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## *2023 Schwartz-Gage Award Luncheon The Honorable Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson*



## Schwartz Gage Award Success!

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, VCPORA honored Jackie Clarkson as the recipient of our prestigious Schwartz-Gage award. This award, conferred biennially, is for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the preservation of the French Quarter.

Thank you so much to all who attended this very special event. For those of you who missed it, the Honorable Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson, aka Mrs. Jackie, was lavished with praise and fond memories of her decades of public service, and lifetime of being a mentor, mother, and friend.

Jackie Clarkson represented the French Quarter while serving as District C Councilmember and continued to support the historic neighborhood in her capacity as

an At-large Councilmember and author of the City of New Orleans Master Plan. She fought to make sure the Master Plan included protections for the French Quarter. Throughout her 24 years as an elected official, Ms. Clarkson was well known for her honesty, hard work, and around-the-clock availability.

The fabulous luncheon began with an invocation from the Very Reverend William Terry. Fantastic remarks were made by Councilmembers Helena Moreno, Joseph Giarrusso, Freddie King, Eugene Green, and Oliver Thomas. Representative Alonzo Knox shared his praise, along with former Senator Diana Bajoie.

Former Representative and Clerk of Court, Arthur Morrell, joined his wife, former Councilmember Cynthia H. Morrell, to recount memories of hard-won battles for the French Quarter and the City of New Orleans. Former Councilmember, Arnie Fielkow, shared a letter of gratitude from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans. Jackie's family surrounded her as her former staff members, including Mrs. Anne Redd, recounted years of her determination and leadership.

We could not have made this event incredibly special without our spectacular hosts. Brennan's delivered their renowned level of excellence and made the afternoon perfect for our honoree and guests. From the Turtle Soup to the Banana's Foster, they kept the champagne flowing!

Lastly, we want to share our immense gratitude with Mrs. Jenna Burke, our event Chair, for her dedication to making the event perfect, down to every detail.

**CHEERS TO JACKIE!**



## N. Rampart St. Traffic Calming & Safety Survey

Some of you may remember, but in 2019 we conducted a community survey about pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements along N. Rampart Street between Canal and Esplanade. You may also remember that the Hard Rock Hotel collapsed in October of that year, effectively shutting down the corridor for another year, which was closely followed by the Coronavirus pandemic that altered so much about how we use public streets and spaces. It's been four years, and we want to get an updated



picture of how you use N. Rampart and how you think it could be better and safer for all users - whether you are in a car, on a bike, on foot, or any other motorized or non-motorized device.

Please take a moment to take this survey, so we can update our elected officials and City departments about the community needs for this major multi-modal corridor connecting upriver and downriver neighborhoods. And feel free to share this widely, so we have more input from all neighborhoods.

**Take the Survey!**



## Louisiana Landmarks Society: 9 Most Endangered Sites


[The Louisiana Landmarks Society](#) which promotes historic preservation through education, advocacy, and operation of the Pitot House, announced its *9 Most Endangered Sites* this week. This list, issued annually since 2005, serves to highlight historic sites that are threatened by demolition, neglect, and bureaucracy. Their ultimate goal is to prevent their loss and educate the public about these resources.

Several sites highlighted are right here in the French Quarter, like Madame John's Legacy and the Adolph Mazureau House. Others are just across the street, like Armstrong Park, while another listing highlights the loss of Residential Housing, which is facing threats by the proliferation of short term rentals and other investor-led speculation.

**[Read the full list here](#)**

# 2023 Proposed City Charter Amendments

Councilmember Joe Giarrusso II

 New Orleans City Council



## BUDGET Ballot Proposition

- ❖ Current budget process is too short
- ❖ Proposal: longer timeline

## CODE ENFORCEMENT Ballot Proposition

- ❖ Not a department
- ❖ Proposal: a department

## Upcoming Charter Amendments

Councilmember Joseph Giarrusso met with VCPORA this week to discuss the [two City Charter amendments](#) he introduced earlier this year aiming to reshape two key city functions. The first pushes up the date the City Council receives the Mayor's proposed budget to October 1<sup>st</sup>, a full month earlier than is required now. This will allow more time for the Council, and the public, to review and hold public engagement sessions. The second charter amendment consolidates the office of Code Enforcement into a single department. As of now, many of Code Enforcement's responsibilities and budget are spread between other city departments. Both charter amendments require voter approval on October 14<sup>th</sup> of this year.

