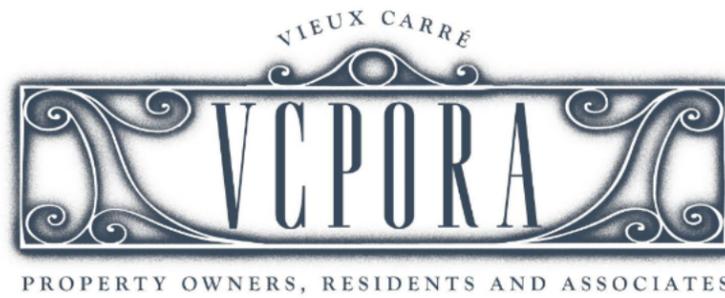


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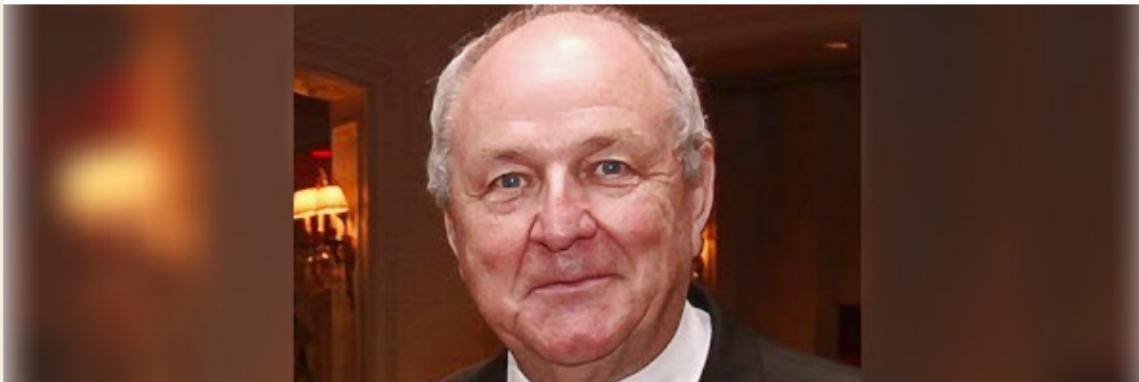
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Albin Guillot

We share with heavy hearts the passing of French Quarter resident and advocate Albin Guillot. A staunch supporter of his community, Albin could frequently be found at public meetings, organizational gatherings, and neighborhood parties espousing his love for the Quarter.

Via [French Quarter Citizens](#):

"It is with great sadness, we wanted to let you know that our dear friend Albin Guillot passed away from complications following surgery. Together with his wife Susan, he was a friend to all of us, and to the French Quarter he loved. His life was so beautifully lived and deserves to be beautifully remembered. Our City will miss him. There are no services planned at the time, due to social restrictions concerning the pandemic. We will keep you informed as a celebration of Albin's life is scheduled."



Helping Hands: Hotel Monteleone

Greetings members and friends!

This week's feature is all about spreading good karma.

The Hotel Monteleone is committed to helping its employees during these economically precarious times. "It's all good vibes," says Michael Dupree, the food and beverage manager for the hotel. The Monteleone family is doing what it can to pay employees during the downturn.

Even though the hotel has been closed since March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff still goes to the facility once or twice a week to deep clean and work on projects that would have been difficult if the hotel were fully operational. The family's generosity also extends to employees who work at the sister-property, the Bienville House Hotel.

The love and care of the Monteleone family explains why there are employees who have been with them for 50 years. Kent Wasmuth, the hotel's director of sales and marketing says, "The Monteleone family treats us like family. The last thing people want to worry about is their jobs." Kudos to our friends at the Monteleone for spreading good vibes and ensuring the good of the order in our beloved French Quarter!

Take care of yourselves and one another.

All the best,



Amy Stelly
VCPORA President



Coronavirus Update

Text COVIDNOLA to 888-777 for NOLAReady Updates

Please comply with Mayor LaToya Cantrell's issued mandate to stay home unless you are going out for critical needs, which include visits to the grocery store, pharmacy, and doctor appointments.

Drive-through testing for any symptomatic individual over the age of 18 [has opened](#) at Oscher Health Center - Lake Terrance, [1532 Robert E. Lee Boulevard](#), from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - noon. Symptomatic residents are also encouraged to test at [Crescent Care](#), [Ochsner Urgent Care – Mid-City](#), [Alario Center](#), or at home with [Ready Responders](#). To find the testing site nearest you, [visit Corona Testing Locations](#).



Updates around New Orleans

Mayor LaToya Cantrell has extended the stay home mandate [until May 16](#).

Major festivals are [cancelled](#) in 2020.

The City of New Orleans has issued a reminder that [evictions have been frozen](#)

during the pandemic. Anybody experiencing evictions should report to 311.

[Elections](#) for the Presidential Primary, 1st City Court Judge, and local party offices will now be held on July 11.



