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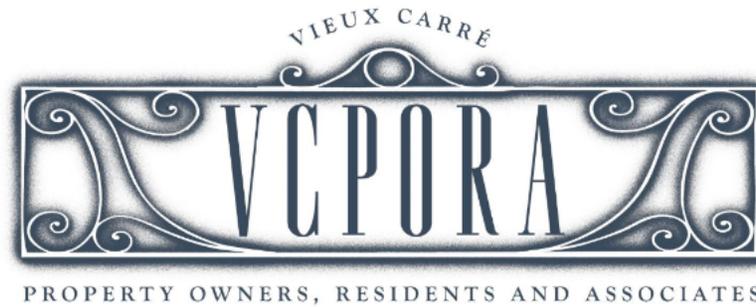
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## Advocacy Update: [901 Bourbon](#)

### *President's Message*

#### *Unanimous VCC Vote Preserves Precedent and Neighborhood*

VCPORA and neighbors celebrated an impressive unanimous vote by commissioners of the Vieux Carré Commission Thursday, September 22, 2022, when it denied a controversial application to add a rooftop to the gallery at [901 Bourbon Street](#).

Why was this vote important?

Architectural integrity: We all love the balconies and galleries found throughout the French Quarter, but if there were no restrictions, virtually every property owner would want to have one, they all would be the spacious ones that extend across the sidewalk, and they all would have roofs to shield from the elements. I hope you'll agree that variety – and certainly historical accuracy – adds to the beauty and importance of our world-famous architecture. If every building evolved into the same style gallery, it would lead to visual Disney-fication.

That's why for decades, the VCC almost always required documentation that

there previously had been a gallery, balcony or rooftop above them to consider granting construction of one. At 901 Bourbon, there was no such evidence that the wrap-around gallery ever had a roof. We applaud the VCC for this denial, avoiding creating the precedent for future applications.

Neighborhood Quality of Life: [901 Bourbon](#) is home to Café Lafitte in Exile, a popular bar that is a “non-conforming” zoning use within the residentially-zoned section of Bourbon Street. For years, nearby neighbors have complained about noise that often emanates from this business. With this application, there was great concern that a rooftop would encourage more customers drinking on the outdoors gallery and that the rooftop could funnel the noise toward nearby homes.

VCPORA consulted with [CSTI Acoustics](#), independent sound specialists, to evaluate the potential effects a gallery roof might have on the sound level on the block. They concluded: "The effects described above (roof reflections, added people, doors opening, and raised voices) are cumulative, so the total increase in community noise from the bar (voices and music) is expected to be up to 8 dBA. This would be perceived as about a 75% increase in the sound level."

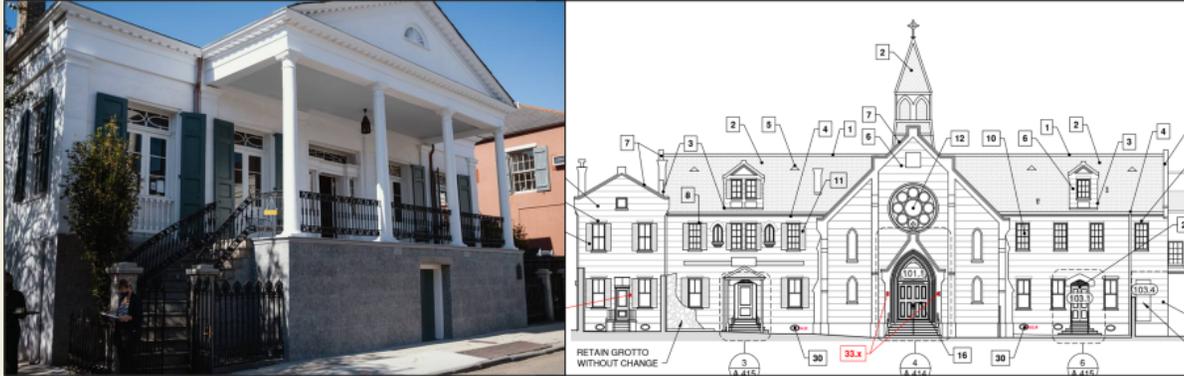
Faced with these growing residential concerns, the full board of commissioners unanimously voted to deny the application at yesterday's hearing.

