

**VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - April 30, 2021**

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## At Home in the Vieux Carré Kickoff

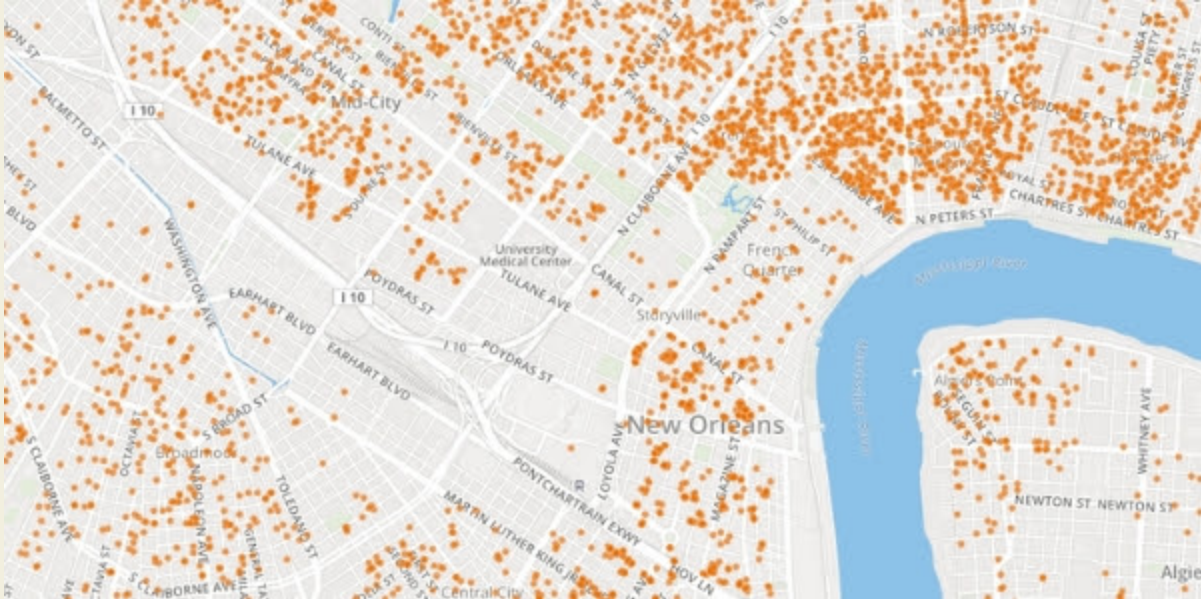
Friday, May 21

727 Ursulines

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars! After a year away, VCPORA is proud to announce the return of the At Home in the Vieux Carré happy hour series with the kickoff event at the beautiful 1825 townhome of Marie-Françoise Crouch. Specialty cocktails and wine will be provided. This happy hour is not to be missed! Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and free to those who join or renew their memberships that night. Check our website or [follow our Facebook](#) for updates.

Please note that in keeping with the City of New Orleans [Phase 3 reopening restrictions](#), this event will be limited capacity and masks will be required when not actively drinking.



## Short Term Rental Update

Yesterday, the City Council's Governmental Affairs Committee asked for clarification from the Office of Safety & Permits on Short Term Rental (STR) adjudication efforts. This followed the release of a [Lens report](#) earlier in the week that stated that only \$1,500 fines had been collected to date, though it was later noted that the figure was based on incomplete records the City provided via a public records request.

Safety & Permits Director, Tammie Jackson, revealed that nearly \$408,000 has been collected in STR fines since 2019. Additionally, 270 properties have been delisted by platforms since September of 2020 and 36 fraudulent Homestead Exemptions have been revoked since March of last year.

All parties agreed that, despite the inaccurate data previously reported, more enforcement is necessary for the 2019 STR ordinance to be fully effective. If the anticipated fines for illegal operators are consistently applied and collected, the enforcement arm of this legislation will pay for itself. Ms. Jackson said that her department will now reserve one full docket (9 cases) each month for STR adjudications, with hopes of expanding that to two dockets. [Read more here](#). If you are interested in these and other adjudication hearings, visit the City's website [here](#).

If you know of an illegally operating Short Term Rental, make sure to report it [here](#). Photographs, links and screenshots of advertisements, and all additional information can be uploaded. Violations can also be reported by phone at (504) 658-7144, by email at [str@nola.gov](mailto:str@nola.gov), or in person, at the OneStop on the 7th floor of City Hall, between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Fridays.

