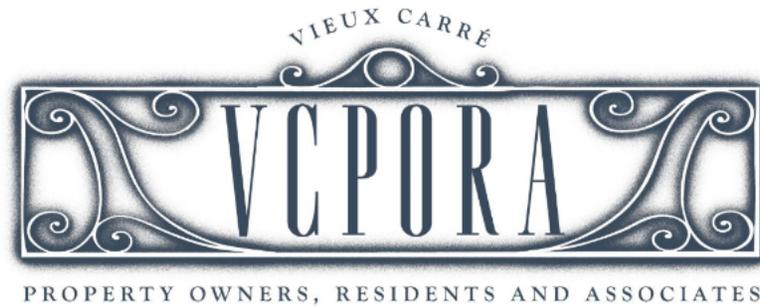

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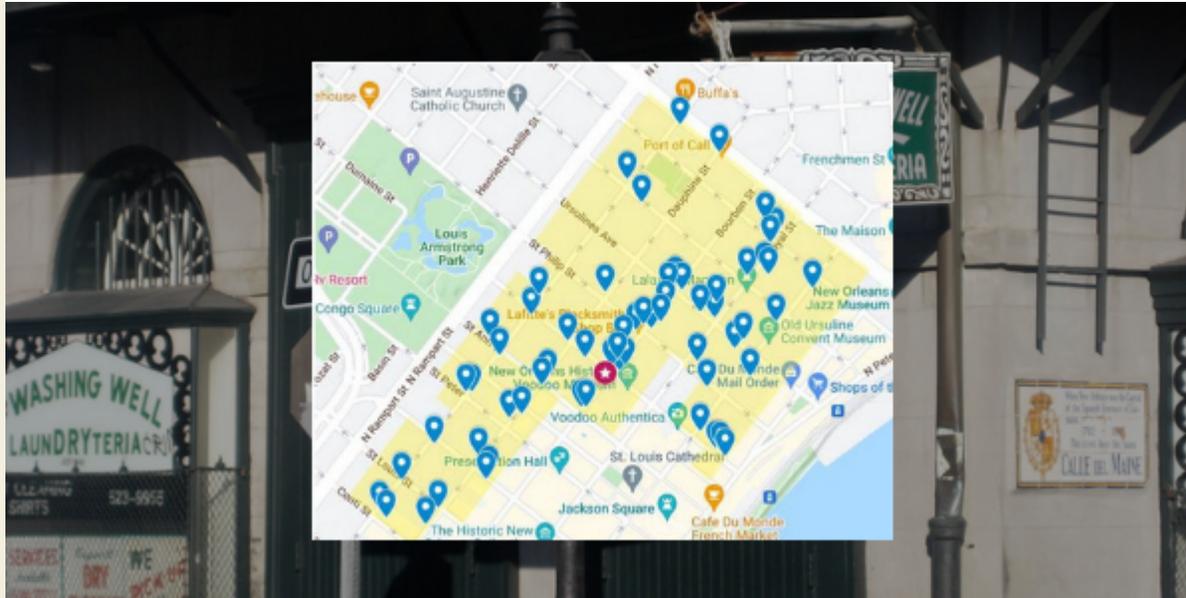
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841 Bourbon Street Update

TheOn Tuesday, April 12, the City Planning Commission **voted unanimously to recommend denial** for the proposed zoning change at [841 Bourbon Street](#). Formerly the Washing Well, which closed several years ago, the building had lost its grandfathered commercial status and must now revert to resident use, per the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. The owners are seeking a permanent zoning change for a gelato shop, but as we have laid out before, that will not limit the range of potential future uses. It could become something much more intensive and history has shown us that commercial properties in the French Quarter generally do.

Commissioner Wedberg noted that during spot-zoning requests, “The question is not, and never is, what business is intending to go in. The question is where could that business end up.” Commissioner Brown agreed, emphasizing that they must adhere to the spot-zoning policy.

Thank you for all the letters of support! *But this is not settled.* The CPC recommendation will be presented to the City Council, which will have the final say. We will keep you updated on when those meetings will occur.



