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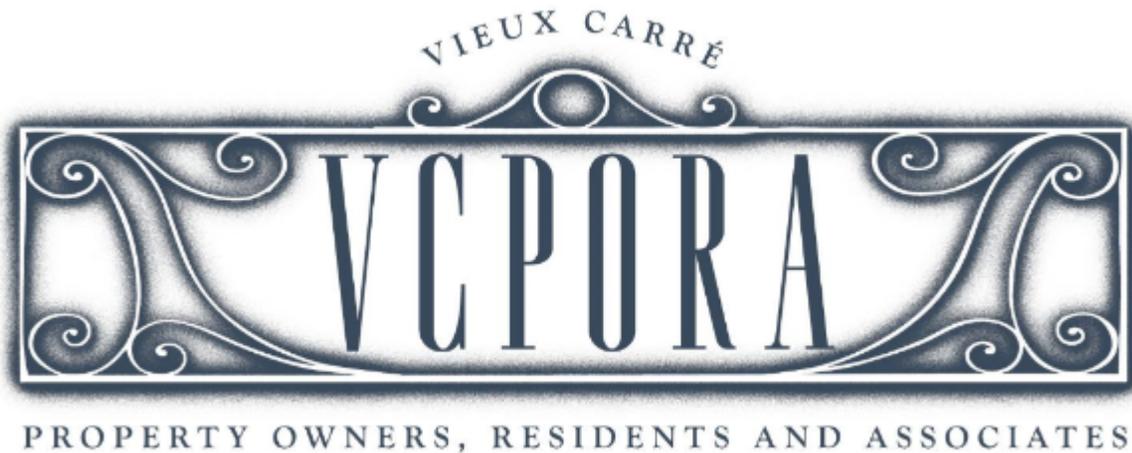
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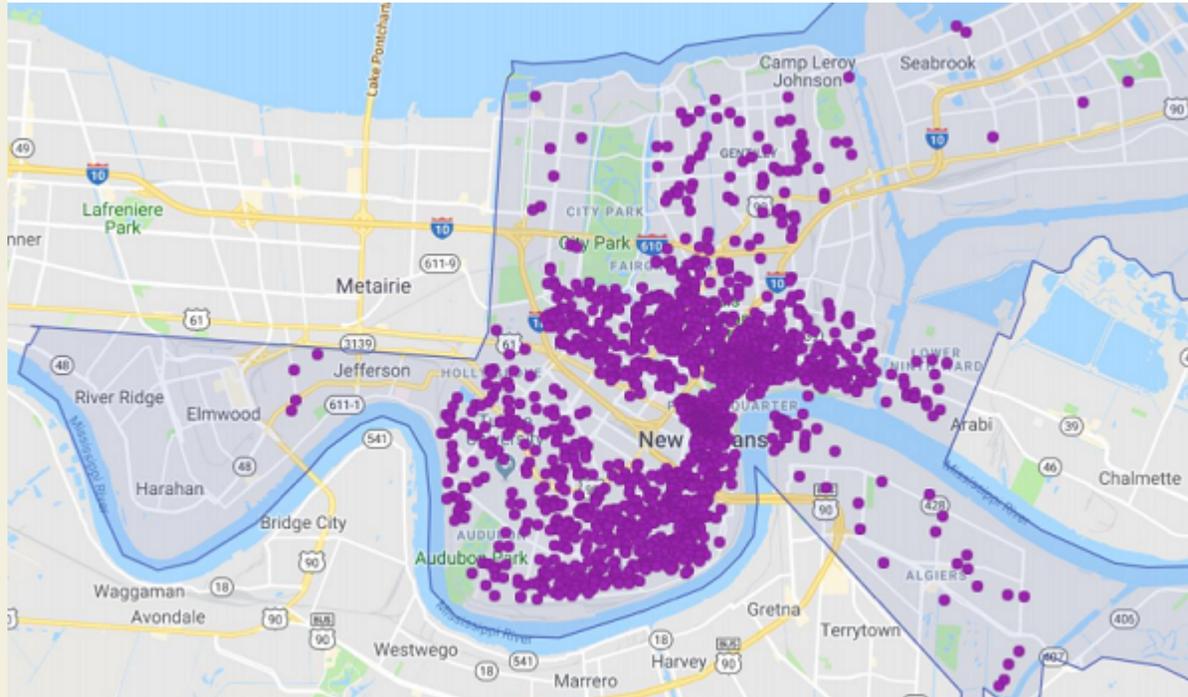
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## STR Updates from Safety & Permits

During a City Council Budget Review Committee meeting this week, the Department of Safety and Permits unveiled its plans to launch a fully staffed Short-Term Rental (STR) office capable of enforcing compliance throughout the City. This \$2.2 million plan was released two months after the City Council [froze the department's funding](#) given widespread frustration over lack of enforcement and transparency.

