



VCPORA's Weekly Vieux
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On behalf of the Board and Staff at VCPORA, we'd like to wish you all a Safe and **Happy Mardi Gras 2022!** 🌸 🎉

In observance of carnival, the VCPORA office will be closed through Ash Wednesday.

Stay safe out there and see you next week! (📷 credits: St. Anne 2019 via @bbnola3.)



Click [here](#) for more information on parades and safe practices this holiday season!

Transportation Impacts

Alternatives to Driving: Residents are encouraged to consider alternative transportation options including bus, streetcar, bike or for-hire rides. Plan ahead with [RTA's Mardi Gras Guide](#).

Street Closures: In anticipation of large crowds, NOPD will limit vehicles allowed to enter the French Quarter and will close some streets to vehicles completely. Additional intermittent street closures may be required depending on crowd size. Only residents, employees, hotel guests and taxis/TNCs will be allowed to drive vehicles into the French Quarter starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 through 6 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2. Permitted vehicles should enter the French Quarter within the perimeter of Iberville Street, Decatur Street, Dumaine Street and Rampart Street.

Vehicles will not be allowed on the following streets from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m.

overnight Friday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 20, Wednesday, Feb. 23 and Thursday, Feb. 24. These streets will be closed to vehicles 24/7 beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 through 5 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2:

- Bourbon Street from Canal Street to Dumaine Street
- 700-800 blocks of St. Ann Street, Orleans Avenue, St. Peter Street, Toulouse Street, St. Louis Street, Conti Street, Bienville Street and Iberville Street

Parking restrictions in the French Quarter and Central Business District will be in place from 12 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning Friday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 20 and Wednesday, Feb. 23 through Wednesday, March 2:

- 700-800 blocks of St. Ann Street, Orleans Avenue, St. Peter Street, Toulouse Street, St. Louis Street, Conti Street, Bienville Street and Iberville Street
- Bourbon Street from St. Ann Street to Dumaine Street

Additional or intermittent road closures and parking restrictions may be added at the discretion of NOPD or other law enforcement agencies.

Find a full list of parades and routes [here](#).



Mardi Gras 2022 (continued)

French Quarter Parades: Krewe of Bosom Buddies

Today at 11:30 a.m., [the Krewe of Bosom Buddies](#) will parade through the French Quarter. Pre-parade festivities begin at 11:15 a.m.

The Krewe of Bosom Buddies & Breast Friends is a walking krewe that parades in

the French Quarter on the Friday before Mardi Gras. Founded in 2013, they set out to create “a laid-back, inexpensive, fun, colorful and fearless walking krewe full of fabulous women and the men who support them.” Every year, the krewe dresses colorfully in tutus, bras and hats that reflect that year’s theme. Their signature throws are hand-decorated bras.

Click [here](#) for the parade route.



#FQThenAndNow

Goodness gracious, great balls of fire! We've got a firey #ThrowbackThursday post for this week's #FQThenandNow with the [VCC Foundation](#).

THEN...

This is 1012-14 Ursulines Street in December of 1947. This is technically a late-era Creole Cottage, but it was influenced by another, newer building type. Like a Center-Hall Cottage, this is a one- to one-and-a-half story residence with a central hall flanked by symmetrical rooms which are typically five bays wide and two rooms deep. Unlike a Center-Hall Cottage, this house is not raised and the “hall” is not enclosed. Instead it has an open-air central passageway more typically seen on Creole Townhouses as carriageways/porte-cocheres. Built in approximately 1840, this cottage has a little more flair than an earlier Creole Cottage as seen in the millwork around the openings. During the late Victorian (late 1800s/early 1900s) brackets were added to the underside of the abat-vent.

Potential Fun Fact: The notarial archives list that Frank Joseph and Caspar Prima owned this property from 1913 to 1942. Given that their parents were from the same place as Louis Prima’s grandparents (Salaparuta, Sicily) they were likely part of the extended family!

AND...

NOW...

This c. 1840s home at [1012-1014 Ursulines](#) made headlines when a fire broke out one morning in June 1967. A young couple in search of their morning newspaper noticed the fire and ran inside to rescue the 22-year-old living there, who had passed out from smoke inhalation.

The fire seems to have been contained remarkably quickly. No available records indicate that the fire collapsed any part of the structure or spread to nearby buildings, as fire might have done in the late 1700s when Vieux Carré buildings were largely wood. Today, the building remains a fine (if atypical) example of a Creole Cottage.

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!

Happy Mardi Gras!



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

See a public works issue or have quality of life complaints regarding construction, sanitation, illegal business operations, sound, and all other factors? **You can report these by dialing 311 or by submitting violations [here](#).** *It is imperative that we continuously report quality of life issues so as to provide further support in future cases and it will furthermore help to keep the reports on the authorities' radar.*

Filming in the French Quarter

Questions and concerns regarding filming in the Vieux Carré can be sent to:

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(504) 658-4341 (office)
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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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