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VCPORA Welcomes New Year

Happy New Year! As we enter 2020, we at VCPORA want to thank our supporters for an incredibly active 2019. We held six *At Home in the Vieux Carré* happy hours, five *New Perspectives on an Old Neighborhood* lectures with the Beauregard-Keyes House, a Mother's Day Concert, a Summer Social, and a River Vieux Soirée. We won victories on Short Term Rental regulations and the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance. We advocated for - and continue to work on - stopping the proliferation of fast food restaurants, retaining the Mississippi riverfront for public use, designing our streets to be safer for all, implementing emerging telecommunications technology thoughtfully, and preserving the historic fabric of the neighborhood. We could not have done any of this without you! Thank you for your support.

We look forward to protecting the needs of this irreplaceable neighborhood in the decade to come and for decades beyond!





(Images of [1019-25 Canal](#), [1027 Canal](#), and [1022 Iberville](#) from Google Earth and The Historic New Orleans Collection, Vieux Carre Digital Survey).

Call to Action: Canal Street Demolition Hearings

Proposed demolitions of [1019-25 Canal](#), [1027 Canal](#), and [1022 Iberville](#) will be reviewed by the CBD Historic District Landmarks Commission on Wednesday, January 8, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall. Attend this meeting and join us in calling for an independent analysis to demonstrate evidence that these demolitions are necessary to proceed with the Hard Rock Hotel removal. Public safety is paramount and further removal of New Orleans' historic fabric must be avoided if possible. Comments on these demolitions can be sent via hdlcomment@gmail.com.

As a reminder, these demolition permits filed on December 5 indicate that the structures are "located in the "Red Zone" of the collapsed [1031 Canal St](#) Structure. Demolition of this structure is necessary to facilitate demolition operations and planning required at the [1031 Canal St](#) site." In addition, the two Canal St. buildings are owned by companies registered to the same owners of the Hard Rock property. Citadel Builders - the original contractor for the Hard Rock Hotel - would be responsible for the work. Read more about [the demolition permits here](#).



Willie's Chicken Shack - Deferred Again

In light of the cyber attack against the City of New Orleans, the Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting originally scheduled for January 13 has been cancelled. The hearing of BZA Docket 104-19 has therefore been postponed until the February 10, 2020 BZA meeting. This marks the third deferral for this item, 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). Read more on this [appeal on our website](#).



French Quarter Parking Passes Valid through January

The Department of Public Works Parking Division has confirmed that parking tickets will not be written through January for vehicles with residential parking passes that expired in December, as the cyber attack against the City has

rendered DPW unable to issue parking pass renewals. The Parking Division can be reached directly by phone: (504) 658-8200. Read more on the [cyber attack recovery here](#).



Joan of Arc Parade

Monday, January 6
French Quarter
7:00 - 8:30 p.m

The Carnival season kicks off with the Joan of Arc Parade, a medieval themed walking parade that tells the story of Joan of Arc's life from childhood to Sainthood. This family-friendly procession includes soldiers, monks, royalty, angels, and a student Jeanne d'Arc who serves as the Maid of Honor on horseback. The parade this year will travel along Bienville, Chartres, Ursulines, and Decatur. Expect street closures and parking restrictions. A route map and additional details can be found on the [Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc website](#).



Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Want to help restore the Louisiana Coast? Recycle your Christmas tree! The City's Office of Resilience and Sustainability Christmas [tree recycling program](#) will collect your natural, unflocked tree next week (all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and tree stands must be removed by resident) and use them in selected coastal zones. French Quarter and DDD residents are eligible to participate by placing their trees at the location of their regular garbage collection, before 4 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Orleans Parish residents outside downtown may place their Christmas trees at the location of their regular garbage collection before 5 a.m., on their regularly scheduled second collection day that occurs between January 9 - 11, 2019. Flocked, artificial trees, trees in bags, or trees with trimming that has not been removed will be collected with garbage and transported to the landfill. Trees are not to be placed on the neutral grounds. In 2019, more than 6,000 Christmas trees were collected in Orleans Parish after the holidays and airlifted by the Louisiana National Guard into the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge as part of a program to create new marsh habitat. Residents with questions are advised to call NOLA 311.

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