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Advocacy Updates

What You Need to Know About Outdoor Live Entertainment

Following two years of City Planning study and Council review, the proposed Outdoor Live Entertainment regulations are, once again, headed to the City Council for

another round of consideration.

Note: Outdoor Live Entertainment will not be allowed in any Vieux Carré zoning districts.

Councilmembers Moreno and Morrell have proposed a narrowly tailored amending motion to the previous set of City Planning Commission recommendations that will define all Outdoor Live Entertainment as Conditional Uses for operators, meaning that this use would have to go through a public engagement process prior to the issuance of any permit.

If granted, the Conditional Use will allow for Outdoor Live Entertainment in businesses that can already be approved for indoor live entertainment for:

- A maximum of 3 times per week
- Hours are limited to 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Businesses in an Arts and Cultural overlay can hold performances an additional hour into the evening.
- A 30-foot buffer area shall be maintained between the outdoor live entertainment and a residential district or use.
- Outdoor speakers and instruments shall be directed away from adjacent residences to the greatest extent possible.

The City will host a public database that will list all businesses that are allowed to host outdoor entertainment, along with any specific provisos tailored to their location. Enforcement of these regulations will be under the purview of the Office of Safety & Permits and the newly created Office of Nighttime Economy.

These regulations do not address street performers, second lines, events in private homes, or other entertainment in the public right-of-way. Special Event Permits can still be obtained to allow for live performances 8 times a year, for up to 3 days each - these are citywide regulations which include the Vieux Carré.

We appreciate the efforts of the City Council to create a pathway for Outdoor Live Entertainment on a case-by-case process, which will provide for public review to determine if the locations are a good fit for their surrounding community. We have heard from other neighborhoods with highly commercial corridors, like St. Claude Avenue, Magazine Street, and Maple Street that are seeking density limitations restricting the number of OLE permits by blockface to avoid creating a wall of outdoor entertainment venues abutting residential backyards.

[Motion 22-343](#) is scheduled to be reviewed at the City Council's Quality of Life Committee on Wednesday, July 27th at 1:00 p.m. and then considered at the August 4th full Council meeting. As a motion, it will direct the promulgation of the ordinance

language which will need to return to the full Council within 90 days for adoption to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

For additional review:

[February 2021 Completed Outdoor Live Entertainment Study](#)

[May 2022 City Planning Commission recommendations](#)



(Advocacy Updates Cont.)

E-Scooters Popping up in the French Quarter

You may have noticed these e-scooters around the neighborhood and said to yourself - *I thought these were banned*. Well, you are correct. In 2018, the City adopted a policy prohibiting the roll-out of an app-based, e-scooter program. These are the ones that you can walk up to, scan a code on your phone for immediate payment, then ride from there. As the e-scooter craze was taking over the nation, City officials realized they were not a good fit for New Orleans. Based on growing concerns from other cities including unsafe operations like riding (and storing) them on sidewalks, poor

roadway conditions contributing to increased injuries, and little accountability for the operators, New Orleans determined that the negative impact to city services like the Department of Public Works, NOPD, and EMS far outweighed their benefit.

[E-scooters suddenly appeared everywhere, but now they're riding into serious trouble](#)

However, the law was tailored so that actual brick-and-mortar storefronts could rent these out, provided that they were pickled up and returned to the business and that they were not stored on the public right of way, much like renting a bike. This was intended to limit the numbers on the streets - 50 scooters are a lot different than 1,000 scooters, which the app-based companies can scale up to quickly.

Fast-forward to 2022 - as the city began reopening following two years of the pandemic, these motorized scooters once again appeared on the streets and sidewalks. It should be noted that the typical operations of the scooter companies is to bring their fleet into cities without contacting the local government then to “ask for forgiveness” afterward. To further underscore their prohibition, the City Council reintroduced an [ordinance](#) that allows for the City to impound the vehicles and charge a fee for their retrieval.

But apparently, the new scooter companies want another shot at New Orleans, as the ordinance was deferred at the July 14 Transportation Committee meeting, pending some potential amendments.

We want to hear from you - What do you think about these scooters in the neighborhood?



(L to R) Meg Lousteau, Harold Patin, Jr., and Carol Allen

Our Condolences: Harold Clay Patin, Jr.