Community Involvement: The third reason this vote was important because it showed the importance of neighborhood involvement. In recent years the VCC approved a few other applications for rooftop galleries. It was vital to Thursday's meeting that concerned citizens showed up to stand with VCPORA's Executive Director and President. Community input adds to the understanding by our city agency commissioners.

Thank you to the tireless VCC and Staff for their hard work, as well as to you, our members and neighbors.

What's next? Observers anticipate that the applicant will appeal to the New Orleans City Council, so it's important you remind our City Councilmembers that neighbors and architecture are the backbone of this historic neighborhood. Let's continue to protect both!

Nathan Chapman  
VCPORA Board President



## VCPORA Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

**1113 Chartres Street**

**6:00 p.m. Refreshments**

**6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting and Election of Board**

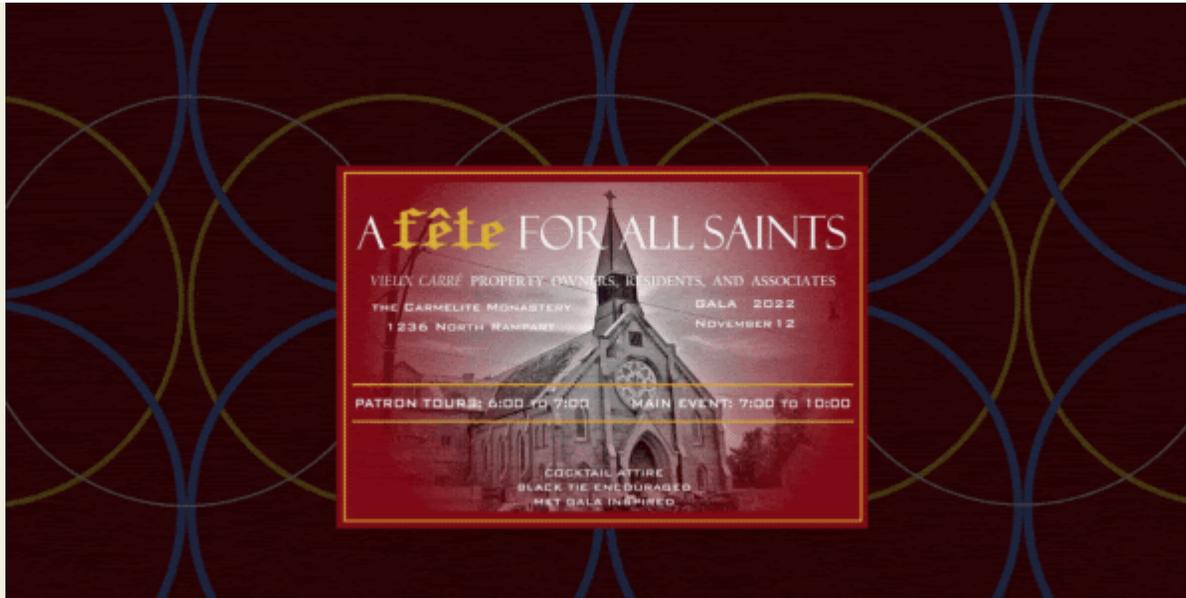
**This meeting is a members-only event**

Join us for VCPORA's Annual Meeting to welcome and vote on our 2022-2023 Board of Directors. Enjoy light refreshments as you mingle with your fellow VCPORA members, discuss issues important to the French Quarter, and review the organizations efforts in its 84th year.

The meeting highlight will include a presentation of the recent renovation of the [Carmelite Monastery](#) (also the location for our Gala this year!) led by the project architect, [Rick Fifield](#). Mr. Fifield will discuss the challenges of converting the 127-year-old Convent grounds into 25 unique apartments while maintaining the integrity of the sacred spaces. This nearly one acre project is a fascinating look at how our historic resources can be carefully adapted to new uses.

The meeting will also include a Message from the President and the Election of the Board of Directors.

Special thanks to the B K Historic House & Gardens for their generous hospitality.

