



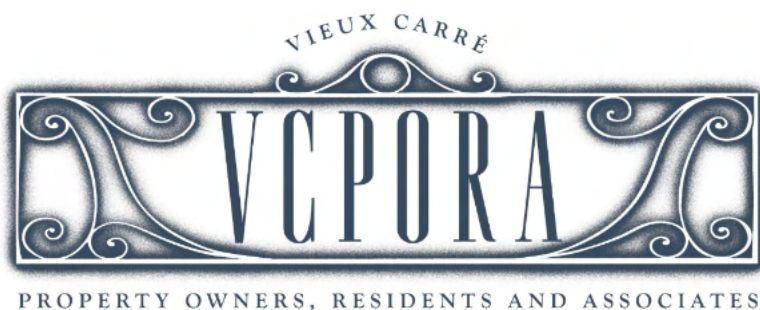
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Le Rendez Vieux Gala
In Honor of Albert "Blue" Flettrich, Jr.
November 11, 2021
at the Beauregard Keyes House
Patron Party 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Gala 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.



Le Rendez Vieux Gala

Mark your calendars for the return of our annual fall gala, **Le Rendez Vieux**, on **Thursday, November 11, 2021**. We are honoring the generosity and legacy of Albert "Blue" Flettrich, Jr. this year at the beloved [Beauregard-Keyes House](#), The *Patron Party* will commence at **6:00 p.m.** and will lead us into the *Main Event* from **7:00 to 10:00 p.m.** Visit our [Gala event page](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Entertainment:

Meschiya Lake & the Little Big Quartet

Food and Drink:

Jacques-Imos Cafe

Piece of Meat

Bayou Beer Garden & Bayou Wine Garden

Bar Tonique,

and more!



Thank you so much to our sponsors, patrons, and fabulous performers for making this special night come to life:

Legacy

Mr. Albert "Blue" Flettritch, Jr.

Champagne

Ms. Ann M. Masson

Bordeaux

The Richard C. Adkerson Family Foundation
 Ms. Cheryl Verlander and Mr. Chuck Bracht
 Mr. David Speights and Ms. Virginia Gould

Rhone

Ms. Virginia Boulet and Mr. Alvin R. Albe, Jr.
 Mr. Nathan Chapman
 Mr. Albert McMeen and Mr. James Davis
 Ms. Sharon Hayes-Roth
 Mr. Claudio Hemb
 Mr. Jason Waguespack and Mr. Jeffery Morgan
 Heidi & Danny Raines/Raines Family Fund

Patrons

Mr. Robert and Mrs. Peggy Armstrong
 Mr. Tom and Mrs. Margaret Baier
 Mr. Henry Bernstein
 Mr. C.J. Blanda
 In Honor of William E. Borah
 Mrs. Irene Cerise
 Ms. Jenny and Mr. James Cole
 Mrs. Lynn Dicharry

Mr. Robert Edmundson
Mr. Andy Gallagher and Ms. Laura Cayouette
Ms. Lynda Gladney
Ms. Vickie & Mr. Roy Guercio
Keil's Antiques
Ms. Kathryn Lemoine
Moss Antiques
Mr. Frank Perez
Ms. Leah Solomon Rolf
Ms. Sandra L. Stokes
Mrs. Ann and Mr. Dick Strub
Ms. Catherine Whitney
Mr. Wayne Wilkinson
Mr. Gary R. Williams
Mr. Hal Williamson
The Witry Collective

Purchase tickets and sponsorships [here](#) to be sure you don't miss out on this spectacular evening!



City Council At-Large & District C Election Runoff Forum

Election season is fully upon us. 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.

To assist our members in City Council District C, we have interviewed all seven candidates to understand their goals and priorities for the French Quarter and the

City at large. We are working on the transcription of these interviews and will make them available to you next week.

While waiting, check out the WDSU News *District C Hot Seat Debate* [here](#).

VCPORA, French Quarter Citizens, the French Quarter Business Association (FQBA), and the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA) invite you to save the date for a City Council At-large and District C Runoff Forum on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6pm.**

The co-hosted event, at a to-be-determined location, will be open to the public and feature a moderator and the runoff candidates of At-large and District C, who will answer previously submitted questions from the organizations' membership.

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

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



Trash & Debris Removal Update

Piles of storm debris and household garbage have lingered on our streets for weeks following hurricane Ida. Like the rest of New Orleans, our contracted trash companies have not been able to keep up with demand. Out of concern for public safety in the French Quarter (where there are no front yards to store debris awaiting removal), we have followed up with the Department of Sanitation to determine when we may find some relief.

Crews from the Storm Debris Removal and Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) projects began work in the French Quarter this week and are expected to have all debris removed by Wednesday, October 13. Crews are making daily progress while

contending with congestion, roadwork projects, and limited access to debris which requires the workers to manually drag debris to the hauling unit. The City's sanitation provider for the French Quarter is monitoring the storm debris and MSW removal work and will be deploying mechanical street sweepers and ground crews to tidy up any remaining debris.

