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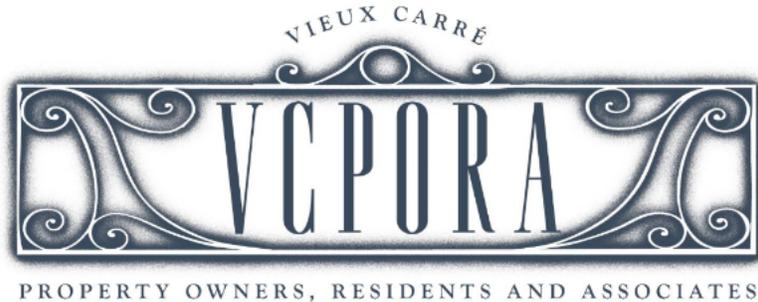
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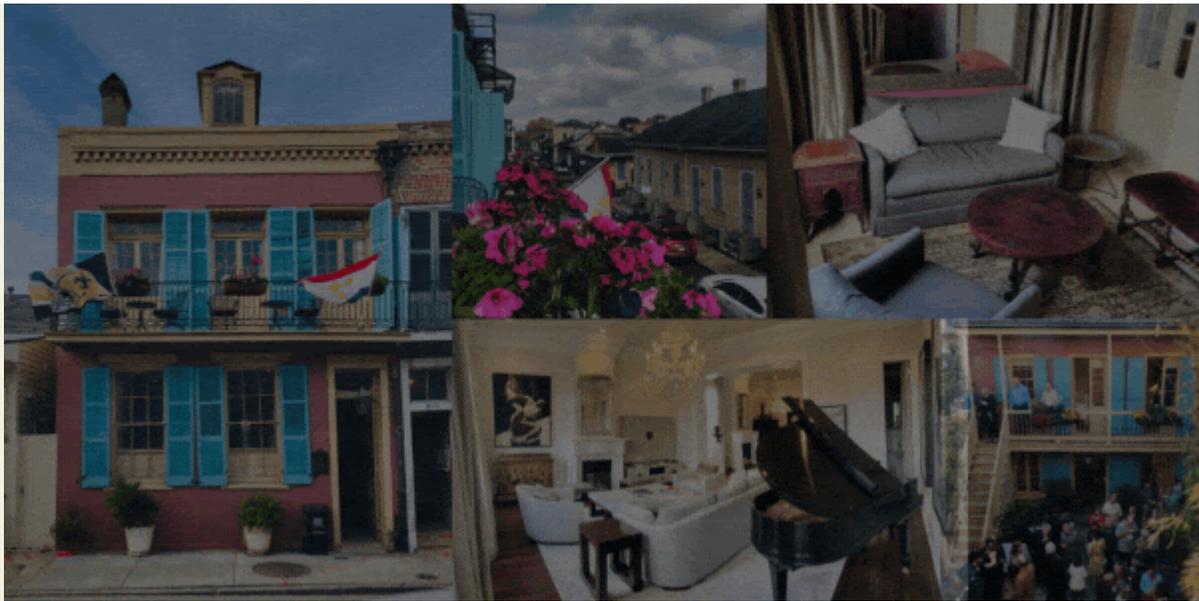
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## At Home in the Vieux Carré

The [At Home in the Vieux Carré](#) happy hour series continues with drinks and delights at the home of Claus Sadlier at [933 Burgundy Street](#) on **Friday, October 28, 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.**

[933 Burgundy Street](#) is a beautiful, green rated c. 1836 Creole townhouse, and features a cathedral pattern wrought iron balcony.

Join us in celebrating this beautifully furnished home and the special neighborhood it inhabits by attending this Halloween themed At Home hosted by Claus Sadlier! Bring your dancing shoes too, because this month's happy hour will feature live music – a special treat from our host. Stop in on your way to the [French Quarter Citizens' Halloween Party!](#)



# 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.



## Advocacy Updates

### **440 Bourbon Street - Proposed Gallery Addition**

The City Council will soon review [an appeal](#) of the Vieux Carré Commission's denial for a proposed gallery addition to the second floor of [440 Bourbon Street](#). This green-rated structure, constructed in 1819 as part of the Pigneguy's Stables, is a particularly rare Entresol building.

