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## 5G Installation Update

As the installation of 5G Small Cell technology moves forward in the French Quarter, we want to continue providing updates. Yes, this process has been a headache and the visual reality of these is jarring. We share all your concerns regarding the size and design of these poles, and the piecemeal installation.

When the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) deregulated this technology across the nation in 2018, municipalities were seeing 40 foot tall poles going up. Thanks to several important federal lawsuits, cities regained the right to have some input, but only on aesthetic aspects. They cannot prohibit this technology from being installed.

The Vieux Carré Commission was able to make non-binding recommendations on design elements. Through collective efforts, these poles have been reduced to 20 feet and the outer equipment has been greatly diminished in size.

Now, on to what we are seeing on the streets today. The 5G poles began being installed in December. Initially, the lamp brackets and base wraps were manufactured in fiberglass, but the finished product did not meet aesthetic expectations. The new components, made of cast iron, are being remanufactured but it leaves the poles half finished. The city, including the VCC, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Utilities, agreed that the temporary installation of the sub-standard lamps is necessary in advance of Mardi Gras to ensure adequate lighting in the neighborhood.

Currently, around 20 of the new 5G poles have been erected directly next to existing streetlights. The existing lamp-posts were not removed to continue providing the necessary lighting. They will be removed in the next week though now that the temporary lamps are being added.

We have obtained a list of all 5G permit locations in the French Quarter by Verizon and AT&T.

[Review all 5G locations here.](#)

More history on this process can be viewed [on our website](#).

Questions or concerns on these installations 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).



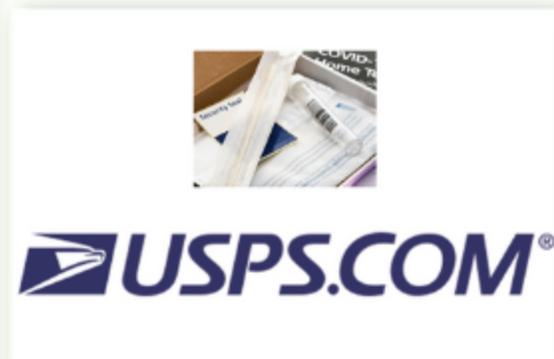
**FREE COVID-19 TESTING**  
Saturday, January 29th  
11am - 4pm

**French Market**  
1235 N. Peters St., New Orleans, LA, 70116

- FREE TESTING AVAILABLE TO ALL AGES
- RESULTS IN 24 TO 96 HOURS
- APPOINTMENT NOT REQUIRED

**CORE**

The poster features a dark grey top section with white text, a white middle section with black text, and a bottom section with a blue and white illustration of a healthcare worker in a blue cap and mask administering a test to a patient. The CORE logo is in the bottom left corner.



**USPS.COM**

The image shows a stack of white COVID-19 test kits with blue and red markings. The USPS.COM logo is prominently displayed below the kits.

## Free Covid-19 Tests

This **Saturday (January 29, 2022)** from **11am - 4pm**, the [French Market](#) is hosting a COVID-19 Testing site where residents and guests alike can receive a free COVID-19 test. Appointments are not required and results will be available in 24 to 96 hours.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Additionally, the USPS is offering residential households in the U.S. the chance to order one set of at-home tests for free. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

Fill out [this form](#) with your contact and shipping information to order your tests.



## 2022 Property Tax Bills

The City of New Orleans announced today that the 2022 property tax bills will be delayed for all property owners.

The delay stems from the Louisiana Tax Commission working cooperatively with the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office to confirm millages and billing data. Taxpayers who wish to pay their property tax bills ahead of receiving the bill may do so by estimating the tax amount.

The City will notify taxpayers with updates as to when the 2022 property tax bills will be available online and mailed.

For more information, please contact the [Bureau of Treasury](#) at (504) 658-1712 or (504) 658-1720.



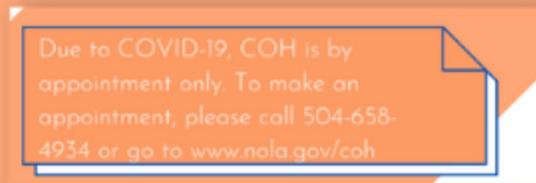
## Jackson Square Artist Permits

The City of New Orleans issued a reminder that the deadline to renew or obtain a permit to sell art on Jackson Square in the French Quarter is **January 31, 2022**.

