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## Le Rendex Vieux Gala - It was a BLAST!

Last Thursday, November 11, 2021, we hosted our annual fundraising gala, Le Rendex Vieux. It was an incredibly successful night and we are so thankful to all of those who could make the event!

Guests were welcomed at the entrance of the [Beuregard-Keyes House](#) by a magical display of lanterns, lights, and laughs as people greeted each other after a long, long year of social distancing.

Patrons were serenaded in the Parterre Garden by the lovely [Alicia Renee aka "Blue Eyes"](#) while they enjoyed absolutely delicious passed appetizers (including meatballs, pepadews and stuffed mushrooms!) from [Bayou Beer & Wine Garden](#), [Piece of Meat](#), and [Acme Oysters](#).

The main event took place throughout the entire Beuregard-Keyes House and in the fabulous courtyard. Guests sipped on specialty cocktails crafted by [Turning Tables](#) using [Seven Three Distilling's](#) liquors and munched on scrumptious food from [Jacques Imo's](#) while the marvelous [Meschiya Lake and her Little Big Quartet](#) filled the air with lively local music.

Mid-way through the evening, we had a raffle pull and several guests went home with phenomenal prizes including a print from [Emilie Rhys](#) and a hand-embellished serigraph print by [James Michalopolus](#).

The night concluded with sweet treats from [Jacques Imo's](#) and [Leah's Pralines](#) while guests were treated to a special surprise collaboration between our two musicians!

We greatly missed all of those who could not make it last Thursday! If you were unable to make it to this magical evening, worry not, there is always next year!

**Thank you again to all of our sponsors, patrons, guests, and volunteers!**

## City Council District C Runoff Forum

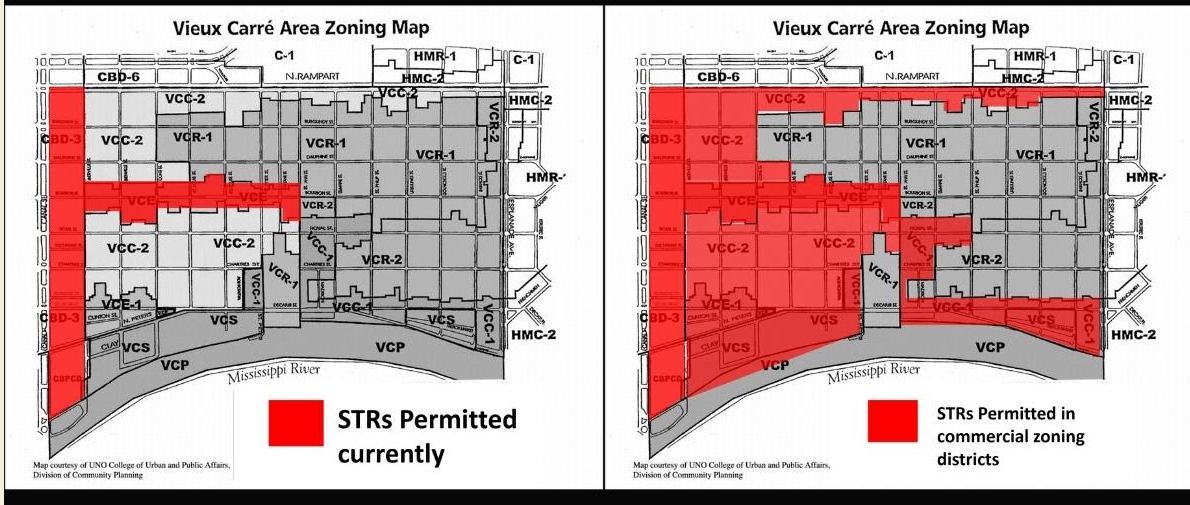
On Tuesday, November 16, VCPORA co-hosted a District C City Council Runoff Forum with the Historic Faubourg Tremé Association, French Quarter Business Association, Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association and French Quarter Citizens.

Runoff candidates Stephanie Bridges and Freddie King III answered questions previously submitted by our memberships from our moderator, WDSU News Anchor, Travers Mackel.

The candidates opened up about their goals and priorities for District C on issues such as crime and public safety, sanitation, short term rentals, tourism, riverfront development, and more. You can watch the [full event here](#).

[See how New Orleans City Council District C candidates would address short-term rentals](#)

## See what the French Quarter would look like if Short Term Rentals were allowed in commercial zoning districts.



In case you missed it, we interviewed all seven candidates leading up to the election and those [transcriptions are available here](#).

