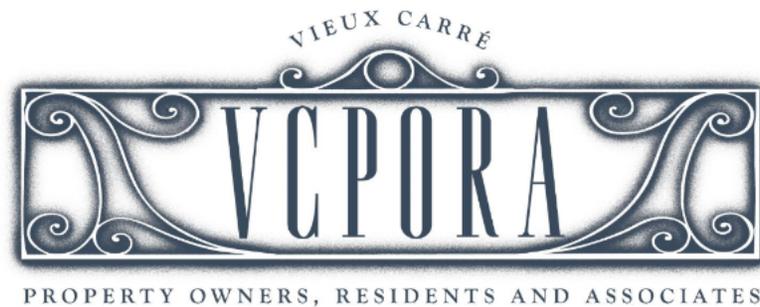

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Safety Preparations for Essence Festival and Fourth of July Events

Public safety preparations are underway in advance of the Essence Festival of Culture and Fourth of July events. **The public is encouraged to be patient and prepared for heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic by making transportation arrangements accordingly.**

On **Monday, July 4**, the annual [Go Fourth on the River](#) live performances and fireworks display will take place in [Crescent Park](#). **The New Orleans Fire Department reminds residents that the discharging of consumer fireworks in Orleans Parish is prohibited.** The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. Details are available [here](#).

Traffic Restrictions

In anticipation of large crowds, the New Orleans Police Department and the Louisiana State Police will restrict traffic to ensure the safety of pedestrians. Additional intermittent street closures might be required as crowd size warrants.

Vehicles Limited

From **8 p.m. to 4 a.m. overnight Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. overnight Monday**, public safety officials will screen vehicles entering the French Quarter within the perimeter of Canal, Decatur, Dumaine and Rampart streets. Only residents, employees, hotel guests, and taxis or ride-hailing services will be allowed to drive vehicles into the French Quarter.

No Vehicles Allowed

From **8 p.m. to 4 a.m. overnight Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. overnight Monday**, public safety officials will close Bourbon Street from Canal to Dumaine streets and the 700 and 800 blocks of St. Ann, Orleans, St. Peter, Toulouse, St. Louis, Conti, Bienville, and Iberville streets to all traffic.

Parking Restrictions

NO PARKING ZONES

From 12 p.m. to 6 a.m. overnight Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. overnight Monday, no parking will be allowed on the following streets:

- 700-800 blocks of St. Ann, Orleans, St. Peter, Toulouse, St. Louis, Conti, Bienville, and Iberville streets
- Canal Street, both sides, from Claiborne Avenue to Convention Center Boulevard

From 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. overnight Monday, July 4, no parking will be allowed on the following streets:

- Decatur Street (both sides) between Dumaine and St. Louis Streets
- N. Peters Street (both sides) between Canal and St. Louis Streets
- Canal Street (both sides) from Claiborne Avenue to Convention Center Boulevard Residents and visitors are reminded to always follow posted signs. Parking enforcement personnel will be monitoring for illegal parking.
- Do not block hydrants, driveways and sidewalks.
- Do not park within 20 feet of a crosswalk, intersection, or stop sign.
- Park in the direction of travel on one-way streets and with the right wheel to the curb on two-way streets.
- Call 504-658-8100 for 24-hour parking enforcement.

Transportation Impacts

In anticipation of increased ridership during weekend events, the Regional Transit Authority will provide extra service on the St. Charles Canal-City Park/Cemeteries and Union Passenger Terminal/Riverfront streetcar lines. Details on any route changes are available at norta.com or via Ride Line at 504-248-3900. All RTA service alerts, updates and detours can also be accessed by downloading the [RTA's GoMobile app](#).

Safety Reminders

As always during major special events, residents and visitors are encouraged to take care in large crowds and to report suspicious activity to public safety officials.

Details on special events are available at ready.nola.gov/events. Residents and visitors are also encouraged to follow NOLA Ready on social media @nolaready and sign up for emergency alerts. Residents should text NOLAEVENTS to 77295 for special event updates.



