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5G: Small Cell Infrastructure Public Meeting

Thursday, July 30
 6:00 p.m.
 Dial-in: (504) 658-7001
 Access code: 197 547 57

The Mayor's Office of Utilities and the Vieux Carre Commission are collaborating to provide information about the status of small cell infrastructure in New Orleans, particularly as it relates to deployments in the French Quarter. Cellular and wireless companies are currently deploying this technology across the country, including here in New Orleans, and have proposed a deployment of small cells in the French Quarter.

[Click Here for the City's 5G Presentation](#)

Visit [the City's website](#) for more information on this community meeting and to sign up. To submit questions about the project prior to the meeting, please email District C Liasion Allison Cormier at allison.cormier@nola.gov. The proposal for small cell poles in the French Quarter is currently in the design phase. The City of New Orleans would like to provide residents and businesses with an introduction

and updates on the issue, including:

1. Introduction to Small Cell Technology
2. Federal and Local Regulations of Small Cell Deployments
3. Proposed Design for Small Cell Poles
4. Protections for the Tout Ensemble of the French Quarter



Photo by Marta Jewson via The Lens

Economic Development District Security Tax

On Thursday, July 16, City Council members discussed renewal of a French Quarter security sales tax. The "Quarter for the Quarter," a 0.2495% sales tax initiated in 2015, currently funds the Louisiana State Police's [Troop N](#) to exclusively patrol the [French Quarter Economic Development District](#) and is set to sunset in December of 2020 unless voters choose to renew it.

The tax must fund public safety initiatives - but it is not beholden to specifically funding the Louisiana State Police. Councilmembers have [recently discussed](#) reallocating some of the \$3 million generated by the security tax to the [Supplemental Police Patrol Program](#) (also known as the French Quarter Task Force).

Registered French Quarter voters will return to the polls on December 5 to determine if the tax will be renewed.

VCPORA is working with Councilmember Kristin Palmer and Mayor Cantrell's administration to gather more information on potential public safety changes and will continue to provide this information to our members.



District C Public Safety Conversation

Friday, July 31

11:00 a.m.

Dial-in: (504) 658-7001

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The Office of Neighborhood Engagement and members of the New Orleans Police Department will host a meeting to hear about the current state of public

safety in District C. To register for this meeting, please go to [the City's website](#). Questions can be directed toward District C Liaison Allison Cormier at allison.cormier@nola.gov.

Guest speakers include Captain Lejon Roberts, 1st District Captain; Lawrence Dupree, 4th District Captain; Frank Young, 5th District Captain; and Anthony Caprera, 8th District Captain. This meeting is designed to give residents the opportunity to hear about City programs, initiatives, and operations directly from City officials and representatives.



Pedestrianization Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the City's French Quarter Pedestrianization Survey. The City is sorting and analyzing the data of over 2,000 responses and will soon debut a dedicated pedestrianization webpage that will share preliminary concepts, full survey results, and the design of a public engagement process to include digital design charrettes and community forums. We will share that website as soon as it is online.

A pilot program for curbside dining, or "parklets," is being designed for implementation in corridors around the city. Areas prioritized for the pilot in the neighborhood include Decatur Street, French Market Place, and Frenchmen Street, which may roll out within the next month. These temporary installations are designed to capture additional seating space in parking lanes adjacent to existing restaurants to increase their dining capacity while maintaining safe social distancing.

As always, we welcome your feedback on these preliminary concepts, and encourage you to share your comments directly with Mayor Latoya Cantrell (mayor@nola.gov) and Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer (kristin.palmer@nola.gov).



Main Street Recovery Program

Mayor LaToya Cantrell is urging eligible businesses to apply for the [Main Street Recovery Program](#) beginning July 28, 2020. Grants of up to \$15,000 may be awarded to businesses that did not receive a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, insurance payment, or an Economic Injury Disaster loan in order to cover COVID-19 related expenses. For more information on eligibility and required application materials, see [this press release](#). Sign up for email alerts and apply online on [the Louisiana Main Street website](#).



Frontline Worker Rebate

Frontline workers are encouraged to apply for the Louisiana Department of Revenue's [Frontline Workers COVID-19 Hazard Pay Rebate Program](#) open now. This rebate is available to Louisiana residents who worked outside their home to provide in-person services to customers, patients, or the general public between March and May 2020. Eligible occupations include healthcare workers, hospital support staff, personal care workers, first responders, bus drivers, gas station workers, sanitation workers, grocery store workers, and more. Independent contractors, self-employed individuals, and gig workers may also be eligible depending on the circumstances of their work. Interested applicants can visit the [Frontline Workers website](#) or call (855) 307-3893.



#FQThenandNow

VCPORA and the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenandNow series this week with a post on the Old Absinthe House. Head over to [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to check it out. This weekly series showcases historic pictures, current pictures, and fun facts about our favorite French Quarter locales. Follow #FQThenandNow the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) so you don't miss any upcoming posts from this series.

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