A fully staffed Office of STR Administration would require 23 full time staff members, where currently there are only 6. This would allow the number of Code Enforcement inspectors to double, to accommodate after-hours inspections, and add analysts and lawyers to facilitate adjudication hearings. Additionally, new

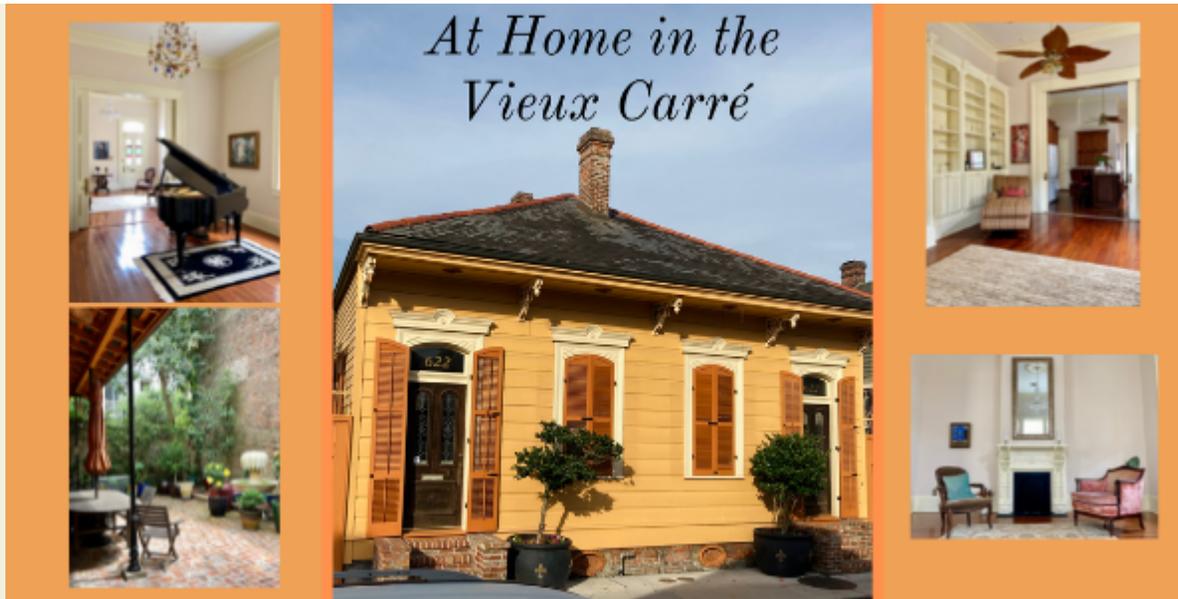
software through the company Granicus will help the city better identify illegal online listings for quick removal.

Position Title	Class	Proposed	Currently Filled
STR Administrator	Management Dev. Specialist II	1	1
Enforcement Analyst	Management Dev. Analyst I	3	0
Inspection Supervisor	Housing Inspection Field Sup.	3	0
Inspectors	Code Enforcement Inspector I/II	8	4
Inspection Assistants	Code Enforcement Assistant	2	0
Licensing Analyst	Management Dev Analyst I	1	1
STR Associate	Office Assistant I	2	0
Facilitator	Management Dev Analyst I	2	0
Adjudication Clerk	Office Assistant I	1	0

The new staffing levels and implemented software will help the department reach the goals of 50 cases adjudicated per month, illegal listings delisted from STR websites on a biweekly basis, 5 business day turnaround time on license applications, robust public outreach, including biweekly enforcement email updates, and maintenance of an online dashboard. Safety & Permits has committed to begin hiring as soon as their funds are restored, with the goal of having all positions filled within 6-8 weeks.

VCPORA has worked on the issue of Short Term Rentals for the past decade, and have called for firmer enforcement since the regulations were put in place. We will be closely following the City's efforts and will report back.

