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Dear Community Members,

I write to you on the heels of several recent events that have had major effects on our community. Our recent earthquake has taken its toll on Old Town buildings. A New Year's fire destroyed another Old Town structure, and we are reminded of a Victorian home on H Street that was consumed by flames within the past year. We are working to preserve another landmark in Eureka: Saint Bernard Church.

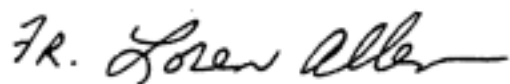
The Eureka Fire Marshal recently visited St. Bernard Church. Like many visitors, he was overwhelmed by its beauty and history. He was delighted to learn that we plan to increase the fire protection system for the building, including installation of sprinklers in the most vulnerable areas. "You can count on the fire department to support your efforts all the way." Installing sprinklers does not come without a price, which means fundraisers, but a major fundraiser also can be fun. There is no better day for a party than Fat Tuesday and we're going to have a Mardi Gras benefit in authentic Louisiana style.

I am inviting you to join us for "A Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Celebration" with Tom Rigney and Flambeau at the Arkley Center for the Performing Arts in Old Town Eureka. Tom Rigney and Flambeau are no strangers to Eureka and have developed a great following here. One reviewer says, "Tom Rigney is a fiery, electrifying violinist/composer who joins forces with a troupe of fine musicians to form Flambeau. They specialize in blazing Cajun and Zydeco two-steps, low-down blues, and New Orleans grooves."

What's a celebration without food and beverage? An extended intermission will provide authentic New Orleans fare made from the Southland's most famous recipes featuring plentiful Mardi Gras hors d'oeuvres and desserts. You won't want miss out on the complimentary wine, beer, bubbly, hurricanes, and a choice of non alcoholic beverages! Like to dance? A dance floor will be provided during the second half of the show. A live auction and raffle will add to the fun and festivities. Wear a Mardi Gras costume or mask if you like—it's that kind of an evening. This will be a Mardi Gras to remember!

Purchase your tickets today by calling the Arkley Center Box Office at 707-442-1956. A limited number of seats will be sold in order to provide adequate room for everyone to enjoy the festivities at intermission.

Thank you for helping protect a treasure of Eureka: Saint Bernard Church. We all strive to provide a better community and to maintain its culture and history.



Father Loren Allen



MARDI GRAS! 2010