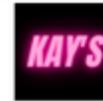


## A Fête For All Saints (and Sinners)

Join us for our 2022 Annual Gala, **“A Fête for All Saints”** on **November 12, 2022** at the **Carmelite Monastery!**

**Our Patron Level (and above) tickets holders will be treated to a private tour** into the meandering courtyards linking the various structures within the grounds and learn about the ambitious renovation.

**If you'd like to volunteer and attend the event for free, please fill out [this form](#).** We have many volunteer opportunities available so invite your friends and family!



We want to thank our current sponsors and patrons for your commitment to this extraordinary evening!

Additionally, we'd like to extend a **Special Thanks** to Sam Mickal Solomon with [Bancroft Property Investments, LLC](#) and [Rick Fifield](#) for allowing us to celebrate this historic space with you all!

**Learn more and sign up as a patron or sponsor [here](#).**

**Thank you to our Patrons!**

**Champagne**

Mrs. Ann Masson

Mrs. Peggy & Mr. Timber Floyd

# Latrobe's On Royal

## **Bordeaux**

Ms. Tatianna Macchione &  
Mr. Mark Masor

## **All Saints Special**

Rolf / Southkick Preservation Works

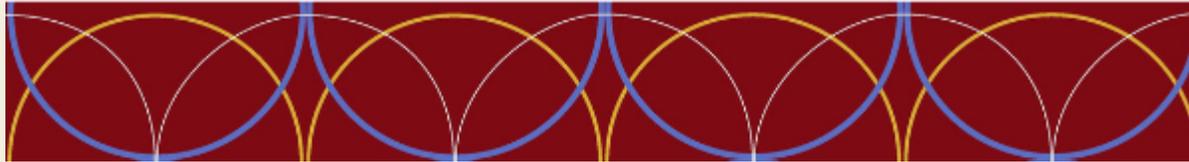
## **Rhone**

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Cafe Amelie  
Mr. Nathan Chapman  
Mr. Terry & Mrs. Lynette DuFrene  
Mr. Claudio Hemb  
Ms. Lucy Burnett & Mr. Gregory Holt  
The Historic New Orleans Collection  
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Mr. Gary R. Williams  
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THE BK HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDENS PRESENTS:



# BK Historic House & Gardens Event: *An Evening with The Mahmoud Chouki Trio*

**Sunday, September 25, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

Join us in welcoming The [Mahmoud Chouki Trio](#) to BK Historic House and Gardens for an evening concert on Sunday, September 25!

An accomplished multi-instrumentalist, Mahmoud has inspired audiences around the globe with his unique style of playing, drawing inspiration from a variety of cultures and pushing the boundaries of his craft. He is joined by pianist [Oscar Rossignoli](#) and bassist [Martin Masakowski](#), both integral staples of the local New Orleans jazz scene.

**Doors open at 5:30pm with the performance starting at 6pm.**

Presented in partnership with [NOLAxNOLA!](#)

You can purchase your tickets [here](#).



# Geaux Blue NOLA Day

'Geaux Blue NOLA Day' is returning on **September 28th, 2022**. This will be a day to recognize the importance of the [New Orleans Police Department](#) to the well-being of the community.

Geaux Blue NOLA is a day we ask local businesses and residents to proudly show and display their support for the men and women of the NOPD. Blue light displays will be shown by the Caesars Superdome, the E.N. Morial Convention Center, Hibernia Bank, the New Orleans Jazz Museum, the World War II Museum, and many more throughout the City. We would like to encourage all residents to "Geaux Blue" by wearing blue ribbons and decorating their homes, mailboxes, and businesses with blue wreaths, bows, or lights.

As New Orleans is a very creative and artistic community and we ask **"HOW WILL YOU GEUX BLUE?"**

For any questions, please contact:  
Ken Caron (504) 250-9353  
[KCaron4218@gmail.com](mailto:KCaron4218@gmail.com)



## 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](http://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](#).

## 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:

Carroll Morton

Isabella Renner

Director, Film New Orleans  
(504) 658-4341 (office)  
(504) 240-9504 (mobile)  
[cgmorton@nola.gov](mailto:cgmorton@nola.gov)

Production Manager  
(504) 658-4355 (office)  
(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)

[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](#)

**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  
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