



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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## **President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

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

I would like to ask the Council, Administration and residents of St. Bernard Parish to remember Plaquemines Parish President, Amos Cormier who passed away on June 16, 2016. He was a coach, teacher and a great leader for the residents of Plaquemines Parish.

The Regional Parish President's meeting which was held on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. Ken Graham, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Slidell was the guest speaker. Our goal was to hold an event in lower St. Bernard Parish that was practical and informative while providing opportunities for Parish Presidents and Mayors, Chief Administrative Officers, OEP Directors and GOHSEP to share information. The primary focus was to bring Parish leadership together in preparation of Hurricane Season, 2016. This meeting was informative and proved to be a good opportunity to share information on the importance of organizing local governments to assist each other in times of emergency and need. Building regional bonds and resources helps improve response, recovery and mitigation to protect the lives and property of residents across Louisiana. By working together we can provide as much or more assistance, in a timelier manner, than can be provided by the Federal Government alone.

The Administration is forming a Safety Committee and an I.T. Committee. The Safety Committee will consist of various department managers who will work with the Safety Manager, Bob Barton to help set programs and policies in the process of preventing and correcting workplace hazards. The I.T. Committee, composed of representatives from various departments, will identify the needs of the departments and Parish Government, review I.T. performance, and recommend strategic direction and plans for the development of applications while monitoring technical developments.

In Transportation, electronic fare collection boxes were installed last week in St. Bernard Transit buses. The machines will not only ensure that accurate fares are being collected, but will track the amount of money deposited into each machine daily. In addition, relative information about bus riders, including the number of bicyclist and disabled passengers using our service will also be tracked. This information can help us better serve residents and bus patrons.

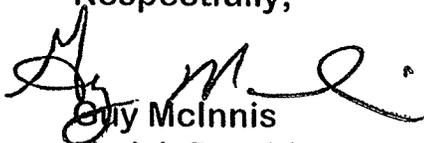
Pelican Waste and Debris has delivered over 10,000 blue garbage carts throughout the Parish. There will be 5,000 more carts which will be delivered before the July 6<sup>th</sup> start date. All residents will receive a new cart prior to the start date but residents should not use the new carts until July 6<sup>th</sup>. Information and updates on the change-over will be posted weekly.

The St. Bernard Parish Courthouse was dedicated on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of former District Attorney Jack Rowley. Mr. Rowley was the longest serving District Attorney in the State of Louisiana. He previously served as the Parish's Sheriff and his combined 52 years in public office was the longest consecutive reign of any other elected official in the Parish's history. Mr. Rowley is known for treating all citizens with respect; never abusing the power of the office and closely guarding public funds. It was my honor to be part of the dedication ceremony.

St. Bernard Salutes America will hold its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at the Frederick Sigur Civic Center grounds. The celebration will include music by Groovy 7, the annual hot dog eating contest sponsored by Gerald's Donuts, as well as many other games and rides. The firework show will begin at 9:15 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

The St. Bernard Parish Government Recreation and Leisure Program Youth Fishing Rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Sidney Torres Park. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. You don't need fancy fishing gear, just bring a pole, bait and a cooler for what will surely be a morning of family fun.

Respectfully,

  
Guy McInnis  
Parish President