VCPORA has reviewed these two City Charter amendments and supports their intent. Proposition 1 will give the City Council, Administration, and members of the public more time to engage in the City's annual budget process leading to increased awareness, transparency, and accountability in government spending. Proposition 2 will consolidate the responsibilities for combating blight under a single department rather than scattering these roles between several agencies, thus setting the stage for more effective responsiveness.

Here is a [slideshow explaining each amendment](#). Read more about the proposed ballot measures in the [Bureau of Government Research's On the Ballot reports](#).

To view your October 14th sample ballot, click [here](#). Early voting is Sept. 30 through Oct. 7 (excluding Sunday, Oct. 1) from 8:30-6:00 pm.



DISTRICT 93  
**TOWN HALL  
MEETING**  
HOSTED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALONZO KNOX

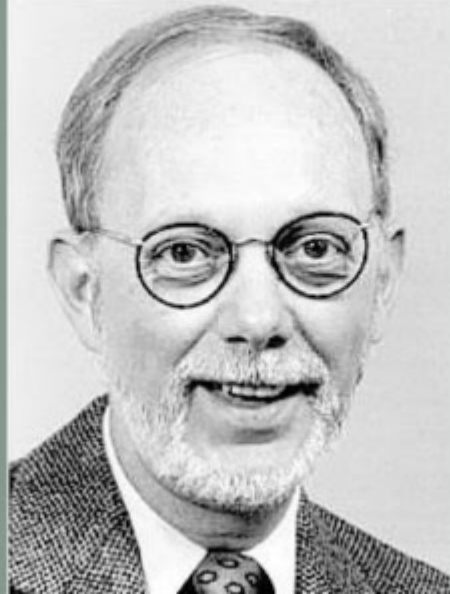
## District 93 Town Hall with Rep. Alonzo Knox

Join House Representative of District 93, Alonzo Knox, for one of two upcoming Town Hall meetings. Guest speakers will include:

- Erroll Williams, Orleans Tax Assessor's Office
- Scott Boule, DOTD
- Lt. Col. Chavez Common, Louisiana State Police
- Darren Derbonne & Kathy Dean, La. Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner Consumer Advocacy

**Day 1:** September 25, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Dryades YMCA, [2220 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.](#)

**Day 2:** September 26, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Dodwell House, [1519 Esplanade Ave.](#)



## In Memoriam: Mr. Gary Arthur Lloyd

The board of VCPORA is very sad to learn of the passing of former board member and long-time French Quarter resident Gary Lloyd. VCPORA President Nathan Chapman recalls, "I recall how Gary loved to entertain friends in the courtyard of his historic Creole cottage on St. Philip Street. He was a dedicated VCPORA member and board member. His passing is a loss to the French Quarter community." Please read more about Gary's life [here](#).

A promotional graphic for the City Park Master Plan. It features a large, mature tree with thick, gnarled branches and dense green foliage. The sun is shining through the leaves, creating a bright starburst effect. In the top left corner, there is a dark green square containing the City Park Conservancy logo, which is a stylized tree with roots and branches, and the text "CITY PARK CONSERVANCY" below it. In the bottom right corner, there is a dark green rectangular button with the text "TAKE SURVEY" in white. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a dark green banner with the text "City Park Master Plan Online Survey + Public Meeting #1" in white.

**City Park Master Plan  
Online Survey + Public Meeting #1**

## City Park Master Plan - Ways to Engage

**Public Meeting #1 & Online Survey**  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
5:30-7:00 pm



Pavilion of the Two Sisters  
1 Victory Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70124

The new City Park Master Planning project has just begun, and it is important that people of all ages and from all neighborhoods have a say in the future of this beloved park. The City Park Conservancy launched their Master Planning process in July and wants to hear your vision for the future of City Park. What do you do in City Park? What do you love? What else would you like to see?

