

**VCPORA's Weekly Vieux Friday, November 6, 2020**

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## Save the Date! VCPORA Holiday Party

Monday, December 28  
7:00 - 10 p.m.  
[501 Basin Street](#)

As the year draws to a close, and we optimistically look forward to the coming season, join us in bidding "Adieux" to 2020 with a limited-capacity, VCPORA Holiday Party at the Basin Street Station on December 28, 2020.

This space features both an indoor ballroom and outdoor balcony from which you can enjoy picturesque rooftop views of the historic French Quarter. Sponsored by Grande Krewe Fine Wine & Spirits, this delectable celebration will be catered by the award-winning Messina's, with drinks flowing while guests are serenaded by the Kevin Gullage Trio. A special guest appearance will be announced soon! We will follow all COVID-19 related safety precautions as mandated by the City and State. Tickets will go on sale soon, so stay tuned for details!



## French Market Place Design Charrette

Monday, November 16

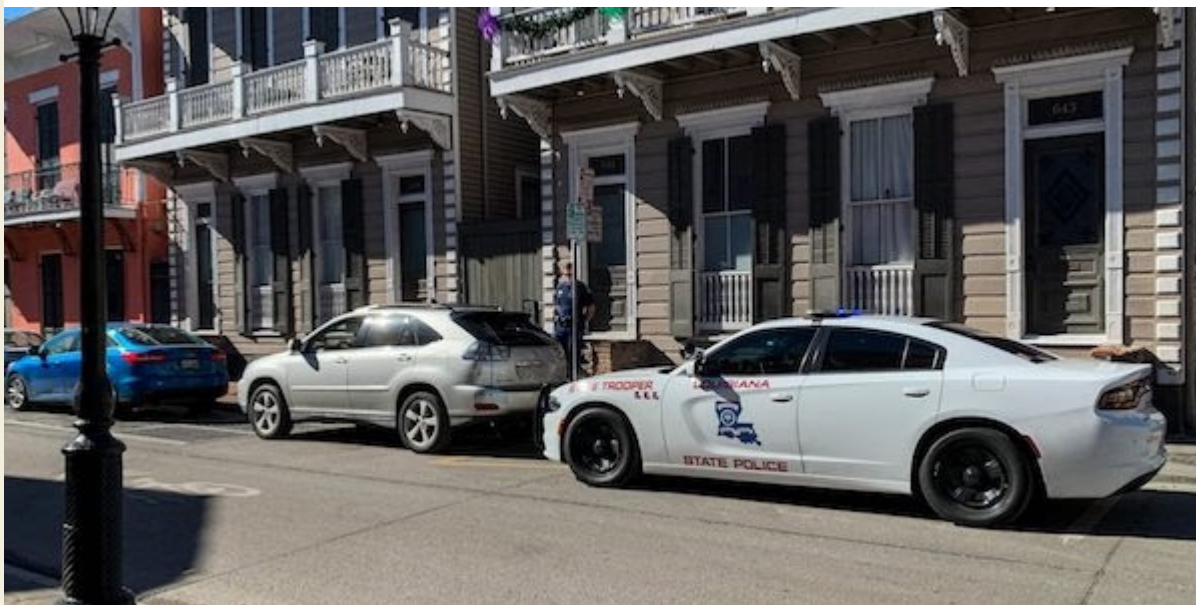
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The French Market Pedestrianization Pilot began last Friday and will run for several more weekends. Utilizing the closure of French Market Place between Ursulines and Governor Nicholls, the City is providing outdoor furniture to expand outdoor dining opportunities and increase foot traffic for businesses and market vendors.

We encourage you to visit during the demonstration and join us for the City's first [French Quarter Pedestrianization](#) co-design charrette specific to this concept. Please be prepared to join this meeting via WebEx, if possible, to ensure that you can provide real-time feedback during breakout sessions. Please register at [nola.gov/neoevents](https://nola.gov/neoevents). Inquiries relating to this meeting can be sent to [allison.cormier@nola.gov](mailto:allison.cormier@nola.gov).



## FQEDD Community Meetings

Wednesday, November 11

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Event number: 146 233 5168

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Tuesday, November 17

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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The Mayor's Office and the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness are presenting on the French Quarter Economic Development District (FQEDD) renewal during two virtual meetings: one [Wednesday, November 11](#) and another on [Tuesday, November 17](#). Any inquiries relating to these meetings can be sent to [allison.cormier@nola.gov](mailto:allison.cormier@nola.gov).

As a reminder, the FQEDD generates the "Quarter for the Quarter," a 0.2495%

sales tax initiated in 2015 that is set to expire this year unless voters choose to renew it during a special election on December 5, 2020.

Under one of [two competing visions](#), the office of Homeland Security could use the funds to create a new supplemental security program manned by civilian Grounds Patrol officers and off-duty police officers.

However, the French Quarter Management District (FQMD) may be poised to assume the role of administering these funds for their existing [Supplemental Police Patrol Program](#) (aka the "French Quarter Task Force") as negotiations between Mayor Cantrell and the City Council guide the development of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) to govern the FQEDD Trust Fund. Under this proposal, FQMD will manage the funds to hire post-certified officers, bring the Supplemental Police Patrol Program under the supervision of NOPD, require consent decree adherence, and maintain the French Quarter Task Force app.

