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At Home in the Vieux Carré

The [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) happy hour series continues with drinks and delights at the home of Dr. Oliver Sartor at [922 Esplanade Avenue](#) on **Friday, September 23, 2022**, from **5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

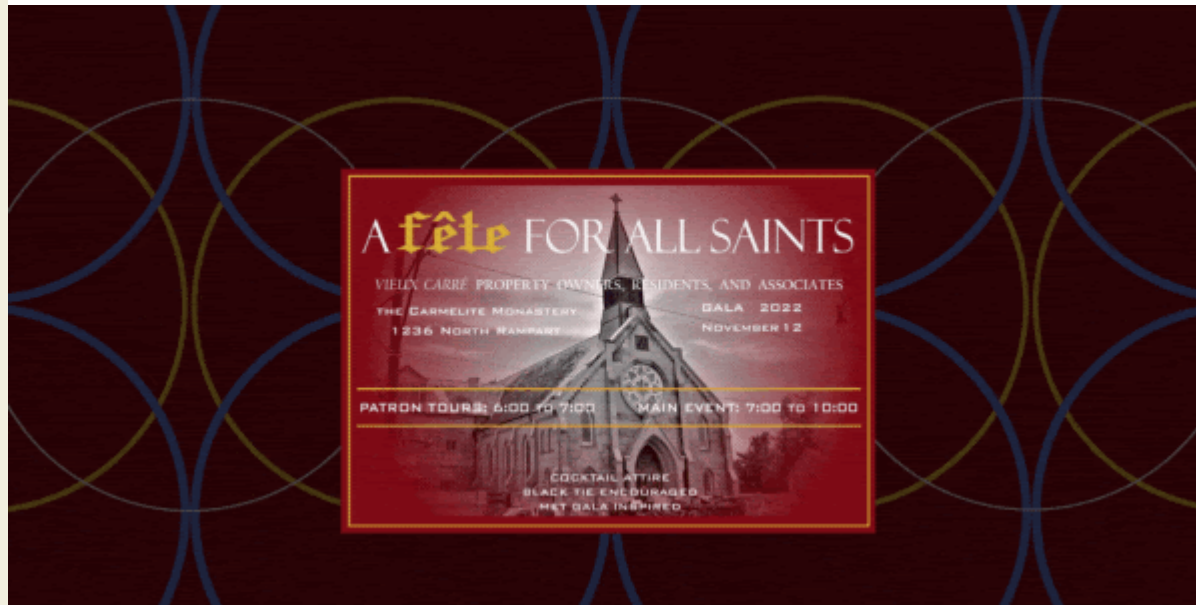
Our At Home in the Vieux Carré series is a great way to meet your neighbors and get an inside peak of a gorgeous French Quarter home.

Admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and **FREE for those who sign up or renew their membership that night.**

[922 Esplanade Avenue](#) is a beautiful, green rated c. 1856 townhouse that features a pilastered entrance and a cast iron balcony and canopy.

Join us in celebrating this beautifully furnished home and the special

neighborhood it inhabits by attending this At Home hosted by Sandra Stokes!



A Fête For All Saints (and Sinners)

Big preparations are underway for our 2022 Annual Gala, **“A Fête for All Saints”** on **November 12, 2022** at the **Carmelite Monastery**.

Designed by [James Freret](#) and completed in 1895 for the [Discalced Carmelite nuns](#), the Carmelite Monastery at [1236 N. Rampart Street](#), will soon transform nearly one acre and introduce 25 new apartments for rent into the French Quarter community.

We hope you will join us to celebrate one of the most ambitious and creative adaptive-reuse projects the French Quarter has seen in decades!

The main event will be held in the Carmelite Monastery's stunning [Gothic Revival](#) chapel and its flanking courtyards. Guests will be greeted with live music, festive food and beverage, and a dazzling silent auction featuring the best from our local boutiques and hospitality partners.

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 email info@vcpora.org. 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!

Don't miss your chance to become a patron or sponsor for the big event and have your name listed in the invitation and on our continued promotions. The deadline for listing your name is September 16, 2022.

