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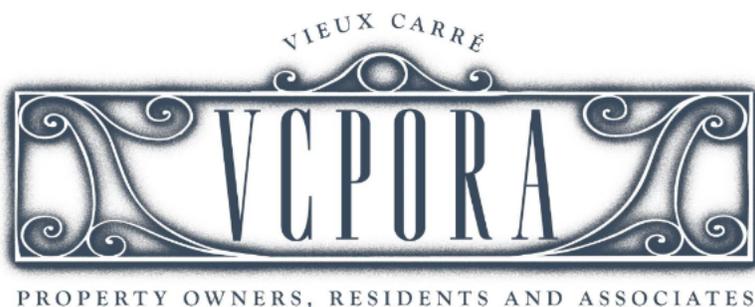
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## VCPORA Board Retreat 2021

Last month our new board spent an engaging Saturday planning out our goals and priorities for 2022 at our Annual Retreat. We are looking forward to working with our community and members for the benefit of the beautiful Vieux Carre!

### **2022 VCPORA Board of Directors**

#### **Property Owner Category**

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## City Council Updates

Yesterday, January 6, the City Council moved forward with two French Quarter related issues:

### Parklets

Motion [M-22-1](#), directs the City Planning Commission to consider establishing a new temporary use category of “parklets,” to formalize the pilot program introduced in the fall of 2020. The effort began to promote outdoor seating during COVID-related capacity restrictions and closures.

An additional amendment asks CPC staff to consider necessary use standards and limitations to safeguard the residential qualities of New Orleans neighborhoods, including an outright prohibition of parklets in residential zoning districts of the French Quarter and other areas deemed appropriate, and a conditional use requirement for all parklets affiliated with bars to provide for community input and an opportunity for tailored provisos. VCPORA spoke in favor of the proposed amendment and will continue providing updates on the ongoing process.

Ordinance [33,588](#), which was deferred until the next Council meeting, establishes the parklet program to allow public parking spaces to be utilized by adjacent businesses for additional outdoor seating and public use. This ordinance also provides relevant permit requirements and processes, application review standards, fee structures, the ability for local historic district design review, and more.

### Pedicabs

The Council passed an amendment to the City Code (Ord. [33,583](#)) designed to cap the maximum number of pedicab CPNCs at 45 licenses and formalize what has been a pilot program since 2011.

This cap is in place until a formal marketing analysis, following the stabilization of the tourism industry post-COVID (within two years), can identify increased consumer demand.

“With the continuation of this pandemic, now is not the time to expand tourist-centric programs. However, that may change in the future, which is why I’ve asked the City to re-evaluate around the market study in two years’ time,” **said District “C” Councilmember Kristin Palmer.**



## N. Rampart and the Question of "Progress"

It is no secret that over the course of our city's history, certain urban development projects have wrought immeasurable damage to New Orleans neighborhoods and communities. The most prominent example is the Claiborne Expressway, where not only were the historic oak trees removed but the thriving community and culture of Treme was bisected, leading to massive displacement and degradation – all in the name of “progress.”

However, Claiborne was not the first nor the last street to suffer from a similar tragic choice(s) in urban planning. Learn more [here](#) about how North Rampart Street went from resembling St. Charles Avenue with its framing foliage and dual streetcar tracks to the bustling, concrete strip we know today.



# COVID-19 IN NEW ORLEANS

## COVID Update

As of January 3, 2022, the City of New Orleans has entered a **Modified Phase Three** of Covid procedures. See details below:

### **Mask guidelines**

#### **Mask mandate in effect in some public indoor spaces:**

- Masks required in all healthcare facilities and public transportation, including airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, buses, taxis, ride-shares, and the corresponding transportation hubs.
- Masks required in all K-12 education institutions, unless the institution has adopted an isolation and quarantine policy for students, faculty, and staff consistent with the protocols set by the Louisiana Department of Health.
- Although not required, unvaccinated individuals over the age of 2 should wear a mask in public indoor spaces.

### **Vaccines required**

Anyone 5 years of age and older must provide proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine or negative antigen or PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours before entry (must include the individual's name, date of the test, and results clearly visible on an official report), to access:

#### **Indoor dining**

- Restaurants
- Bars
- Breweries, microbreweries, distilleries & micro-distilleries

#### **Indoor fitness**

- Gyms
- Indoor group fitness centers or individual fitness classes

### **Indoor entertainment & performance spaces**

- Indoor sports complexes, stadiums & arenas
- Concert & music halls
- Event spaces such as hotel ballrooms, event venues & reception halls
- Pool halls, bowling alleys, indoor play centers, arcades, skating rinks, indoor playgrounds & arcades
- Adult live performance venues
- Casinos, racetracks & video poker establishments
- Indoor amusement facilities

### **Large outdoor events**

- Outdoor events of more than 500 people if total attendance is more than 50% of the outdoor venue's capacity.

