



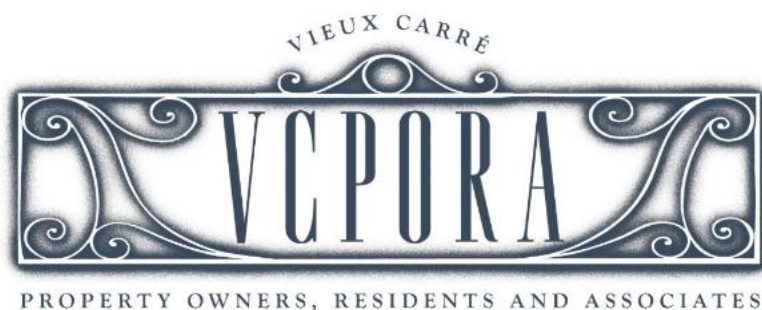
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Happy Halloween!

On behalf of the staff at VCPORA, we'd like to wish you all a very
Happy Halloween!

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe weekend filled with fantastical festivities and ~spooky~ costumes!

Sincerely,
Erin Holmes & Dare Rose-Havens

City Council At-large & District C Runoff Forum

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Omni Royal Orleans, 621 St Louis St.

Hosted by:

Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association

French Quarter Business Association

French Quarter Citizens

Historic Faubourg Tremé Association

Vieux Carré Property Owners, Residents & Associates



2021 Runoff Election Forum

The primary election for Mayor, City Council, Sheriff, Assessor, Coroner, Civil District Court Clerk, and Criminal District Court Clerk will be held on **November 13, 2021**. A general (run-off) election, if needed, is scheduled for **December 11, 2021**.

For more information on these elections, including a sample of your ballot, visit the [Louisiana Secretary of State's page](#).

To assist our members and voters, we have partnered with the [Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association](#), [French Quarter Business Association](#), [French Quarter Citizens](#), and the [Historic Faubourg Tremé Association](#) to present a City Council District C and At-Large candidate forum to be held in advance of the runoff election.

Please let us know your most pressing questions for the candidates so we may incorporate them into the forum.

In case you missed it, VCPORA interviewed all seven District C City Council candidates on their views and priorities for the French Quarter. Those responses are available [here](#) (in a printer friendly version!) for your review. This effort is part of our dedication to good government and to foster civic participation.

[District C City Council Interviews](#)



Le Rendez Vieux Gala

Its almost here! Our annual fall gala, "**Le Rendez Vieux**," in honor of Albert "Blue" Flettrich, returns on **Thursday, November 11, 2021** at the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#), Visit our [Gala event page](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Entertainment:

Meschiya Lake & the Little Big Quartet
Alicia Renee aka "Blue Eyes"

Food and Drink:

Jacques-Imo's Cafe
Piece of Meat Butcher
Bayou Beer Garden & Bayou Wine Garden
73 Distillery
Bar Tonique
and more!

The infographic is divided into two yellow-bordered panels. The left panel features two circular icons of a woman's head and shoulders; the first shows her wearing a blue surgical mask, and the second shows her without a mask, with a black arrow pointing from the first to the second. Below these icons, the text reads 'Indoor Mask Mandate Lifted' in bold black font, followed by 'For most public places' in a smaller font. At the bottom center of the panel is a yellow diamond-shaped logo with 'NOLA READY' written inside. The right panel has the heading 'Masks Still Required:' in bold black font. Below this heading are three items, each with an icon and text: a bus icon for 'Public transportation', a hospital icon for 'Healthcare facilities', and a school icon for 'Early childhood, elementary, and secondary educational institutions'. At the bottom center of this panel is another yellow diamond-shaped logo with 'NOLA READY' written inside.

Mask Mandate - Lifted

Mayor LaToya Cantrell announced that **the City of New Orleans will suspend its mask mandate for most public spaces, effective this Friday, October 29th, 2021.**

The mask mandate will remain in place for all K-12 schools and healthcare facilities throughout Orleans Parish. Masks will also be required for use of public transportation as detailed in the federal guidelines, for all residents ages 2 and older.

COVID-19 mitigation measures implemented for certain businesses requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for entry announced in August, will remain in place with one minor adjustment; to include proof of either a PCR or antigen test for all indoor activities.

For several weeks, [COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths drastically decreased](#) due to the City's more stringent mitigation measures, strong vaccine rates, and indoor proof of vaccination and negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours for entry required for all businesses and other facilities previously implemented. The New Orleans Health Department (NOHD) encourages residents to continue to wear masks in public indoor spaces – especially when social distancing is not possible as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Click [here](#) for more information.



City Recycling Opportunities

The City of New Orleans' Department of Sanitation announced that the City's Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at **2829 Elysian Fields Ave.**, will be open weekly on **Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.** This temporary shift from bi-weekly drop off is in response to a higher demand for recycling while curbside collection is suspended.

Residents participating in the drop-off events **should plan for longer than normal wait-times**; the New Orleans Police Department will provide traffic control support to help the events run smoothly.