From Brook Tesler, Executive Director of the [VCC Foundation](#): *An "Entresol" building is a unique Spanish Colonial building type not found outside of our region. There are very few, if any, left existing outside of the French Quarter. Even within the French Quarter, there are few. The entresol is actually the middle level of the 2 ½ story*

building. Entresols were popular in New Orleans from 1794-1830. The word Entresol is a local French translation for the Spanish term *entre suelo* and refers to a store-house layout: store on the ground level, residence above, and a low-height storage level between the floors. It has an extremely high appearing ground floor, used for commercial purposes, that hides a 6- to 8-foot high *entre suelo/entresol* which was used as storage or as a sleeping area for enslaved people. The family home was on the second floor above the *entre suelo/entresol*. The preservation of this building type is integral to telling the story of colonial American history and the stories of those enslaved in these structures.

Per the VCC Design Guidelines for new galleries, “adding a new balcony, gallery, porch or overhang will greatly alter the appearance of a building. In select cases, the VCC might approve the installation of a new [gallery] provided that:

- There is documentary evidence supporting that one previously existed,
- The installation is appropriate for the building type,
- The installation does not destroy or conceal an important architectural feature or detail,
- The proposed design is compatible in size, scale and design to the building and surrounding streetscape.” (VCC DG: 08-09)

In evaluating this proposal, the VCC determined that there was no documentation to suggest a gallery ever existed on the second floor and that it would be nearly unheard of for this property to have a second floor gallery given that the building has an entresol level, which fits the industrial use of the building. They denied the application, citing that “a new gallery in this location would be inappropriate for the building type, and would obscure the important architectural feature that is the entresol itself.”

All decisions made by the VCC may be appealed to the New Orleans City Council. **VCPORA supports the position of the VCC, therefore will advocate to the City Council to deny the appeal.**

View historic images and the proposed changes in this [slideshow](#) (beginning on slide 70).



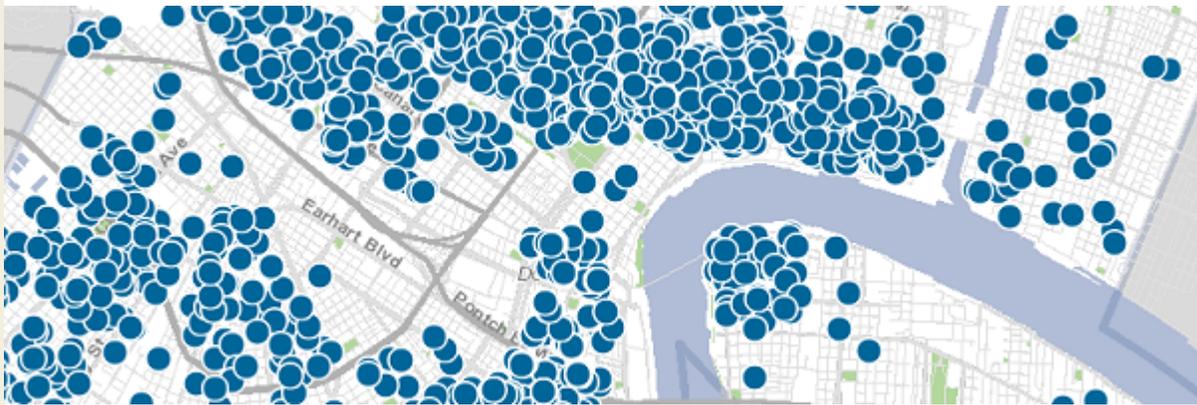
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**502 Frenchmen Street**

In the Marigny, a prominent structure at the intersection of Decatur and Frenchmen streets is also seeking to appeal the denial from the Historic Districts Landmarks

Commission (HDLC) for a proposed rooftop addition. Classified as a “Significant Rated Building,” [502 Frenchmen Street](#) was built sometime between 1838 and 1850 by Julien Lacroix, a grocer and free man of color. This building established Frenchmen as a bustling commercial corridor for the Marigny and its Creole business owners.