Read more here: [Beefed up short-term rental enforcement coming to New Orleans soon, Cantrell administration says](#)



## At Home in the Vieux Carré - Next Friday!

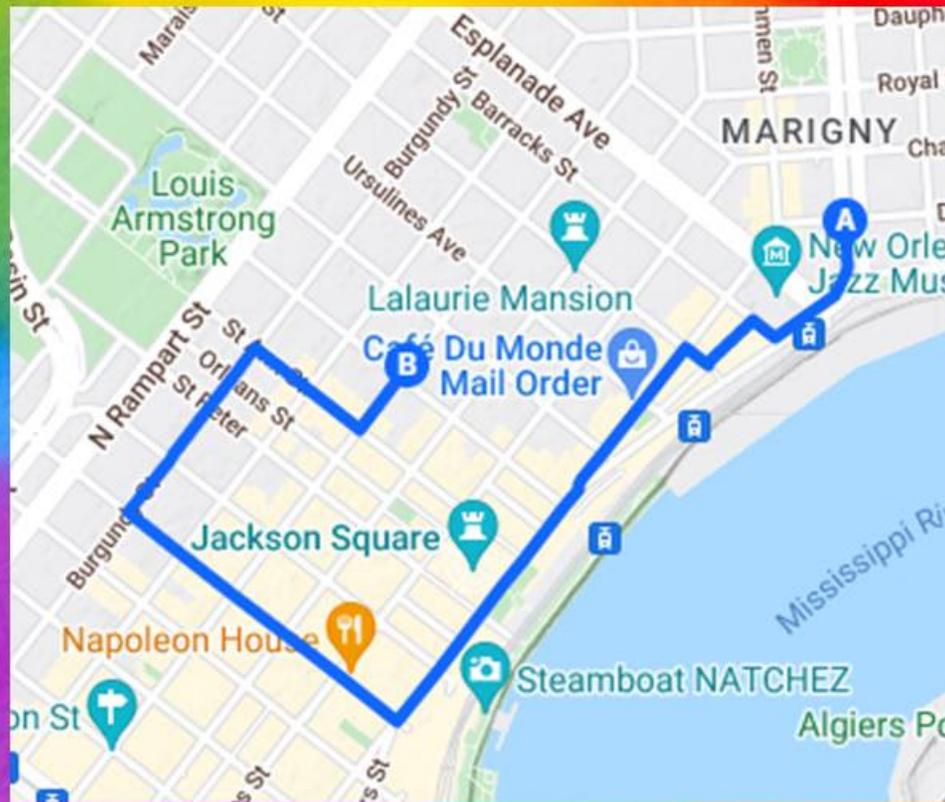
Join us for our [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) next **Friday, June 17, 2022**, at **622 Barracks Street** from **5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** for drinks and delights at the home of Catherine Whitney!

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.**

Catherine Whitney had already lived in New York, New Jersey, Texas, and Florida by the time she called Louisiana home. Even then, it took several years of renting in the French Quarter before she found the perfect home in this c. 1890 double shotgun - but it was worth the wait. She says of the French Quarter: "It's the best place in the world to live that I know of."

Join us in celebrating this beautifully furnished home and the special neighborhood it inhabits by attending this At Home!



## 2022 Pride Parade

**Saturday, June 11**  
**6:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

After a two-year hiatus, the [NOLA Pride Parade](#) is returning to bring some extra bursts of color to our French Quarter streets!

The Parade Begins at N. Peter St. and Elysian Fields. Running down Decatur St. to St. Louis Street, it will turn right and make its way to Burgundy. From there it dances to St. Ann St. before turning left onto Bourbon St. and finishing.

Expect many walking krewes, dance troupes, miniature floats, and lots of rainbow

flags in this parade.

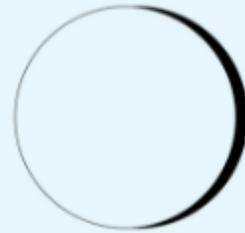


## Toast Cops 8

Join us on **Thursday, June 16, 2022**, anytime from **4:00-8:00 p.m.**, to enjoy a lovely balcony party at the Pontalba overlooking Jackson Square. The entrance is at **544B St. Peter** near Chartres Street, across from Le Petit Theatre/Tableau Restaurant. Organized by renowned Jackson Square artist [Lee Tucker](#), the party will feature refreshments, door prizes and a silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting [COPS 8](#) and the [8th District Police](#).

The entry donation is **\$45**. You may make your donation in advance via Venmo (@COPS8), [via credit card/Paypal](#), or you may contribute at the door via cash, check or credit card.

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## Nous Foundation Gala

"The fleeting time invites us to it." Our friends at the [Nous Foundation](#), have announced their upcoming gala on **June 26th** from **6:00-8:30 p.m.** at the [Beauregard-Keyes House](#). They will be unveiling their 2022-2023 season, along with making several major announcements (notably the launch of exciting programs with prestigious institutions such as Fulbright). There will be headline performances by [Daniel Lechuk](#) (assistant principal cellist at the [Louisiana Philharmonic](#)) and [Givonna Joseph](#) ([Opéra Créole](#)), celebrating Louisiana music written by French-speaking composers. There will also be a deliciously catered buffet and a selection of wine and champagne.

