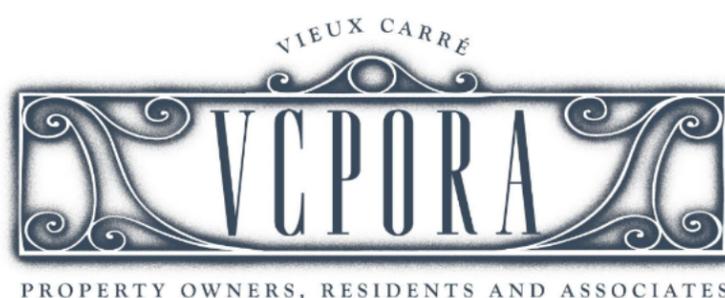


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Mother's Day Concert & Picnic

featuring the
New Leviathan
Oriental Foxtrot Orchestra
and special guests
Homer A. Plessy Middle School Orchestra

Cabrini Park at Dauphine & Barracks
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Mother's Day Concert & Picnic

Sunday, May 12
Cabrini Park - Dauphine and Barracks

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bring Mom, a picnic basket, lawn chairs, blankets, and your dancing shoes to Cabrini Park for an afternoon of fun! This Mother's Day, enjoy the sounds of American revivalist orchestra ensemble [New Leviathan Oriental Foxtrot Orchestra](#), and enjoy an opening performance by special guests, the Homer A. Plessy Middle School Orchestra. Don't forget the playground and face-painting for the kids. The 22nd Annual Mother's Day Concert & Picnic is VCPORA's gift to the community. This event is free and open to the public. Although we love them, please leave the pets at home. Please note that the park will be closed Sunday so that we may clean & set up for the event. Pictures from last year's event can be found on our [website](#).

A New Riverboat on the Mississippi Threatens Public Access

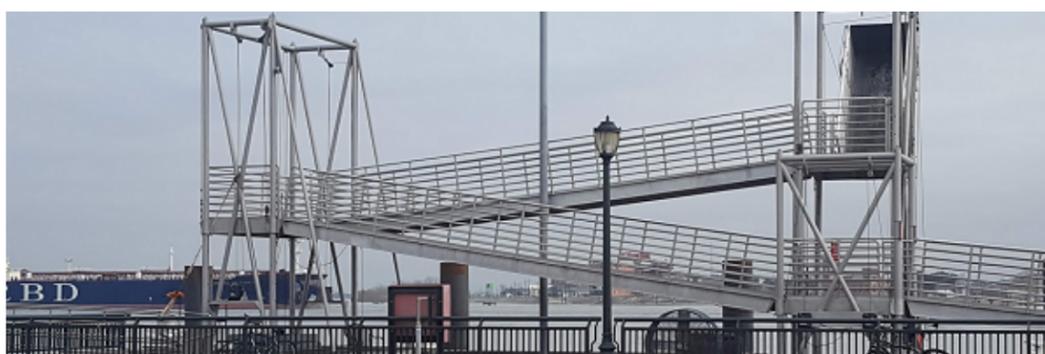
The “[City of New Orleans](#),” a new riverboat, is hoping to dock at the Lower Bienville Street Wharf in Woldenberg Park to operate tours this summer. The 190 foot vessel will have a capacity of 1000 passengers and, when not operating its estimated 3 cruises per day, will be permanently berthed just upriver from the Steamboat Natchez.

Here is the problem – to facilitate the boarding of passengers and supplies, New Orleans Steamboat Company must erect a permanent aluminum gangway system composed of ramps and railings on the wharf directly in front of the public Riverwalk Gazebo, visually and physically obstructing one of the most expansive views of the Mississippi River.



The boat has already been built and, in anticipation of its arrival, large maritime bollards were erected around the perimeter of the wharf – all done without benefit of public review. However, to install the gangway structure, the operators must obtain a conditional use from the city, a process requiring public meetings with the City Planning Commission and City Council.

