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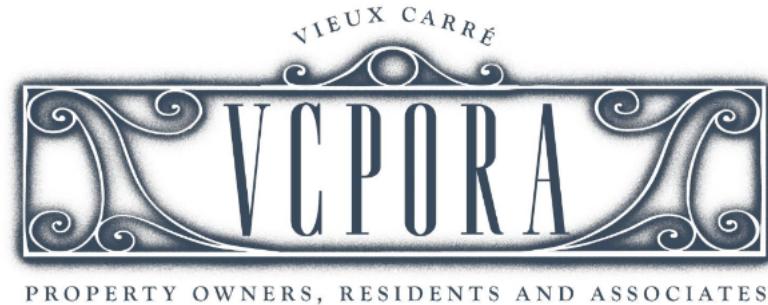
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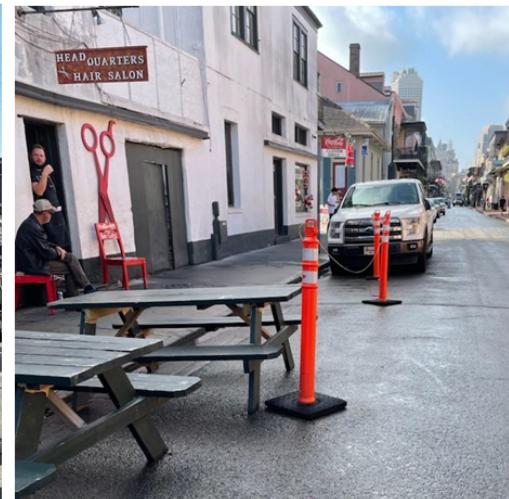
We hope to see you tonight at our [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) tonight, **Friday, June 17, 2022**, at **622 Barracks Street** from **5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** for drinks and delights at the home of Catherine Whitney! There will be food from [Chez Nous](#), along with a few other specialties.

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!



Please Email The City Council: Parklets to be heard at City Council June 23, 2022

On **Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.**, the City Council will consider Ordinance [33738](#), authored by District B Councilmember Lesli Harris, to establish a permitting process in City Code for making parklets permanent.

VCPORA feels it is time to end the COVID-era parklet program in the French Quarter, along with the Faubourg Marigny. See our reasons to end the parklet program [here](#). Please email the City Council to share your comments and concerns on the program.

Additional Background: In April, the City Planning Commission (CPC) approved the planning staff [recommendations](#) for the creation of a permanent parklet program which outlines the allowable zoning districts, hours of operation and use standards. These elements include:

- Parklets are not allowed in residential zoning districts (VCR-1 & VCR-2).

- Parklets are restricted to locations where both sides of the street, from corner to corner, are within nonresidential, i.e., commercial zoning districts.
- Parklets will only be permitted in an establishment that sells food and beverages for consumption on premises.
- Parklet operational hours are limited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Please send an email today to the City Council to ask that the French Quarter and Faubourg Marigny be completely (including commercial zoning districts) excluded from any permanent parklet proposal:

Sample message (please feel free to add your own experiences!):

TO:

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I write to you in opposition to any permanent parklet program in the French Quarter and the Marigny. These establishments were meant to be temporary opportunities to expand occupancy during the COVID restrictions, but now is the time for operations to return inside. Businesses in parking lanes have contributed to unwanted noise, litter, and reduced accessibility of the public right of way. Further, they are exacerbating parking availability for multiple vehicles (personal, delivery, etc.) for the sole benefit of a private business establishment.

They are unsafe for pedestrians that are forced to travel into the street to get through them while placing patrons directly next to passing vehicles. Our carefully preserved architecture is highly regulated and there are no assurances that these will contribute to our historic streetscapes, or if the regulations on these will be enforced. Our neighborhoods already have plenty of dining options, both inside and outside. Please do not extend the parklet program in our narrow and dense neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

(your name here)



#FQThenandNow

We've got windy nights, gambling, murder, and Mexican vanilla for this week's #FQThenandNow with the [VCC Foundation](#).

THEN...

A Times Picayune article from September 21, 1909 lists a storm report of damage to properties, including this one, "From Almost Every Quarter of the City." This was likely damage from the 1909 Grand Isle hurricane which made landfall in Grand Isle the morning of that same day. Winds were reported to be 115 mph (185 km/h). This would have qualified it as a Category 3 and earned it a name, but the practice for naming hurricanes wasn't formalized until 1953. This was a devastating storm that created extensive damage throughout the Gulf Coast. The damage to this brick beauty was listed as such: "A shed of the place [1019 Decatur Street](#), owned by A. Lanassa, was damaged \$50 by the wind." In today's money, that's approximately \$1600. All things considered, we think this property fared well comparatively!

P.S. Anyone else wish we had a better angle on the big sign? We can partially see it in a different photo in the Vieux Carré Virtual Library and the bottom word says "pralines."

AND...

NOW...

This is [1019 Decatur Street](#), a c. 1910 “Decorative Brick” townhouse. According to the [HNOC Collins C. Diboll digital survey](#), this particular building sits on the site of a c. 1829 structure that was most likely part of the 1021-27 row of townhouses. While we’re not certain of the who, what, when, where, why the previous structure came down, we do know that the current structure was built for Antonio La Nasa, a local business man.

Records list the building as for sale/lease for most of the early 20th century until the late 1960s when it starts appearing in the papers as a notorious location for placing bets. In 1970 alone, there were a minimum of 3 raids on the location that resulted in at least 7 arrests. Activity at [1019 Decatur](#) seems to have slowed down throughout the next 10 years until 1983 when a resident at the location was murdered by a second resident who wanted the first one to move out. Shortly after, in 1984, the building hosted a neighborhood Mexican grocery store/restaurant (which we wish was still there!) Now, it currently operates as a souvenir t-shirt shop, but its history can be seen and remembered by the decorative brick spelling of “A. La Nasa” at the top of the structure.

Don’t forget to give us a [like](#) and [share](#) so you don’t miss out on the #FQThenandNow series!

Visit the [Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#) to see 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](#), or reporting directly to City's sanitation service provider, KBS/Empire via phone at 504-835-5551, or emailing 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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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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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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