Also, let us know; we are tracking these complaints and adjudication hearings.



## 5G Update

The Vieux Carré Commission and Mayor's Office of Utilities have been working on [design guidelines](#) to direct the location, aesthetics, and installation of this new infrastructure. They have compiled a [map of the carriers' approved locations](#) and pole designs for reference. We are currently working with the City to make a higher resolution map available for public review. Please note:

1. Within the French Quarter, 5G poles will be introduced as streetlight poles with the technology built into the structure. All new 5G poles will replace existing streetlight or traffic poles, creating zero net gain of infrastructure poles in the public right of way. Most new poles will be located near a corner or mid-block.
2. There are nearly 700 existing poles in the French Quarter. Overall, there were 289 5G pole installation requests in the French Quarter. Of those, half were denied and half were approved locations, meaning around 120 proposed 5G streetlight poles will replace existing streetlights.
3. The Mayor's Office of Utilities is requiring collocation by carriers, meaning sharing of an individual pole for different technologies, on 5G poles whenever possible.
4. New poles are prohibited on block faces of purple-rated, significant buildings and spaces like the St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square, the Old U.S. Mint, and the Old Ursuline Convent, etc.
5. The French Quarter has three streetlights per block, so the Office of Utilities is trying to limit 5G streetlight pole installation to 1 per corner and 2 per block in most cases. The City Council is expected to take up the design guidelines shortly and we will provide more information as we receive it.

Questions or concerns on the project should be directed to Jonathan M. Rhodes, Director of the Mayor's Office of Utilities, at [Jonathan.Rhodes@nola.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Rhodes@nola.gov).



## COVID-19 Restrictions Update

The City of New Orleans reiterated today that it is not changing its mask mandate, but that event limits will increase to 250 people indoors and 500 people outdoors, with masks and distancing required in both settings. Most establishments and retail sectors currently at 75% capacity will increase to 100%. Gyms and stadium guidelines will remain the same for the time being as well. Visit the [NOLA Ready website](#) for more information on the new guidelines.

As a reminder, the City of New Orleans is also offering vaccines at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is providing [free shuttle service](#) to the Convention Center Hall from Duncan Plaza, the West Bank RTA Park and Ride, and the New Orleans East Walmart. Complimentary parking for individuals driving to the Convention Center will be available in Parking Lot F, directly across from Hall J. New Orleans Emergency Medical Services continue to administer vaccine in the homes of residents who are homebound.

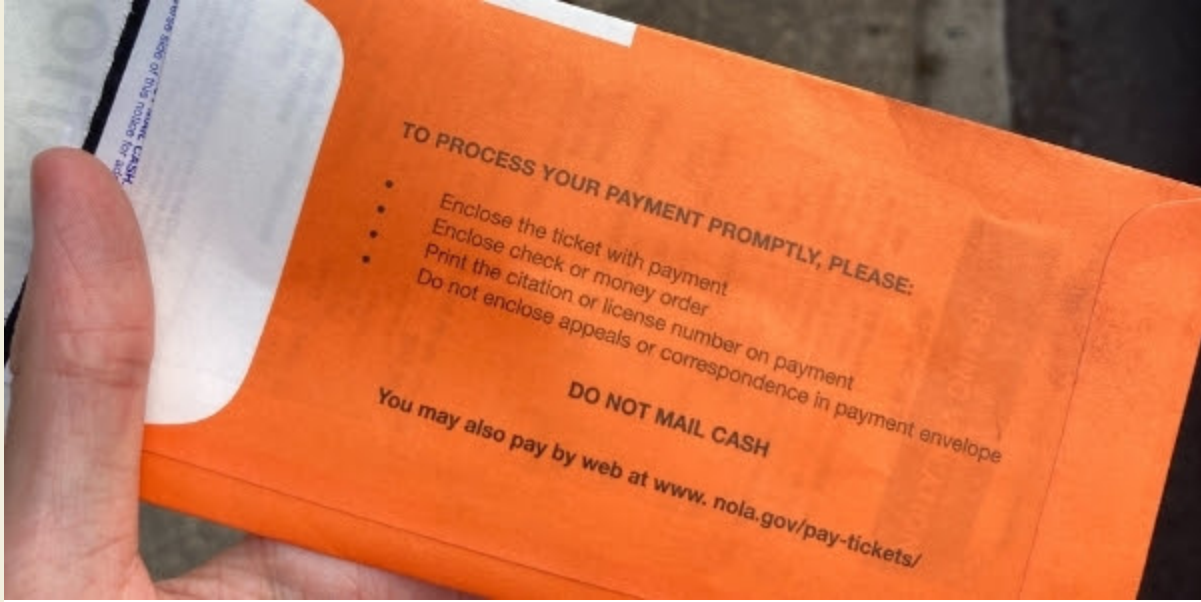
Those interested in receiving a vaccine in Louisiana should register for an appointment by calling (504) 290-5200 or by going to [the LCMC website](#). Residents can also visit [the Louisiana Department of Health website](#) to see alternative vaccine locations. Appointments are required.