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



Plessy Fest

For the first time since before the pandemic, [Homer Plessy Community Schools](#) are once again able to gather together and take part in what is now their **4th annual Plessy Fest**.

All are invited to join on **October 1, 2022** from **11:00-5:00 PM** at our **Plessy French Quarter campus** on the **700 block of St. Philip Street**. Please note that the block will be closed for the event. This fundraiser is open to the public and is **equal parts music festival and school fair**, with all proceeds going towards our continuing efforts to bring arts-integrated academics to our PreK through 8th grade students.

The Plessy Person of the Year is [Brandan 'BMike' Odums](#). Artist, activist, and mentor to young people all around our city, BMike is the creator of Studio BE and the non-profit, Eternal Seeds. He will serve as their student mentor for the 2022-23 school year, following in the footsteps of *Trombone Shorty* (2019) and *Big Freedia* (2018).

To learn more about the event and ways to get involved/sponsor the event, please contact **Julie Hanks** at julie.hanks@plessyschool.org and/or Mobile: (504) 220-8211 | Office: 504-503-0055.



Vaccinations at Armstrong Park

When: Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Where: Armstrong Park entrance near N. Rampart Street.

The [New Orleans Health Department \(NOHD\)](#) returns to Armstrong Park this weekend to offer the [JYNNEOS \(monkeypox\) vaccine](#) to those who got their first shot during Red Dress Run and to anyone needing a dose for the first time and who meets the criteria. This **dual vaccination event** will also offer the newly approved [bivalent COVID-19 booster](#) to anyone 12+.

These updated COVID-19 boosters are formulated to offer continued protection against the original strain while also offering better protection against the two lineages of the Omicron variant, BA.4 and BA.5, which represent over 90% of the currently circulating virus.

At this time, the bivalent vaccine is considered **only a booster** and is not to be used as the initial two-dose COVID vaccine. The monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines will still be administered for the primary vaccine series.

Find more information about monkeypox and the coronavirus [here](#).



The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue circular graphic behind the text. The title 'East-Bank Update' is in a large, bold, orange font, with 'Community Engagement Meeting' in a smaller, white font below it. A white box with a yellow border contains the date and time: 'Monday, September 12' and '5:30 PM - 7:30 PM'. Below this, the location is listed: 'Stallings St. Claude Recreation Center', '4300 St. Claude Ave.', and 'New Orleans, LA 70117'. At the bottom, it says 'Join Councilmember Freddie King III, District C and City Of New Orleans Department Leaders'. There are two circular logos at the bottom: the official seal of the City of New Orleans on the left and a portrait of Councilmember Freddie King III on the right.

East-Bank Update
Community Engagement Meeting

Monday, September 12
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Stallings St. Claude Recreation Center
4300 St. Claude Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70117

Join Councilmember Freddie King III, District C
and City Of New Orleans Department Leaders

District C Town Hall Meeting

Join us and District C Council member Freddie King III for an East bank Town Hall meeting on **Monday, September 12, 2022**, from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at **4300 St. Claude Avenue**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Winston Fiore at Winston.Fiore@nola.gov.

