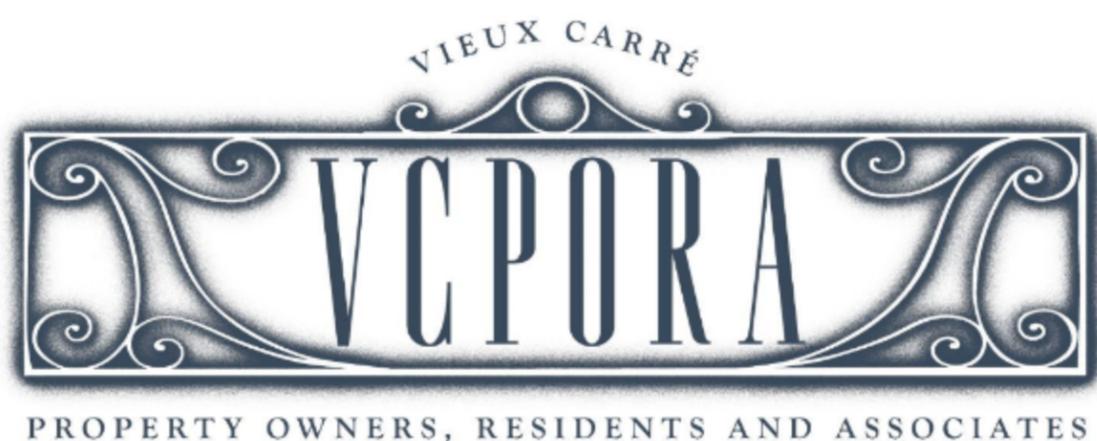


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VCPORA Welcomes New Year

Greetings and Happy New Year! For our first Weekly Vieux of 2019, I wanted to introduce myself - my name is Erin Holmes, your new Executive Director of VCPORA. I am incredibly honored to have been entrusted with the responsibility and thrilled for the opportunity to advance the mission of this eighty-year-old organization - to protect and preserve the Vieux Carré as a thriving neighborhood for residents and visitors alike! I have been fortunate in that I met many of you when I served as the Assistant Director from 2013 to 2014. Now that I have returned to the French Quarter, I look forward to reconnecting with you as well as meeting some new faces. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by the office and say hi. I would love to discuss how we can continue this work together.

During our Tricentennial and 80th Anniversary Year, VCPORA had much to celebrate, including a very informative lecture series in partnership with the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#) and an unforgettably fabulous Annual Gala - the most successful to date! Our Morrison Lecture, which we hosted in partnership with the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) and the [Historic New Orleans Collection](#), featured [Costas Christ](#), an internationally renowned expert on Sustainable Tourism. Mr. Christ shared his experiences traveling the world and advice for how to maintain a sense of authenticity and longevity in the face of incredible pressure on our fragile neighborhoods. We also faced challenges, including the departure of Meg Lousteau, VCPORA's fearless and indefatigable Executive Director for the past decade. We wish Meg many successes in her new role with the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)!

Many other challenges have been ongoing - the attempted closure of Bourbon Street of vehicular traffic threatened the viability of the French Quarter as a neighborhood. Though that plan was withdrawn, the street has still seen months of repairs, still underway, testing the patience of business owners, residents, and the experience of our visitors. The future of the [Governor Nicholls and Esplanade wharves](#) remains uncertain, though we will continue to push for public access without intrusive commercialization of our riverfront. Illegal Short-Term Rentals persist despite the efforts of City Inspectors and adjudication proceedings. This challenge is particularly critical now as the City will be addressing proposed changes to our current regulations this week. So in the spirit of jumping in head first, please consider joining us as we continue the fight for reasonable and enforceable Short-term Rental regulations for all of New Orleans.

I look forward to this New Year - victories, challenges, and new friends, and mostly to protecting the needs of this remarkable neighborhood.

Erin

SUPPORT
The STR Plan for
Community Balance

Tell your City Councilmembers that
YOU want to protect
our neighborhoods and city
by supporting the **STR Plan for Community Balance.**

Short Term Rental Ordinance

Thursday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m. (actual time may change)
City Council Chambers (Room 1E07)
City Hall, [1300 Perdido Street](#)

This Thursday, the New Orleans City Council will revisit the City's Short Term Rental (STR) ordinance. This effort is lead by [Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer](#), who released [a set of recommendations](#) in December. CM Palmer's plan firmly acknowledged the need for Community Balance. Proposed changes include allowing property owners with a homestead exemption to operate STR units in their homes, including multifamily structures, with the intent of removing non-owner occupied whole home rentals in residential zones. Additional proposals include affordable housing provisions and commercial density caps. This legislation will maintain the prohibition on STRs in the French Quarter and will extend one in the Garden District.

VCPORA supports this legislation as responsible regulations that will protect New Orleans residents from the unlimited proliferation of STRs and their associated effects on housing security and quality of life. The City Council meeting on January 10 will include the opportunity for public comment, so it is imperative that you attend to express your support. **Be sure to wear red in a show of solidarity!** If you can't make the meeting, please take the time to contact the City Council:

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Vieux Carré Commission Launches Virtual Library

The [Vieux Carré Commission](#), supported by the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#), has recently launched the [Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#) – an online resource offering maps, images and documents of thousands of French Quarter sites. The database, in development since 2015, includes over 44,000 images from 1965 – 2005.

The Vieux Carré Commission Foundation hopes to raise another \$500,000 for the next phase, which will upload thousands of additional documents dating back to 1936, as well implement a tagging system to search for attributes such as significance and building type. The Virtual Library is ultimately meant to include everything the VCC has on file for a given property and the staff will have the ability to input new data so that the site remains current.



Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Want to help restore the Louisiana Coast? Recycle your Christmas tree! The City's [Office of Resilience and Sustainability](#) Christmas tree recycling program will collect your natural, unflocked tree next week (all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and tree stands must be removed by resident) and use them in selected coastal zones. French Quarter and DDD residents are eligible to participate by placing their trees at the location of their regular garbage collection, before 4 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019. Orleans Parish residents outside downtown may place their Christmas trees at the location of their regular garbage collection before 5 a.m., on their regularly scheduled second collection day that occurs between Jan. 10-12, 2019.

Flocked, artificial trees, trees in bags, or trees with trimming that has not been removed will be collected with garbage and transported to the landfill. Trees are not to be placed on the neutral grounds. In 2018, more than 8,000 Christmas trees were collected in Orleans Parish after the holidays and airlifted by the Louisiana National Guard into the [Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge](#) as part of a program to create new marsh habitat. Residents with questions are advised to call NOLA 3-1-1.

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