Another topic that sparked curiosity is the concept of an Office of Nighttime Economy that could perform functions of City Hall after 5:00pm. We have spoken to candidates about how an office like this could benefit both residents and businesses by providing proactive services to enhance quality of life in and ensure enforcement in tourism-heavy residential areas. Travers Mackel reached out after the forum to do a follow up story in this idea.

### Could New Orleans see a 'nightlife mayor' soon?

Are you experiencing quality of life disturbances like sound encroachment, aggressive solicitations, or sanitation issues? We sat down with NOPD 8th District Captain Jeff Walls this week. He has acknowledged the sharp reduction in capacity of NOPD across the city but encourages resident to continue reporting non-emergency issues by calling 311 or on [nola311.org](http://nola311.org). By making a report, you will be provided with a service request number which will allow you to track the progress of your submission. Additionally, all reports are filed electronically for later review - so it's a good idea to start a paper trail if you have ongoing issues.

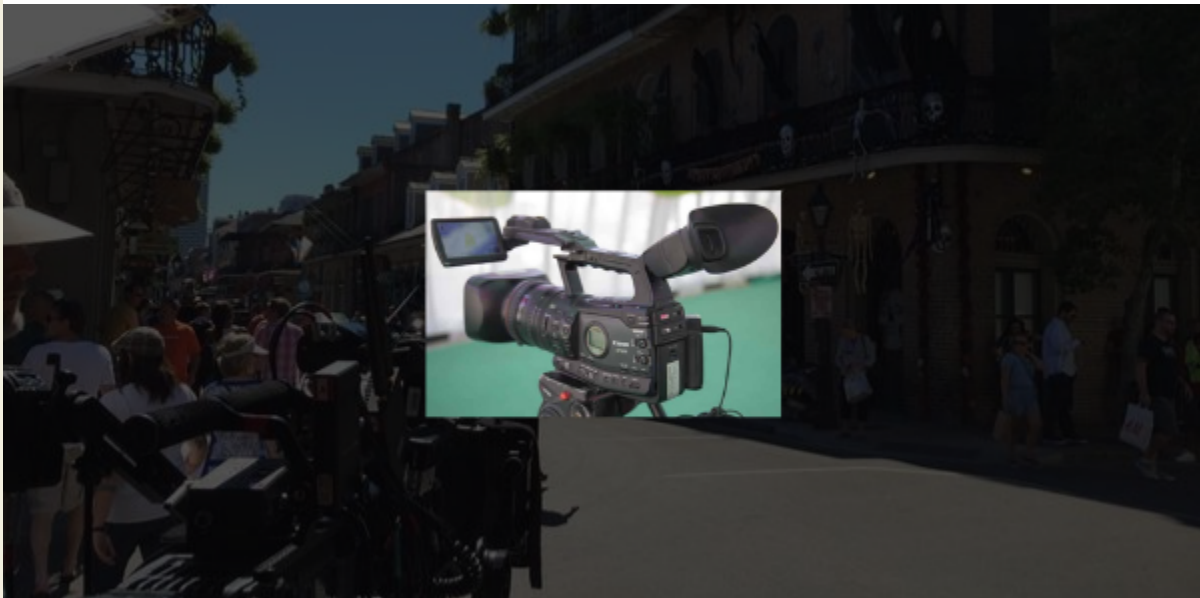


## FQEDD Update

On Thursday, November 18 the French Quarter Economic Development District approved its \$2.3 million budget for 2022. All the funds will be spent on supplemental police patrols in the district, which will be administered by the French Quarter Management District.

The revenues are collected through a .25% sales tax that was approved by voters in April of this year.

Read more here: [French Quarter supplemental police patrols secure funding after more than a year of tense negotiations](#)



# Filming Notices

The French Quarter will see several filming crews over the next few months. See below for the details including dates, times, and contact information:

Stalwart Productions, LLC began filming on **Monday, November 15, 2021** at **1113 Chartres Street (Beauregard-Keyes House)** and will continue through: **November 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30** and **December 1** between the hours of **6am and 7pm**.

**POSTED NO PARKING FOR PREP:**

6:00 AM – 7PM Daily November 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & Dec 1

- 600 ½ Block of Ursulines Ave between Royal and Chartres Streets [Downtown Side]
- 500 ½ Block of Ursulines Ave between Decatur and Chartres Streets [Downtown Side]
- 1100 ½ Block of Chartres Street between Ursulines Ave and Gov. Nicholls Street [River Side]

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the crew at any time:

Nick Biron  
Asst. Location Manager  
(323) 896-3596  
[Nsbiron@gmail.com](mailto:Nsbiron@gmail.com)

Stephen LeBlanc  
Location Manager  
(504) 607-7003  
[nolalocations@gmail.com](mailto:nolalocations@gmail.com)

