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“Provide the services, leadership, and vision to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish.”

Steve J. Theriot
Parish President

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Day of Remembrance of Hurricane Katrina

On Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 5 p.m., Jefferson Parish officials and citizens will gather at Jefferson Playground, 4100 South Drive in Jefferson to remember those lost and displaced by Hurricane Katrina and celebrate the improvements made in flood and hurricane protection, emergency preparedness, roadway infrastructure, and the restoration of the Parks and Recreation facilities in our Parish.

Five years ago on August 29, Hurricane Katrina hit the coastline of Louisiana. In Jefferson Parish, many private businesses, homes, and government structures were damaged by high winds and water.

On August 28, 2010, at 5 p.m., the Parish will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Jefferson Playground Gym, which suffered extensive damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The new gym has been completely renovated with wood floors, remodeled stage, new air-conditioning units, bleachers, basketball goals, and concession stand. The reconstruction included replacement hurricane-resistant windows, meeting rooms, and an elevator to make the second floor handicapped accessible. The total cost of construction was approximately \$3.3 million with FEMA providing \$2.7 million and the Jefferson Parish Department of Parks and Recreation funding the balance of \$600,000. The contractor was Construction Masters, Inc. and the engineering firm was Meyer Engineers, LTD.

For more information, contact C.J. Gibson, Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Parks and Recreation at 504-736-6999.

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