Events Happening This Weekend

The French Quarter will see three parades and the Crescent City Classic roll through its historic streets this **Easter Weekend, April 16-17, 2022**. See below for more details:

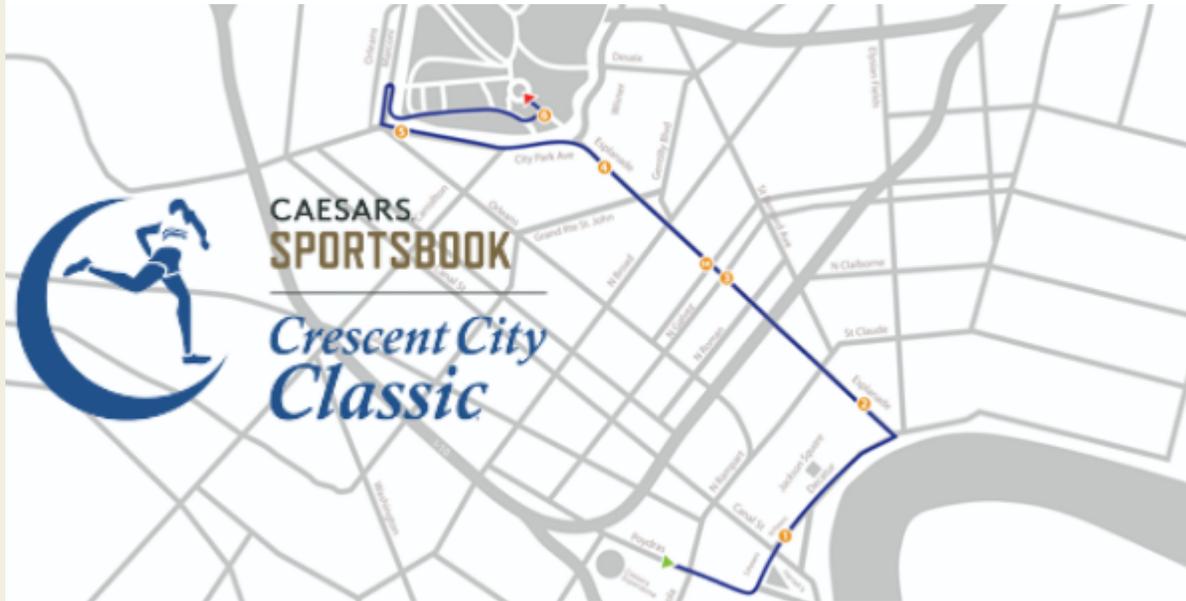
1. [The Historic French Quarter Parade](#)
9:30 a.m.



2. Chris Owens Easter Parade
1 p.m.



3. Gay Easter Parade
5:30 p.m.



(Events Happening This Weekend Cont.)

Join the [Crescent City Fitness Foundation](#) for the [2022 Caesars Sportsbook Crescent](#)

[City Classic 10k](#) happening **Easter Saturday, April 16, 2022.**

Run, jog, or walk the iconic course through the City of New Orleans. This year you can choose to participate in-person or virtually! The Virtual CCC10k takes place from Thursday, April 14 through Sunday, April 17.

Be prepared for traffic and parking restrictions in conjunction with the race.

[Click here](#) to read more from the City of New Orleans.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.



FQMD Survey

The French Quarter Management District, in its role as administrator to provide fiscal and operational oversight of the French Quarter Economic Development District Trust Fund and of the City's public safety program within the District, is soliciting public input for a mid-year budget adjustment.

Public Input Opportunity: French Quarter Economic Development District Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

The [2022 Annual Budget](#) was adopted by the French Quarter Economic Development District in accordance with [Resolution R-2021-4](#). Sales tax remittances for 2022 are projected to exceed the projected budget revenue. A mid-year budget adjustment is being considered. Please use this opportunity to contribute to the public discussion about opportunities for programming within the limitations of [Resolution R-2021-4](#).

You can access the survey [here](#).

Recommendations will be reviewed by the Security & Enforcement Committee at the **April 18th** meeting.



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Mayor's Office of Cultural Economy

Film New Orleans Public Meeting

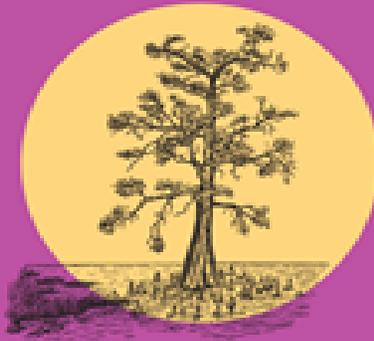
Please join us at [The Cabildo](#) on **Monday, April 25th, 2022, at 6pm** for a public meeting hosted by The City of New Orleans's Film Office, [Film New Orleans](#). The purpose of this meeting is for Film New Orleans to engage with French Quarter stakeholders on the state of filming in the Quarter, hear concerns, and announce some of the solutions/strategies that are in the works.

The agenda has not yet been released but we will continue to share any additional information that we receive leading up to the event.