Starting **Monday, November 22, 2021**, RW Productions will begin filming scenes for a commercial at **numerous locations** from **7 a.m. to 4 p.m.** They will be doing **Intermittent Traffic Control** from **7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the following locations:

- 500 Block of Dumaine St AND 800 Block of Chartres St FROM 7 a.m. - 4p.m. (\*just for 45 minutes of the day during this time frame)
- 1100 Block of Dauphine St AND 800 Block of Ursulines Ave FROM 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (\*only for 45 minutes of the day, during this time frame)
- Artists Market around Jackson Square FROM 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 1000 Block of Royal Street AND 700 Block of St. Philip St FROM 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (\*just for 45 minutes of the day, during this time frame)

If you have particular concerns or questions, please contact the Locations Department at:

Thomas Peters  
Location Manager  
(504) 628-0570  
[thomaspeters4@me.com](mailto:thomaspeters4@me.com)

Filming complaints can be sent to:

Carroll G. Morton: [cgmorton@nola.gov](mailto:cgmorton@nola.gov)



## Parklets

Last week, media sources announced the [Administration's plans to make the parklet program introduced in 2020 permanent](#). Original, these spaces were introduced to convert curb side parking into outdoor seating areas for adjacent restaurants and bars during the COVID-19 epidemic, when health measures prohibited or limited indoor dining. Many are now operating in the Vieux Carré, the Central Business District, and the Marigny.

Jeff Schwartz, the city's Director of Economic Development, says they are in the process of finalizing both an ordinance for City Council review and a set of guidelines for city departments to manage the program.

**We are looking for your feedback!** Do you visit these outdoor spaces or live near one? Please email us at [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org) with anything you would like to share.



## VCC's 85th Anniversary

The month of November marks the 85th anniversary of the [Vieux Carré Commission](#)!

In 1925, the City Commission Council created the initial Vieux Carré Commission, but it disbanded in 1930. At the time, the French Quarter had fallen on hard times, with many buildings in disrepair and others turned into crowded tenements.

In 1936, a group of preservation activists (who later formed VCPORA) successfully lobbied the State Legislature to put a referendum before voters amending the state constitution to create a new commission to oversee the French Quarter. *Louisiana voters overwhelmingly approved the amendment on November 3, 1936.*

At the time, only one other historic preservation district existed in the country, in Charleston, South Carolina. **With the creation of the VCC, the Vieux Carre became the second oldest historic district in the U.S.**

The agency is composed of nine members appointed by the mayor, including recommendations made by the American Institute of Architects, the Louisiana Historical Society, Louisiana State Museum and Chamber of Commerce.

# Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway



Saturday, November 20th  
12PM - 2PM  
St. Roch Park, 1800 St. Roch Ave



## Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway - Saturday!

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement will hold a **Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway** at St. Roch Park ([1800 St. Roch Ave](#)) **this Saturday, November 20th** from **12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Turkeys are available on a limited, **first come first-served** basis. Neighbors can pick up their turkey by car or foot on the lake-bound side of St. Roch Ave. **Please arrive early!**

The giveaway is held in partnership with [Abundant Life Tabernacle](#), [NORD](#), [Giving Hope NOLA](#), and [Antwigadee!](#)

For questions, please email Benaiah Harvey at [benaiiah.harvey@nola.gov](mailto:benaiiah.harvey@nola.gov)



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COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS  
END OF THE YEAR INTERMISSION

