



St. Bernard
Parish Government

Guy McInnis
PARISH PRESIDENT

President's Report **Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

Good afternoon Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

COASTAL – The Coastal Department is working on a number of projects and events.

CWPRRA - SBPG recently submitted comments to the CPRA regarding the State's 2020 Annual Plan and to the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the CPRA's Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion permit application (Comments can be viewed at www.sbpq.net). Additionally, the parish recently submitted a total of four (4) projects to the CPRA for inclusion in the State's 2023 Master Plan. SBPG has also been actively submitting projects for consideration under the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) program (six projects have been submitted since 2017). The parish's North Delacroix Marsh Creation and Terracing project has advanced to the final round of CWPRRA voting, which will take place on December 5, 2019.

Mangrove Planting - SBPG completed its 3rd annual black mangrove planting on April 12th. Chalmette High students planted 900 black mangroves that were raised in their own greenhouse and at Docville. A total of 3,155 black mangroves have been planted in the Biloxi Marsh since 2016.

Seafood Market - The semi-annual Delacroix Public Seafood Market event has been scheduled for June 1, 2019 at the Delacroix Fishing Complex.

Dolphin Kill = SBPG continues to monitor what appears to be a dolphin kill in eastern St. Bernard Parish. A total of eleven (11) expired dolphins have been identified since last week.

STATE OF THE PARISH – Wednesday, April 24th is the Chamber's annual State of the Parish Address. We will be joined by Governor John Bel Edwards and Congressman Steve Scalise. There are only a few tickets left. To purchase tickets contact the Chamber at 504-277-4001.

FREE CONCERT – Cypress Pop Trio was the special guest on April 10th for the "Wind-Down Wednesday" Concert. The next concert will be held on **Wednesday, May 8th** at **6:00 p.m.** in Torres Park Swingaroux. Bring lounge chairs and picnic blankets. Food, drinks, and various other vendor items will be available for purchase. If interested in becoming a vendor, please contact [Denise Montalbano](mailto:Denise.Montalbano@sbpg.net) at 504-518-6031 for an application.

RECREATION – The Department is busy with a number of events including baseball/softball playoffs this week, the League of Angels every Tuesday evening at 7pm at Val Riess Park and Free Play Basketball games Monday through Thursday from 6 – 8pm.

RELAY FOR LIFE – St. Bernard Parish Government participated in the Annual Relay For Life. Team SBPG won best T-shirt. Thank you to Team Captain Melissia O’Neil for her hard work in coordinating this event and to the following members of Team SBPG: Pam Morales, Amanda Lopez, Mindy Jones, Dawn Caccioppo, Taylor Anglin, David Bean, Maegen Campo, Lenor Duplessis, Chad O’Neil, Clarisa Duplessis, Blair Ellinwood, Robin Mason, Andrew Becker, Angie Kieff, Jeff McClain, Elainna Williams, and Nick Zeairs. Thank you to Maurine Liuzza and Denise Montalbano for help with the set up.

EASTER EGG HUNT – Hundreds attended the 4th Annual First Lady Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 14th**. Children ages 10 and under enjoyed a day filled with activities ranging from a traditional Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bunny picture station, various yard games, train rides and more! Thank you to all of the parish employees who helped with this event. A special thank you to the following sponsors for making this event possible:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bird Festival	May 3 rd & 4 th	Historic St. Bernard Courthouse
LSU AgMagic	May 7 th – 11 th	Docville Farm
SB Day at the Capitol	June 5 th	State Capitol, Baton Rouge

Sincerely,

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