

## Weekly Vieux - January 25, 2019

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## NOPD 8th District Year-in-Review

A 2018 year-in-review report from the [NOPD 8th District](#) finds some reassuring statistics. Preliminary analysis demonstrates a 3% decrease in violent crime from 2017. Moreover, clearance – the conclusion of a case through an arrest or a warrant – has increased for many violent crimes. The current clearance rate is 100% for murders; 90% for non-fatal shootings; 25% for burglary (compared to 15% for the entire city); and 15% for auto burglaries (compared to 10% for the entire city). While clearance for theft hovers at 8%, and simple robberies 24%, advances in surveillance may increase those numbers in 2019.

Additional efforts helped make strides in the community in 2018. [The LEAD Program](#), in partnership with [the Vera Institute of Justice](#), has helped 19 repeat offenders avoid chronic incarceration by providing permanent housing, employment opportunities, and sobriety programs. These structural supports have reduced felony recidivism by up to 39% in similar programs nationwide. The program aims to be self-sufficient by avoiding the costs otherwise spent on jail stays and court appearances. NOPD is also collaborating with the Vera Institute to explore alternatives to the quality of life sweeps that incarcerate travelers. Lastly, the 8th District introduced bicycle patrols along Canal and Decatur; walking patrols on Canal and Frenchmen; and additional daytime mounted patrols as needed.

Up-to-date NOPD data - including data specific to the 8th District - may be found on [the online MAX portal](#). Questions or concerns about the 8th District may be directed by phone to (504) 658-6080 or by email to [nopd8thdistrict@nola.gov](mailto:nopd8thdistrict@nola.gov).



# Community Engagement Opportunities

In an effort to better connect residents with local government, City Hall has expanded the [Mayor's Community Office Hours Program](#). District C Eastbank residents will now be able to visit the [Treme Rec Center \(900 N. Villere Street\)](#) from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on select days to meet with City representatives from various departments. Residents are encouraged to voice their concerns, ask questions, or just get to know City Hall workers. The days for District C Eastbank residents are:

**January:** 28 and 30.

**February:** 5, 11, 13, 19, 25, and 27.

**March:** 12, 18, 20, and 26.

**April:** 1, 3, 9, 15, 17, 23, and 29.

**May:** 1, 7, 13, 15, 21, and 29.

Additionally, the recently-created City Council [Quality of Life Special Committee](#) will allow Orleans parish residents to directly voice their concerns about quality of life needs. The committee will hold quarterly public hearings to address issues such as blight, potholes, drainage, and more. Mayor Cantrell's administration will use the meetings as a venue to communicate various legislative solutions. [Councilmember Giarrusso](#) created the committee after realizing that constituent calls and complaints among the various Council offices often touched on similar issues and can be addressed more comprehensively through district collaboration. The first meeting is set to take place on February 27. Stay tuned for details.



## Audubon Community Connect Program

The [Audubon Nature Institute](#) is offering free entrance to their institutions through their [Community Connect Program](#). Every Wednesday, Orleans Parish residents with a valid government-issued photo ID receive free admission with up to four guests to Audubon attractions. Appreciation days rotate each week from the Zoo, Aquarium, Butterfly Garden and Insectarium, and Planetarium (Louisiana Nature Center). The full 2019 schedule of Orleans Parish Appreciation Days can be [viewed here](#). Orleans Parish SNAP members also enjoy complimentary entrance year round. Participants need only present their SNAP card and a valid government-issued photo ID. Lastly, two Audubon passes have been given to each [New Orleans Public Library](#). Library cardholders may check out the passes, which provides valid entry for two adults and seven children during a two-week period.



## Rock N' Roll Marathon Street Closures

Please be aware that in observance of the [2019 Rock N' Roll Marathon](#), both sides of Esplanade Avenue will be closed from 6:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 10. N Peters Street/Decatur Street between Esplanade Ave and Poydras Street will be also closed from 6:15 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](#).



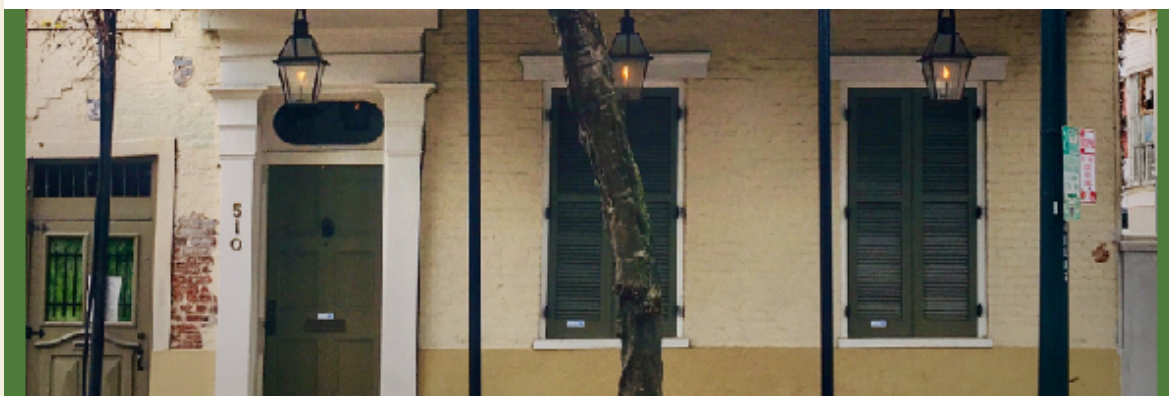
## French Quarter Walking Parades

The Mardi Gras season kicks into high gear with three upcoming French Quarter walking parades.

On Friday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m., [Krewe Bohème](#) will roll for the very first time. This brand new krewe is meant to "present a visual and auditory feast of mystery, artistry and fun. The procession is led by a symbol of the bohemian spirit, a green absinthe fairy". Coming down Royal from the Marigny, the krewe will proceed down Esplanade toward the river, turn onto Decatur going upriver, before heading toward the lake on Dumaine and concluding at the main entrance to Louis Armstrong Park.

On Saturday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m., [Krewe du Vieux](#) will roll. Noted as a political, adult-oriented parade, Krewe de Vieux earned the distinction of marching as the first post-Katrina parade. This year's theme is "City of Yes, Yes, Oh God, Yes!". The krewe will approach the Quarter from the Marigny along Decatur, before turning toward the Lake on Dumaine. They will then reverse course downriver on Chartres, before turning on Barracks, and heading upriver on Royal. The parade will conclude on [517 Toulouse Street](#).

On Saturday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m., [krewedelusion](#) will roll. The krewe's slogan is: "The People Shall Rule - Until a Suitable Replacement can be Found." The krewe will approach the Quarter from the Marigny along Decatur, before turning toward the lake on Dumaine. They will then turn upriver on Royal, toward the lake on Barracks, and back upriver on Bourbon. Lastly, the krewe will head toward the lake on Toulouse before concluding at the corner of Toulouse and Rampart.



## At Home in the Vieux Carré: Mardi Gras Edition!

Friday, February 22  
[510 Esplanade Avenue](#)  
More details to come!

Later next month, we continue the [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) season with a special Mardi Gras celebration at the home of Billy & Denisa Means. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew tonight! Refreshments will be provided. At Home in the Vieux Carré continues! As we lead up to Mardi Gras, please join VCPORA for drinks at the home of Billy & Denisa Means. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew that night. This season's [At Home series](#) is sponsored by [The Shedlock Group](#).

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