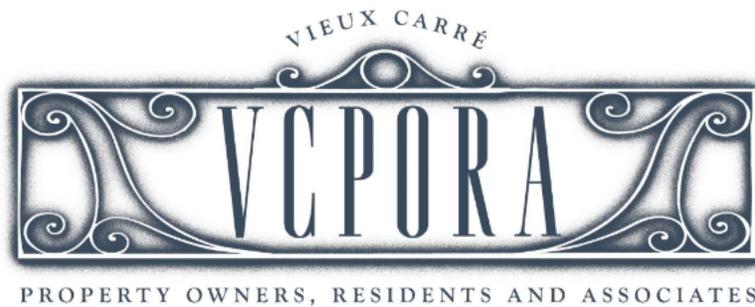

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Upcoming Events

Looking for something fun and local to do this weekend? Check out these events and parades happening in the French Quarter this weekend and throughout the next week!

Friday, February 11, 2022

[Krewe of Bohème](#) will roll through the French Quarter starting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 12, 2022

[Krewe du Vieux](#) will roll through the French Quarter starting at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by [krewedelusion](#).



You can track the 2022 parade routes by downloading the [WDSU](#) or the [WWL-TV](#) Mardi Gras parade tracking apps.

Sunday, February 13, 2022

BKHouse

[1113 Chartres Street](#)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bon Bon Vivant Concert

Bring your Valentine to [Beauregard-Keyes House](#) on Sunday, February 13 and be serenaded by the sweet sounds of [Bon Bon Vivant!](#) Along with their usual upbeat repertoire, Bon Bon Vivant will play some of the greatest love songs of all time.

While refreshments and treats will be available, this is a [Bring Your Own Beverage event!](#) We suggest bringing extra cups and bottle openers with you.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Thursday, February 17, 2022

BKHouse

[1113 Chartres Street](#)

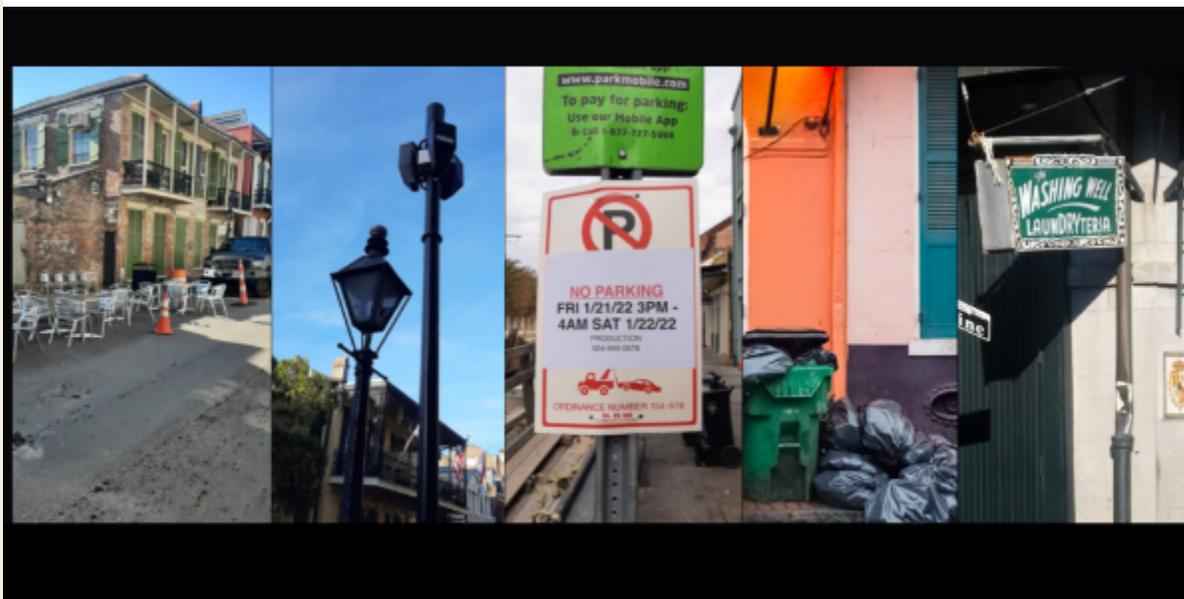
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

City of A Million Dreams: A Film Showing and Panel Discussion

Filmmaker Jason Berry will join clarinetist Dr. Michael White and choreographer Monique Moss in the presentation of this unique film at the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#) on **Thursday, February 17, 2022** at **6:00 p.m.** and will be followed by a panel discussion with Mr. Berry, Dr. White, and Ms. Moss.

