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VCPORA's Weekly Vieux Friday, April 22, 2022

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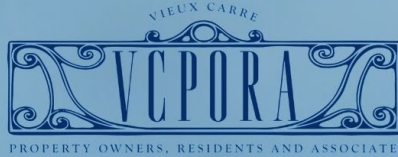
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Present the 23rd Annual



Mother's Day Concert & Picnic

Featuring the

**New Leviathan Oriental
Fox-Trot Orchestra**

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Cabrini Park



**VCPORA's Annual
Mother's Day Concert Returns!**

Sunday, May 15
Cabrini Park - Dauphine and Barracks
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

After a long two-year hiatus, we are thrilled to announce that the **23rd Annual**

Mother's Day Concert & Picnic has returned...with a twist! Please join us and our **Presenting Sponsor, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company**, at **Cabrini Park on May 15, 2022.**

We know, that's a week after Mother's Day...but this year, the last day of Jazz Fest falls on May 8th, and we didn't want you to have to make that tough choice! And it just so happens that May 15th is International Families Day – so bring Mom, and the whole family, along with your picnic basket, lawn chairs, and your dancing shoes to Cabrini Park for an afternoon of fun!

As always we will be enjoying the sounds of American revivalist ensemble **New Leviathan Oriental Foxtrot Orchestra** Don't forget the playground and face-painting for the kids. Interested in volunteering? Contact us at info@vcpora.org.

The 23rd Annual Mother's Day Concert & Picnic is VCPORA's gift to the community, with the generous sponsorship of Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company. This event is free and open to the public. Although we love them, please leave the pets at home. Please note that the park will be closed Sunday so that we may clean & set up for the event. Special thanks to NORDC, Harold's Plants, NOPD Office of Police Secondary Employment, and you - our members!



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Advocacy Update: Parklets

Parklets will be reviewed by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on **Tuesday, April 26, at 1:00 p.m.** Please plan to attend this meeting to share your

comments. The CPC staff has issued a report in advance of this meeting. While the staff report does not recommend any outright neighborhood prohibitions, it does recommend restricting parklets to only non-residential streets.

While we agree that parklets do not belong in residential neighborhoods, we further argue that they truly have no place within the French Quarter for [several reasons](#).

On Wednesday, April 20, the [Vieux Carré Commission](#) reviewed the proposed parklet program and unanimously voted to recommend that parklets not be allowed in the French Quarter, citing aesthetic and safety concerns. Both VCPORA and [French Quarter Citizens](#) were there to speak, yet no one showed up in favor of the parklets at all.

The City Planning staff report recommends that:

- Parklets are only allowed in non-residential zoning districts (including both sides of the street) where restaurants are a permitted use
- Parklet Permits are valid for one year and may be renewed annually, with the process administered by the Department of Safety and Permits.
- Parklets should only be in operation between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Seating or other uses within Parklets is prohibited outside of these hours.
- Parklet designs are subject to the administrative design review of the Executive Director of the CPC, including review by the Design Advisory Committee. When located within the Vieux Carré or within the Historic Districts Landmark Commission's Historic Districts, the staff of the applicable Commission is consulted.
- An establishment may only operate either a sidewalk café or parklet, not both.
- Parklet locations shall be approved by the Director of the Public Works Department for public safety and a determination that on-street parking is not being unreasonably removed.
- Parklet permit must be displayed and advertising signage in the parklet is prohibited.

You can read the full CPC report and previously submitted public comments [here](#).



French Quarter Fest 2022

The [French Quarter Festival](#), presented by Chevron, made its official return to the stage and streets on **Thursday, April 21, 2022** and will be active until **Sunday, April 24, 2022**.

FQF invites you to reconnect with the flavors of regional cuisine from more than 50 local restaurants, dance to the beat of 265+ Louisiana acts on 20 stages, and enjoy special events that celebrate this unique city. Artists range from legends like [Little Freddie King](#) to emerging artists such as [Trombone Shorty Academy's youth ensemble](#). Debuts include [Rickie Lee Jones](#), [Loose Cattle](#) (led by Tony Award®-winner [Michael Cerveris](#)), [The Lilli Lewis Project](#), [Da Truth Brass Band](#), Gumbeaux Juice Feat. an All Star Lineup, [Electric Yat Quartet](#), [Notel Motel](#) + more.

The festival will operate from **11 a.m. until 8 p.m.** each day of the event.

You can find more information [here](#).

Read more about parking restrictions [here](#).



FILM NEW ORLEANS

Mayor's Office of Cultural Economy

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.

Remember, it is because of **your efforts** that the French Quarter remains such a coveted shooting location.



Royal Street Pedestrian Mall Public Meeting

On Monday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. the City Council's Community Development Committee will discuss the reopening of the Royal Street Pedestrian Mall (various Stakeholders will be in attendance). The pedestrian mall, between Orleans and Bienville, has been closed to facilitate through-traffic since the collapse of the Hard Rock Hotel in 2019 and to accommodate ongoing street reconstruction projects.

You can view the full agenda and submit public comment [here](#).



Give Nola Day 2022

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

We remain firmly committed to defending this remarkable neighborhood and, with your help, will continue advocating to increase residential opportunities and quality of life in the French Quarter. With your support we are able to:

- Continue fighting for quality of life in this fragile and endangered neighborhood;
- Work on issues like public safety, illegal short-term rentals, and sanitation;
- Maintain commercial diversity and authenticity;
- Protect our remarkable architecture;
- and Keep the Weekly Vieux coming to your inboxes with up-to-date information on important issues and how you can help.

As little as \$10 can help VCPORA continue its [advocacy, community events, educational programming](#).

If you enjoy our [#FQThenAndNow](#) posts, [lecture series with the Beauregard-Keyes House](#), [Weekly Vieux newsletters](#), [At Home in the Vieux Carré happy hour series](#), or any other of our efforts, please consider giving today. Your contributions are needed to help operations going!

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Be a Docent at the Beauregard-Keyes House!

Are you passionate about sharing history? The Beauregard-Keyes House is looking for a new docent to guide tours within their lovely Creole American Centerhall and gardens. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).

Since the first half of the 19th century, BK House has been the site of a diverse social and architectural history that includes:

- the home's early wealthy creole inhabitants
- the lives of enslaved people
- the Free People of Color who contributed to the home's detailed construction
- Italian immigrants who were a part of the neighborhood then known as Piccolo Palermo
- the first documented building in the Historic American Building Survey
- the home of renowned author Francis Parkinson Keyes, and much, much more!

Since 1970, this site has been operated by the Keyes Foundation as a historic house museum providing public tours and educational programs.

If interested, please send a letter of interest and resume to Executive Director, Annie Irvin at director@bkhouse.org or [upload them here](#).



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:

Carroll Morton
Director, Film New Orleans
(504) 658-4341 (office)
(504) 240-9504 (mobile)
cgmorton@nola.gov

Isabella Renner
Production Manager
(504) 658-4355 (office)
(504) 295-7734 (mobile)
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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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Ramsey.Green@nola.gov
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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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