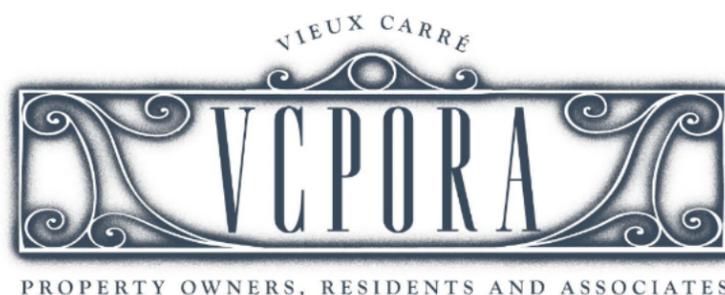


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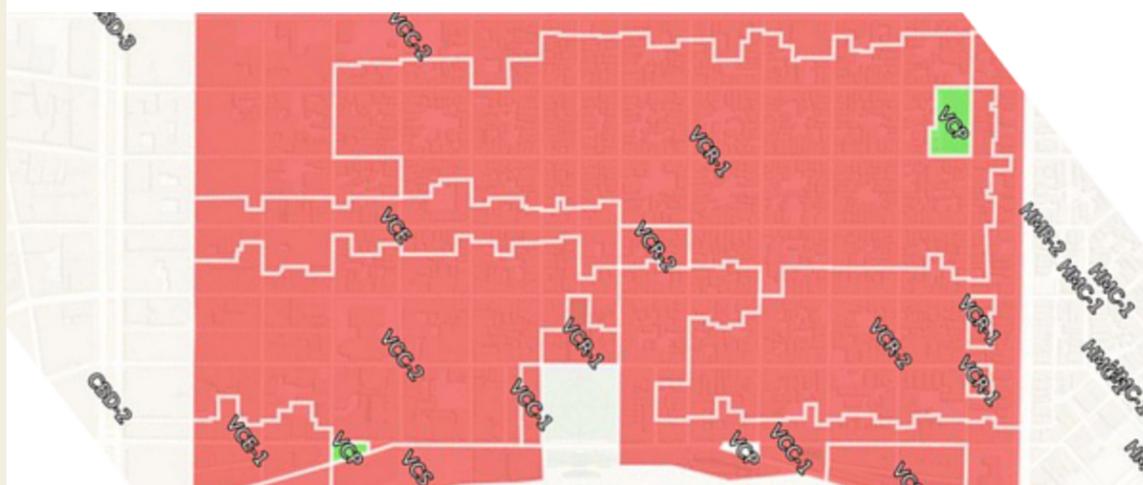
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City Planning Commission Recommends STR Legalization in French Quarter

Tuesday, March 12
 City Council Chambers (Room 1E07)
 City Hall, [1300 Perdido Street](#)
 1:30 p.m.

The City Planning Commission has released their [2019 Short Term Rental Study](#). First, the good news: the study confirms that **adding a homestead exemption** requirement to STR permits for residential areas will go a long way toward mitigating the adverse impacts that non-owner occupied, whole home rentals have on communities and housing availability.

And now for the bad news: **once again, the staff recommends lifting the ban in place in the Vieux Carré since 1969**. The meeting next Tuesday is your opportunity to tell the CPC that the French Quarter ban must stay in place!

The study suggests that the VCE-1 be opened up to Commercial STRs and that all districts be opened up to residential Partial-unit and Small Residential STRs. In effect, the **entire** French Quarter would be opened up for short-term rental use! If the staff recommendations are successfully adopted by the CPC and City Council, these changes would undoubtedly – and legally – displace hundreds of residents as historic property gets converted into de-facto hotels.

The report concedes that “allowing commercial STRs ... could remove residential housing units that could potentially belong to a long-term renter or homeowner” and that there has been a documented “decline of long-term residents in the French Quarter.” Make no mistake: the legalization of STRs in the French Quarter will not help the existing residents. It will not incentivize new residents. It will not keep neighbors in neighborhoods. It will [negatively affect housing affordability](#) and [neighborhood quality of life](#) – as it has [unfortunately done already](#) in neighborhoods

all over the City.

The City Planning Commission will be voting on this report next week – please come out and tell them that this vital French Quarter protection must remain in place if it is to be a living, breathing historic neighborhood. Please plan to attend. Bring your concerns, bring your neighbors, and **please wear red!**

Also, know that this is not your last chance! The City Planning Commission will make their recommendations to the City Council, who will have the ultimate say. Please write to your Councilmembers and let them know that undoing the prohibition of STRs in the French Quarter puts this neighborhood at too much risk and will reverse the residential gains we have recently made.

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Bourbon Street Construction Delayed

Work on the Bourbon Phase 2 project has been delayed due to high water levels along the Mississippi River. Last month, the contractor, Hard Rock Construction LLC, completely demobilized all labor and materials from Bourbon Street and backfilled open trenches to minimize pedestrian and vehicular traffic disruption ahead of Mardi Gras. The project will continue when the river level drops below 15' at the Carrollton gauge, which is currently predicted to be on or around March 30. Until that time, the project area will continue to be demobilized. The City is more than fifty percent complete with the Bourbon Phase 2 project, which is scheduled to last through summer 2019. Additional details about the project can be found on the [RoadWorkNOLA website](#).



Coffee with Kristin

Friday, March 15
[2381 St. Claude Avenue](#)
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

District "C" Councilmember [Kristin Gisleson Palmer](#) will host her monthly "Coffee with Kristin" meet and greet at [Coast Roast Coffee & Tea](#) in the St. Roch Market next Friday morning. All residents of District "C" are encouraged to come by and discuss issues in the community.



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Friday, March 15 & Sunday, March 17

French Quarter

Erin Go Bragh in the French Quarter! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the [Molly's at the Market Parade](#) on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at 1107 Decatur. The parade will proceed down Decatur, take a right on Bienville Street, then another right on Dauphine Street, before marching down Bourbon and then finally taking a right on Gov. Nicholls St. to return to Molly's at the Market. See the route [here](#).

Then, enjoy a Guinness on Sunday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. as the annual downtown [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) rolls from the Bywater. The parade will eventually make its way down into the Quarter along Decatur, to Canal, and then onto Bourbon and Orleans. Additional details can be found [here](#).



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 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 led 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 Carre

Friday, March 22

[933 Burgundy Street](#)

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

We continue the [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) season later this month 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. Bring your dancing shoes too, because this month's happy hour will feature live music - 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 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.

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