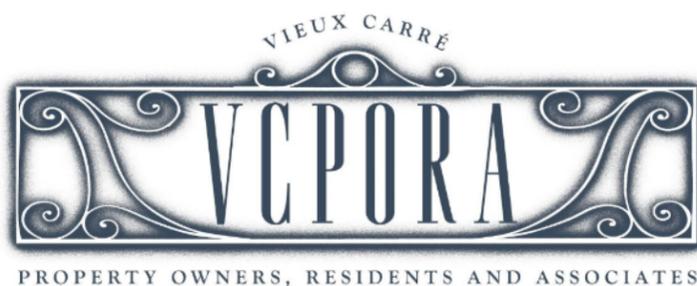


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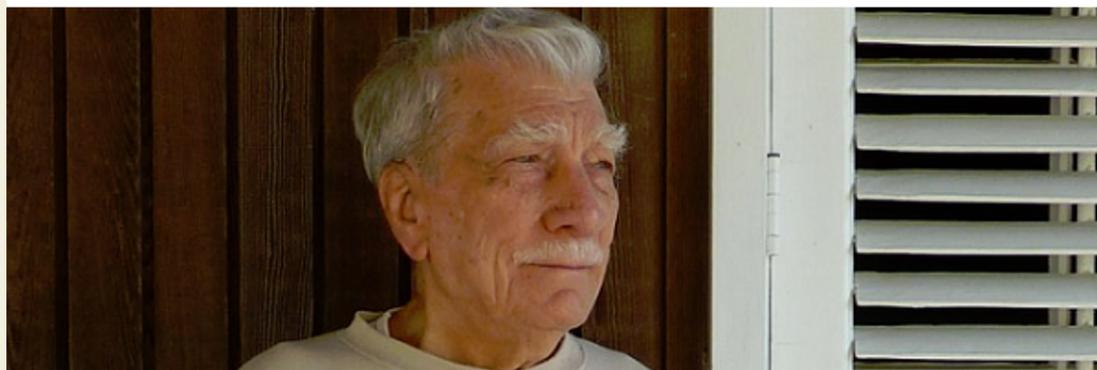
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## Raymond Boudreaux, 1922 - 2020

It is with sad hearts that we share the passing of [Mr. Raymond Boudreaux](#), age 97. Mr. Boudreaux, an architect by trade and true legend among preservationists, was instrumental in the decade-long battle against the Riverfront Expressway, which was finally defeated in 1969. A fierce advocate for the French Quarter, Bayou St. John, and the City of New Orleans, Mr. Boudreaux served as VCPORA president in the 1960s and on the board for over 20 years. He often noted that the defeat of the proposed Expressway fifty years ago was one of the most important events in preserving one of "the nation's earliest urban developments."

Read his [September 2019 column](#) detailing the Riverfront Expressway fight. "I am firmly convinced that if VCPOA [VCPORA] had not existed when the serious effort was made to construct the expressway, we probably would have an elevated roadway on the riverfront today and diesel soot on our beignets at Café du Monde." Mr. Boudreaux stands as the emblem of what grassroots advocacy and sheer determination can accomplish in protecting and defending a neighborhood, particularly in the face of goliathan pressures. If you love the French Quarter, thank Mr. Boudreaux.



## IT'S BACK! - Willie's Chicken Shack

Following three consecutive deferrals, BZA Docket 104-19 will be heard at the February 10, 2020 BZA meeting. The deadline for public comment is now February 3. If you have not already done so, please consider sending in a letter of support for Docket 104-19 to [cityplanningcommissionno@gmail.com](mailto:cityplanningcommissionno@gmail.com) and [erhernandez@nola.gov](mailto:erhernandez@nola.gov). Sample language can be found on [our website](#). Even better, you can attend the meeting on February 10, at 11:00 a.m. Your voice is needed to help stop the proliferation of fast food restaurants in the French Quarter.

As a reminder, VCPORA filed this appeal against the director of Safety & Permits for his decision to designate 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). The historic French Quarter is internationally known for its unique culture and architecture, and allowing the proliferation of fast food restaurants like Willie's Chicken Shack where they are not allowed endangers the viability and desirability of the entire community. Read more on this [appeal on our website](#).



### The Uninvited

January 10 - February 14

[1132 Royal Street](#)

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

A collaboration between [the Hermann-Grima Gallier Historic Houses](#) and [Goat in the Road Productions](#), The Uninvited is an immersive play experience that welcomes audience members to follow nine characters throughout the Gallier House. Based on a real incident that took place in 1874 between segregationists and integrationists, the content of this play includes racism, discussion of racial violence and offensive language, and may not be suitable for younger viewers. There will be two showtimes per night during select nights through February 14. Tickets are [available online](#). Additional details may be found on the [The Uninvited Facebook page](#).



### Chewbacchus

Saturday, February 1

New Orleans

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The Intergalactic Krewe of Chewbacchus will be rolling through the French Quarter this weekend. This parade, now in its tenth year, boasts over 150 science fiction, fantasy, and horror subkrewes. The otherworldly and supernatural procession will start in the Marigny and continue upriver along Decatur before concluding at Woldenberg Park. Expect street closures, parking restrictions, and lasers. A route map and additional details can be found [online](#).



## Rock N' Roll Marathon

Sunday, February 9  
New Orleans  
6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please be aware that due to the [2020 Rock N' Roll Marathon](#), both sides of Esplanade Avenue will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. next Sunday, February 9. N Peters Street/Decatur Street between Esplanade Ave and Poydras Street will be also closed from 6:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. that day. No Parking /Tow Away Zones will be in effect along the route. For more information on the marathon's traffic impact, please see [the full road closure map](#).

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