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President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Good Afternoon Councilmembers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Last week, during a one day trip to Washington, D.C., I met with the Louisiana delegation, which included House Majority Whip, Congressman Steve Scalise and U.S. Senators, Bill Cassidy and David Vitter. We pressed FEMA on approving St. Bernard Parish Government's drainage request and for advance funding to expedite the close-out process of completed projects and projects to be completed. The close-out procedures are something that we have been working on since coming into office in January and we are pleased with the progress made to date.

Mosquito Control – The Parish was notified yesterday morning by the LSU Arbovirus Lab that a Mosquito sample that was collected in the Community Park area has tested positive for the West Nile Virus. I want to assure the Council and the Public that there have been **no** human cases of West Nile confirmed in St. Bernard Parish. The Mosquito Control Department is monitoring mosquito traps daily, increasing aerial spraying, increasing ground spraying and conducting additional Larviciding of all accessible drains and ditches throughout the Parish. The spray schedule is adjusted based on sampling/pool results; the current spray plan is as follows:

- **Truck Spraying -**

Mondays – Arabi from the river to the 40 arpent

Tuesdays - Chalmette from Jean Lafitte to Paris Road

Wednesdays – Paris Road to Jacob on the Lake Side

Thursdays – Arabi from the river to the 40 arpent and Paris Road to Valero, river side

Fridays – Valero to Colonial

- **Aerial Spraying -**

Mondays - Arabi from the river to the 40 arpent and Chalmette area from the Parish line to Valero.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays - Verret Levee to Caernarvon

Thursdays - Arabi from the river to the 40 arpent

Fridays – Hopedale, Delacroix and Shell Beach

Areas are allowed to be sprayed every 72 hours due to chemical regulations and State requirements; however, we are able to increase aerial spraying along with ground spraying.

- **Testing Process –**

- Daily Samples taken in higher risk or positive areas;
- Twelve sites sampled and tested twice a week.
 - Traps set on Mondays and Tuesdays
 - Traps and mosquito pools collected on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Mosquitos are counted and identified;
- The entire pool is sent to LSU where they are tested for West Nile Virus, St. Louis encephalitis, and Eastern Equine (typically found in horses);
- The pool samples are delivered to the State on Wednesday and the results are posted to the LSU Arbovirus website;
- CDC will not get involved until there is a positive human case;
- Zika will not be tested until we have a positive human case.

Getting the message out to the public regarding personal protection and breeding sources reduction is an important aspect of St. Bernard Parish Government's Mosquito Control Program.

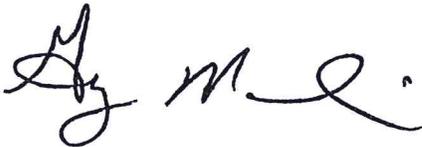
Recreation Department – The four Recreation Zones are up and running; there are scheduled games at Carolyn and Kenilworth Parks. This is all part of the bigger goal for the Recreation Department in getting back to a Community based park system.

Tourism Dept. - The St. Bernard Parish Department of Public Works and the St. Bernard Parish Office of Tourism will be hosting tours of the Munster Wastewater Treatment Plant for the 89th National Water Environment

Federation Convention being held at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center September 24th - 28th, 2016. The Water Environment Federation aims to provide its members with the latest water quality research and technology. Over 100 attendees will attend the Munster Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours. Convention representatives/attendees from Japan, Mexico, Canada, Tokyo, Turkey, India, Argentina and local neighboring states will be participating in the tours. The mission of the Water Environment Federation is to connect water professionals and enrich their expertise, increase awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. From the ravaging of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 to the noteworthy BP Oil Spill in 2010, St. Bernard Parish has consistently faced economical and natural distress. Through these devastating times, St. Bernard Parish Government has held strong to preserving its Historic Past, and investing in our Promising Future.

The employee's Chalmette Owls/Holy Cross Tigers Tailgating event which was held on Friday was a great success. The event was moved to the inside of the Civic Center Grand Ballroom due to inclement weather where employees showed their team spirit by wearing the colors of their favorite team. The Administration plans to continue these type events in order to build fellowship and promote a team working environment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy McInnis', written in a cursive style.

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