Please be mindful that some blocks will be temporarily closed as trash removal continues.



3 steps FEMA takes to make sure people get assistance, while guarding against fraud:

- ✓ Verify identity
- ✓ Examine insurance
- ✓ Verify ownership and/or occupancy

 **FEMA**

FEMA Fraud Reporting

We have received emails from you about suspicious solicitations via handouts and mail regarding temporary housing assistance or other storm-related assistance that claim to be businesses contracted by FEMA. If you have received any questionable materials, you can verify their legitimacy or report suspected fraud [here](#):

FEMA Fraud Investigations and Inspections Division

400 C Street SW

Suite 7SW-1009

Mail Stop 3005

Washington D.C., 20472-3005

StopFEMAFraud@fema.dhs.gov

Phone: 1-866-223-0814

Fax: 202-212-4926

Other Ways to Report Fraud:

Contact the [Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General](#), or the [Department of Justice \(DOJ\) Fraud Hotline](#).

U.S. Department of Justice, National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF)

Phone: 866-720-5721

[Complaint Form](#)**U.S. Mail:**

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Roses in Armstrong Park

Armstrong Park finally reopened Saturday for the first time since Hurricane Ida - just in time as the antique roses begin their first fall flush.

The antique rose garden in Armstrong Park is a project of the [New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society](#) in cooperation with the [City of New Orleans, Department of Parks and Parkways](#) in 1992. The garden contains one of the largest and finest public collections in the world of old roses that do well in warm climates. No public funds have ever been used for maintenance.

Keep an eye out for the second fall flush of blooms in mid-November which will continue through Christmas depending on the weather!

Some of the roses pictured above (starting from the left) include:

- Arcadia Louisiana - n/a
- Cramoisi Superior - 1835
- Madame Berkeley - 1898
- Madame Joesph Schwartz - 1880
- Souvenir d'un Ami - 1844

Thank you Leo Watermeier for sharing these lovely images and information!



#FQThenAndNow

Boo! 🎃 We're back with #FQThenAndNow! Thank you for bearing with us while we took a break to recoup after Hurricane Ida. Embracing the Halloween spirit, this month we will be bringing you spooky facts about some of the historic (and haunted?) buildings in the French Quarter!

Today we're taking a look at 519 Barracks, a brown-rated auto repair shop nestled between the commercial and residential zones of the lower French Quarter. It is also the site of many widows.

Then...

Originally the site of a 19th century wood yard, this structure was an Auto Repair shop dating as far back as 1919 and remained so until at least the late 20th century. On March 1st of 1922, the mechanic shop was sold in-full to Fulton Floyd Spivey, who had been part owner previously. During the great depression years, there seemed to be a number of attempts to sell the business, but it remained with Spivey family until his murder.

On March 31, 1937, Fulton was found dead in his garage after being beaten with a hammer. The suspect was a "young man" named James Perez who was considered somewhat mentally unstable and was an "expert mechanic" working for Spivey's Service Station. A man hunt ensued. Then, on April 3rd, a man believed to be James Perez was spotted jumping from Huey P. Long bridge and "dropped out of sight." No body was recovered so police kept the man hunt going and formally charged Perez, even though they couldn't find him. A June 30th article in the New Orleans Item reports that Perez "came back to life" in

Plaquemines Parish. He was spotted walking on the railroad tracks near Gloria, but police searched the area exhaustively and found no trace of him. On August 5th, the New Orleans States reports that “James Perez, alias Jeff Brooks, 26” was indicted for murder by a grand jury. It is not clear if Perez was apprehended or indicted in absentia. After such an immense tragedy, it is unsurprising that Spivey’s widow would sell the building and business to Frank Ricca, a.k.a. Frank Rick’s.

And

Now...

In 1938, a year after Fulton Floyd Spivey was found brutally murdered and stuffed in the tool shed of his auto body shop, the shop was sold to Frank Ricca (Rick’s) by Spivey’s widow. (That same year Frank Ricca is listed as having bought stolen auto parts.) However, Spivey’s widow was not the first woman known to sell this particular lot following the death of her husband.

Between the years 1792-1845, records show the land being passed down from the Widow Boisdore to the Widow Gras and lastly to the Widow Poeyfarre until she sold the land to the Association of Planters of Louisiana (a bank for LA sugar planters.) Once again, the shop was sold in 1962 by Frank Ricca’s widow. The building was sold again in 1983 by Rita Ricks Keeler but there is no clear indication of whether or not it was because of similarly tragic circumstances. In 2017, the property was listed as a residence and this seems to have drawn the building’s series of widows to a close.

Don’t forget to give us a follow on [social media](#) and keep an eye out for #FQThenAndNow for more spooky buildings this month! 🎃👻

Interested in seeing more historic images of the French Quarter? Go Check out the [Vieux Carre Virtual Library](#) for more historic images!

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