



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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## **President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

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

**Film & TV Dept.** - We are pleased to announce that the St. Bernard Parish Government's Office of Film and Television has launched an online service called "Video on Demand". With "Video on Demand" you will be able to view public meetings and events at any time. The meetings and events that can be viewed online are: Council Meetings, Executive/Finance Committee Meetings, Housing, Redevelopment and Quality of Life, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustments, Water and Sewer, Hospital Service District, Town Hall Meetings, Festivals and Parades.

**IT Dept.** - The IT Task Force Committee is moving along. Members are now utilizing a helpdesk application for IT request tracking. When someone sends a request to [SBPGHelpdesk.sbpq.net](http://SBPGHelpdesk.sbpq.net) the request automatically gets entered into the system as a work order. The committee is moving ahead to review and discuss policies, procedures and forms.

**Mosquito Control** - Mosquito Control has sprayed 191 areas totaling 101,117.56 acres so far this year, has been running weekly traps and testing for mosquito borne diseases. Larvicide has been sprayed in all of the accessible Parish drains and ditches. To date, there have been no positive results. However, we must all do our part to combat the Zika virus. Make sure to empty any standing water around your home or business to eliminate the potential breeding grounds for mosquitos.

**Animal Shelter** - J&B Feed Store now serves as an off-site adoption site for the St. Bernard Animal Shelter. The feed store, located at 8213 East St. Bernard Highway in St. Bernard, houses animals that are ready for adoption. Adoptions are held at the store on Thursdays and Fridays. We are extremely happy to partner with J&B Feed Store to offer this great

program. Not only is this a service to the public, but more importantly it places animals in need of a forever home.

**Insurance/Safety Dept.** - In October, Safety Manager, Mr. Bob Barton will be offering a safety class on strokes. In addition, over the next four months, we will be offering classes on heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke, seizure, shock, broken bones, etc. CPR classes have already been given to most Parish field employees but by the end of September, CPR training will also be offered for all office personnel.

**Tourism Office** - The Seafood and Farmers Market will be Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00-2:00 pm and the third Annual Cruzin Da Parish will cruise up and down the San Bernardo Scenic Byway. Stops include the Aycock Barn/Farmers Market, Los Islenos & Ducros Museum, Robin Seafood, Crevasse 22 and Docville Farm. The final stop will be at the Palms. Proceeds will benefit local St. Bernard families with autistic children.

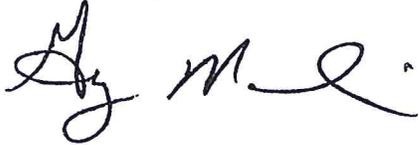
**Recreation Dept.** - Football, Flag Football, Volleyball, and Cheerleading are all underway and practice as begun. The Jamborees starts September 17<sup>th</sup> for Football, Volleyball, and Cheerleading. On September 10<sup>th</sup> the Leisure Program will be offering Kids Painting on Canvas Class and on September 11<sup>th</sup> there will be an Adult Painting on Canvas Class.

**Office of Emergency Preparedness** - September has been declared as "National Preparedness Month" and is often a very active time for hurricanes or smaller tropical systems that threaten the state. In an effort to stress the importance of being ready in the event of a natural disaster, please have a plan in place to keep your family safe. Now is the time to get prepared.

I would like to thank Doris Voitier and the St. Bernard Parish School Board for their Annual Day of Reflection Breakfast which hosted over 500 attendees that included many Parish Councilmembers and St. Bernard Parish Government employees. The participants included U.S. Senator David Vitter and Majority Whip, U.S. Representative Steve Scalise who referred to St. Bernard Parish as the face of recovery. I would also ask that everyone please remember the assistance provided to St. Bernard Parish residents for so many years following Hurricane Katrina. Let's not forget how we were lifted up through the help and donations of others. Please

continue to reach out to help the victims of the recent floods throughout Louisiana.

**Respectfully,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy McInnis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Guy" being more prominent and the last name "McInnis" following in a similar style.

**Guy McInnis**  
**Parish President**