

**VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - April 2, 2021**

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## GiveNOLA Day

Tuesday, May 8 is [GiveNOLA Day](#) hosted by the Greater New Orleans Foundation. This one-day online giving event inspires people to give to the non-profit of their choice – and we hope VCPORA is yours! Set up a GiveNOLA Day fundraiser today to help preserve this living, historic neighborhood.

As VCPORA marks one year without events, your donations are needed now more than ever to help advocate for the preservation and protection of the Vieux Carré as an international historic treasure. Your donations will help cover operating costs so that we may continue to fight for public safety, residential quality of life,

the retention of historic character, sustainable tourism, and much, much more.

Set up a fundraiser or schedule your gift today by visiting our profile on [the GiveNOLA Day](#) website.

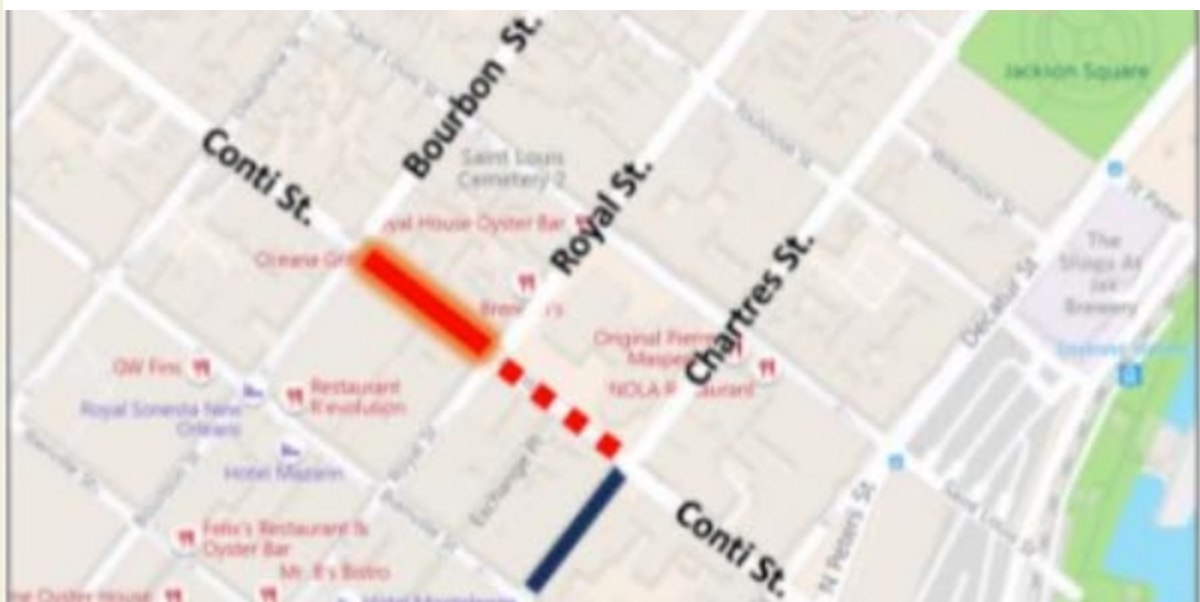


## Claiborne Expressway Future in Question

This week, fourth-generation Tremé resident and VCPORA president Amy Stelly [shared her thoughts](#) on the demolition of the Claiborne Expressway after the Biden administration said the project "divided communities" in the recently-unveiled [American Jobs Plan](#). The \$2 trillion infrastructural plan includes \$20 billion set aside to "reconnect neighborhoods cut off by historic investments and ensure new projects increase opportunity, advance racial equity and environmental justice, and promote affordable access", hinting at the possibility of federal funds for a Claiborne Expressway demolition and business corridor revitalization.

As a reminder, the Expressway was erected in 1968 above Claiborne Avenue's [black business corridor](#). The City acquired over 150 properties and demolished several hundred trees in the process. This project was also built at the same time that French Quarter activists, including VCPORA, fought against the construction of the Riverfront Expressway along the Mississippi River. The [successful cancellation of the project](#) has long been considered a pivotal win for the preservation of the French Quarter's historic *tout ensemble* and quaint quality of life.

Tremé residents were not so fortunate in their fight. Roughly two-thirds of businesses have since vacated Claiborne as a result. The persistent pollution has also created health disparities. In response, Stelly has spent nearly one decade advocating for the demolition of the Claiborne Expressway. The American Jobs Plan could help make that a reality if it passes Congress. We will provide more details on this story as it develops.



# Conti Road Work

The Department of Public Works will close the intersection of Conti and Chartres streets from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 5 through 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9 to accommodate utility upgrades. The intersection will reopen to traffic each day at 6:00 p.m.

