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## "Mother's Day" Concert & Picnic - THIS SUNDAY!

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**  
**Cabrini Park - Dauphine and Barracks**  
**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us and our **Presenting Sponsor, Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company**, at **Cabrini Park THIS SUNDAY, May 15, 2022!**

We know, **it's a week after Mother's Day**...but this year, the last day of Jazz Fest fell on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and we didn't want you to have to make that tough choice! And it just so happens that **May 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@vcpora.org).

With the generous sponsorship of Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company, the 23rd Annual Mother's Day Concert & Picnic is VCPORA's gift to the community. 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.



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## Advocacy Update: [901 Bourbon](#)

**Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

Currently being considered by the Vieux Carré Commission is [901 Bourbon Street](#). Café Lafitte in Exile is a bar in the residentially-zoned section of Bourbon Street and is applying for a rooftop for its wrap-around gallery. No doubt a gallery roof would be good for business, but neighbors are concerned about the additional noise and safety concerns this addition may cause as well as how an approval such as this would set a bad precedent for the architecture of the French Quarter.

This is not the first time [901 Bourbon](#) and the proposed gallery roof addition have been considered by the VCC. The application was first in 1995 and was denied. It then resurfaced earlier this year to be considered by the VCC and was ultimately deferred until the applicants provided plans of sound mitigation.

An independent sound specialist was contacted and asked to evaluate the

potential effects a gallery roof might have on the sound level on the block. It was concluded that: "The effects described above (roof reflections, added people, doors opening, and raised voices) are cumulative, so the total increase in community noise from the bar (voices and music) is expected to be up to 8 dBA. **This would be perceived as about a 75% increase in the sound level.** In addition, the deck may be used up to 30% more due to the rain protection it offers. In addition, there may be significant increases in music projected to the deck and beyond if the deck is treated as a regular part of the bar. This may include the low frequency bass sounds that are especially annoying in the community."

Please join us this **Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at 1 p.m.** in the City Council chambers to oppose this application. If you cannot appear in person, you may send comments to the VCC via [vcc@nola.gov](mailto:vcc@nola.gov).



## Keep the Quarter Clean

The French Quarter Management District (FQMD) has launched its [Keep the Quarter Clean](#) Campaign, a public service message lead by their Livability Committee to highlight city sanitation laws and sanitation services contracted for citizens.

[View their handy sanitation services flier.](#)

The Keep the Quarter Clean campaign will build awareness by issuing window decals, car magnets and partnering with civic-minded non-profit partners to share the message through social media. We invite everyone to share this important information and submit their observations to Keep the Quarter Clean!

"It is all of our responsibility to preserve the French Quarter. Keep the Quarter Clean will utilize a multi-pronged campaign to be rolled out in collaboration with our appointing entities, political partners, and friends throughout our community."  
- Karley Frankic, Executive Director

Sanitation opportunities can be reported by contacting the [nola311.org/service-request](https://nola311.org/service-request), or reporting directly to City's sanitation service provider, KBS/Empire via phone at 504-835-5551, or emailing [FQsanitation@kbs-services.com](mailto:FQsanitation@kbs-services.com).

Pick up your **free** decals and magnets at FQMD offices at [400 North Peters, Suite 206, NOLA 70130](#) and also on Sunday at the rescheduled Mother's Day Concert and Picnic at Cabrini Park.



## At Home in the Vieux Carré

When: May 20, 2022; 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: [512 St. Peter Street Apt. C](#)

Hosted by: Mr. Collin Rhodes

We're back!! Join us next **Friday, May 20, 2022** on **the third floor** of the **Upper Pontalba** for our second At Home in the Vieux Carré of the season!

Our gracious host is opening his home in what is often referred to as the "the oldest apartment building in the U.S." Built in 1849-1851 by the **Baroness Micaela Almonester de Pontalba**, the Upper Pontalba originally stood as a collection of sixteen individual four-story row houses, facing its sister, the Lower Pontalba across the Place d'Armes, or what is now Jackson Square. Through several major interior renovations, the individual row houses were interconnected, and the upper floors were converted into 50 individual apartments while the ground floor was divided into 14 commercial units. Read more [here](#).

Come gaze off the balcony at Jackson Square while enjoying refreshments and specialty cocktails. Collin is planning some delicious treats for the event too!

Our [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) series is a great way to meet your neighbors and

get an inside peak at a gorgeous French Quarter home.

Admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and **FREE for those who sign up or renew their membership that night.**

We are also accepting volunteers to help staff this and later events. Not on our volunteer list yet? Email [info@vcpora.org](mailto:info@vcpora.org) or fill out the [volunteer form](#) on our website to get involved with all the latest advocacy and event opportunities.

**Please note** - this home is on the third floor, without an elevator. We apologize for the reduced accessibility of the venue.



## 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)

[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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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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