Purchase your tickets [here](#).



## Volunteers Needed

**Are you interested in volunteering at [VCPORA Events](#)? Are you interested in attending these events for free?**

We wouldn't be able to host such fun events without our wonderful volunteers like yourself!

**We are now accepting volunteers for our upcoming At Home In the Vieux Carré event on June 17th, 2022 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Additionally, we are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator and an At Home location scout to join our volunteer recruits.**

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.

We cannot thank you enough!



## #FQThenandNow

Have you missed us? We're back with a brand new [#FQThenandNow](#) with the [VCC Foundation](#) and we've got a preservation project mystery!

Today we're taking a look at [417 Burgundy Street](#), a c. 1845 two-bay, masonry Creole Cottage. However, its appearance didn't always reflect its architecture.

### **THEN...**

This is [417 Burgundy St.](#) in 1950. While it may not look like it in this picture, this is a two-bay, masonry Creole Cottage built c. 1845. While the original structure was Greek Revival (based on historic documents and the date of construction), by this time it had been heavily modified. The one item that seems to have survived the likely early 20th century renovation is the heavy and finely detailed cornice.

This cottage spent a few years as the Zion Hill Baptist Church. We aren't sure exactly when it stopped being used as a residence and became a church, but the first mention of it is in a 1926 Times-Picayune article. This article details the purchase of the property by a German man named Steve Ciolina and marvels that he is a German man with an Italian name. He bought the church from Latter &

Blum for \$3,700. When asked why, the article states his reasoning as, “Some day he expects to encounter a very profitable demand, but in the meantime the return is good enough to more than justify the holding.” The article further states that the collected rent is \$40 for the church and even more for the “the place next door.” He then complains about prohibition being boring and now he has nothing to do with his time other than invest in real estate. A December 7, 1935 Times-Picayune article lists that “The Zion Hill Baptist Church has moved...to its new home, [1404 St. Philip street](#), announced by Rev. A. Griffin, pastor...” We wish we knew if the church or Mr. Ciolina changed the façade to this three-opening with a center door configuration.

**AND...**

**NOW...**

After Zion Hill Baptist church relocated to St. Phillip Street in 1935 (see [VCC Foundation](#)'s post from earlier today), the structure appears to have continued its mixed-use operations and served as apartments as well as the “Prince Bar-B-Q Pit.” It wasn’t until the building was purchased by the well-known French Quarter architect Leon Impastato in 1962 that the cottage appears to have returned to a fully residential building and his home for the time being. An article from 1976 quotes Impastato as complaining about crime running rampant in the French Quarter as a result of the lack of enforcement by the administration.

Nonetheless, Impastato’s time spent at [417 Burgundy Street](#) is when our mystery begins. Photographs of the building show a drastic change in the façade between the years 1963 and 1975. What was a centered door flanked by two small windows is now a two-bay façade. Unfortunately, there appear to be no historical records detailing the (third) change to the front of this green-rated building. All we know is that Impastato was recognized by the Vieux Carré Commission in 1983 for his work on the building and an advert from 2012 described it as having been restored to its original character. Thankfully, one of the main features of the building that has managed to remain the same throughout its renovated history is the heavily detailed cornice.

Don’t forget to follow us to keep up with [#FQThenandNow](#) series!

Check out the [Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#) for more historic images!



## VCPORA's Documentary Project

### *Wasted: Overtourism and the French Quarter*

VCPORA, in partnership with filmmaker [Laura Cayouette](#), is producing a feature-length documentary film depicting the phenomenon of overtourism in the French Quarter leading up to the Coronavirus pandemic and exploring strategies to help shape a more sustainable path beyond the economic fallout.

#### ***To finish this project, we need your help!***

To get Laura and her crew back into the editing and post-production room, we need funding. Thanks to a generous donation from VCPORA board member, **Dr. Travis Kenny**, your dollars will be matched, **1 for 1**, this summer. *That means your donation will count for double*, so please give now!

Please visit [our website](#) for more information on the film, including "[shorts](#)" or [5-minute concept clips](#), the people we have interviewed, our film team, and history of the project.

**Donate Now!**



## 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.

### 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!

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.

## Filming in the French Quarter

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

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[cgmorton@nola.gov](mailto:cgmorton@nola.gov)

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(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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