French Quarter Tour with Councilmember Freddie King III

On Monday, June 27, 2022, Councilmember Freddie King III and his staff joined VCPORA for a tour of the French Quarter. We braved the mid-afternoon heat to take him to our favorite, and not-so-favorite, parts of the neighborhood. For two hours we guided CM King III through the residential streets, the commercial areas and the tourist hot spots, pointing out the good, the bad, and the ugly. We showed him the condition of many of the sidewalks and streets, many of which are an accessibility nightmare because of ongoing and shoddy construction, 5G towers, and garbage cans left out on the curb.

We showed him your lovely homes, even got to take a peek in a few, and discussed the level of care and stewardship that goes into preserving these treasures. He saw our beloved school, Homer Plessy, as we shared how important a neighborhood school is for the community. We pointed out our favorite locally serving businesses (even where to get the best french fries!) and discussed how these types of businesses, pharmacies, grocery stores, laundromats, and vet offices, are crucial to keeping the Vieux Carré a living neighborhood full of residents.

And yes, we saw the rough parts - Decatur Street, with its vacant and graffiti covered storefronts, and St. Louis Street, which is known for illegal and illicit activity. Of course, no tour of the French Quarter is complete without a trip down Bourbon Street, where he got to experience all the sights, smells, and sounds of the world-famous strip.

We want to thank CM King III for taking the time to experience, first-hand, daily life in the Quarter and hope we will have many more opportunities to welcome him to our neighborhood. Educating our public officials on the needs of the community is essential to preserving it for the residents, workers, and visitors, both today and in the future.



#FQThenandNow

Cheers to this week's [#FQThenAndNow](#) posts with the Vieux Carré Commission Foundation!

Then...

This is 1029 Orleans Ave. in 1945. This is an unusual c. 1870 Victorian Italianate residence. The chain of title hints that the land may have originally been granted in part to M. de Pontalba in 1722...likely the same Pontalba family responsible for the Pontalba apartments flanking Jackson Square! In 1869, the land and “an old one-story frame house, on lot bearing Nos. 101 and 103 Orleans Street and [it] contains two rooms, two cabinets; a two-story brick back building containing two rooms below and three above, also brick privies, an old cistern, etc.” as well as shanties “belonging to a tenant” were bought by Elizabeth Dukerts (widow of Jean Baptiste Ferari) and Dr. Dominique Duroc. We can assume that the house was built by these two as it seemed to stay in the Dukerts-Ferari-Duroc family until 1905.

This property and its residents seem to have been quite busy during prohibition (1920 - 1933). The first articles we could find are dated Feb. 1929 by The New Orleans Items and New Orleans States newspapers. They reported that residents

Mary and William Hickhock/Hickox were arrested by prohibition officers for having alcohol in their possession and listed the home as a saloon! The next month, Mrs. Hickox was fined \$200 and 60 days in jail for sale and possession of liquor. Other residents continued to be arrested and charged with possession or as bootleggers all the way until 1933 when a resident James Dunn posed as a prohibition agent “in a hold-up at [1102 Freret street...](#)”

Thank goodness prohibition ended or there may have been even more shenanigans!

And, Now...

This particular address has hosted many fine French Quarter characters throughout its history, including one woman who was hired by the US Navy during WWII. The article listed the housing allowance as \$24.50 and the annual salary range was to be expected to be between \$1,954-2,168 which is (\$291.91 for housing) \$23,281-25,831 in today's dollars! One year later, in 1949, a resident was arrested at a house party at [816 Orleans Avenue](#) but later had the charges dropped on the grounds that he was picking his wife up from the party. In 1963, on the anniversary of Huey P. Long's death, a resident at 1029 Orleans is listed as having signed an affidavit saying he strongly remembered seeing someone that resembled the shooter.

In 1968, the property is listed for sale and as having been “restored to original design.” A few years later in 1973, the owners of the building were recognized by the VCC for the work done to enhance the quality and character of the Vieux Carré. Today its octagonal facade stands proudly, if not eccentrically, at the corner of Orleans and Rampart Street.

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.



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](#).

Storm Ready from the Vieux Carré Commission Foundation

The [VCC Foundation](#) wants to help make it as easy for you as possible to be ready. Together with the Vieux Carré Commission, they have created [an easy-to-read flyer](#) to help you both prepare before the storm arrives as well as guide you through the steps for caring for your property after the storm leaves.

You can find more information as well as the flyer [here](#).

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](#)



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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