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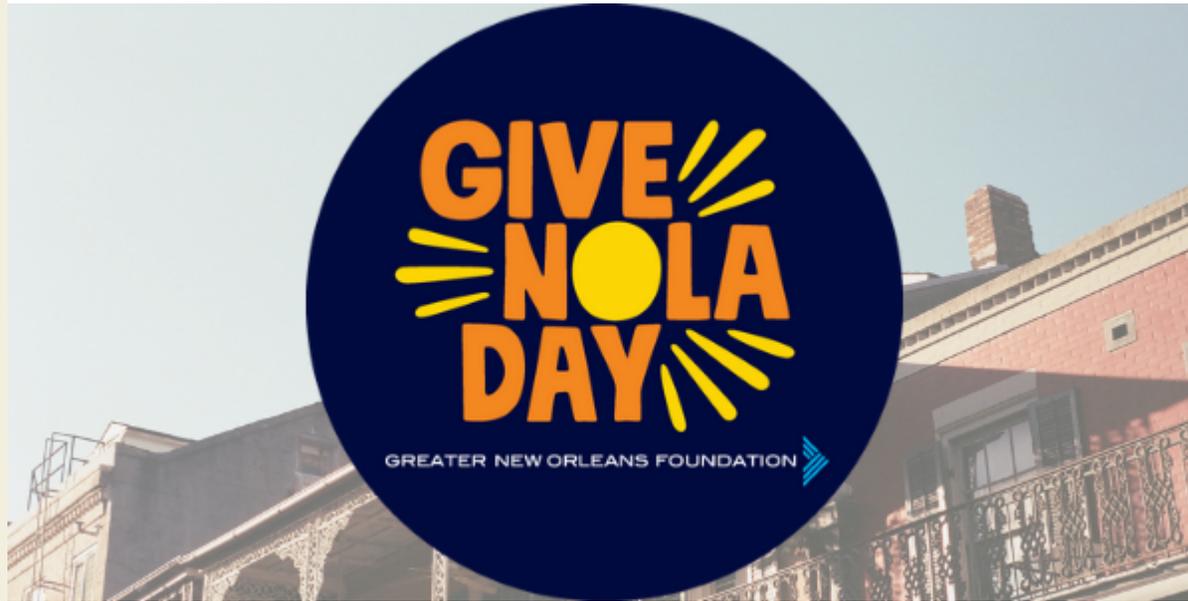
“GROW!” Lafitte Greenway Restoration Project

The Lafitte Greenway is introducing GROW, a public-private non-profit partnership to improve flood protection. One thousand cypress trees will be planted in the bioswales, the Greenway’s alternative to concrete drainage systems. A single Bald Cypress can absorb 880 gallons of water in a single day. Native flowers will be planted in the lowland areas, to reduce maintenance costs and encourage pollinators.

The first 100 trees will be planted Thursday, April 21st, 8 am – 1 pm, and they need volunteers. Friends and SOUL are recruiting volunteers for this tree planting.

[Sign up to volunteer here!](#)

The Greenway is a 2.6 mile trail linear park that connects the French Quarter to Bayou St. John and Mid-City; it's part of the City's realization of long-term green infrastructure.



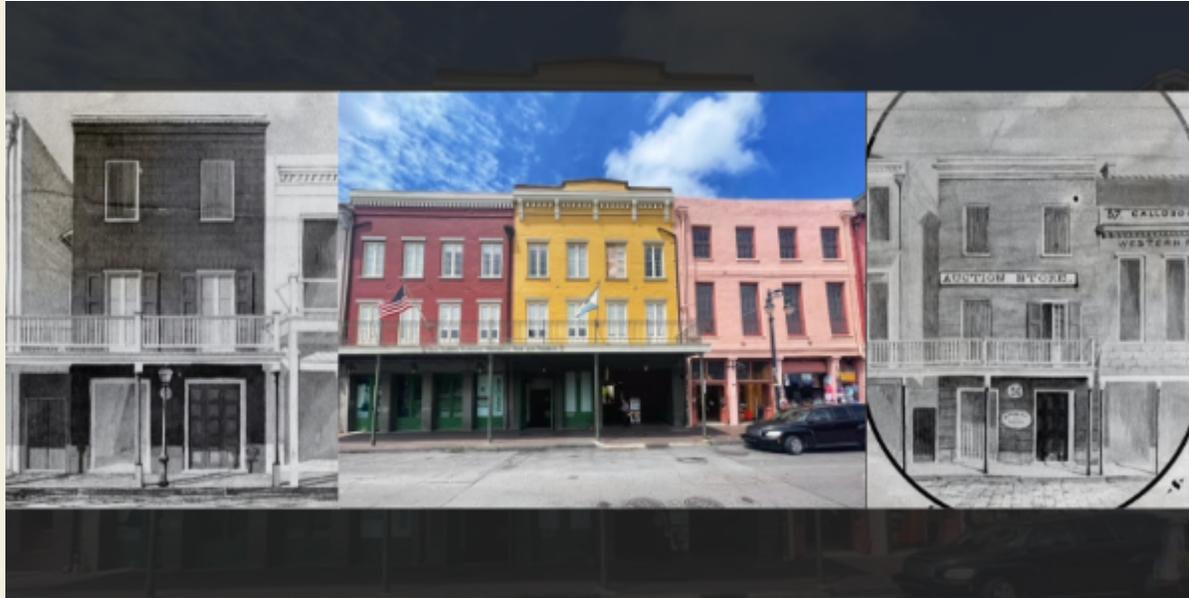
Give Nola Day is Coming Up!