The HDLC [denied the addition](#) on the grounds that the design guidelines specifically prohibit rooftop additions on significant rated buildings and states that “the proposed penthouse addition does not retain the character-defining feature of the roof form, [and] would negatively impact the significance and visual integrity of the existing building.” The addition plan aims to add a level of hotel rooms for a proposed renovation and conversion of the building into a hotel.

Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA) has opposed the addition citing the impact it would have on the historic significance of the building, the precedent that would set for other protected structures, the effects on quality of life that rooftop decks pose, and the impossibility of eliminating the visibility of the addition from Esplanade Ave. and Decatur St.



*(Advocacy Updates Cont.)*

## **Short Term Rental Enforcement**

This week, the [Lens](#) reported that, despite the City nearly doubling the capacity for investigations into short term rental violators, only 43 adjudications have been completed this year. Yet City officials remain optimistic that the new software package from Granicus will dramatically increase their ability to identify illegal operators, and believes that a fully staffed department will be able to handle around 600 adjudication hearings per year.

This report comes after the Council, led by CM J.P. Morrell, voted to [suspend the renewal](#) of new residential short term rental permits while they rewrite the current ordinance.

Read more here: [City increases short-term rental enforcement, but only 43 adjudications in 2022 so far](#)

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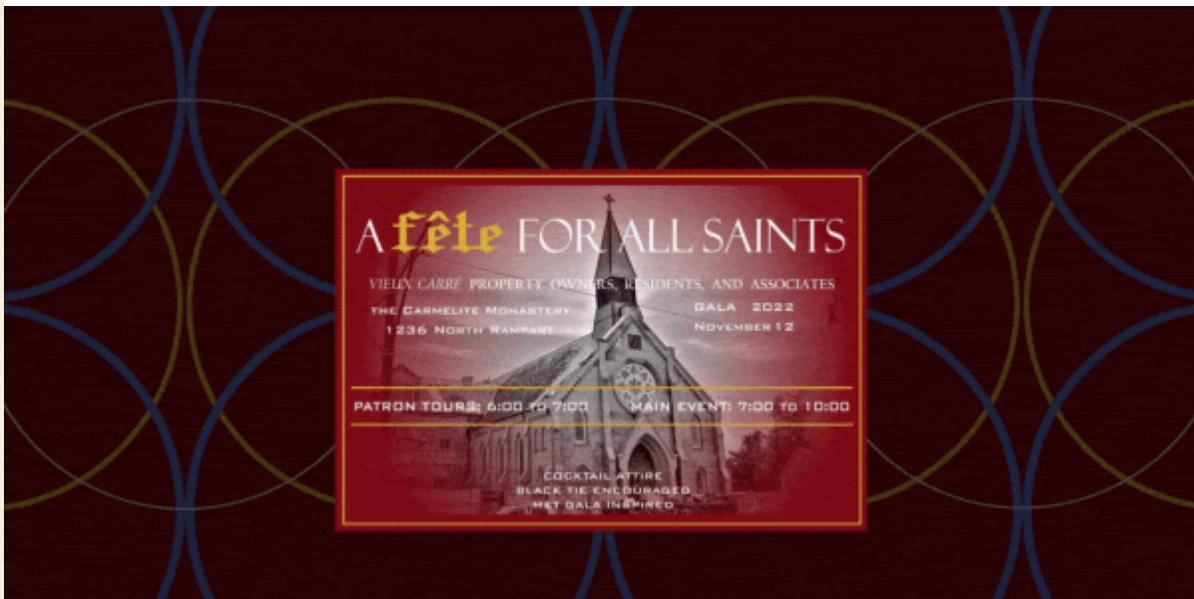
## Blight Legislation - A message from **CM Joe Giarrusso**

Blight is one of the most frequent complaints all district offices receive. Enforcement is the primary means for addressing blight. However, this Council has now given Code Enforcement more tools, and a better pathway toward more efficient and effective enforcement.

