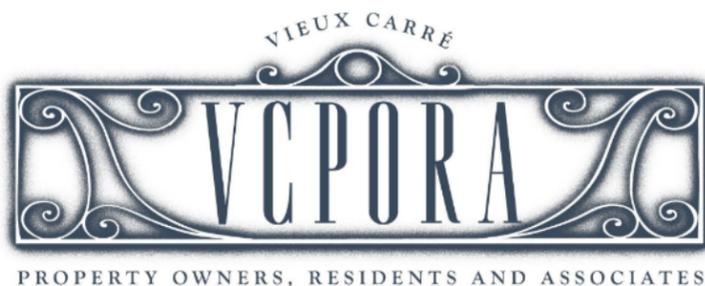


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Perspectives on the Power of People in defeating the Riverfront Expressway

"I am firmly convinced that if VCPOA had not existed when the serious effort was made to construct the expressway, we probably would have an elevated roadway on the riverfront today and diesel soot on our beignets at Café du Monde."

Mr. Ray Boudreaux, VCPORA President from 1968 - 1969, recalls how the defeat of the proposed Riverfront Expressway fifty years ago was one of the most important events in preserving one of "the nation's earliest urban developments."

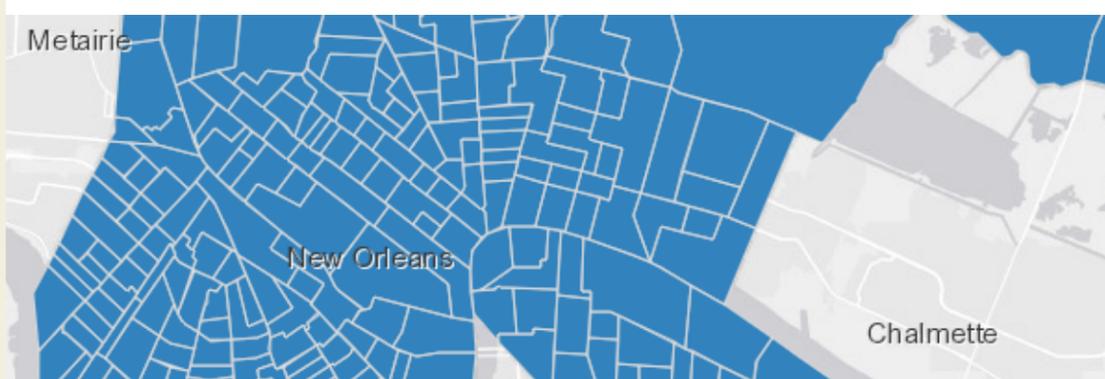
[In this column](#), read how members of VCPORA, then Vieux Carré Property Owners Association (VCPOA), enlisted the aid of State Representatives, newspaper editors and preservation attorneys, Bill Borah and Richard Baumbach to launch a David versus Goliath battle over retaining access to the Mississippi riverfront. Read even more about this decade long battle [here](#).



City of New Orleans Waives Permit Fees for Flood-Related Repairs

Earlier this week, Mayor LaToya Cantrell and the New Orleans City Council announced a waiver for building permit fees associated with structures damaged by severe flooding on July 10, 2019. Homeowners and business owners who received damage are encouraged to call 3-1-1 or visit City Hall to speak with representatives from the Department of Safety and Permits, who can provide details on permits and regulations required to rebuild safely. Fees associated with these permits will be waived.

The majority of the structures damaged by July 10 flooding are at ground level and would not meet current building elevation codes adopted in 2016. In accordance with the City's floodplain management regulations, structures that are more than 50 percent damaged or structures that will be substantially improved, will need to be brought into compliance through flood protection measures. While many damaged structures may not meet those thresholds, the City encourages all development to come into compliance, which requires structures to be elevated one foot above Base Flood Elevation or three feet above the nearest adjacent curb, whichever is higher. [Read the full press release](#) for more information on this opportunity.



