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In Memoriam: John Church & Chuck Garber

The French Quarter lost two loved ones last week.

John D. Church, Jr. (left), 74, passed suddenly on November 21, 2020. Born in Montgomery, AL, John graduated from Auburn University and University of Alabama, Birmingham before working for the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Washington, D.C., Shreveport, LA, Jackson, MS, and New Orleans, LA. John and his husband of 35 years, John Hall, were active members in the French Quarter community and supporters of VCPORA. They were also known for hosting neighbors and friends for drinks on their front stoop on St. Philip Street. Read more [about John's life here](#).

Charles "Chuck" M. Garber, Jr., 61, passed away November 22, 2020. A lifelong resident of Morgan City, LA and part-time resident of the French Quarter, Chuck helped build what is today known as Offshore Energy Services. He and his partner Rodney Villarreal were dear friends and supporters of VCPORA, even hosting two *At Home in the Vieux Carré* happy hours. Read more [about Chuck's life here](#).

Both John and Chuck will be sorely missed.



French Market Place Pedestrianization Feedback

December 8 is the last day to submit feedback to the City regarding the French Market Place pedestrianization project. Every Thursday to Monday throughout November, the City demonstrated a pilot project along French Market Place between Governor Nicholls and Ursulines featuring public art, tables, chairs, and umbrellas available for public use. This effort was intended to allow for additional seating and patronage opportunities for the businesses and vendors along the corridor.

It should be noted that this pilot demonstration, initially a response to COVID social distancing measures, may become a permanent fixture with additional features. We feel it is imperative that key measures of success must be met before discussions of permanence proceed. We encourage interested parties to go view the pilot project this weekend and then use the City's website to submit feedback on the [concept survey](#), on [the demonstration project](#), and on [the full proposal](#).



Louisiana Landmarks Society's "New Orleans Nine"

On November 28, [Louisiana Landmarks Society](#) announced their nine most endangered sites, the "New Orleans Nine." Landmarks, a non-profit preservation organization established in 1950, has issued this list to bring attention to endangered sites in our city. [This year's finalists](#) include structures like the Holy Cross School and the historic French Quarter street grid whose functionality is threatened by proposals for pedestrian mall closures.



NOPD 8th District Update

Commander Anthony Caprera has released his December edition of "[From the Captain's Desk](#)", an 8th District NOPD Newsletter. Read it for November crime statistics, COVID-19 updates, community news, and more. Questions or feedback for the Commander can be directed by email to ajcaprera@nola.gov or by phone to (504) 658-6724.



Conti Road Work

Earlier this week, the 700 block of Conti Street was closed to vehicular traffic to accommodate installation of new utilities. It will remain closed for approximately one week between 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. each day and will reopen to vehicular traffic each night. The City plans to begin a full reconstruction of the block (water, sewer, and drainage) in spring 2021. The entire project is expected to be completed in late 2021, weather permitting. Questions about this project or RoadworkNOLA should be directed to (504) 658-7623 or roadwork@nola.gov.



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FQMA Holiday Art Market

Saturday, December 5
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
French Quarter

The [French Quarter Museum Association's](#) Holiday Art Market will take place tomorrow at different courtyards throughout the neighborhood. Vendors will set up in the courtyards of Hermann-Grima Historic House, the Beauregard-Keyes House, the New Orleans Pharmacy Museum, the 1850 House, The Presbytère, and The Historic New Orleans Collection. Venues will also feature holiday decorations and auction items. For more details, see [the FQMA Facebook event](#).



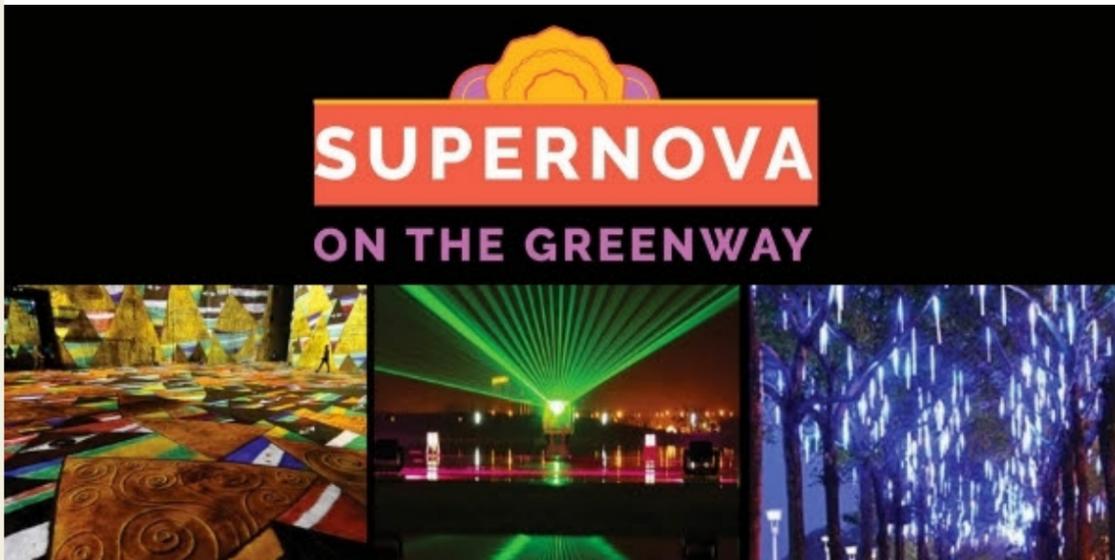
Beading Classes at BK House

Saturday, December 5

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Join members of the Black Masking Tradition in the courtyard of the Beauregard-Keyes House as they teach beading techniques while sharing the history of this unique New Orleanian cultural practice. All beading materials will be provided. In addition to the classes being held outside, guests will be asked to socially distance and required to wear a mask. Additional workshops will be held on December 19 and January 9. Open to all participants ages 10 to adult. Tickets can be [found here](#).



Greenway Supernova

December 9 - 20

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

[3200 Lafitte Avenue](#)

The Friends of Lafitte Greenway is teaming up with NORD and LUNA Fete to host a free outdoor light-based art exhibit and fundraiser in December. This will be the first program featuring their newest open-air covered community space, the Greenway Plaza.

The exhibition will occur on Wednesdays - Sundays from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. between December 9 - 20. Masked visitors will be allowed to spread out at safe social distances and enjoy 10 public works of outdoor art. See the [Lafitte Greenway](#) website for more details.



#FQThenAndNow

VCPORA and the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on 915 Decatur. 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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