The City Council unanimously approved [amendments to our current Code Enforcement legislation](#). These changes were made in partnership with Councilmembers Harris, King, Green, and Thomas as well as Code Enforcement. These changes include:

- Setting daily fines hearing date at the initial violation hearing, speeding up when daily fines can be set;
- Mark each violation on each unit separately instead of one violation for the entire structure. This would lead to more violations for slumlords in apartment buildings and multi-family structures;
- Require those with commercial licenses to keep their properties clean and in compliance with the city codes as a condition for license renewal; and
- Focusing on commercial establishments and large-scale residential buildings that generate more litter and graffiti than single- or double-family homes.

Our twin goals are to give Code Enforcement the necessary tools to pursue code cheaters without unnecessarily punishing someone who made a simple, first-time mistake. You can read more about these changes [here](#).



## A Fête For All Saints (and Sinners)

We are just under *one month* away from 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!

Check us out on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to get a sneak peek at auction items, venue pictures, and some images/looks that have inspired us!



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!

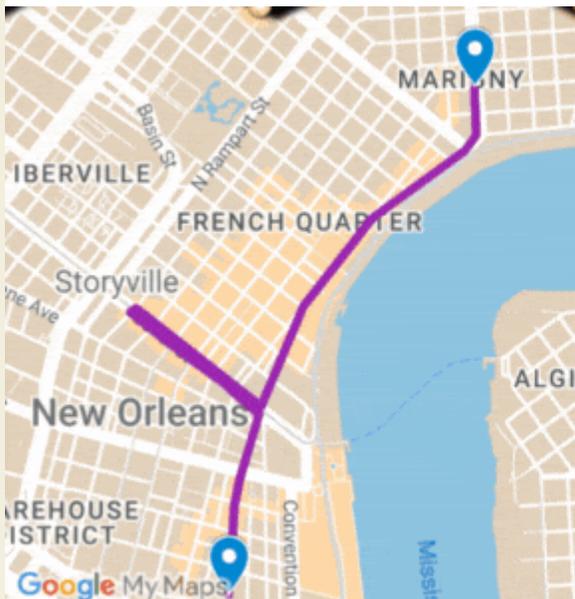
**Learn more and sign up as a patron or sponsor [here](#).**



## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**  
***Boo Carré Halloween Haunt***  
**The French Market**  
**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

The French Market District is hosting the annual [Boo Carré Halloween Haunt](#) in [Dutch Alley](#) on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The free one-day kid-centric event encourages costumes for all ages and will feature live music, children's activities, a spooktacular Spooky Second Line, and trick-or-treating. Children wearing a costume are eligible to receive a free Boo Carré tote bag for trick-or-treating in the French Market District. One bag per child, while supplies last. This event is free and open to the public.



*(Upcoming Events Cont.)*

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**Krewe of Boo Parade**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Krewe of BOO!** became New Orleans' Official Halloween Parade in 2007 and since then has grown to be a spooktacular weekend of Halloween-themed events, combining the magnitude of Mardi Gras with the macabre theatrics of All Hallow's Eve.

Featuring floats of world-renowned **Kern Studios**, the parade's beautifully horrific props and sculptures start with talented Kern artists, sketching creative images for the unique Krewe of BOO! Once approved by Chief Spookster Brian Kern's discerning eye, the images "come to life" as 3-dimensional fiberglass or papier-mâché props that excite and frighten parade-goers with their imaginative artistic style.

**PARADE ROUTE**

- Assemble at Elysian Fields Avenue
- Parade Down Elysian Fields Avenue to North Peters Street
  - North Peters Street to Decatur Street
- Decatur Street past Jackson Square to North Peters Street
  - North Peters Street to Canal Street
  - Up Canal to Burgundy then U-turn
  - Down Canal Street to Tchoupitoulas Street
- Tchoupitoulas Street to Andrew Higgins Drive



**Friday, October 28, 2022**

**French Quarter Citizens Annual Fundraiser**

**New Orleans Jazz Museum, [400 Esplanade Ave.](#)**

**7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

The French Quarter Citizens annual fundraiser will be an incredible Halloween Costume party with a spooky and exciting evening of tricks and treats in the New Orleans Jazz Museum in the historic Old U. S. Mint, which transforms into a spectacular event space to enjoy a ghostly Halloween!

Tickets and more information [here](#).



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

Isabella Renner  
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 **tomorrow!**

[Donate](#)

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