Vote!

Tomorrow, October 12, the State of Louisiana will hold the Gubernatorial Primary Election, which will ask voters to elect the governor, statewide officials, various municipal officials, and to vote on four Louisiana Constitutional Amendments. To help fulfill your civic duty, read the [text of the proposed constitutional amendments](#) and/or [the summaries of the proposed constitutional amendments here](#). You can also preview your [personalized ballot and locate your polling location here](#). Find more information on tomorrow's election through the Secretary of State's [GeauxVote portal](#).



Credit Due: An 1850 Apothecary Through One Year of Purchases

Wednesday, October 23

[1113 Chartres Street](#)

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Get set for the next installment of our lecture series with the Beauregard-Keyes House, "New Perspectives, Old Neighborhood: The Vieux Carre at 300 & Beyond." Please note that there will be no reservations for this event. Seating is first come, first serve, and will be limited to 75 guests. There will be a suggested donation of \$5.

Come listen to social historian and New Orleans Pharmacy Museum docent Owen Ever speak on French Quarter medicinal practices. Louis Dufilho, Jr - America's first licensed pharmacist - offered a year's credit to prominent French Quarter families. The 1850 ledger of transactions between Dufilho and the household of

Jacque Telesphore Roman shows a year of camphor rubs, corset re-boning and intestinal worms. Whether the need was cosmetic or pharmacological, the apothecary served as a multi-faceted site for Creole consumption - and in the end, credit is due.



At Home in the Vieux Carré

Friday, October 25

816 Governor Nicholls

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Save the date! The 2019 At Home in the Vieux Carré season resumes on Friday, October 25 when property owners Mathew Lefkowitz & Kyle Dupre open the doors to their stunning c. 1830 Creole cottage. Specialty cocktails and wine will be provided. Costumes are highly encouraged. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who renew their memberships tonight. Follow our Facebook for more information.



Secret Gardens of the Vieux Carré

Saturday, October 12 - Sunday, October 13

French Quarter

noon - 4:30 p.m.

Patio Planters will open the magnificent courtyards of the French Quarter tomorrow for the annual Secret Gardens of The Vieux Carre. This annual self-guided walking tour reveals how garden designers take advantage of small spaces, and provides access to the cool and private hideaways suited to the Louisiana climate in styles of early Spanish and French architecture. Walking maps are provided at ticket pickup. This event is rain or shine rain. Seperate ticket purchases are required for each day. Tickets are [available here](#). For more information, please contact Tracy Treadway at (504) 494-0662 or membership@patioplanters.net.



Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, October 15

French Quarter

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The 36th annual [Night Out Against Crime](#) is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This year, you can enjoy two NOAC events in the French Quarter.

First, pop on over to the Beauregard-Keyes House at [1113 Chartres Street](#) for burgers, hot dogs, and good company as they host both members of the neighborhood and local police officers.

Then, jaunt on down to Crossing at [439 Dauphine Street](#) to network with locals who want to strengthen neighborhood support and increase crime prevention awareness. Their [block party](#) will feature Steamboat Willie and his Jazz Band, a free buffet and light refreshments, and an official NFL Drew Brees Superbowl Jersey door prize. These events are free and open to the public.



Graffiti Abatement Program

Saturday, October 19

[334 Royal Street](#)

9:00 a.m. - noon

The [French Quarter Business Association's](#) all-volunteer graffiti cleanup is next Saturday. Volunteers will check in at the NOPD 8th District Courtyard and remove stickers and small tags from public property in assigned areas. Volunteers are advised to wear protective eye wear, long sleeves, work clothes, and comfortable walking shoes. Fresh coffee and warm beignets will be provided by Cafe Beignet New Orleans and a post-clean up catered lunch will be provided by Creole Cuisine Restaurant Concepts. Interested in joining? Sign up [online](#) or by emailing graffiti@fqba.org.

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