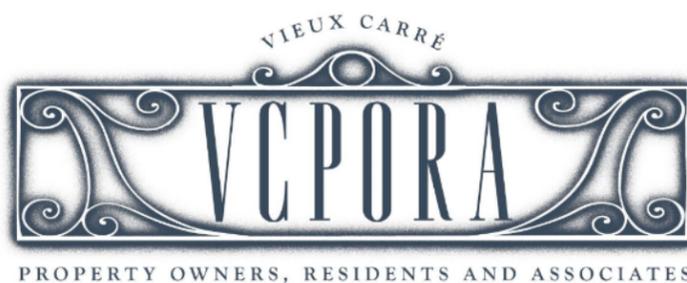


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Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving from VCPORA to you! We are so grateful for the community that has supports us each and every day to help us protect and preserve this historic neighborhood. From our events to our advocacy, it's VCPORA members, neighbors, and friends that make it come together. We could not do this without you all!

We are so grateful for all of you!



Reminder: Willie's Chicken Shack to appear at December 9 BZA meeting!

Monday, December 9, 2019
Board of Zoning Adjustments
Council Chambers, City Hall, [1300 Perdido St.](#)
The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m., but this item will likely not be heard before 11:00 a.m.
Public comments are due by December 2 by 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this meeting - we need you to ATTEND and defend the unique character of the Vieux Carré!

You may recall that we filed a formal appeal to the Board of Zoning Adjustments asserting that the newest **Willie's Chicken Shack at 601 Chartres Street** meets the criteria for a fast food restaurant, therefore is not allowed at its current location. Fast Food restaurants are not a permitted use anywhere in the Vieux Carré. [The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance \(CZO\)](#) is a product of thousands of hours by the City and its residents to regulate and guide development in our communities. Fast Food was determined to be inappropriate for the authenticity, integrity, and desirability of the French Quarter. The Vieux Carré is known, and protected by State Constitution, for the distinctive quality of its architecture, culture, and community and the CZO is the means by which an influx of similarly styled commercial offerings can be prevented to avoid the homogenization of this National Historic Landmark.

Read more about the appeal [here](#).

What Can You Do?

WRITE to the Board of Zoning Adjustments and **ATTEND** the meeting to express your concerns about the dangerous precedent being set by this business model and the flagrant violations of the CZO.

Sample language:
To: cpcinfo@nola.gov, info@vcpora.org

Subject: Support for BZA Docket 104-19

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment members,

I am writing in support of BZA Docket Number 104-19 asserting that the business located at [601 Chartres Street](#) meets the definition of a "Fast Food Restaurant." The newest Willie's Chicken Shack, like each of its 7 other locations, clearly meets many of the characteristics defining "Fast Food Restaurants," including but not limited to, a permanent menu board, ordering and paying prior to consumption, and a stylized interior and signage replicated across locations.

The historic Vieux Carré is internationally known for its unique culture and architecture, particularly its diversity of commercial offerings and experiences. It must remain a place where residents, locals, and visitors alike can enjoy its authenticity and integrity.

Please protect this authenticity by upholding the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and its authority to evenly apply land use regulations to all business and property owners. Allowing fast food restaurants where they are prohibited by law endangers the viability and desirability of the entire community.

Sincerely,



At Home in the Vieux Carré

Friday, December 6
[1026 Esplanade Avenue](#)
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Save the date! The [final 2019 At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) is on Friday, December 6. Longtime residents René Fransen and Eddie Bonin will be closing out the season with their beautiful Queen Anne home. Specialty cocktails, wine, and nibbles will be provided. This happy hour is not to be missed! Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew their memberships that night. Check our website or [follow our Facebook](#) for updates.



Bayou Classic

Friday, November 29 – Saturday, November 30

French Quarter

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor has issued a reminder that heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic should be expected around the French Quarter and Mercedes-Benz Superdome this weekend due to events associated with the Bayou Classic. Traffic and parking restrictions will be in place. As always, please take care in large crowds and report suspicious activity to public safety officials.

The New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (NOHSEP) will activate the City's Emergency Operations Center, staffed by representatives from public safety agencies, to monitor the weekend's events. Light towers, bollards and extra public safety personnel will be strategically placed throughout the French Quarter. Read more on specific traffic restrictions, parking restrictions, and transportation impacts in the [official press release](#).



2020 Census Hiring

The U.S. Census Bureau is now hiring 2020 Census takers through January. Qualified applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, be a U.S. citizen, have a valid email address, be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption, pass a Census-performed criminal background check, commit to completing training, and be available to work flexible hours. Translator positions may also be available for non-citizens. The Census Bureau is an equal opportunity employer. For more information, visit [the 2020 Census website](#).

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