Food

[Councilmember Kristin Palmer](#) will continue to partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to offer free non-perishables to hospitality workers impacted by the coronavirus. The food pantry will be open April 23 from 9:00 a.m. - noon at Connect Church of Algiers, [1110 Kabel Drive](#), and again on April 21 and 28 from 9:00 a.m. - noon at Holy Angels, [3500 St. Claude Avenue](#).

Councilmember Palmer has also partnered with NOLA Tree Project to deliver hot meals to seniors and homebound residents Mondays through Fridays from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Additionally, the NOLA Tree Project will be distributing free hot meals for pick up at [1509 Filmore Ave](#). If you are elderly or know someone in need of delivery, please contact Connie Udo at connie@nolatreeproject.org or call (504) 415-8434.

[Homer A. Plessy Community School](#) is giving away meals to schoolchildren from 9:00 a.m. - noon every Monday and Wednesday.

[TopBox Foods](#) is providing direct home deliveries of fresh produce to New Orleans families on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through April 30. SNAP benefits may apply.

[Oz New Orleans and Ambush Magazine](#) have partnered with several other organizations to give away food to impacted gig workers and LGBTQIA+ individuals on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Resources

[Sazerac House](#) New Orleans is offering one case (12 bottles) of Diesel 190 high proof spirits per applicable Louisiana based organization: first responders, health care, government, law enforcement, 501(c)(3) organizations, etc. Diesel 190 can be used as a cleaning agent, as well as turned into hand sanitizer. Interested parties are asked to fill out [this online form](#).

NOLA Ready has compiled a list of opportunities for those wishing to donate their [time](#) or [resources](#). There are also resources for residents to help with [food and supplies](#), [housing & legal assistance](#), [workers](#), [utilities](#), and [mental health support](#). Businesses can also find resources for [financial support](#), [unemployment insurance](#), [technical assistance](#), and [industry supports](#).

You can find additional financial resources at the [CDC's Interim Guidance for Business and Employers](#), the [Louisiana Department of Health](#), [The U.S. Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program](#), the [USBG Foundation Bartender Emergency Assistance](#), and the [Louisiana Workforce Commission Rapid Response Unit](#).

The [Mutual Aid Facebook group](#) offers a chance for residents to share resources with each other.

[WorkNOLA](#) has a list of job offerings at this time.

[The City of New Orleans](#) is offering rental assistance to a limited number of households impacted by coronavirus.



How You Can Help

Support local businesses! In addition to [take-out and delivery-only restaurants](#), many essential services in the Quarter are still open, including the Postal Emporium, Mary's Ace Hardware, Matassa's Market, Rouses, Lost Sock Laundromat, Quarter Grocery, Verti Marte, and Quarter Master, to name a few. Several even feature free delivery. Be sure to contact the establishments beforehand, as COVID-19 may have affected hours.

[NOLA Ready](#) has information on how medical and behavioral health volunteers can assist with clinical and non-clinical tasks.

[Hands On New Orleans](#) needs volunteers to help deliver meals, collect food supplies, or provide virtual services. Volunteers must meet eligibility requirements.

[Second Harvest Food Bank](#) needs volunteers to collect food from restaurants, help with community kitchens, and repackage donated food.



Just for Fun

WVOZ 90.7 will be hosting a [#StayatHome tribute to French Quarter Fest](#) this Saturday and Sunday noon - 8:00 p.m. with archival sets from past French Quarter Festivals. WVOZ will also host [Jazz Festing in Place](#) on April 23 - 26 and April 30 - May 3 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (the same days and hours as the originally-scheduled New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival). This radio event will feature musical performances from Jazz Fests past, as well as interview segments highlighting the music, food, crafts, and heritage of New Orleans and Louisiana.

The [Band Together virtual festival](#) on April 25 at 3:00 p.m. will feature over 20 local New Orleans musicians. This festival will fundraise for a relief fund for local musicians to cover living expenses, like rent and mortgages, utilities and medical expenses.

Are there more resources that you are looking for or do you have some additional ideas?

Share them with us at info@vcpora.org and erinholmes@vcpora.org.



#FQThenandNow

VCPORA and the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) continue our [#FQThenAndNow](#) series this week with a post on 434-436 Chartres. Head over to [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to check it out. This weekly series showcases historic pictures, current pictures, and fun facts about our favorite French Quarter

locales. Follow #FQThenAndNow the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) so you don't miss any upcoming posts from this series.



St. Ann Construction Update

St. Ann Construction Update Beginning on Monday, April 20, the intersection of Dauphine and St. Ann streets will close for approximately three weeks to accommodate utility upgrades. Last month, the St. Ann Full Depth Reconstruction Project was halted indefinitely due to high water levels in the Mississippi River.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed in July 2020. The fencing around the 800 block of St. Ann Street remains in place with the roadway closed to vehicular traffic; sidewalks are open to pedestrian traffic. The project will resume in this block once the water levels drop below 15 feet at the Carrollton Gauge, which is predicted to happen in early May. For more information on this project, see [this press release](#).

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