## **Gathering guidelines**

Individuals attending indoor or outdoor events of more than 500 individuals are strongly recommended to wear masks through the duration of event (except while actively eating or drinking).

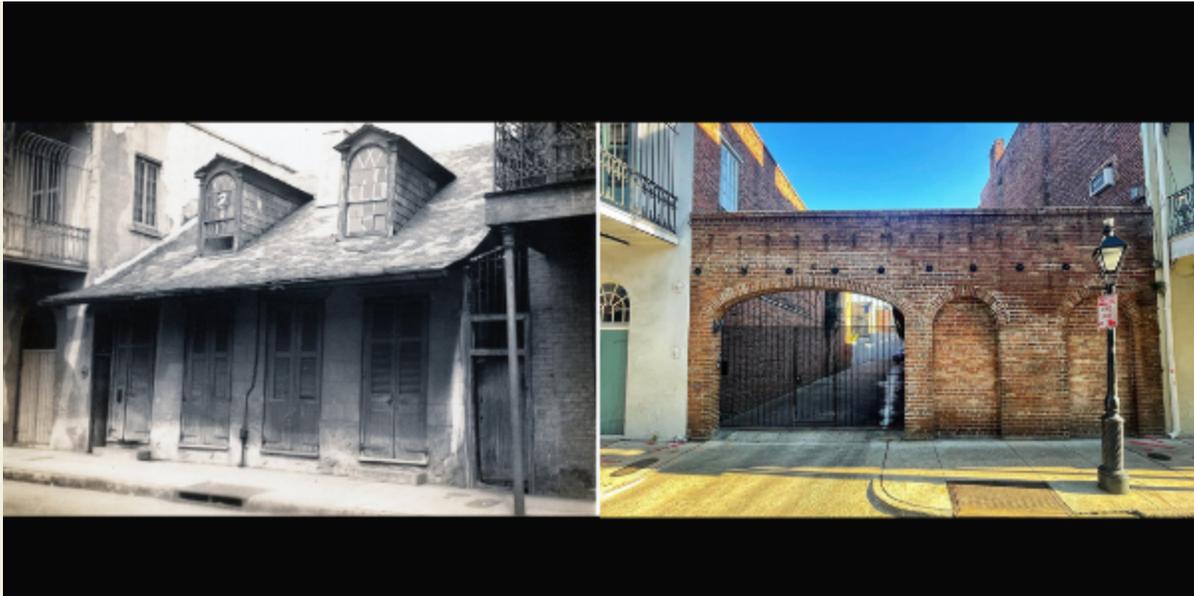
### **Indoor Gatherings**

- Proof of vaccination or negative antigen or PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours before entry (*must include the individual's name, date of the test, and results clearly visible on an official report*) required at all indoor gatherings at establishments included in these requirements.

### **Outdoor Gatherings**

- Proof of vaccination or negative antigen or PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours before entry (*must include the individual's name, date of the test, and results clearly visible on an official report*) required for outdoor events of 500+ people if total attendance is more than 50% of the outdoor venue's capacity.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## #FQThenAndNow

Happy New Year! We're back with our first #FQThenAndNow of 2022 with the [VCC Foundation](#) and it's a fiery one! 🔥

Today we're taking a look at [723-25 St. Ann Street](#) which is now a private parking lot but was once a Creole Cottage that just "ain't dere no more."

### **THEN...**

Pictured above is [723-25 St. Ann Street](#) in 1939. We don't know the exact date this quintessential Creole Cottage was built, but Chain of Title research shows the first mention of a "wooden house built on a half lot of ground" in 1818. This notarial archive transaction documents when Joseph Zeringue sold the lot and building to Marie Jeanne Coralie Leroy (a free woman of color.)

We found some scuttlebutt in the historic New Orleans States newspaper! In 1916, a resident of this house named John Linder (36 years old) got into a bit of a scuffle with his brother Joseph (aged 29.) They were apparently quarreling over a woman named Georgia Martina. According to John, Joseph accused him of "speaking disrespectfully" of Georgia and then punched him in the face. At this point, John drew his revolver and fired two shots at his brother, then "walked St. Ann street and threw the pistol into a vacant lot." John was arrested for discharging a firearm within city limits, shooting with intent to kill, and disturbing the peace. Joseph was only charged with disturbing the peace. Given they were both arrested and no one was taken the hospital, we think that John's gunshots missed their mark. You never know what you're going to find in historic newspapers!

