

VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - February 12, 2021

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Mardi Gras 2021 - Please Celebrate Safely!

Safe Celebration Resources

Mardi Gras looks very different this year with the COVID-19 pandemic raging on, but there are still ways to celebrate safely and responsibly. New Orleans & Company has compiled a list of [virtual events and Krewe activities](#) for the holiday season. The [Krewe of House Floats map](#) offers a list of decorated houses near you. Remember that any gathering larger than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors is prohibited and that [free mobile testing](#) is available throughout the city.

Temporary Job Opportunities

To support New Orleans workers that will be affected by the upcoming French Quarter closure, the Mayor's office has created [200 temporary job opportunities](#) from Friday, February 12 through Tuesday, February 16. Eligible workers will be assigned various tasks, including litter pick-up, mask distribution, and promotion of COVID-mitigation strategies. Eligibility information and registration can be found [on EventBrite](#).

Alcohol Sale Restrictions

Starting today through Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 a.m., Orleans Parish [bars must cease operations](#) including outdoor table service, drive thru, curbside, and take out sales. Restaurants will also be prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages through drive thru, curbside, and take out sales. Sale of packaged alcohol will be prohibited in the French Quarter and Central Business District. Industry workers can file for aid on [the Louisiana Workforce Commission website](#).

Street Closures

From today to Tuesday, February 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. each day, all vehicular traffic entering the French Quarter will be screened. Only residents, employees, hotel guests, and business customers will be allowed into the interior. No vehicular passes will be required. Travel in these areas for any other reason will be prohibited. Vehicles will not be allowed to cross Bourbon between Canal and St. Ann, but will be allowed to cross between Dumaine and Esplanade. Additionally, individuals are prohibited from loitering on the following streets:

- Bourbon between Canal and Orleans
- Frenchman between Esplanade and Royal
- Decatur between Dumaine and Toulouse

No Parking Zones will also be in place from today to Wednesday, February 17 from noon - 2:00 a.m. each day along the 700 and 800 blocks of Iberville, Bienville, Conti, St Louis, Toulouse, St. Peter, Orleans, St. Ann, and Bourbon. Canal (both sides) from Convention Center Blvd to Burgundy will also be a No Parking Zone. See [NOLA Ready](#) for additional details on Mardi Gras 2021 protocol.

Security

NOPD, LSP, mounted unit, and special operations personnel is expected to cover throughout the French Quarter. Light towers, temporary security cameras, law enforcement sky towers, will also be placed along the streets of Bourbon and Canal.

NOPD Food Donations

If you would like to support NOPD Eighth District officers, meal donations are being accepted for drop-off at 334 Royal between today and Monday, February 15. Lunch is requested for 11:00 a.m. and dinner is requested for delivery at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Officer Bronson Gettridge at bgettridge@nola.gov.

VCPORA Office Closed until Ash Wednesday

Please note that in observance of Carnival, the VCPORA office will be closed today through Mardi Gras. We will reopen on Ash Wednesday, February 17.



COVID-19 Update

Vaccines Eligibility Expanded

This week, Louisiana opened up vaccine eligibility to residents age 65 and older, other healthcare providers, and some government employees engaged in COVID response. Patients must [contact a participating pharmacy](#) and make an appointment. Walk-ups will not be accepted. See [the Louisiana Department of Health website](#) for full eligibility requirements. Potential recipients are also encouraged to visit [the NOLA Ready website](#) or call 311 to register for the Citywide Vaccine Waitlist.

Rental Assistance Program

This week, The City of New Orleans announced available funds for its [rental assistance program](#), which will financially assist households that earn 60% or below of the area median income and are facing eviction for nonpayment of rent. Both renters and landlords may apply for the program. Applications open on Monday, February 15 via the [NOLA Ready website](#) and by phone at (504) 658-4200. Landlords who have missed a payment or are concerned about foreclosure should immediately contact free, HUD certified housing counseling by dialing (800) 569-4287 and may apply for assistance through the Small Landlord Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Meal Assistance Programs & Food Pantry

The [COVID-19 Meal Assistance Program](#), which engages local restaurants to provide twice daily meals to eligible New Orleanians experiencing food insecurity, has been extended until March 2021. Eligible recipients are COVID-impacted residents not receiving other federally supported food assistance, including seniors, adults with high-risk health conditions and special medical needs, COVID-positive individuals or those who are quarantined, homeless residents, and children under age 18. Eligible recipients can apply by calling 311 or going to nola.gov/311. Ineligible residents in need of food support are encouraged to call 211 to be connected to other services.

[Councilmember Kristin Palmer](#) has also continued to offer free food to anybody impacted by COVID-19. Food pantries will be open Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 at Arthur-Monday Multi-Purpose Center, 1111 Newton Drive, and again on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the Bell Artspace Campus, [2100 Ursulines](#).

Vaccine Volunteers Needed

The City of New Orleans is seeking volunteers ages 18+ to distribute COVID-19 vaccines. Interested parties can [signup to help](#) through NOLA Ready Volunteer Corps or through the New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps (NOMRC). Volunteers will be assigned tasks based on their background. Especially needed are people who can speak Spanish, Vietnamese, and ASL. Volunteering at a COVID-19 vaccine site will not guarantee volunteers a COVID-19 vaccine. More information can be found on the [NOLA Ready website](#).

Additional Resources

NOLA Ready has compiled a list of opportunities for those wishing to donate their [time](#) or [resources](#). There are also resources for residents to help with [food and supplies](#), [housing & legal assistance](#), [workers](#), [utilities](#), and [mental health support](#). Businesses can also find resources for [financial support](#), [unemployment insurance](#), [technical assistance](#), and [industry supports](#). Finally, the [Mutual Aid Facebook group](#) offers a chance for residents to share resources with each other.

Text COVIDNOLA to 888-777 for NOLA Ready Updates



Hard Rock Hotel Conditional Use Revocation Considered

City Council approved a [formal request](#) to the City Planning Commission to consider revoking the 2011 Conditional Use ordinance for 1031 Canal Street. It appears that the development [violated the terms of the conditional use approval](#) and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO). If the CPC agrees, the Council will be authorized to revoke the conditional use approval, requiring future developments at 1031 Canal Street to be built in compliance with applicable use and design standards for the site [without the additional height and density](#) allowed by the current conditional use.

It has been nearly 16 months since the Hard Rock construction site collapsed, killing Anthony Magrette, Jose Ponce Arreola, and Quinnyon Wimberly and injuring dozens more. Demolition of the site is expected [to be completed soon](#).



BK House Valentine's Day Concert

Sunday, February 21

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Zoom

Note: due to weather and Mardi Gras restrictions on the French Quarter, this event has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 21. [Tune in online](#) to the Beauregard-Keyes House live stream of their courtyard Valentine's Day concert featuring Singer Anaïs St. John and pianist Harry Mayronne. Livestream details are available on [Event Brite](#).



#FQThenAndNow

VCPORA and the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on [1000 N Rampart](#). 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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