

**VCPORA's Weekly Vieux Friday, May 14, 2021**

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## At Home in the Vieux Carré Returns!

**Friday, May 21, 2021**[727 Ursulines](#)

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Next Friday is our first *At Home in the Vieux Carré* in over a year! Join us at the 1825 townhouse of Marie-Françoise Crouch for specialty cocktails and wine. 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.

We are also accepting volunteers to help staff this event. Not on our volunteer list yet? Email [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org) or fill out the [volunteer form](#) on our website to get involved with all the latest VCPORA advocacy, events, and programming opportunities.

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.



## Sanitation Survey

VCPORA is looking for [your feedback](#) on current French Quarter sanitation services offered by the [Department of Sanitation](#). These services include mechanical street sweeping and flushing, pressure washing of sidewalks and designated areas, public litter can collection, litter removal, and special event clean-up.

The seven-year contract for the current sanitation provider, Empire Services, expires in December 2021. This survey will assist VCPORA to best advocate for their membership for the new City sanitation contract Request For Proposals (RFP) process.



## VCPORA Seeks New Executive Assistant

VCPORA is looking for a new Executive Assistant to help protect and preserve the



Vieux Carré. The full job description can be found on [our website here](#). The deadline to apply is Friday, June 11. To apply, please send resume and any other materials electronically to: Ms. Erin Holmes, Executive Director, VCPORA at [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org).



## City Hall Relocation Meeting

Tuesday, May 18  
1423 St. Philip  
5:45 p.m.

There will be a community meeting next week to discuss the Mayor's proposed relocation of City Hall to the Municipal Auditorium in Armstrong Park. As a reminder, this proposal would require a full renovation of the Municipal Auditorium, which is estimated to cost between \$100 and \$150 million dollars, as well as the construction of a new parking garage within the parking to accommodate the influx of new visitors.

This meeting will be hosted by collaborating organizations including:

- Claiborne Avenue Alliance
- Greater Treme Consortium
- New Orleans Cultural Preservation Committee
- Ole & Nu Style Fellas
- Treme Sidewalk Steppers
- Unity 4NOLA Culture

A public meeting in January presented [details of the plan](#). At that meeting, Tremé and French Quarter neighbors expressed concern over cost, storm water management, congestion, and utility of the proposed use. Despite this, the City of New Orleans has put out a request for qualifications for both the [project management](#) and the [architecture and structural engineering](#) of a Municipal Auditorium renovation. We will provide updates on this project as they develop.



## Blue Bikes to Return in Fall

In case you missed it, the Blue Bikes bike share system is set to return to the City of New Orleans this fall under the management of newly formed non-profit [Blue Krewe](#). They plan to launch the fleet of 500 e-assist bikes by September 1, 2021. VCPORA was able to confirm in a meeting with Blue Krewe representatives last week that the returning fleet will make use of the existing Blue Bike infrastructure, and will require no new stations in the Quarter at the time of launch. See [this press release](#) for more information on Blue Krewe.



## NORD Survey

The New Orleans Recreation Development (NORD) is requesting that residents participate in its [recreation and leisure survey](#) before June 14, 2021 in order to plan programming and improve facilities. All responses are completely anonymous, and the results of this survey will be used by NORD for planning purposes only.



## NOPD - From the Captain's Deck

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





## Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable

Saturday, June 12

5885 Fleur De Lis Drive #1149

9:00 a.m. - noon

The City of New Orleans is hosting the second quarter's [Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable](#) with a focus on Hurricane Preparedness. NOHSEP Director, Collin Arnold and the Health Department Director, Dr. Jennifer Avegno will share insights about responding to storms amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Registration ends May 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., or until capacity is reached. All current COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the New Orleans Health Department will be adhered to.



## Candlelight Open Air: Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More

The Beauregard-Keyes House courtyard will host a [candlelight concert](#) by Listeso String Quartet for two nights next week. They will be performing classic pieces by Vivaldi. Seating is assigned on a first come first served basis, socially-distanced event, and BYOB is welcome. Tickets and more information can be found on the [Fever website](#).



## Courtyard Calligraphy

Saturday, May 29

1113 Chartres

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join Patti Adams for the first of three [Courtyard Calligraphy](#) classes in the Beauregard-Keyes courtyard. The class will cover correct body posture, position, and placement of the pen, as well as the use of the proper tools. All levels of students are welcome to join this class, including those just beginning their study of calligraphy.

Class sizes will be kept small with social distancing in place. All participants must wear a face mask. The registration fee does not include materials. Students will receive a supply list after registering with items necessary for the course. These supplies will last for all class sessions.



## The Built Environment of New Orleans

Saturday, May 29

1113 Chartres

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the second installment in the [The Built Environment of New Orleans](#) lecture series with Master Plasterer Jeff Porée, who will showcase how to plaster, as well as lecture, on the craftsmen who helped build the French Quarter and why their work continues to stand the test of time. Jeff 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 second 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 highlighting trades such as ironwork, masonry, and carpentry.



## #FQThenAndNow

VCPORA and the [VCC Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on 625 St. Philip. 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 and the [VCC Foundation](#) so you don't miss any upcoming posts from this series.

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