[Give Nola Day](#) returns this year on **May 3, 2022** with Early Giving starting this **Monday, April 18, 2022!**

With your help, VCPORA can continue our important [advocacy work](#) to protect and preserve the French Quarter via zoning and land use, architecture and infrastructure, sustainable tourism, and expanded residency and improved residential quality of life. Your contributions will also support our [educational programming](#) and our [community events](#).

As little as \$10 can help VCPORA advocacy and programming. Your contributions are needed to help operations going. If you enjoy our [#FQThenAndNow posts](#), [lecture series with the Beaugard-Keyes House](#), [Weekly Vieux newsletters](#), [At Home](#)

in the [Vieux Carré happy hour series](#), or any other of our efforts, please consider giving today.



#FQThenAndNow

We're back with a brand new [#FQThenandNow](#) with the [VCC Foundation](#) and we've got a ~shiny and sweet~ new story this week for you!

THEN...

This is [417-23 Decatur St](#). The first image is from 1860 and the second is from 1871. Both are black & white copies of Notarial Archive watercolor drawings housed in [THNOC's Collins C. Diboll Vieux Carré Digital Survey](#) and in the [Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#). This address actually features two buildings (417& 423.) The buildings were either constructed, or perhaps remodeled, by Stephen J. Turpin in 1882 for use as the James Reiss Confectionery and Cracker Manufacturer.

Historic newspaper dating as far back as 1897 note this address as the Reiss Confectionery, when there was a fire: "result of an overheated steam pipe around 12:10am. Around \$200 worth of candy..." That is nearly \$8,000 of candy in today's

currency. In 1899, the Times-Picayune featured an advertisement for “the electric mammoth crystal panorama egg, weight 105lbs, produced by J.J. Reiss... will now be on display... bring the little ones it will be appreciated...elderly you will be repaid for your trouble...” The New Orleans States newspaper reported that in 1937 they were selling fireworks as well as candy. There are advertisements in New Orleans newspaper all throughout the first half of the 20th century, until 1973 when they sold it to William A. Monteleone for \$200,000.

AND...

NOW...

Although [417-423 Decatur Street](#), a green rated building in the Greek Revival style, was built in 1843, the current building and its appearance are the result of a 1975 renovation that combined of four older structures in the late 1970s, according to a 1975 newspaper. After it served as the home of Reiss Candy Co. for nearly 100 years, the property at [417-423 Decatur](#) was sold to William A. Monteleone in 1973 and then again to Rivercourt Development Enterprises in 1975 for \$250,000.

After its grand purchase of a sweet location, RDE began intensive renovations that were celebrated as “Blending Old and New on Decatur” by local newspapers. According to said newspapers, the developers created 27,000 square feet (“by adding two floors [to look like one]) of office space that featured “high ceilings, plank floors, exposed beams, and brick walls; topped it with a rooftop garden...and turned the old carriageway into a handsome entry court.” However, the most dazzling of all the renovations was the addition of a mirrored glass structure in the back which served to connect two of the buildings. One newspaper described the property on Decatur Street as having “modern functions [and] old world warmth with space that is competitive with the finest downtown towers.”

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

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) 240-9504 (mobile)
cgmorton@nola.gov

Isabella Renner
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isabella.renner@nola.gov

5G in the French Quarter

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

Questions and concerns regarding 56 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](#)



VCPORA is a nonprofit organization that advocates for the preservation and protection of the Vieux Carré as an international historic treasure, a major cultural and economic asset, and a living residential neighborhood that is valued and respected by all.

Your generosity **today** helps preservationists and advocates create strategic and powerful campaigns to defend and elevate the French Quarter and surrounding neighborhoods **tomorrow!**

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