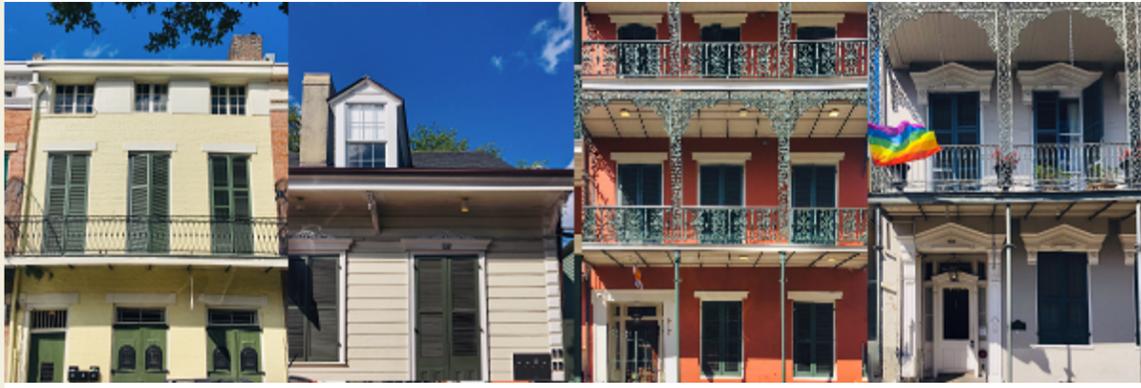
Situated at one of the most unique locations along the pedestrian river walkway, it will divert pedestrians away from a location enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, and one used as a stage during festivals, and a backdrop for ceremonies. At 5 feet wide and stretching approximately 50 feet in either direction from the outer corner of the wharf, the two story structure will reach approximately 20 feet at its peak.



This gangplank at the Steamboat Natchez could be replicated at the Bienville Wharf.

We are firmly opposed to this addition to the riverfront for numerous reasons. Aside from the concerning and conspicuous location, increasing the number of vessels that are permanently docked on the river will, bit by bit, decrease the views and enjoyment of public park space. This is in direct contradiction to the goals stated in the City Charter-mandated Master Plan which emphasizes its commitment to no loss of public parkland while discouraging the conversion of these same spaces to private commercialized uses.

At this time, the applicants have only initiated the conditional use process by holding the required Neighborhood Participation Plan meeting. They are expected to file their application to appear in front of the City Planning Commission in the next few months. VCPORA will share the date of that hearing when it is made public but urge you to submit your own comments to the city by emailing the City Planning Commission at cpcinfo@nola.gov.



Historic Tax Credit Lecture

Tuesday, May 7

Beauregard-Keyes House

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

VCPORA and the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#) are excited to welcome you to our next installment of our [Tricentennial Lecture](#) series. Next up, we are featuring an informative look at the State Historic Tax Credit program featuring [James Rolf](#), Director of Planning and Preservation for the Louisiana [Recovery School District](#).

Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the lecture begins at 6:00 p.m. Please note that there 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.

Did you know that Louisiana's Historic Tax Credit has attracted more than \$3.7 billion of investment in the rehabilitation of historic buildings over the last decade making our state a national leader in historic preservation? As our Louisiana leaders are examining its renewal during this legislative session, now is a great time to learn about this vital economic development tool - from its successes here in the French Quarter and around the state, to usable information on beginning your own historic renovation project.



Easter Weekend

Saturday, April 20 - Sunday, April 21

French Quarter

Break out those pastels and big hats. There's lots to do this Easter weekend.

On Saturday, thousands will participate in the 41st Annual [Crescent City Classic](#) 10k race from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Expect road closures and transportation delays along N Peters, Decatur, and Esplanade during the event as well as in the Central Business District, Marigny, Iberville, Treme-Lafitte, 7th Ward, Bayou St. John, Fair Grounds, and City Park areas.

Then on Easter Sunday, the 36th Annual [Chris Owens French Quarter Easter Parade](#) will roll from St. Louis and Royal at 1:00 p.m. The procession is sure to include "colorful floats, marching bands, beads, Easter trinkets, and plenty of eager revelers".

Shortly following at 4:30 p.m., the 20th Annual [Gay Easter Parade](#) will roll from Armstrong Park into the Quarter. Attendees are encouraged to wear summer suits, tuxedos, sundresses, and Easter hats. This event is family friendly and open to all.



Faubourg Marigny Home Tour

Sunday, May 19
Washington Square Park
noon - 4:00 p.m.

The 47th Annual [Home and Garden Tour](#) will wander the Marigny Triangle revealing the inside rooms of historic creole cottages, turn of the century Victorian gems, and even a few modern additions that tie the new with rich architectural cues from the past. Tickets are \$25 each (children under 12 free), and will be available for purchase [online](#) and on the day of (cash, check, or credit card) at Washington Square Park.



The Plessy Business Council Fundraiser: A Summer Soiree

Saturday, May 25
[527 Elysian Fields](#)
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join the [Plessy Business Council honorees](#) in the garden at [Michalopoulos Studios](#) for an evening of special guests, music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Live music provided by [Preservation Hall Band](#) and [Kumasi Afrobeat Orchestra](#). This is a fundraiser for [Homer A. Plessy Community School](#), the only school located in the French Quarter. Tickets can be purchased [online here](#).

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