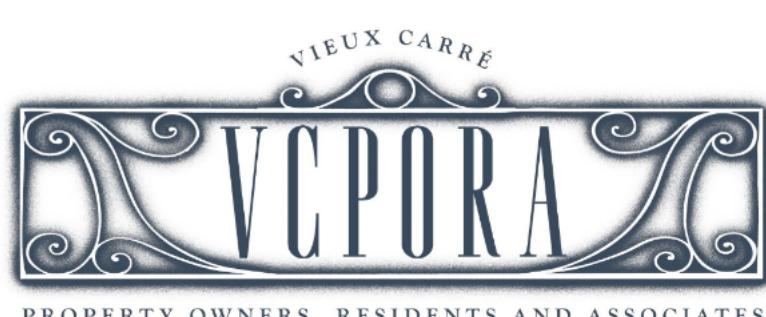


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Short Term Rentals at City Planning Commission

Short Term Rentals were once again up for discussion by the City Planning Commission (CPC) this week. On Tuesday, the CPC reviewed two zoning dockets, one which outlines the staff recommendations for Residential and Commercial STR permits and another to examine the existing prohibition of STRs in the French Quarter and to extend one in the Garden District.

Several very positive recommendations were made by the Commissioners. They agreed that a homestead exemption requirement for residential STRs was the best mechanism for reducing the impacts of non-owner occupied, whole home rentals in residential zoning districts. Additionally, they noted the unique circumstances and intense pressure facing the **French Quarter and agreed that the existing Short Term Rental prohibition should stay in place**. Other encouraging portions of the staff report and CPC vote include a recommendation that the creation of STRs in Commercial areas should be tied to the production of affordable housing either through bonuses in any recommended density caps, the imposition of impact fees, or through other methods. Additional study for these requirements is recommended.

Unfortunately, the commissioners upheld staff's recommendation to **allow commercial short term rentals in both the VCE and VCE-1**, represented in red in the map above. The rationale is that the two districts were created for similar tourism related functions and that they contain vacant and underutilized floors that need returning to commerce. However, we believe that this represents an erosion of the 1969 Vieux Carré prohibition on new hotel and lodging accommodations and a continued creep of Short Term Rentals into this fragile neighborhood. Additionally, a prohibition on STRs in the Garden District was denied. We should export the successes of these restrictions to other heavily impacted neighborhoods. These recommendations will be sent to the City Council for their review - **stay tuned for more details to come**.



St. Joseph's Day Celebrations

Sunday, March 17 - Saturday, March 23
French Quarter

First, stop on by the Beauregard-Keyes House at noon on Sunday, March 17 to see the blessing of their [St. Joseph's Altar](#). Anyone interested in donating food to the altar is encouraged to contact Lily Elkins at lily@bkhouse.org. The altar will be on display until Tuesday, March 19.

The following weekend on Saturday, March 23, catch the [Italian-American St. Joseph's Parade](#) in the French Quarter starting at 6:00 p.m. The parade kicks off in the CBD with 16 floats, 9 marching bands, and hundreds of traditionally tuxedo'd men of the St. Joseph's Society. The route will loop around Decatur, Chartres, Bourbon, and Royal between Canal and St. Peters, so expect street closures. See the full route [here](#).



Food & Faith: A St. Joseph's Day Lecture

Monday, March 18
[1113 Chartres Street](#)
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Following the success of our [Tricentennial Lecture Series](#), the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#) and VCPORA are excited to announce a new lecture series for 2019! Join us for the first lecture of the year on Monday, March 18. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the lecture begins at 6:00 p.m. **Please note that there will be no reservations.** Seating is first come, first serve, and will be limited to 75 guests. There will be a suggested donation of \$5.

On the night before St. Joseph's Day, Elizabeth Schiro Parent will present "[Faith & Food](#)", a talk delving into the lives of 20th century Sicilian immigrants in the French Quarter, why they left Sicily, and how reverence for their homeland's food, religion and culture, has lead to the widespread adoption of St. Joseph's Day traditions in New Orleans today. Ms. Parent will also discuss the significance of the individual foods that make up the St. Joseph Altar. Attendees are welcome to view the Beauregard-Keyes House's altar before or after the lecture. Additional information about the event can be found [on Facebook](#).



At Home in the Vieux Carré

Friday, March 22
933 Burgundy Street
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

We continue the [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) season next Friday with a [celebration](#) at the home of Claus Sadlier. This beautifully renovated Creole townhouse features a cozy courtyard, a sunroom, and a balcony featuring stunning views of the Quarter and CBD. Head on over to Facebook to [see for yourself](#). Bring your dancing shoes too, because this month's happy hour will feature live music from [Tim Laughlin's Trio](#) - a special treat courtesy of our host.

Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew their memberships tonight. Specialty cocktails, wine, and jambalaya will be provided. As always, we extend a special thanks to [Lisa Shedlock & Ed Shedlock](#) of The Shedlock Group for their generous sponsorship of our 2019 *At Home* series.



Hike Fest: Tunes, Tales, and Trails

Saturday, March 23
The Lafitte Greenway
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Join [Friends of Lafitte Greenway](#) and [New Orleans Recreation Department](#) as they reimagine the 13th Annual Lafitte Greenway Hike as [The Hike: Tunes, Tales, and Trails Fest](#). Celebrate the Greenway and the communities it connects through storytelling, kids activities, guided walking tours, food, and live music from [Corey Henry and the Treme Funktet](#), [Robin Barnes Music](#), and more! Additional details can be found on the [Friends of Lafitte Greenway](#) website.

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