It is with heavy hearts that VCPORA announces the passing of Mr. Harold Patin, the partner of former Board President, Ms. Carol Allen, and long-time supporter of VCPORA. Compassionate and caring, Harold spent his entire life helping others and fighting drug abuse through his vast career in law enforcement and in the private sector.

Harold's gregarious zest for life was evident for all around him; he will be greatly missed. We share our deepest sympathies with Carol and his family for their loss.

Harold's obituary and service information can be viewed [here](#).



Community Events

St. Roch School Supply Drive

When: July 30th, 2022, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: McDonogh 35 College Preparatory High School
4000 Cadillac Street New Orleans, LA 70112

The Faubourg St. Roch Improvement Association is hosting a school supply drive and giveaway on July 30th, and is looking for volunteers to help send kids back to school with success!

School supplies will be accepted until July 27th, when there will be a volunteer lead packing of the bags to get them ready for giveaway. You can donate [here](#) as well as find a list of supplies here via their amazon wish list [here](#).

To learn more about the drive and ways to get involved, please contact Julie at julie@strochcc.org or (304) 685-3561.



(Community Events Cont.)

Lafitte Greenway Basketball Court Mural

A new mural on the Lafitte Greenway basketball court is coming this summer, produced and managed by [BElite](#), the youth-led Art Collective of Eternal Seeds.

This summer, the [BElite youth artists](#) are transforming the Greenway's basketball court with a new on-court mural. These artists, ages 15-21, are leading the design creation and installation of the mural. Through this project, the artists will receive technical support, mentorship, and professional development coaching for practicing artists.

The site preparation will begin in July and include a period of court closure. The public can stay tuned for updates on [social media](#). Friends and NORD will post signage at the basketball court to inform the public of court closure.

There will be an opening celebration for the basketball court mural. The celebration date will be announced later in July.

You can learn more [here](#).



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This week we're tackling political intrigue, thieves, and exposed beams!

Welcome to this week's [#FQThenandNow](#) with the [VCC Foundation](#).

Then...

This is [831 St. Peter St.](#) in 1944. According to the Historic New Orleans Collection's [Collins C. Diboll Vieux Carré Digital Survey](#), it is likely that this building originally had 2 floors with a simple banded cornice at the top. However, c. 1840 the ½ story at the top and attic frieze windows were added as well as the removal of the Creole style, arched openings at that ground floor.

In October of 1914, The New Orleans Item published an article about Sidney J. Boisdore, right-hand man to Deputy Commissioner of Property Alex Pujol. It seems that, typically, one had to live in the ward they represented. Mr. Boisdore was re-elected as a member of the congressional committee from the first district to represent the fifth ward. It seems Mr. Boisdore resided in the ninth ward, not the fifth. Their investigation uncovered that he registered as living at this townhouse, but he was actually living at [5503 N. Rampart St.](#) The paper calls this position “lucrative” and states their outrage that he is able to “get away with it...”

Anyone know what happened to Mr. Boisdore?

And...

Now...

Today we're looking at [831 St. Peter Street](#), a c. 1830 porte-cochere townhouse that looks vastly different today than it has throughout its history! Fun fact: the porte-cochere type is a take on the Creole Townhouse but features a carriage way!

In 1946, the resident at the time opened his home to a 23-year-old soldier, who, presumably, had recently returned home from WWII. When the resident awoke one fateful Friday morning, he discovered the soldier was missing along with \$300 worth of clothes and household items (which is around \$4,500 in today's dollars). There is no record of the soldier ever being caught.

Around 1970, the building was purchased by a woman who, the article notes, could trace her family's presence in the area back to 1827. According to this article, the new owner worked hard to restore some of the French Creole aspects of the townhouse including "original cypress floors, doors and exposed beams, and mantels intact." Eight years later, in 1978, the Vieux Carré Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustments were in sync with their decision making and agreed on a few changes throughout the neighborhood, including some work done at [831 St. Peter Street](#). Lastly, it appears as though the typical archway found on the façade of a porte-cochere townhouse was restored around 2000.

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

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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](#).

Storm Ready from the Vieux Carré Commission Foundation

The Vieux Carré Commission 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:

mayorcantrell@nola.gov
Jonathan.Rhodes@nola.gov
bdblock@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](#)



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