

VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - August 23, 2019

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Armstrong Park Dumaine Gate Open

Neighbors may have noted that for years, the Dumaine entrance to Armstrong Park has been closed due to the City's safety concerns about cars driving into the park. Fortunately, bollards were installed last week at the Dumaine entrance to keep cars out and allow people in. Parks and Parkways employees have since opened the gates each morning at this entrance. If you see a [Parks and Parkways employee](#), please thank them for increasing access to this shared neighborhood green space.



Bourbon Street Update

The [Bourbon Phase 2 project](#) has successfully reconstructed the 500, 600, and 700, and 750 blocks of Bourbon Street with an updated drainage and sewerage system, new sidewalks, and upgraded lighting. Bollards are to be installed in September. Construction persists along the 800 block, where crews are preparing to pour concrete on Monday and Tuesday next week, weather permitting. Any delay will result in a temporary asphalt infill to complete demobilization for Southern Decadence. A full description of the project and weekly updates are available on the [RoadWorkNOLA](#).



Blackouts, Bourbon Street & the Beauregard Center

Saturday, August 27

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

[1113 Chartres Street](#)

Next Tuesday evening marks the next installment of our lecture series with the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#), "New Perspectives, Old Neighborhood: The Vieux Carre at 300 & Beyond." Please note that there will be no reservations for this event. Seating is first come, first serve, and will be limited to 75 guests. There will be a suggested donation of \$5.

Join us in listening to Kimberly Guise, Assistant Director for Curatorial Services at [The National WWII Museum](#), speak about New Orleans during the war. This presentation will draw on materials from The National WWII Museum collection and from the Beauregard-Keyes House, site of the Beauregard House Center for Service Men.



Southern Decadence

Friday, August 30 - Monday, September 2

French Quarter

Next Labor Day Weekend, revelers around the French Quarter will be celebrating the 48th annual [Southern Decadence](#). Begun as an informal going-away party in 1972, Southern Decadence has evolved into the largest LGBTQ+ event in New Orleans. The landmark Grand Marshal's Parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 1st at the Golden Lantern. It will proceed down Royal before turning onto N. Rampart via St. Louis, and making its way back to Bourbon and Dumaine. Expect street closures, parking restrictions, and large crowds throughout the neighborhood for the duration of the weekend.

**RIVER VIEUX
SOIRÉE**

Presenting Sponsor  **September 20, 2019**
6 - 7 pm Patron Party
7 - 10 pm Gala
Featuring Bon Bon Vivant



VCPORA's River Vieux Soirée

Be on the lookout for invitations hitting your mailbox soon! Tickets are now for sale online for [VCPORA's River Vieux Soirée](#). Payments can also be made over the phone during regular business hours or by check to PO Box 56095, New Orleans, LA 70156. This celebration is not to be missed!

The auction is also filling up with items from plenty of local donors, including [Alliance Française de la Nouvelle Orléans](#), [Fleur de Paris](#), [Gallery Rinard](#), [Home Malone](#), [Michalopoulos Studios](#), [Vino Wholesale](#) and many, many more. Be sure to check our Facebook in the weeks to come for special auction items previews.



In Memorium Joel Myers, 1934 - 2019

It is with tremendous sadness that we learned of the passing of Mrs. Joel Myers. A New Orleans native, Joel was a teacher, reporter, and passionate advocate for this city. She served on the VCPORA Board of Directors for many years, along with numerous other non-profits including the Bureau of Governmental Research, the Institute for the Comparative Study of Public Policy, and United Nations Association, to name a few. Joel was the President of both the New Orleans League of Women Voters and the State LWV. She also served on various City Boards and Commissions, including the Regional Planning Commission, the City Planning Commission, and the Mayor's Commission on the Future of the City. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family. Joel's full obituary can be found on the [Lake Lawn Metairie website](#).

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