Artists who sell art on or around Jackson Square are **required** to obtain an Occupational License and Mayoralty Permit from the Department of Finance's Bureau of Revenue. All permit holders who wish to renew must apply **in person** during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am - 5pm) in the Bureau of Revenue office located at City Hall, [1300 Perdido St.](#), Room 1W15, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Eligible permits are either *Artist A* permits to sell art on Jackson Square or *Artist B* permits to sell art only in Pirates Alley. **A maximum of 200 Artist A permits may be issued, according to City code; there is no limit for Artist B permits.**

For more questions or concerns, contact the [Bureau of Revenue](#) Application Unit via phone at (504) 658-1630, (504) 658-1621 or (504) 658-1694, or via email at [revenue@nola.gov](mailto:revenue@nola.gov).



## Community Office Hours

The City of New Orleans Neighborhood Engagement Office has resumed their [Community Office Hours](#).

COH for District C will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30am - 5pm at the Treme Rec Center ([900 Villere Street](#)).

Additionally, District C has a new Community Liaison! Cameron English will be taking over from Trenelle Dennis.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Cameron at:

[cameron.english@nola.gov](mailto:cameron.english@nola.gov)  
(504) 658-4996



*A group of Freedpeople at Grand Cote Plantation on Weeks Island. This was the primary source of the Weeks Family fortune, the owners of Shadows-on-the-Teche, and the location of the majority of the Weeks' enslaved population.*

See article for more information.

## What We're Reading

### **A Re-Defining Moment: The Evolving and Creative Practice of Preservation in 2022**

*"Just like those forms of preserving food, the ongoing alchemy of preservation carries forward the essential qualities of a place by fostering new interactions that create different flavors and textures, that create new life, that make new history."* This inspiring article from the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) explores how historic preservation is redefining itself during this critical moment in history.

### **What's new on New Orleans' riverfront? Despite pandemic, these big projects are underway**

The area in question has the opportunity to become a valuable resource for residents via a passive green space that would connect us with our downriver neighborhoods while still celebrating the history of its past uses. The City of New Orleans has extended the private lease on the Governor Nicholls and Esplanade Wharves until mid-2023.

### **Twin reports outline deep corruption, dysfunction in New Orleans building inspections**

One report, conducted by an outside law firm, found that nearly all of the City's inspectors believe that their colleagues have accepted bribes. The second report, an internal audit, revealed that the issue of inspectors not showing up at construction sites and using contractors' photographs to falsify their inspection reports, persisted even after the collapse of the Hard Rock Hotel and a federal corruption probe was conducted.



## #FQThenAndNow

Have you been paying attention to our [#FQThenAndNow](#) posts? We sure hope so because it's time for a...

POP QUIZ with [VCC Foundation](#)! 😊

How well do you know the French Quarter? Can you identify the style of this ca. 1833 townhouse?

- a) Greek Revival
- b) Italianate
- c) French Quarter Revival
- d) Creole

Email us your answers and we will post the answer in next week's Weekly Vieux!  
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Visit the [Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#) to see more historic images.

Don't forget to give us a follow on [Instagram](#) and a like on [Facebook](#) to see more [#FQThenAndNow](#) facts and pictures from this series!



## Helpful Resources

### Safety

The NOPD 8th District *Non-Emergency* Line **(504) 658-6080**.  
Watch the weekly NOPD 8th District MAX Meetings [here](#).  
Download the French Quarter Task Force "Blue Light Patrol" App [here](#).

### Quality of Life

Quality of life complaints regarding construction, street lights, sanitation, illegal business operations, sound, and all other non-emergency requests can be made by dialing 311 or [here](#).

### Filming in the French Quarter

Questions and concerns regarding filming in the Vieux Carré can be sent to:

Carroll Morton  
Director, [Film New Orleans](#)  
(504) 658-4341 (office)  
(504) 240-9504 (mobile)  
[cgmorton@nola.gov](mailto:cgmorton@nola.gov)

Isabella Renner  
Production Manager  
(504) 658-4355 (office)  
(504) 295-7734 (mobile)  
[isabella.renner@nola.gov](mailto:isabella.renner@nola.gov)

### Vieux Carré Resources

Apply for a permit or find an existing permit [here](#).  
Find Vieux Carré Commission Design Guidelines [here](#).  
VCC and VCCAC meeting schedules and past meeting materials can be found [here](#).  
New Orleans City Council and additional Committee meeting schedules can be found [here](#).

### Historic Research Tools

[Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#)  
[The Collins C. Diboll Vieux Carré Digital Survey](#)  
[Louisiana Digital Library](#)

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that advocates for the preservation  
and protection of 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.

Your generosity **today** helps preservationists and advocates create strategic and powerful campaigns to defend and elevate the French Quarter and surrounding neighborhoods **tomorrow!**

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