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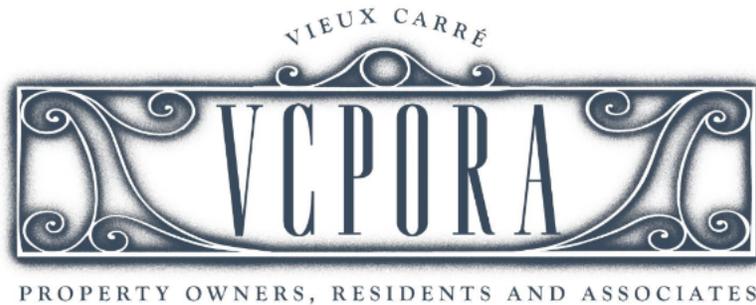
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## 841 Bourbon Zoning Change - April 12 Meeting

**We need your help to protect the neighborhood and Vieux Carré zoning.**

Please attend the CPC meeting on **Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m.** in City Council Chambers.

An application has been filed to rezone **841 Bourbon St. & 804-808 Dumaine St.**, located in the residentially-zoned portion of Bourbon. The former business (Washing Well) closed several years ago and lost its grandfathered business license. By law, the property has reverted to residential use.

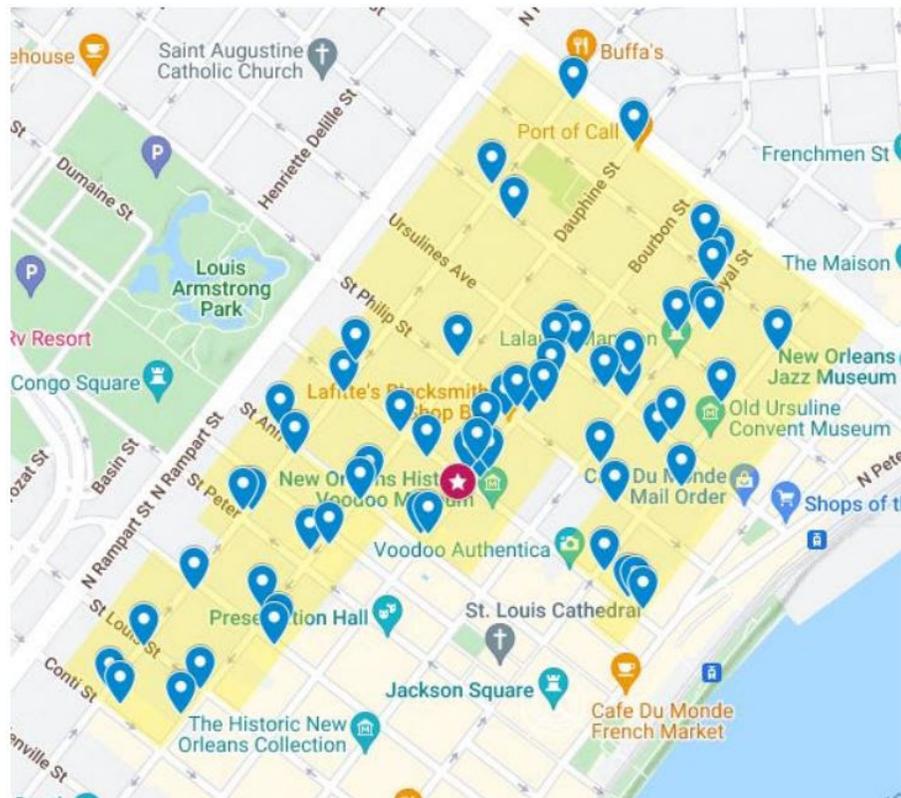
The owners wish to lease the space as an Italian-style gelateria, and the only way to reintroduce a business use is to rezone this parcel to Vieux Carré Commercial (VCC-1). While an ice-cream shop may be a good addition to the neighborhood, **a permanent zoning change allows far more intense uses.** These include a "Standard Restaurant" – which can sell alcohol by right, without limits on operational hours. They can be open all night long which means an ice cream shop can easily convert into a bar that "operates" as a restaurant in the future. It has happened many times before.

City planners have agreed that this is an "unjustifiable spot zone" and **have recommended denial in their staff report.**

If this zoning change is applied, the city can expect a flood of similar applications in the future, from the many legal non-conforming properties that may wish to intensify their business models. **Granting this zoning change will set a precedent.**

The yellow portion indicates the general boundaries of the Vieux Carré residential zoning districts. Each blue dot represents a commercial entity within that boundary that could lose its non-conforming use status and seek a permanent zoning change.

Any questions about this zoning application or our position may be directed



to [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org).

**District C**

# TOWN HALL MEETING

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
*Everyone is invited to attend the meeting*

- MONDAY, April 11**  
The Treme Center  
5:30pm - 6:30pm at  
900 N Villere St, New Orleans, LA 70116
- TUESDAY, April 12**  
St Stephens Baptist Church  
6:00pm - 7:00pm at  
1738 L B Landry Ave, New Orleans, LA 70114
- WEDNESDAY, April 13**  
St. Roch Church  
5:30pm - 6:30pm at  
1738 St Roch Ave, New Orleans, LA 70117