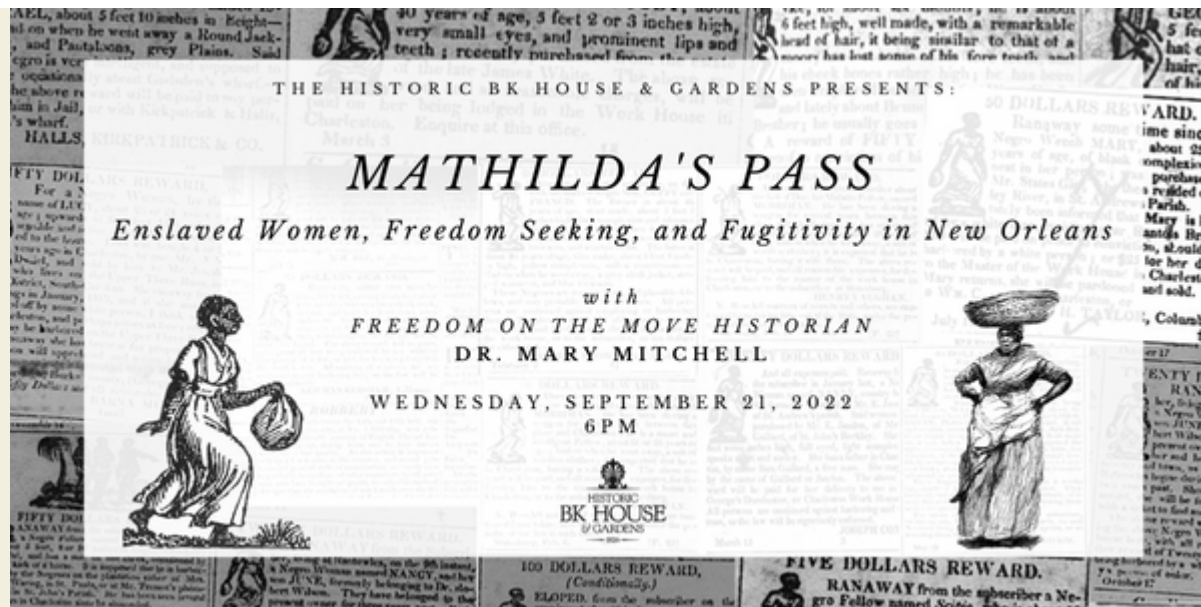


Hurricane Preparedness Lecture

You've probably seen the [Hurricane Preparedness](#) lectures presented by [NOLA Ready](#) in other neighborhoods throughout the city this summer. They always seem to be a tad far away from the French Quarter, and so we teamed up with [NOLAReady](#), the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#), and the [BK Historic House & Gardens](#) to bring these lectures to you!

Join us at BK Historic House & Gardens ([1113 Chartres Street](#)) on **September 19, 2022 at 6 p.m.** to get Hurricane Prepared. NOLA Ready will give you all the information you need to stay informed and be prepared in case of an emergency.

This lecture is free and open to the public, so please invite your friends. We are all in this together!



BK Historic House & Gardens Events this Month

Join us at the [BK Historic House & Gardens](#) (1113 Chartres) for **two spectacular events** later this month!

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

Mathilda's Pass: Enslaved Women, Freedom Seeking, and Fugitivity in New Orleans

As we continue to explore the history of enslaved people in relation to the BK House, we are often reminded of the many ways these individuals resisted this oppression throughout New Orleans. While most who fled their enslavers were men, many women escaped as well. These women, active in their self-liberation, often had their names and stories surface in local newspapers through ads placed by jailers and enslavers seeking their return.

On Wednesday, September 21 at 6pm, Dr. Mary Mitchell explores court cases and

fugitive slave advertisements to piece together a clearer picture of women who sought their freedom in the cityscape and social world of antebellum New Orleans.

Dr. Mitchell will also talk about her work with Freedom on the Move, a crowd-sourced database of fugitive slave advertisements printed in North America before the Civil War.

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



(BK Historic House & Gardens Events this Month cont.)

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

An Evening with The Mahmoud Chouki Trio

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](#).



Upper Quarter Neighborhood Watch



National Night Out Block Party!!

Tuesday October 4th, 2022

Live Music From: The Bourbon Street
Beignet!!

Sponsored by:  

Micah Loewenthal (504)388-6150

Luther & Blane 112 Olympic Fields Ave New Orleans LA 70119 504-748-2011

Night Out Against Crime Block Party

The Upper Quarter Neighborhood Watch is hosting its annual [National Night Out Against Crime](#) Block Party on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022**, from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Join us and your neighbors along the **900 block of Orleans Avenue** and get a chance to speak with local police officers, firefighters, and more!

There will be live music by the Bourbon Street Beignet.

The evening is sponsored by [Micha Loewenthal](#) and all questions and/or concerns can be directed to him at (504) 388-6150.



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

Isabella Renner
Production Manager
(504) 658-4355 (office)
(504) 295-7734 (mobile)
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
bdblock@nola.gov
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 **tomorrow!**

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