Anybody ages 18+ looking to volunteer with the vaccination effort can [sign-up 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. More information can be found on the [NOLA Ready website](#).



## District 93 Survey

Louisiana state Representative [Royce Duplessis](#) is asking District 93 constituents to fill out [this survey](#) about upcoming state legislation. Anybody residing in [his district](#), which encompasses the French Quarter, is encouraged to fill out the survey and help determine priorities for this legislative session.



## Parking Enforcement to Increase

The City of New Orleans announced this week that it will [increase parking enforcement](#) to a pre-pandemic levels of patrol. Enforcement hours for ticket writing's field staff is 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Enforcement hours for towing remains 24/7. For any questions regarding these changes or any parking enforcement questions in general, please contact the City of New Orleans [Department of Public Works' Parking Division](#) at (504) 658-8200.



## GiveNOLA Day this Tuesday!

In case you missed it, VCPORA needs your help this [GiveNOLA Day](#)! If you care about neighborhood zoning and land use, architecture and infrastructure, sustainable tourism, expanded residency and improved residential quality of life, please consider [giving today](#). Together, we can uphold the Vieux Carré as an international historic treasure, a major cultural and economic asset, and a living residential neighborhood that is valued and respected by all.



## Mother's Day Concert Cancelled

VCPORA regrettably confirms that we have cancelled our annual Mother's Day Concert in Cabrini Park this year. We look forward to returning to this event in 2022, and wish to extend a happy Mother's Day to all!



## The Built Environment of New Orleans Lecture & Tour

Saturday, May 1  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
1113 Chartres

Join us tomorrow for [The Built Environment of New Orleans](#) with co-founder and CEO of the New Orleans Master Crafts Guild, Jonn Hankins, who will lecture on the craftsmen who helped build the French Quarter and why their work continues to stand the test of time. Jonn will also lead a walking tour of the lower French Quarter to highlight important architectural features.

Space for the tour is limited and attendees must [register in advance on Eventbrite](#). Guests will be asked to remain socially distanced and are required to wear a mask. The lecture will also be live-streamed to the Beauregard-Keyes House [Facebook page](#).

This event marks the first in a lecture series collaboration by [the Beauregard-Keyes House](#) and VCPORA celebrating the craftsmanship and artistry of the master builders responsible for the architecture of New Orleans. Be on the lookout for additional installments over the next six months highlighting trades such as plasterwork, ironwork, masonry, and carpentry.



**Vieux Carre Graffiti Abatement Program**  
a French Quarter Business Association initiative

## Graffiti Abatement Program

Saturday, May 8  
334 Royal Street  
9:00 a.m. - noon

The [French Quarter Business Association](#)'s all-volunteer graffiti cleanup is next Saturday. Volunteers will check in at the NOPD 8th District Courtyard and remove stickers and small tags from public property in assigned areas. Volunteers are advised to wear protective eye wear, long sleeves, work clothes, and comfortable walking shoes. Fresh coffee and warm beignets will be provided by Cafe Beignet New Orleans and a post-clean up catered lunch will be provided. Interested in joining? Sign up [online](#) or by emailing [graffiti@fqba.org](mailto:graffiti@fqba.org).

TALL GIRL 2

## Filming in the French Quarter

Filming for "Tall Girl 2" will affect traffic and parking along the 600 & 700 blocks of St. Louis, 600 & 700 blocks of St. Ann, 400 block of Royal, and 500 block of Decatur on Monday, May 3. Parking restrictions and street closures will be in effect. Please see our [Facebook post](#) for details.



## #FQThenAndNow

VCPORA and the [VCC Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on 600 Esplanade. Head over to our [Facebook](#) or [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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