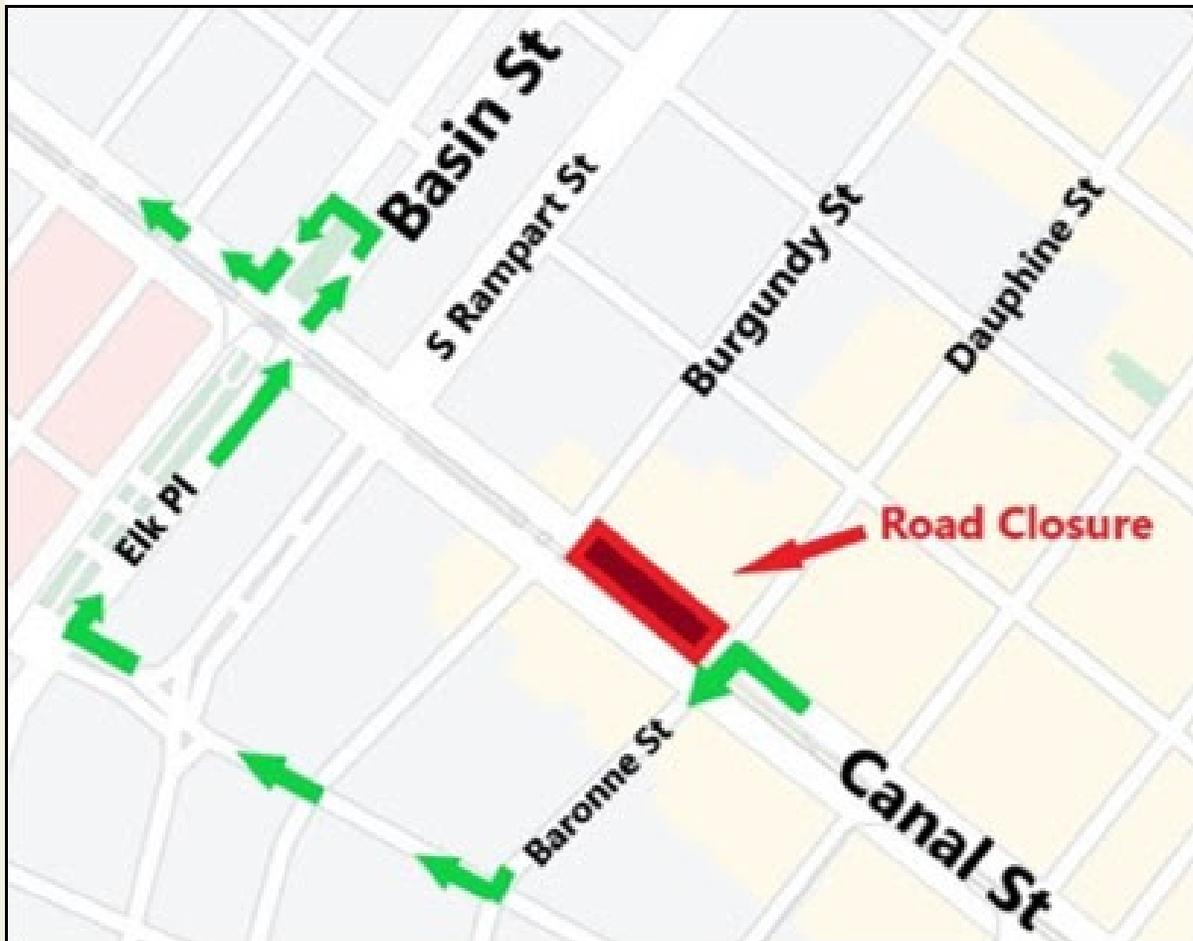
## District C Town Hall Meetings

Join us next week for these three District C Town Hall meetings organized by Councilmember Freddie King III. They are free and open to the public.

**Monday, April 11, 2022**  
The Treme Center  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
[900 N. Villere Street](#)  
New Orleans, LA 70116

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**  
St. Stephen's Baptist Church  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
[1738 L B Landry Avenue](#)  
New Orleans, LA 70114

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022**  
St. Roch Church  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
[1738 St. Roch Avenue](#)  
New Orleans, LA 70117



## Canal Street Temporary Closure

The Department of Public Works will allow a temporary closure to vehicular traffic on the 900 block of Canal Street between Baronne Street/Dauphine Street and Roosevelt Way/Burgundy Street **from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13** to safely accommodate operation of a crane lift at The Ritz Carlton. Detours and road closures will be necessary for lakebound vehicular traffic, while riverbound traffic will remain open.



## A Virtual Tour of the French Opera House

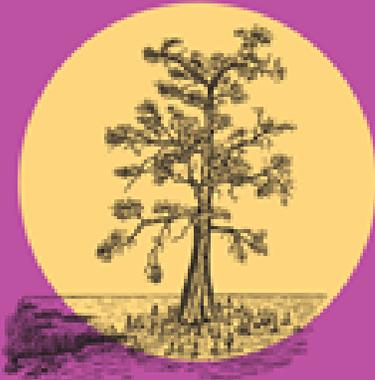
The [French Opera House](#) is undoubtedly one of those "ain't dere no more" buildings in the French Quarter that we miss the most. (Even though it burned down well before most of us were born.)

Check out this fascinating [article](#) in which the author takes us on a virtual tour of the opera house based on old photos and illustrations, newspaper accounts, and the [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#)!

# Greenway **GROW!**

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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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.



# 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](mailto:cgmorton@nola.gov)

Isabella Renner  
Production Manager  
(504) 658-4355 (office)  
(504) 295-7734 (mobile)  
[isabella.renner@nola.gov](mailto: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 5G can be sent to:

[mayorcantrell@nola.gov](mailto:mayorcantrell@nola.gov)  
[Ramsey.Green@nola.gov](mailto:Ramsey.Green@nola.gov)  
[Jonathan.Rhodes@nola.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Rhodes@nola.gov)  
[bdblock@nola.gov](mailto:bdblock@nola.gov)  
[erinholmes@vcpora.org](mailto:erinholmes@vcpora.org)

## 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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