# Community Office Hours & 311

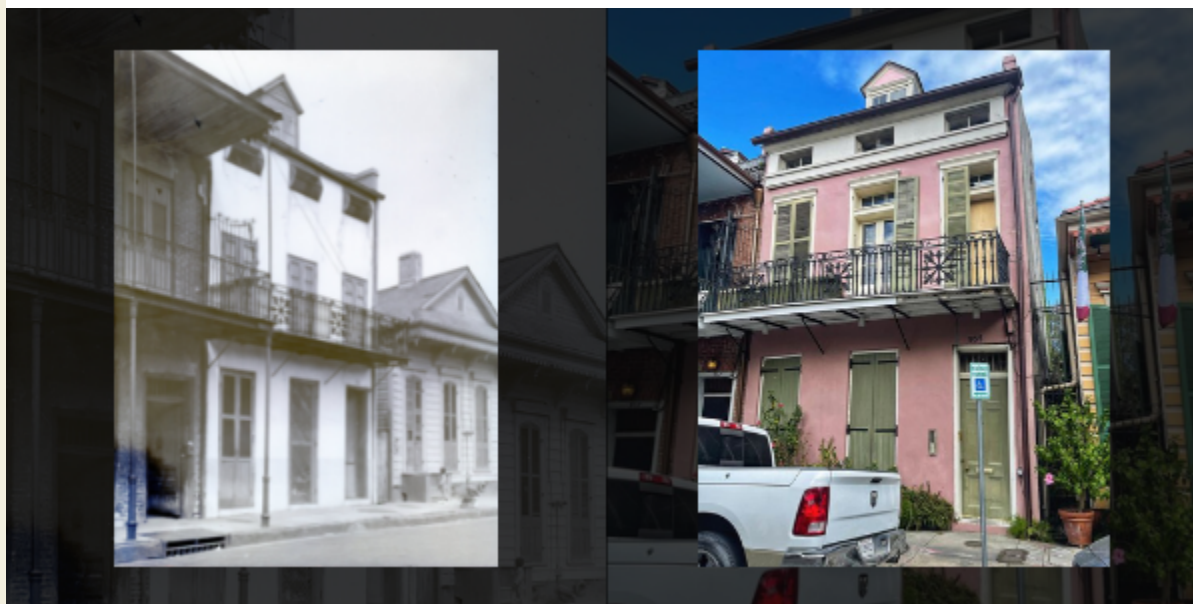
The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement Community Office Hours will begin its end of the year intermission as of **Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

In the meantime, please continue to report quality of life issues by calling 311.

The call center is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Additionally, you can contact [Sewerage & Water Board](#) for any water and sewer issues at (504) 529-2837, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

District C liaison, Trenelle M. Dennis, can be reached via [email](#) and by phone (504) 658-4985 [office] & (504) 264-0002.

For additional updates and information, please visit the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement [website](#).



## #FQThenAndNow

We're back with a new #FQThenAndNow with [VCC Foundation!](#) 🍀

### **THEN...**

This is [935 Barracks Street](#) in 1943. It is a ca. 1840 2 ½ story townhouse. This home straddles the line between Creole and American (Greek Revival) making it a Transitional Townhouse. In this photo, it is missing much of its original detailing except the unusually ornate balcony. Although a strictly residential structure, it has seen its fair share of odd uses.

On November 14, 1946 the New Orleans States published an article titled "Southern Welfare Group's Removal from City Urged." It turns out the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) was using one of the apartments as their local chapter headquarters and was planning to move their national headquarters from Nashville to New Orleans. The SCHW existed from 1938-1948 and sought to promote New Deal-type reforms to the South (social justice, civil rights, electoral reform, etc.) The organization folded due to funding problems and allegations of Communist sympathies. The states report that the Young Men's Business Club (YMBC) sought their removal from the city after their "Americanism Committee" reported SCHW had "definite Communistic tendencies." They specifically asked the mayor to request that both the headquarters and local chapter of the organization be "moved elsewhere" but made clear that they were not "pointing an accusing finger at any of the 'local upstanding citizens who are associated with this organization.'" The article even states that SCHW was "cited as a Communist Front in 1944 by the special congressional committee on un-American activities." Discussions and events like this were common in the United States at this time due to the political climate. This was at the beginning of The Cold War and communism was a hot topic.

Wondering about YMBC? To quote the [Tulane University of Louisiana Research Collection](#), "The Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans was formed in 1919 by a group of servicemen returning home to New Orleans. It was somewhat similar to chambers of commerce, but remained autonomous and very active, and over the years became more diverse than its name might indicate."

Click [here](#) for more info about SCHW.

**AND...**

**NOW...**

This particular location has always been a residence, once boasting as many as 12 rooms, and has seen many French Quarter characters throughout its life. In 1963, a woman named Barbara Jean Moore, alias Lena Adams, was arrested and charged with "vagrancy pending investigation of commercialized prostitution" after police noticed her "hire a taxi." In the mid-1900s, the Vieux Carré witnessed a rise in collaborations between prostitutes (male and female) and taxi cab drivers, who would help coordinate rides and services between the two parties. Taxicab drivers would, using their best judgment, determine whether or not their riders would be interested in receiving services from the local sex workers. If the rider agreed, the cab driver would then arrange for a drop-off and pick up of either party. In November of 1964, another woman listed under 935 Barracks was arrested for the exact same thing. Not long after in December of 1964, eight men and women were arrested at this location and were charged with prostitution and pandering while officials furiously searched the city for the madam of the illegal brothel.

Twelve years later in 1986, the building was turned into four condos called 'Cote du Parc' ['popular park' in French] and remains as such today.

Don't forget to give us a [follow](#) so you don't miss out on any of the [#FQThenAndNow](#) posts! 🍷👑

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