

VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - October 29, 2020

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Vote!

Today, October 30, is the last day to [request an absentee ballot](#) for the November 3 election. Don't forget to [view your sample ballot](#) before heading to the polls - and remember that the [RTA is free](#) on election day. Now get out there and go make your voice heard!



Parklet Program Expands

The City of New Orleans has [announced](#) that the Parklet Pilot Program is expanding citywide, allowing restaurants and bars to utilize on-street parking spaces in front of their restaurants for additional seating. The Parklet Pilot is expected to run for as long as there are COVID-related occupancy restrictions in restaurants and bars, with a permanent parklet program to follow. Details on that transition will be released as the permanent program is developed.

As a reminder, parklets must be placed in parking lanes only, not in fire lanes, bus stops, cab stand areas, roads under jurisdiction of Louisiana DOTD, or in travel lanes without written permission from the Ground Transportation Bureau. They are limited to the property frontage of the requesting business unless the adjacent property owner provides written permission to encroach. They must be placed a minimum of 15' from fire hydrants, 20' from stop signs, crosswalks, and corners, and 3' from driveways. Pilot Parklets are also required to provide a barrier along the active right-of-way.

Restaurants found in violation of requirements can be reported to the Department of Safety and Permits via phone at (504) 658-7200 or online using [this form](#). Additional parklet requirements can be found on the [City's website](#) while eligibility requirements and FAQs can be found on the [Outdoor Dining NOLA website](#). Questions can be directed toward outdoordining@nola.gov. Lastly, an [informational webinar](#) will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 5:00 p.m.



Zeta Aftermath

Hurricane Zeta hit New Orleans this Wednesday, knocking out power and taking down trees. This is a reminder to be very cautious on roads as cleanup crews continue to clear remaining debris. 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 be requested at (504) 520-9108.



COOLinary Continues

This annual culinary tradition brings over 50 participating New Orleans restaurants together for a whole lot of feasting. Traditionally held in August, COOLinary will extend this year for a special encore from October 19 - November 22. Support your favorite restaurant by ordering from the fixed-price lunch, dinner, and brunch menus. The encore will also feature weekly themes and Chef's Special menus for those looking to shake things up. More information can be found on the [COOLinary website](#).



Neighborhood Summit

November 11 - 12

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The annual [Neighborhood Summit](#) 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. [Registration is open](#) until November 6 or until capacity is reached.



Happy Halloween!

VCPORA wishes you a very fun, safe, and spooky Halloween weekend!

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