



# *St. Bernard Parish Government*

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## **President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

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

**Rabies and Microchip Drive** - The 2017 St. Bernard Parish Rabies and Microchip Drive was a successful event. Despite the cold and windy day 147 animals were vaccinated and 36 microchipped. Thank you to the Animal Shelter staff, volunteers and Veterinarians Dr. Julie Wheeler, Dr. Liz Friedman, Dr. Charlotte Milazzo and Dr. Adrianna Smith.

**Veterans Parade & Recognition Ceremony** - The public is invited to attend the annual Veterans' Day Parade and Recognition Ceremony on **Saturday, November 11, 2017**. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. in the parking lot across the street from Old Hickory Avenue and Judge Perez Drive. The route will travel west on Judge Perez Drive and end at the Frederick Sigur Civic Center, located at 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive. Immediately following the parade a Recognition Ceremony will be held in front of the Veterans Monument for all veterans. This year's Guest Speaker will be Retired Master Sergeant Henry Ballard, Jr. of Chalmette.

**Bayou Road Balloon Festival** – The Bayou Balloon Festival will be held in Sidney Torres Park November 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> ever hot air balloon festival in the Greater New Orleans Area and will feature 15 hot air balloons creating a spectacular “night glow” each evening. The event will also include local musicians and artists, tethered balloon rides, carnival rides, local food and beer. Tickets are \$5 for single day, \$10 for weekend pass. For more information on festival times and activities visit [www.bayouroadballoonfestival.com](http://www.bayouroadballoonfestival.com).

**Thanksgiving Outreach** – St. Bernard Parish Government CSBG Program will be accepting applications for their Thanksgiving basket give-away for the elderly and disabled low-income residents in St. Bernard Parish. The department will be giving away baskets to those who qualify under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program guidelines. Applications will **only** be accepted on **Monday, November 13, 2017** and **Tuesday, November 14, 2017** between the hours of **9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** in the Housing Office, located at 8201 W. Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette.

**All applicants** must complete an application and provide the following required documentation:

- Driver's License or State ID for all household members over the age of 18
- Social Security cards for all members of the household
- Verifiable Proof of Income for all household members over the age of 18
- Current Award Letter for food stamps (if applicable)

**Cook-off for the Coast** - St. Bernard Parish Government's Coastal Division is partnering with the National Wildlife Federation and other agencies to host Cook-off for the Coast. This family-friendly tailgate party will be held on **Saturday, November 18, 2017** at Docville Farm located at 5124 E. St. Bernard Highway in Violet. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Game starts at 12:00 Noon. This event brings together family fun, delicious food and coastal restoration. Tickets are \$8.00 for ages 13 and up. Children 12 and under are FREE.

**Christmas at the Complex** – The public is invited to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas at the Complex on **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** This year's Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. in Sidney Torres Park behind the Government Complex located at 8201 W. Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette. Festivities include photos with Santa, train rides, cookies and hot chocolate while listening to the caroling of our own St. Bernard Parish School children.

Sincerely,



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Parish President