### **AND...**

## NOW....

Shortly after noon on March 21, 1941, alarms rang through the French Quarter as the back room of Harold Willis' home at [725 St. Ann](#) erupted with fire. Willis', an elderly blind man, was rescued from the blazing fire by his heroic neighbor Emma Young. Thankfully, only part of the structure was affected by the fire but, according to the records, the fire caused a total of \$2,300 worth of damage. (\$2,300 in 1941 is equivalent to \$44,000 in today's dollars). The location remained a residence until 1948 when it appears in a newspaper as "Grimaldi Plumbing Company." It was around 1960 that the current structure (or lack thereof) appeared, and the property was listed as "modern apartments & garage."

Fires in the French Quarter have wrought damage and destruction since 1788 and have taken many of our historic buildings way before their time. Please remember to always be safe, check your fire alarms regularly, and have an easily accessible fire extinguisher in the building.

Don't forget to give us a follow on social media so you don't miss out on any new [#FQThenAndNow](#) posts! ✨

Visit the [Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#) to see more historic images.



## Filming in the Neighborhood

### **1. 999 Ghosts Pictures Inc. / JOYRIDE**

Scheduled timeline for preparation, restoration and permitted parking use is as follow: **PREP: MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD – THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 7am-7pm daily**

- ½ 600 Block of Dumaine St. (Marigny Side) WORKING TRUCK PARKING
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**PREP: MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD – THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 7AM-11AM daily**

- 1/2 800 Block of Royal St. (Lake Side) DROP OFF ZONE/DELIVERY ZONE ONLY

**PREP: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 12:01am-11:59pm**

- 700 Block of St. Ann St. (CBD Side) EQUIPMENT/LIGHTING PLACEMENT
- ½ 600 Block of St. Ann St. (CBD Side)
- ¼ 700 Block of Orleans St. (Mirigny Side)
- ¼ 600 Block of Dumaine St. (Marigny Side)

**SHOOT(s): FRIDAY, JANUARY 28th , SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th, MONDAY, JANUARY 31st & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd: 12:01am to 11:59pm**

- 700 Block of Dumaine St. (Marigny Side)
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- 800 Block of Royal St. (Lake Side) • 700 Block of St. Ann St. (CBD Side)
- ½ 600 Block of St. Ann St. (CBD Side)
- ¼ 700 Block of Orleans St. (Mirigny Side)

**RESTORATION: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 12:01am – 11:59pm**

- ½ 600 Block of Dumaine St. (Marigny Side)
- ¼ 700 Block of Dumaine St. (Marigny Side)

**Street Closure & Sidewalk closure (both sides) on Royal St. between St. Ann St. and Dumaine St. on January 28 th through February 2nd of 2022, times and dates as follows:**

- Friday, January 28th 4pm – 4am.
- Saturday, January 29th 4pm-4am.
- Monday, January 31st (ITC ONLY 9am-4pm, resuming after 6pm) (NO sidewalk closure)
- Wednesday, February 2 nd , 3pm – 10pm.

**Intermittent Traffic Control will be conducted on Dumaine St at Chartres St. St. Ann St. Bourbon St. times on following dates:**

- 1/28, 1/29, 1/31 and 2/2 of 2022, 9am-4pm, resuming after 6pm.

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## **2. Northern Entertainment of Louisiana, LLC - Queer as Folk Productions**

Filming scenes for an upcoming TV series at [813 Bienville St., New Orleans, LA 70112](#) between the approximate hours of 9:00AM and 11:59PM.

On **MONDAY 01/10/2022**, there will be filming for an upcoming TV series at **813 Bienville St., New Orleans, LA 70112** between the approximate hours of **9:00AM** and **11:59PM**.

**POSTING FOR WORK TRUCKS, EQUIPMENT & PICTURE DURING PREP, FILMING & WRAP: PREP/FILM/WRAP: 1/9/22 @ 10AM**

- 1/11/22 @ 6PM - 800 Block of Bienville St. (Downtown side, between Dauphine St. & Bourbon St.)
- North half of **200 Block Dauphine St.** (Lake side, between Bienville St. & Iberville St.)

**FILM ONLY: 1/10/22 - 4AM**

- 11:59PM - **300 Block Dauphine St.** (Lake side, between Bienville St. & Conti St.)
- **300 Block N. Rampart St.** (River side, between Bienville St. & Conti St.)

**For the safety of all, we will be closing the 800 block of Bienville St., at Bourbon St. to vehicular traffic as we will have camera equipment, crew and extras in the street.**

**STREET CLOSURE: MONDAY 1/10/22 @ 6PM – 11:59PM, 800 Block of Bienville St. @ Bourbon St.**

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