Filmed over twenty-two years, *City of a Million Dreams* explores race relations at a tearing time in American society. Through a lens of jazz funerals and burial traditions, the film explores the unique and resilient culture of New Orleans. Click [here](#) to watch the trailer.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).



Current Advocacy Issues We're Following

Parklet Program Legislation

The City Council has begun the process to make the temporary parklet program a permanent fixture in New Orleans. The City Planning Commission will hold a hearing on **March 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** to review recommendations requested in [Motion M-22-1](#). Written comments should be sent in advance to cpcinfo@nola.gov by **Monday, February 1st**. Additionally, the City Council will be reviewing an [ordinance](#) to create a parklet permitting program in the City Code. This item is on the agenda for **March 10, 2022**.

VCPORA agrees that temporarily expanding outdoor dining during the COVID-19 epidemic, when health measures prohibit or limit indoor dining, made sense. However, we are opposed to any permanent implementation in the French Quarter. The impacts of noise, crowding, and litter, particularly in residential areas where businesses have been grandfathered in, were not adequately addressed during the pilot program. Additionally, public safety concerns exist, as do the privatization of public space and impacts to pedestrian flow and ADA accessibility. Further, aesthetic considerations are incredibly important for our world-renowned historic "tout ensemble." Even if their designs were improved, the parklets will still mask and obscure our carefully preserved architecture.

We will be sharing more information soon. Let us know your thoughts on the possible permanence of this temporary program by emailing info@vcpora.org.

5G Small Cell Installation

As the installation of 5G continues in the neighborhood, we are very concerned that the unfinished sites will present sidewalk hazards to our incoming Mardi Gras crowds and are working with the Departments of Public Works and Utilities, along with Verizon and AT&T, to address any dangerous conditions. For more information on this infrastructure rollout, and a list of locations, click [here](#). Concerns about installation can be directed to Jonathan Rhodes at Jonathan.Rhodes@nola.gov.

French Quarter Filming

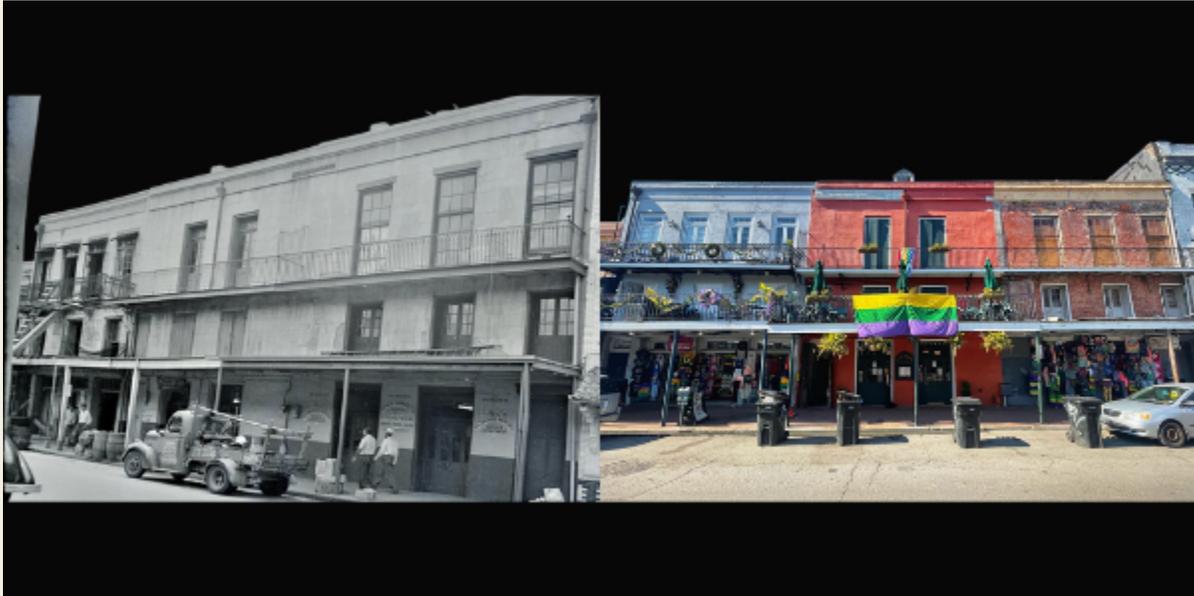
We have been in direct communication with many of you and [Film New Orleans](#) regarding the impacts that an increased level of filming has had on the neighborhood, from parking shortages, to the blocking of streets preventing deliveries and access to homes. See Executive Director Erin Holmes, discuss these issues with WDSU [here](#). We are pushing for better management of these productions to balance the needs of the neighborhood. If you have any issues related to filming, please contact Carroll Morton at cgmorton@nola.gov and 504-240-9504.

