

## **President's Report** **Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

**Good evening Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**Parish Begins Construction on Palmisano Trail** - St. Bernard Parish Government has begun construction of a new trail along Palmisano Blvd. between St. Bernard Highway and Judge Perez Drive. The trail is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with drainage improvements along Palmisano currently underway.

The 10 ft. wide concrete multi-purpose trail will be suitable for walkers, joggers, skaters, bicyclists, and other non-motorized transportation users. Parish President Guy McInnis said he is looking forward to this new trail to improve access to Chalmette High School and the Parish Library and connect with the Palmisano bicycle route improvements installed earlier this year. He also thanked St. Bernard Parish School Board for working with the Parish on connections to the school campuses.

Construction is expected to be completed in the next three months. In addition, the Parish received a \$154,700 grant from the Murphy Oil CyPres Committee to install the trail including pedestrian crossings, connections, landscaping, signage, and related improvements that will help to provide a safe pathway.

**Planning Commission** – There will be a public question and answer session on Docket Z-2017-010. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at the Val Riess Sports Complex located at 1101 Magistrate Street in Chalmette.

**Z-2017-010** *Petition of Christy Bellande for a Zoning Change from “C-1, (Neighborhood Commercial)” to “C-2, (General Commercial)” and A Conditional Use for Recreation Vehicle Storage for the following described property: Lot 3-B, Lacoste Plantation, Being a part of orig. Lot 3 Lot 3-B Meas. 94’ Frt. on E. St. Bernard, Width in rear of 92.20 along rear line lot 3-A by a depth of 2061’ on a line of Lot 2; opp. Depth of 2074’ 4.4 Acres.*

**Recreation** – The Recreation Department hosted a Flag Football Jamboree this past weekend. Over 30 teams participated at the various parks throughout the parish. Flag Football season runs through the end of August.

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***Boat Blessings*** - St. Bernard Parish Government Officials have worked closely with Blessing Organizers on this year's blessing of the fleet. The Hopedale/Shell Beach Blessing was held on Saturday, July 29th at 1:00 p.m. at the Katrina Monument. Parish Government workers dressed up the parking lot, provided tents.

**Delacroix Island Boat Blessing** - The second blessing will be held Saturday, August 12th at 1:00 p.m. at the newly built Delacroix Island Pavilion. Parish Government has built a pavilion, parking lot and restrooms on the former site of Delacroix Coastal Complex. After the blessing the facility will be used as a public pier and dry dock.

Respectfully,

Guy McInnis  
Parish President