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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.



E-scooters on Frenchmen, Conti, and Orleans

E-Scooter Ordinance Passes

On Thursday, October 6, the City Council unanimously approved [Ordinance 33,745](#) amending the City Code to effectively distinguish between and provide regulations for bicycles and electric scooters.

We want to extend our gratitude for all Councilmembers: Freddie King, Helena Moreno, Lesli Harris, Joe Giarrusso, J.P. Morrell, Oliver Thomas, and Eugene Green.

This ordinance does allow for brick-and-mortar storefronts to rent out the scooters, much like bicycles. It specifies that they must be picked up and dropped off at the same location and cannot be stored on the public right-of-way. Additionally, it allows for the removal of the scooters by the Department of Public Works if they are improperly stored (like on the sidewalk). Fees for impounding and storage can be assessed at \$250 per scooter for the first infraction and \$500 per scooter for subsequent violations.

Thank you to all who sent in their letters of support for this ordinance.

Read more about our advocacy efforts on e-scooters [here](#).



French Quarter Crime Cameras

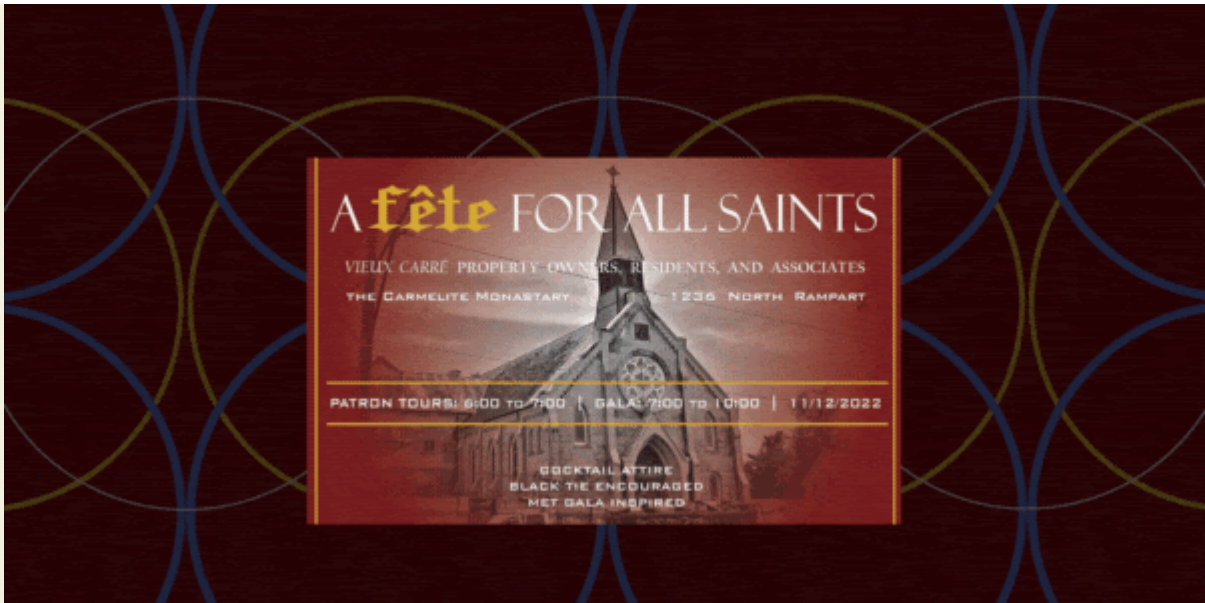
On Thursday, October 6, The City Council gave unanimous approval for French Quarter security measures to utilize unanticipated funds from the [French Quarter Economic Development District \(FQEDD\)](#). These funds, administered by the [French Quarter Management District \(FQMD\)](#), will be used to add license plate readers, crime cameras, lighting, and homeless assistance in the French Quarter.

These funds derive from the quarter-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2021, which is anticipated to draw in nearly \$700,000 over the expected collections this year. To incorporate the added revenue into security programming, the FQMD needed the City Council to sign off on the budget allocations. Specifically, these include:

- \$37,500 for 20 license plate readers
- \$490,000 for 70 new cameras
- \$195,000 for new streetlights
- \$50,000 for homeless case managers

The plan will include license plate readers at every entry point to the French Quarter. Additionally, the new security cameras will be placed along Decatur, Chartres, Royal, Dauphine, Burgundy, and N. Rampart, creating coverage for nearly every block of the neighborhood that feeds directly into the city's police surveillance hub The Real Time Crime Center.

Read more here: [New Orleans City Council approves funding for French Quarter crime cameras](#)



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!

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!

A horizontal banner containing logos for various sponsors. From left to right: Brioux Carre (with a bull head logo), The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans, GW FINS, Southkick, ROLF Preservation Works, Acme Oyster House (with 'ESTABLISHED 1941' and 'SINCE 1958 - NEW ORLEANS SEAFOOD'), BEVOLO Gas & Electric Lights (with 'ESTABLISHED 1941'), Pisco Dist, Grand Old House, Bellingrath Wealth Management & Employee Benefits, Mechalopoulos, Le Petit Theatre, and Kay's.

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](#).



VCC Foundation Spirit of the Vieux Carré Gala

Mark your calendars and join us at the [VCC Foundation Spirit of the Vieux Carré Gala](#) on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at Brennan's**.

This year they are celebrating not only our wonderful neighborhood and its bright future, but someone that spent much of his adult life stewarding the mission of the View Carré Commission: to preserve and to protect the invaluable historic architectural heritage of New Orleans' French Quarter. Lary Hesdorffer served as the Director of the VCC between 1982 and 2016, with only a small stint in Georgia in the middle. He also co-founded their organization in a combined effort to help the VCC be stronger, accomplish more, and work better for the community. He recently retired from our board, achieving Emeritus status.

The event will feature:

Patron Party at 6pm: [Trixie Minx Productions](#)

Gala at 7pm: [Robin Barnes, The Songbird of New Orleans](#)

Learn more and get your tickets [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, 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)
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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 56 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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