



Gretna City Hall
740 2nd St.
Gretna, LA 70053

CITY OF GRETNA
2016 PROGRESS SUMMARY



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JUNE, 2016

Dear Gretna Resident,

For the past three years the City has been working at an unprecedented pace to improve local government, and I am very excited to report that we are beginning to see results. We have a long way to go, but I wanted to share a few of the successes we have achieved over the past three years. Your administration is working diligently to address the needs of the City in a comprehensive manner. As the City moves forward, it is important that our decisions support one another – every public dollar spent must meet multiple demands. We have many exciting projects on the horizon, and I look forward to incorporating your input as we work toward a stronger future. This summary of achievements would not have been possible without collaboration between Parish and State officials.

Sincerely,

Mayor Belinda Constant



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GRETNA HERITAGE FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 7-9

FALL CONCERT SERIES
OCTOBER 14TH, OCTOBER 21ST,
OCTOBER 28TH, NOVEMBER 4TH
& NOVEMBER 11TH

**FALL RIVERFRONT
MOVIE SERIES**
OCTOBER 15TH, OCTOBER 22ND,
OCTOBER 29TH, NOVEMBER 5TH
& NOVEMBER 12TH

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER, 2016

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE
OCTOBER 15TH

FARMERS MARKET
EVERY SATURDAY
8:30AM - 12:30PM
RAIN OR SHINE

HISTORY



CULTURAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

\$2,300,000 facility, supported by State and City funding, will provide a venue for local theatre, regional musicians and other performances.



WELCOME CENTER

The new welcome center will be opening by the end of the year.

GROWTH

GROUNDBREAKING FOR A NEW HOTEL

We've broken ground for a new Homewood Suites to encourage more tourism to Gretna.



HOTEL COMPLEX

Coordinating with Parish officials, the City was able to annex a portion of unincorporated Jefferson Parish along the Westbank Expressway. The \$50,000,000 project will include hotels and retail amenities.



CITY HALL

\$5,000,000 in State and City funding for the restoration of City Hall.



National Main Street Center

a subsidiary of the
National Trust for Historic Preservation

MAIN STREET

We have just been recognized as a Certified Local Government by the U.S. Department of the Interior. This is the first step to becoming a Main Street community.

HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES

Design guidelines provide residents with a clear set of expectations before presenting their projects to the Historic District Commission. Free copies are available for download on the City's website.

SERVICES



MCDONOGHVILLE FIRE STATION

\$2,300,000 fire station, supported by State and City funding, will provide better emergency services response to underserved areas.



DOWNTOWN DRAINAGE

We are beginning design on a downtown drainage project that will incorporate green infrastructure streetscape improvements. The \$3,200,000 project is supported by State and City funding.



HANCOCK STREET CANAL PROJECT

\$2,600,000 Hancock Street Canal Project, supported by State and City funding, will go to construction in Summer/Fall 2016.

25TH STREET CANAL AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

\$250,000 to complete design and engineering to stabilize the 25th Street Canal.

CITYWIDE RECYCLING

The City resumed curbside recycling service last year. We continue to work with our waste service provider to ensure that service is as consistent and professional as possible.

RESTORED LOCAL BUS SERVICE

Working with Parish officials, we have resumed public transit services in the City.



DISTRICTS



Councilman Rau



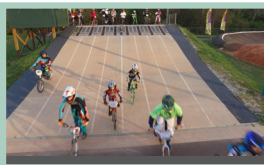
Councilman Crosby



Councilman Marino



Councilman Miller



Councilman Berthelot



COUNCIL AT-LARGE

The Councilman At-Large is working diligently to ensure collaborative work between the districts. Because of his knowledge of city government, we have been able to coordinate resources to support a more efficient and committed local government.

DISTRICT 1 IS ON THE MOVE

Park improvements at J.B. Spencer and Knights Corner; landscaping and signage at the foot of Franklin St.; detention pond construction adjacent to the wastewater plant; numerous historic preservation success stories; the celebration of the 200th anniversary of McDonoghville; several road resurfacing projects; 34 new businesses; and districtwide sewer and utility improvements; ongoing and anticipated revitalization projects along the Hancock Avenue corridor.

DISTRICT 2 CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

Planning and implementing green infrastructure; continued improvements and promoting restoration within the Historic District; completion of mural on the German American Cultural Center; supporting the Gretna Farmers Market and Gretna Art Walk; programming events such as the Gretna Food Truck Festival, Bridgeman 10-4, Old Man River Marathon; planting oak trees and other landscaping for the beautification of public spaces; planning improvements to the riverfront, amphitheater and levee.

DISTRICT 3 EXPANDS SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Repairs to Gretna Blvd.; BMX track rehabilitation; addressing front-yard parking and paving issues; significant investment in Gretna City Park maintenance; landscaping and beautification along Gretna Blvd. and Timberlane; numerous sewer and infrastructure improvements; finalization of the adjudicated properties process; bicycle and pedestrian safety education in local schools; \$250,000 to design plans for the 25th Street canal and road reconstruction and, dog park improvements in the coming year.

DISTRICT 4 IS MOVING ALONG

We have entered into an agreement with the Parish for completion of Centennial Park at the entrance to the New Garden Park subdivision; the Dick White Center has been demolished following damage sustained during Hurricane Katrina; water tower lighting has just been completed; the Mel Ott statue is being relocated to the front of the Multi-Purpose Center; replacement of a water line connection with the Parish; neighborhood street and signage upgrades; the addition of 38 new businesses; and numerous sewerage and infrastructure improvements throughout the district.

PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES

The City just finished an intensive session with Project for Public Spaces – a world renowned organization dedicated to urban design.

DOWNTOWN VISIONING

We have partnered with the Tulane Regional Urban Design Center to develop a vision for downtown – Gretna Downtown 2020.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT CODE

\$540,000 in federal funding for the creation of our first comprehensive plan and rewrite of our development code. Combined, these projects will provide us with a road map to the future – making our community more connected, vibrant and sustainable.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have just opened a new community garden at the Senior Center in McDonoghville.

CITYWIDE BIKE PATH

The City has just installed its first bike path pavement markings along Huey P. Long Ave. The second phase of the project will provide a bike path around the entire City.

FERRY RESTORATION

We remain in negotiations with Parish, State and Federal entities to support the resumption of the Canal St. Ferry Service. This remains a priority for my administration.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Department is expanding services for children and adults with improved facilities, new sports leagues and exercise classes year round.

SENIOR TROLLEY

New free trolley for residents to access the Senior Center with home pick-up.

