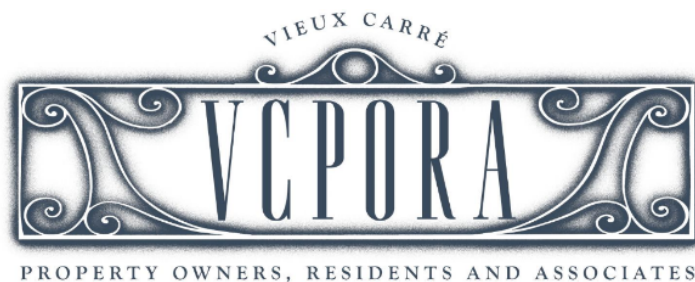


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Municipal Auditorium Update

On Tuesday, July 20, VCPORA attended a meeting as part of the SOS (Save Our Soul) Coalition with Mayor Cantrell for an open discussion on the City Hall relocation proposal into the Municipal Auditorium. Our message was clear: No City Hall in Armstrong Park and Stabilize the Municipal Auditorium.

Despite numerous pleas to secure the \$38 million of available FEMA funding to stabilize and secure the building from further deterioration, Mayor Cantrell maintained that the renovation of Municipal Auditorium was not among her top priorities if it was not going to be used for a new City Hall. She did acquiesce during the meeting that she was "good" with the Municipal Auditorium being converted into a different use, but she reiterated that finding a new City Hall is her top priority and that she will continue to dedicate City resources to that mission.

The Coalition has maintained that the Municipal Auditorium should be returned to

its former use as a cultural and community venue. Cantrell told attendees that if a City Hall was off the table, it would be the community's responsibility to identify another use for the building and secure the funding necessary for the renovation, operation, and maintenance. Specifically, she said this would need to happen within 90 days.

"We are disappointed that the City Administration is not fully committed to doing whatever it takes to return the Municipal Auditorium to a cultural center. As a group of small grassroots organizations, we have limited resources but are fully committed to developing a plan with which to move forward," said Sabrina Mays, SOS Coalition member. She did not offer any City resources in a new plan for the building. Read more about the meeting in this [piece from The Lens](#).



At Home in the Vieux Carré

Friday, July 23, 2021

622 Barracks

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tonight is our next *At Home in the Vieux Carré* happy hour sponsored by [The Doussan Team](#) at the c. 1890 double shotgun owned by Catherine Whitney. Join us for wine, specialty cocktails, and catering by Chez Nous! 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 more information.

Please note that in keeping with the City of New Orleans [Phase 3 reopening restrictions](#), this event will be limited capacity and masks are recommended for non-vaccinated attendees.



COVID Delta Variant Update - Get Vaccinated!

The Louisiana Department of Health shared that [statewide COVID hospitalizations have doubled](#) in the last two weeks, with nearly all cases being the more contagious Delta variant. The number of active cases in Orleans Parish has also [increased by nine fold](#) in the same time. Orleans Parish is now at risk of outbreak, signifying that "cases are increasing at a rate likely to overwhelm hospitals." The City is urging that [everybody get vaccinated](#) as the first line of defense against hospitalization and death from COVID.

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.

To get a vaccine, 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.



The Built Environment of New Orleans

Saturday, July 31

1113 Chartres

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The third installment in [The Built Environment of New Orleans](#) lecture series has been rescheduled for next Saturday. Join us as third-generation metal worker Darryl Reeves will showcase how to blacksmith as well as lecture on the craft. Space for this event is limited and attendees must [register in advance on Eventbrite](#). The lecture will also be live-streamed to the Beaugard-Keyes House [Facebook page](#).

This event marks the third in a lecture series collaboration by [the Beaugard-](#)

[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 masonry and carpentry.

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



Dusk to Dawn - Keep it On!

The French Quarter Management District is asking residents to participate in a French Quarter lighting campaign to combat rising crime. According to [their flyer](#), "studies support that crime is significantly reduced when exterior buildings lighting is improved". Join in dissuading person-to-person crime by properly lighting your property after dark.

Remember to report non-emergency crime in the French Quarter to the [French Quarter Task Force App](#). Non-emergency crime in Downtown can be reported to the [DDD Public Safety Team](#). You may also report incidents to the NOPD 8th District non-emergency number at (504) 658-6080. All emergencies should be referred to 911.



Condolences:

Anne Hartwell & George Markey

It is with heavy hearts that we share news of the passing of both Judith Anne Hartwell and George Markey.

Born in Alexandria, Anne worked as a cosmetic salesperson in the Gulf Coast region. She lived in the French Quarter for more than 40 years, cultivating a devoted community of friends and neighbors who cherished her gardening, baking, and wit. She was also a longtime supporter of VCPORA. Her full obituary is [available on NOLA.com](#). Donations in Anne's honor may be made to the regional chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, [2200 Woodcrest Place, Suite 230, Birmingham, AL 35209](#).

George studied geology at Tulane University and LSU-Baton Rouge before working in the oil and gas industry. He and his surviving wife Josie spent the majority of their 25 years together residing in the French Quarter and hosting parties in their home for their large circle of friends. George was a longtime

VCPORA supporter. His full obituary can be found on the [Lake Lawn Metairie website](#). Donations in George's honor may be made to the [Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency](#) or in support of the [J.C Walker, Jr. Transplant Center](#).



Join us for the next
COFFEE WITH KRISTIN

WHAT
Join Councilwoman Kristin Palmer for updates on important legislation and solutions to issues that impact you.

WHEN
TUESDAY, JULY 27
8:30 - 9:30 AM

Coffee with Kristin

Tuesday, July 27
1030 Elysian Fields
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

District "C" Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer will host another "Coffee with Kristin" meet and greet at [Baldwin & Co. Bookstore](#) next Tuesday morning, where she will deliver a brief update on legislative items and other happenings in the district. All residents of District "C" are encouraged to tune in and discuss issues in the community.

GREENPOINT PICTURES

Filming Notice

Crews will film a commercial in Exchange Place this upcoming Saturday, July 24 from approximately 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There will also be parking restrictions and intermittent traffic control along Bienville. See our [Facebook post](#) for additional details.

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