond. This project provides a team building opportunity for employees while helping to beautify the park. All of the clean-up projects are part of our "Don't Trash our Future" litter campaign to be kicked-off in the near future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy McInnis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

Guy McInnis
Parish President