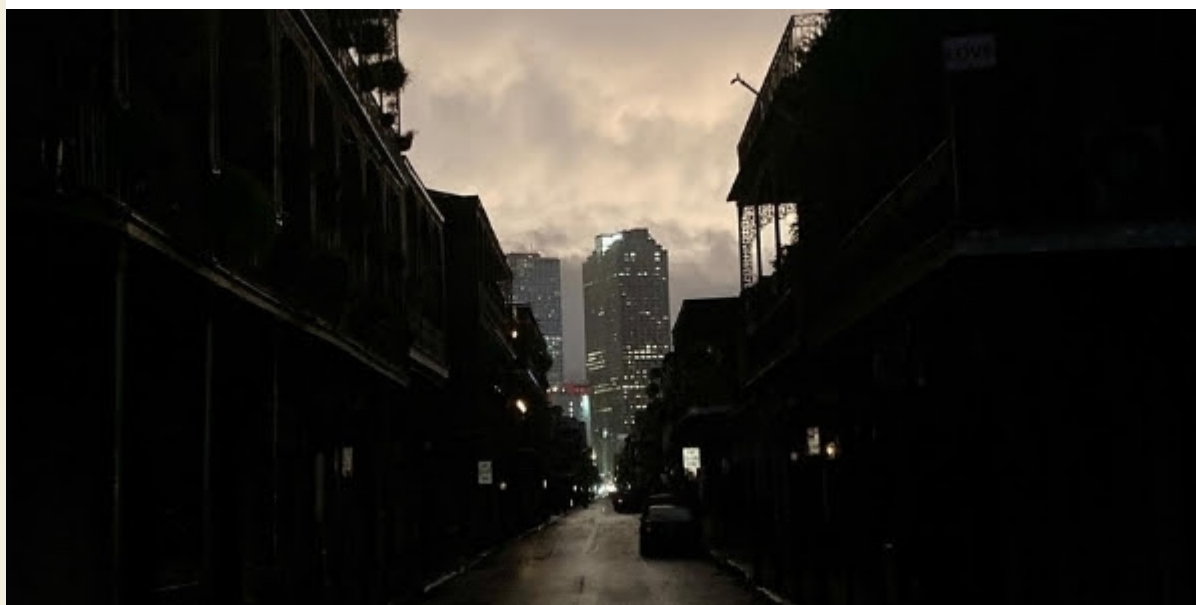
Additional background on the FQEDD and the security sales tax can be found on [the FQMD website](#).



## Neighborhood Summit

November 11 - 12  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Today is the last day to [register](#) for the Mayor's annual [Neighborhood Summit](#). This conference brings together community leaders, non-profit agencies, and city government to discuss neighborhood issues and solutions. This year, the Summit goes digital with the theme "Beyond the Pandemic: Moving Forward Together." Sessions will cover issues such as COVID-19, neighborhood redevelopment, flood management, and more.



## Hurricane Zeta Aftermath

Clean-up from Hurricane Zeta is ongoing. This is a reminder that downed powerlines can be reported to Entergy at 1 (800) 368-3749. Continued power outages can be reported to 1 (800) 968-8243. Damage can be reported to [damage.la.gov](#), while cleanup from volunteers groups can be requested at (504) 520-9108.

Those in need of resources can visit the NOLA Ready website to find [food assistance](#). The website also has opportunities for those looking to donate [time](#) or [resources](#).



## Bourbon Street Closures

Intersections along Bourbon Street will be [temporarily closed](#) for utility work and pavement restoration. Residents and commuters are reminded to use caution when driving, bicycling and walking near the construction site and to adhere to any “No Parking” signs on the streets to avoid being ticketed and towed.

Bourbon/Iberville, November [4 - 13](#)  
Bourbon/Bienville, November 9 - 20  
Bourbon/Conti, November [16 - 27](#)  
Bourbon/St. Louis, November 23 - December 4  
Bourbon/Toulouse, November 30-December 11  
Bourbon/St. Peter, December [7-18](#)  
Bourbon/Orleans, December [7-18](#)  
Bourbon/St. Ann, December [14 - 25](#)  
Bourbon/Dumaine, December 21 - January 1, 2021  
Bourbon/St. Philip, December 28 - January 8, 2021

The work is expected to be complete in January 2021, weather permitting. Questions about this project or RoadworkNOLA should be directed to (504) 658-7623 or [roadwork@nola.gov](mailto:roadwork@nola.gov).



## New Links Phase III Draft Plan Released

The New Links Phase III regional transit [draft plan](#) has been released. As a reminder, New Links is a collaborative planning project by The Regional Planning Commission (RPC), Regional Transit Authority (RTA), Jefferson Transit (JET), and the Mayor’s Office of Transportation to reimagine how the frequency, reliability, and regional connectivity of bus and streetcar service can better connect people in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes.

The draft transit network plan highlights suggested route changes and adjusted timetables based on feedback received throughout the first two New Links phases. The project team is currently accepting public comment on the draft plan through an [online survey](#). The New Links team will also host a [series of virtual meetings](#) to gather feedback.



## Updated Requirements for French Quarter Trash Removal

The Council passed Ordinance [33,151](#), amending the City Code to provide specific requirements for City sanitation roll carts and trash removal in the Downtown Development District, French Quarter, and portions of Frenchmen Street. The approved ordinance outlines the affected neighborhood boundaries and those able to request an exemption, clarifies the times in which roll carts are to be placed at the curb for pick-up and updates requirements for bulky waste placement and collection as part of the Frenchmen Street Pedestrian Concept.



## #FQThenAndNow

VCPORA and the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on the 823 Bienville. 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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