This work is part of the [Conti Full-Depth Reconstruction Project](#), which also closes the 700 block, 600 block, and 300 block of Conti to vehicular traffic daily. The entire project is anticipated to run through winter 2021, approximately four months per block. Questions about this project or RoadworkNOLA's Capital Improvement Program should be directed to (504) 658-7623 or [roadwork@nola.gov](mailto:roadwork@nola.gov).



## New Orleans Enters Modified Phase 3

Effective today, [legal gathering sizes](#) in Orleans Parish will expand to 150 people indoors and 250 people outdoors. Any events taking place in recreation spaces or sports complexes that are not athletic competitions must obtain a special event permit.

Transmission rate and positivity rate have all been in a decline for more than eight weeks. Average case counts are below 50 cases per day, the positivity rate is under 1%, and the transmission rate is well below 1.0. See more at the NOLA Ready dashboard. See the [COVID dashboard here](#).

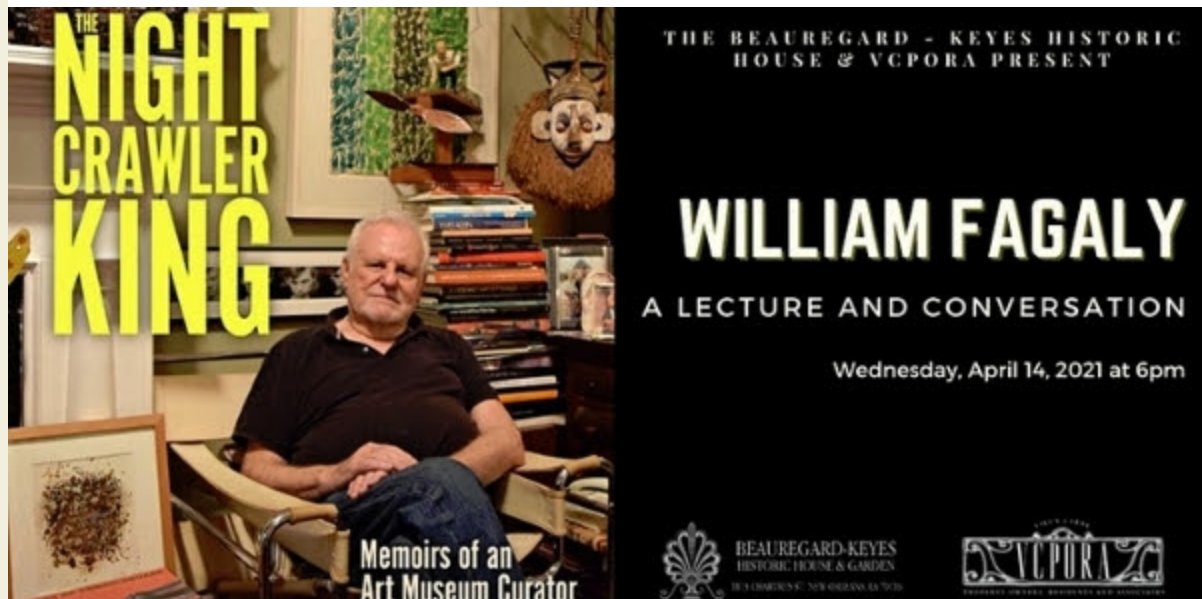


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## CDC Extended Eviction Moratorium

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has extended their [residential eviction moratorium](#) through June 30, 2021 to keep people safe and in their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. To be eligible for the eviction protection, each adult member of the household must print and complete [this form](#) affirming specific criteria and submit it to their property manager, landlord, or owner.

Unless the CDC order is extended, changed, or ended, the order prevents tenants from being evicted or removed from where they are living until July. Tenants are still required to pay rent and follow all the other terms of their lease and rules of the place where they live. Tenants may also still be evicted for reasons other than not paying rent or making a housing payment.



## The Nightcrawler King: Memoirs of an Art Museum Curator

April 14

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

1113 Chartres

Join VCPORA and Beauregard-Keyes House for a lecture by William Fagaly in celebration of his new book *The Night Crawler King*. Fagaly, a curator of African, contemporary, and self-taught art, is responsible for organizing over 90 exhibitions and publishing over 100 articles over his 50-year career. He will share excerpts from his book and recount stories that bring local New Orleans personalities to life! A question and answer period will follow the lecture.

[Registration is free](#) but required. Seating at this lecture will be limited and attendees be asked to remain socially distanced and to wear a mask at all times. Donations to the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#) and to [VCPORA](#) supporting this and future lectures are humbly accepted.



## #FQThenAndNow

VCPORA and the [VCC Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on Broussard's at 819 Conti. 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 [VCC Foundation](#) so you don't miss any upcoming posts from this series.

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