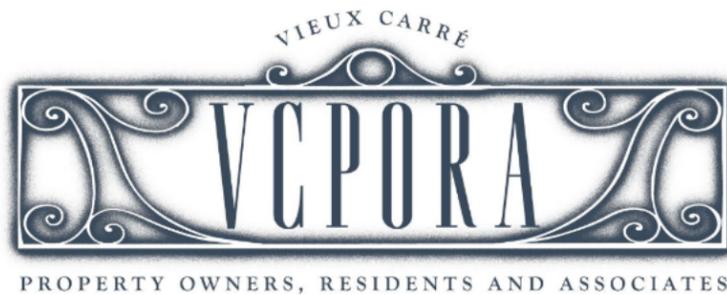


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History in a Glass: A Cocktail Lecture for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 17
[1113 Chartres Street](#)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We're throwing a cocktail lecture and tasting to close out 2019 season of our lecture series with the Beauregard-Keyes House, "New Perspectives, Old Neighborhood: The Vieux Carré at 300 & Beyond." Please note that this event is \$10 / person and include the lecture & cocktail reception. [Tickets may be purchased through Eventbrite](#). Members of BK House and VCPORA get in free with a suggested donation of \$5, but please reserve your seats in advance by emailing lily@bkhouse.org.

Join author and historian Elizabeth Pearce for a look into the history of alcoholic beverages in the Crescent City and how early recipes like the Sazerac and Café Brulot helped shape the development of how and what people drink today, both in New Orleans and well beyond. Guests will be treated to a light reception following the lecture featuring tastes of quintessential local cocktail recipes including the Sazerac and Cafe Brulot. The latter will be prepared with a demonstration by Christoph Dornemann of Arnaud's Restaurant's James Beard Award winning French 75 Bar.



Willie's Chicken Shack - Deferred Again

Commissioners at Monday's Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting voted to defer BZA Docket 104-19 until the January 13, 2020 meeting. The property owner of [601 Chartres](#) was absent. As a reminder, this docket is an appeal filed by VCPORA challenging the designation of the newest Willie's Chicken Shack at [601 Chartres Street](#) as a Standard Restaurant. We assert that Willie's meets the criteria for a Fast Food Restaurant, and therefore is not allowed at its current location per the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO).

VCPORA, French Quarter Citizens, Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, and neighbors spoke in support of this appeal. [Over 100 letters of support](#) have been sent to the City and now the deadline to submit has been extended for more. We will be back in January to make our case again. VCPORA Executive Director Erin Holmes noted that "the Vieux Carré is known, and protected by State Constitution, for the distinctive quality of its architecture, culture, and community. ... The spirit of the zoning intent has been violated when businesses can manipulate its provisions. Every time establishments can bend the rules, the city is slowly closing the door to other business owners that strive to contribute to the French Quarter's unique sense of place."

Read more on this [appeal on our website](#).



A 15-foot existing 4G cell phone tower on the corner of St. Philip and Dauphine. The proposed 5G towers could reach nearly three times this height.

5G Cell Phone Towers Update

Last Wednesday, the Mayor's Office of Utilities presented information to the Vieux Carré Commission (VCC) on 5G cell phone towers. As a reminder, the four major mobile carriers have proposed installing up to 200 new 35 to 40 foot 5G cell towers in the French Quarter and Central Business District. This technology, which is limited to outdoor frequencies, is intended to provide year-round digital connectivity rather than employing the mobile units used for large crowd-surge attendance events.

VCPORA, French Quarter Business Association, French Quarter Management District, and numerous French Quarter residents attended the VCC meeting to raise concerns about the aesthetic, functional, and health impacts of these cell towers along with the process for deployment. After careful deliberation, the VCC recommended to continue holding the permitting of small cell tower applications until the VCC Architectural Committee can work on design guidelines or specific recommendations, including a comprehensive plan of chosen locations to be completed before any installation. These non-binding recommendations will be forwarded to the Administration.

Following a successful lawsuit against the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), each cell carrier service will now have to begin a Section 106 Review process for compliance under the [National Historic Preservation Act](#). In the context of the 5G towers, this will require the FCC to:

1. Initiate consultation by notifying the the Division of Historic Preservation, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the City of New Orleans, and members of the general public with an economic, social or cultural interest in the project.
2. Identify properties that may be affected by the project.

3. Assess the effects of the undertaking on the resources in consultation with the Division of Historic Preservation to establish if they are adverse.
4. Resolve adverse effects by developing and evaluating alternatives that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts on historic resources.

Learn more about the Section 106 review on the [General Services Administration](#) website. You can also read more on the proposed French Quarter plan for 5G cell phone towers [on our website](#).



Preservation Resource Center Holiday Home Tour

Saturday, December 14 - Sunday, December 15, 2019
Garden District & Lower Garden District
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Preservation Resource Center presents their 44th Annual Holiday Home Tour presented by McEnery Residential this weekend. This tour features seven historic homes decorated for the holidays, performances by local musicians, and festive gifts at a holiday boutique. Complimentary shuttle service is provided between homes on tour. Day-of tickets can be purchased for \$50 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, [1329 Jackson Avenue](#). More information can be found on [the Preservation Resource Center website](#).



Patio Planters Holiday Home Tour

Sunday, December 22, 2019
French Quarter
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, the Patio Planters of the Vieux Carré presents French Quarter residences dressed for the season. The self-guided walking tour leads participants through homes of architectural value decorated for the holiday season. Tickets are \$20 each (children under 12 free), and will be available for purchase prior to the tour at Creole Delicacies, [533 St. Ann Street](#); at French Quarter Gem & Lapidary, [527 St. Philip Street](#), or by phone at 1-888-756-6250. Tickets can also be purchased online on [the Patio Planters website](#).



Caroling in Jackson Square

Sunday, December 22, 2019

[700 Decatur Street](#)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A holiday tradition since 1946, [Christmas Caroling in Jackson Square](#) invites singers, both amateur and professional, to hold candles and croon everybody's Christmas favorites. The event is free and open to all who wish to participate, regardless of religious affiliation. Candles and song sheets are provided at this free public event. Gates to Jackson Square open at 6:30 p.m. and caroling begins at 7:00 p.m. Those who plan to attend and participate are strongly advised to arrive early - this event draws thousands, which can sometimes exceed the capacity of the square.

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