



St. Bernard
Parish Government

Guy McInnis
PARISH PRESIDENT

President's Report **Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

Good evening Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

July 4th Celebration — The public is invited to attend the 34th Annual St. Bernard Salutes America Celebration on tomorrow evening from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. The annual July 4th event will take place on the grounds of the Frederick Sigur Civic Center located at 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive in Chalmette. There will be fun for all ages including live entertainment, children's activities, a trackless train ride, a spectacular fireworks show and more. For more information about the event contact **Donald Bourgeois** at **(504) 236-3877** or **Andrew Becker** at **(504) 473-7238**.

Event Schedule

Music by Amanda Shaw	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Music by Live 5	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Fireworks Show	9:30 p.m.

Mississippi River Trail – We broke ground on the Mississippi River Trail last week. This phase of the trail extends from the east side of Valero Refinery in Meraux to the Violet Canal in Violet. Construction will include a 10 ft. wide asphalt path on top of the Mississippi River levee and a handicapped accessible ramp and trailhead near the Violet Canal terminus. This \$1.3 million project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration which is administered in Louisiana by the state Department of Transportation and Development. The project also includes a trailhead and access ramp that will be located on property donated to the project by the Meraux Foundation. Construction on this phase is expected to be completed by December, 2018.

Torres Park Improvements - St. Bernard Parish Government has initiated the first steps to the groundbreaking improvements of Torres Park. The Skate Park is the first phase of a three prong effort to revitalize this neighborhood greenway. For decades, Torres Park has provided children and families a space to spend their free time and enjoy the outdoors through recreation. The skate park and the subsequent fitness area and playground will provide residents of St. Bernard Parish with state of the art equipment and surfaces.

Enhanced and improved recreation venues are a significant part of this administrations plan to ensure a high quality of life for constituents of St. Bernard Parish. We, as an Administration and Council, take immense pride in providing the best possible recreation and athletic opportunities for our young residents.

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Wind Down Wednesday - This past Wednesday, our last concert for the Wind Down Wednesday series was successfully culminated by Cypress Pop Trio, a local band from right here in Chalmette.

We would like to thank all those residents who attended one or all of these five miniature music festivals in Torres Park. The food was good, music great and community participation superb. Additional thanks to Harvey Jesus and Fire, Faith Becnel and the Music Krewe, JMO and Meghan Stewart Jazz. We always say our best asset in St. Bernard Parish, is our people, and without a doubt this was on full display once again

Sincerely,

Guy McInnis
Parish President