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VCPORA's Documentary Project

Wasted: Overtourism and the French Quarter

We are thrilled to share some updates on our documentary film project – we have "shorts," or 5-minute concept clips to share!

In early 2020, we began exploring the concept of documenting residents of the French Quarter to archive their experience of living in a high-tourism historic neighborhood. Not long after these initial discussions, the unimaginable happened. The COVID-19 global pandemic shut down travel worldwide, and cities dependent on visitor's dollars were hit harder than most.

We shifted our focus and opted to tell a different story. 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.



For nearly two years, we have documented the neighborhood – from the early days of the pandemic, through reopenings and resurgences, and continue to this day. We have collected hours of interviews with residents, business owners, planners, cultural preservationists, and musicians, and have captured thousands of images and hours of on-the-ground footage.

Let's face it. The Vieux Carré is important to all of New Orleans and Louisiana. As a historic district, a unique residential neighborhood, an economic driver, a global tourism destination, and a source of substantial tax revenue; the Vieux Carré accrues benefits to the entire state of Louisiana. But can we continue this way?

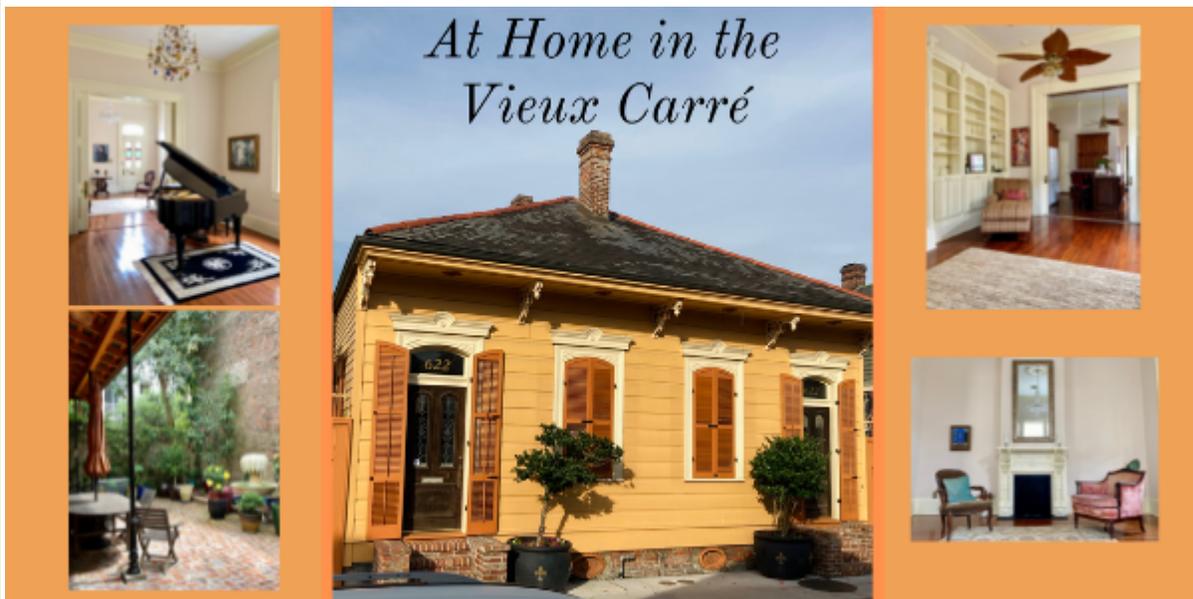
To finish this project, we need your help!

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!

I want to see this movie made!

Donate Now

Please visit [our website](#) for more information on the film, including the people we have interviewed, our film team, and history of the project.



At Home in the Vieux Carré

June 17th, 2022

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

622 Barracks Street

The At Home in the Vieux Carré happy hour series continues with drinks and delights at the home of Catherine Whitney at **622 Barracks Street** on **Friday, June 17, 2022, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

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!



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 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!



Our Condolences - Stuart Smith

It is with sadness that the Board of VCPORA notes the passing of Stuart Smith, a pioneering environmental attorney and French Quarter homeowner.

In 2011, Stuart received VCPORA's Eugenie Schwartz-Grace Gage Historic Preservation Award for his lifetime contribution as an advocate for the French Quarter. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his long-time partner, Barry Cooper, and his mother, Judy Smith.



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:

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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:

mayorcantrell@nola.gov
Jonathan.Rhodes@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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