**Please take this brief introductory City Park planning survey.**

The first of six public meetings is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters. During this meeting, the architecture team will introduce themselves and some of their previous work, present results from the online survey, and share initial insights for City Park. In future meetings, we will gather your feedback and focus on various subjects, including:

1. Circulation and access
2. Lagoons, lakes, and water systems
3. Landscape types
4. Institutions, traditions, and programming



## 2023 Neighborhood Summit Registration

The Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office has opened for the 2023 Neighborhood Summit, returning to the Ernest Morial Convention Center ([900 Convention Center Blvd.](#)) on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The annual Neighborhood Summit celebrates the strength, history, and diversity of our city's neighborhoods, bringing together community leaders, non-profit agencies and City government. This year's theme is, "From Ideas to Actions: Shaping Our Neighborhoods' Destiny."

At the Summit, attendees will be able to attend workshops ranging from public safety to infrastructure to quality of life. Several City departments and agencies will be



included in the Summit resource fair. Dozens of free prizes, giveaways and attraction passes will also be available.

Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served, and the first 200 registrants will receive free parking. This event is free, and the registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 13, or until capacity is reached, as space is limited.

Residents can register by [clicking this link](#) or visiting [neosummit.eventbrite.com](https://neosummit.eventbrite.com).

For more information, residents should email [neighborhoods@nola.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@nola.gov).

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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**TALIA** CRIMINAL COURT  
Judge

*You are invited to a lively & important gathering.*

Hosted by

Mary & Harold Bartholomew  
& Amy Borrell  
Thursday, September 28, 2023  
5:00-6:30 pm  
Patrick's Bar Vin – 730 Bienville Street, NOLA  
*Refreshments will be served.*

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**TALIA**  
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT Judge  
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## Community invitation to Meet & Greet

Mary & Harold Bartholomew, along with Amy Borrell, are inviting neighbors to a Meet & Greet for Melanie Talia, who is running for Criminal Court Judge. The event will be held at Patrick's Bar Vin, [730 Bienville Street](#), on Thursday, September 28.

**Disclaimer:** As a 501(c)3 Not-for-profit organization, VCPORA does not support or endorse any political candidates. We do encourage active voter participation and encourage residents to engage with candidates on the issues that concern them most.

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# FILM NEW ORLEANS

Mayor's Office of Cultural Economy

## Filming Notifications

There will be several filming events in the coming weeks. We have received notifications from their offices, and Film New Orleans, about upcoming locations and parking restrictions. If you have any issues or questions, please reach out to Film New Orleans and the specific contact details provided in each notification below.

**Brittany Chandler (She/her)**  
**Production Manager, Film New Orleans**  
**Phone: 504-645-3579**  
**Email: [brittany.chandler@nola.gov](mailto:brittany.chandler@nola.gov)**

### **4WWL Louisiana: Investigates**

Wednesday, October 4th at [700 Chartres St.](#) from approximately 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The Cathedral side of Jackson Square and 600 block of Pere Antoine Alley are cleared for picture.

#### **No Parking:**

Wednesday, October 4th 2023 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
[600 Block St. Ann St.](#) (601 St. Ann St.)  
All driveways and handicap zones will be respected.

#### **Contact:**

Gerald Wilson  
Location Manager  
P: 843.377.6912  
E: [gwilson1@tegn.com](mailto:gwilson1@tegn.com)

### **Bright Road Productions "Road Trip America"**

Monday, September 25th 2023 at [800 Decatur St.](#) from approximately 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

#### **No Parking:**

Monday, September 25th 2023: 1:00 AM – 11:59PM  
800 block of [Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70116](#) (Both Sides)  
All driveways and handicap zones will be respected.

#### **Contact:**

Kyle Rostro  
Production Manager  
Road Trip America

870.213.7908

[Kyle.rostro@brightroadprods.com](mailto:Kyle.rostro@brightroadprods.com)



## 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 [QuarterClean@fqmd.org](mailto:QuarterClean@fqmd.org).

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!**

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