

## VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - February 22, 2019

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### *At Home in the Vieux Carré:* Mardi Gras Edition!

Friday, February 22  
[510 Esplanade Avenue](#)  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tonight, we continue the [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) season with a special [Mardi Gras](#) celebration at the home of Billy & Denisa Means. **Don't forget your costumes!** Also get your raffle tickets to win this beautiful [Mardi Gras wreath](#), courtesy of our 2019 *At Home* sponsors, [the Shedlock Group](#).

Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew their memberships tonight. Specialty cocktails and seasonal nibbles will be provided. Just can't wait to see this historic townhouse for yourself? Head on over to our Facebook page for a look at how the Means decorated the house for [last year's celebration](#).



### French Quarter Walking Parades

Carnival continues with two French Quarter walking parades this weekend.

On Friday, February 21 at 3:00 p.m. (today), [Krewe of Cork](#) will take to the streets in

celebration of wine, food, and fun. The krewe will proceed down Royal from the 600 block, turn onto Bienville, reverse course and take Bourbon headed downriver, before taking St. Ann, Chartres, and St. Peter to connect back to a second procession down Royal. The parade will conclude on the 700 block of Conti.

On Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m., join the only puppy parade, [Krewe of Barkus](#), as our furry friends strut to the theme of "The Big Bark Theory: Barkus Goes to Comic-Con". The fun begins at the [Armstrong Park entrance](#), then heads toward the river by zigzagging between St. Ann and Dumaine, before heading down Chartres going downriver, and proceeding back toward the lake along St. Peter and Orleans. The parade will conclude at Congo Square.



## French Quarter Fest Now Accepting Volunteer Applications

French Quarter Fest is now accepting [volunteer applications](#). Volunteers will receive a \$10 voucher for food and a French Quarter Fest t-shirt. The festival, which will take place April 11 - 14 this year, will feature Cajun and Zydeco dance lessons, food vendors from all over New Orleans, and the largest showcase of Louisiana music anywhere in the world. VCPORA will provide additional updates on street closures as we get closer to the event.



## Workers Paint Over French Quarter Chinatown Artifact

Workers painted over a sign last Friday documenting the history of Chinatown in the French Quarter. The building owner of [530 Bourbon](#) recently obtained a permit for a paint job from the [Vieux Carré Commission](#), but it explicitly prohibited the erasure of the historic Chinese letters. A representative of the VCC was thankfully able to intercept the workers shortly after the sign was painted, and made them remove their paint and uncover the original facade.

There were over [10 Chinese-owned businesses](#) on the 500 block of Bourbon Street during the height of Chinatown in the 1940s. Now the sign on 530 Bourbon, which reads, "On Leong Chinese Merchants Association", is the last vestige of a Chinatown presence in the French Quarter.

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