Sanitation

Sanitation concerns have persisted for the past few months, even before our crowds returned. In working with the FQMD Livability committee and you, we established performance metrics for the sanitation contract that was due to go out for bid at the close of 2021. However, the administration chose to extend the expiring contract with Empire for another year. Watch Executive Director Erin Holmes, discusses these issues with WDSU [here](#).

841 Bourbon Zoning Change

On **March 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** the City Planning Commission will review a zoning change application for [841 Bourbon St.](#) from VCR-1 (Vieux Carré Residential) to VCC-1 (Vieux Carré Commercial). The building, formerly operating as the Washing Well, has been a commercial use for decades and the owners wish to reopen it as a gelateria. While we take no issue with the use, the process required to return this residentially zoned parcel to commerce involves a zoning change that would allow for alcohol sales, by right. In the VCC-2 zoning districts, “standard restaurants” are allowed, and the sale of alcohol is automatically allowed for these establishments in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. In the Vieux Carré, there are no limits on operational hours for restaurants. These privileges follow the land, not the owner or lessee. This means that should the proposed business fail, there is nothing to prevent a future operator from opening up a bar that serves food into the wee hours. Remember the Willie’s Chicken Shack on Toulouse? The city determined that was a standard restaurant too. Zoning changes are permanent, and commercial encroachment into residential areas can lessen the quality of life for its adjacent residents. Comments on this zoning docket (ZD 025/22) can be sent in advance to cpcinfo@nola.gov by **Monday, February 1st**.



#FQThenAndNow

~In the Friday, January 28, 2022, Weekly Vieux, we gave an architectural pop quiz!
You sent in your answers and the results are in...

The answer is... D) Creole! ~

We've got an evening full of fine dining for this week's [#FQThenAndNow](#) with the [VCCFoundation!](#)

THEN...

These are [1005-15 Decatur Street](#) in 1948. These three beauties were constructed ca. 1828. Joachim Courcelle built these for Pierre Laurans, Jean Roques and Cyprien Gros. According to [The Historic New Orleans Collection](#), each building was to have two full stories with an entresol between and an attic at the top. They are lovely examples of the Transitional style, unique to New Orleans' French Quarter. Structures of this style were constructed between 1820-1835 and mixed characteristics of both French and American traditions with William Brand and the partnership of Claude Gurlie and Joseph Guillot, being the most notable designers. Although not easily visible in these photos or still fully intact by 1948, these three structures showcase "delicately mullioned transoms, interior arched alleyways, five rear windows and 2-story rear service buildings with a two-story ell connecting it to the main building."

AND...

NOW...

While the three transitional style buildings located at [1005-15 Decatur Street](#) may look unassuming, one of the buildings has a particularly enticing resident! 🍷

Originally opened in 1857 on Ursulines Street by a Yugoslavian immigrant named Giovanni Sbisa, Café Sbisa relocated to 1101 Decatur sometime in the mid-1900s. Around 1978, owner Dr. Larry Hill, an LSU psychiatrist, relocated from his “perfectly decorated mansion on the corner of St. Charles and State” to the residence above Café Sbisa in order to oversee a remodeling process that began over a year before.

In 1979, after the remodeling process was finally over, the restaurant was described as “a French Quarter landmark...destined to become one of the “in” places.” New Orleanians were pleased to see that the fine-dining quality was not lost amongst the renovations and that the owners retained the original neon blue sign and [mahogany bar which featured a triptych mural](#). Nor did the “new” restaurant lose its seafood-heavy menu that it had been known for. [Café Sbisa](#) can still be found at [1011 Decatur](#) today and is only open Friday-Sunday.

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, sanitation, illegal business operations, sound, and all other factors 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

Isabella Renner
Production Manager
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5G in the French Quarter

For information regarding 5G installation in the Vieux Carré, please see our website [here](#).

Questions and concerns regarding 5G can be sent to:

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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](#).

City Council and additional City Council 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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