Orleans Parish residents can drop off the following recyclables:

- **Paper:** newspapers, junk mail, phone books, catalogs, office paper
- **Corrugated Cardboard**
- **Boxboard:** cereal boxes and soft drink boxes
- **Plastics #1** (soda/water bottles) and **#2** (milk/juice/shampoo/detergent containers)
- **Small metals:** aluminum and steel
- **Mardi Gras beads**
- **Batteries:** AA, AAA, AAAA, C, D, 6-volt, 9-volt, Lithium
- **Light bulbs:** incandescent and fluorescent
- **Electronics:** iPads, tablets, computers, laptops, phones, keyboards, speakers, cables, x-boxes, PlayStations, Wii, MP3/DVD/CD Players, UPS, Circuit boards, portable navigation/GPS devices, inkjet/toner cartridges, digital cameras/video recorders (DVRs), fax machines, small printers, monitors, processors, networking equipment, stereos, security systems
- **Televisions:** limit 4
- **Tires:** limit 5
- **Glass:** limit 50 lbs. (please remove corks and caps)

*Please note: no composting materials accepted at this time.

The City anticipates that curbside recycling collection may resume in Service Area 2 when the new contract begins in early 2022; curbside recycling collection may resume in Service Area 1 by the end of 2021.

For more information, click [here](#) or call 311.



Historic New Orleans Collection - "Yesterday we said tomorrow"

The [Historic New Orleans Collection \(THNOC\)](#) will host three installations of the citywide contemporary art triennial Prospect.5, titled "Yesterday we said tomorrow," beginning **October 23, 2021** and will remain through **January 23, 2022**, at **520 and 533 Royal Street**.

Ticketed admission is free, and proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative PCR test is required for admission at all THNOC properties.

"P.5: Yesterday we said tomorrow," a title inspired by the 2010 album "Yesterday You Said Tomorrow" by New Orleans jazz musician Christian Scott, which features 51 artists in more than 15 venues around the city.

The Prospect.5 exhibitions on view at THNOC are

- "In This Here Place," an exhibition by photographer Dawoud Bey that visits Louisiana plantation landscapes that were witness to slavery-era violence. The works include large-format black-and-white photographs and "Evergreen," a multimedia installation accompanied by music performed by Imani Uzuri. (Pictured above.)
- A display of photographs by New Orleans artist and photographer George

Dureau.

- An exhibition by cultural historian Josh Kun recalling the 8th Cavalry Mexican Military Band's memorable visit to the 1884 World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition.

THNOC invites all New Orleanians and visitors to the city to experience these historically focused, thought-provoking installations. Visitors may view the Prospect.5 exhibitions every **Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, and **Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, excluding holidays.

[Advance reservations](#) are recommended.

Click [here](#) for more information.



#FQThenAndNow

Boo! 🎃👻 We're back with our last spooky-themed #FQThenAndNow!

We hope you have enjoyed our Halloween series featuring uncanny facts about some of the historic (and haunted?) buildings in the French Quarter!

Today we're taking a look at one of the most recognized structures in New Orleans, located at [721 Chartres Street - the St. Louis Cathedral](#).

Then...

Although iconic in its current form, did you know that this isn't the original church? Even though the site has been a place of worship since 1727, it has been home to three different structures!

The first was completed in 1727 and is thought to be the first "brick between posts" (briques-entre-poteaux) building in the city. This method of construction was prominent for nearly a century. Then, in 1788, the church was destroyed in the first great fire of New Orleans. In 1794, the second structure was built, which was similar in form to the current cathedral, but smaller. It had many Greek Revival details including columns and a pediment, but the façade was only two full-width levels and the tower tops were more rounded. In 1819 and 1820, the central tower, bell, and clock were added. The clock came from a New Orleans clockmaker named Jean Delachaux, and the tower was designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe as one of the last projects before his death. Our third, and current, cathedral was contracted on March 12, 1849. Irish builder, John Patrick Kirwan, was hired to build the cathedral based on French Architect J. N. B. de Pouilly's 1834 designs. During construction, the central clock and bell tower collapsed causing both Kirwan and de Pouilly to be fired. All that remains of the second structure are the lateral walls, the lower part of the front, and the flanking hexagonal towers. Hopefully this third, beloved structure will withstand the test of time.

And, now...

This building, nestled between the Cabildo and the Presbytere, has borne witness to all of the good and evil of the Crescent City.

Many of us have been taught to never walk across a grave for it would be disrespectful. However, that is quite impossible to do while inside the St. Louis Cathedral. Having died a year before the structure was completed, the original architect of the building was the first to be entombed (so it is believed) within the cathedral. However, he was not the first body laid to rest on the land. There are records of AT LEAST two bodies buried underneath the cathedral and many more within the floors. (Many structures in New Orleans, including a few French Quarter buildings, are built on top of cemeteries dating back to the colonial period.)

Furthermore, the alleyways on either side of the cathedral and the garden facing Royal Street witnessed a number of duels that sometimes resulted in death. An article from 1842 describes one such duel but could not provide many details because of an ensuing legal investigation. Similarly, in 1872 a 17-year-old boy was shot in the face in front of the cathedral but miraculously was able to walk to his Chartres Street home with only minor injuries. It is said that you can still hear the clinking of swords and faint gunshots in the garden as the ghosts of duelers continue to fight in death. (Did you see the one up above? 🤖)

Don't forget to give us a follow and keep an eye out for November's #FQThenAndNow series! See you next month! 🍊👤



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