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Patio Planters March General Meeting
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A St. Patrick's Day themed graphic. At the top center is a green leprechaun hat with a black band and a gold buckle. Two large green shamrocks are positioned on either side of the hat. Below the hat, the text 'PATIO PLANTERS MARCH GENERAL MEETING' is written in a green, serif font. To the left of this text is a small version of the lantern logo. At the bottom, there is a decorative border of various shades of green shamrocks. The date and time 'March 6, 2024 6:30 PM' and the location 'Mary's Ace Hardware' are printed in green text at the bottom right.

**PATIO PLANTERS
MARCH GENERAL
MEETING**

March 6, 2024
6:30 PM
Mary's Ace Hardware



March Meeting Speaker: Maria Isabel Page Honorary Consul of Spain

The Vieux Carré Commission is thrilled to announce a partnership with the Spanish Consulate to repair missing and broken Spanish colonial era tiles. The original tiles, found as place markers on the outside of French Quarter properties, were a gift to the City from the Government of Spain and were produced in Talavera de la Reina, Spain, in 1959.

Property owners with existing damaged tiles can apply for replacements, courtesy of the Spanish Consulate which will be facilitating the refurbishment. The application is only for existing tiles. No new signs will be approved.

Permits are available in One Stop (click on "Permits – Vieux Carré"). <https://onestopapp.nola.gov/Apply.aspx> The VCC will only be collecting applicant information and will not be dealing with the tile manufacturers.

When you apply, please ensure you have the following documents ready for uploading in the document section of your application before submitting:

- ✿ If your property is part of a condo association, please upload a letter from your board president, signed by all owners, that states all parties have knowledge of and consent to the proposed work.
- ✿ Upload one photograph of each elevation where work is planned.
- ✿ Upload one photograph of each whole Spanish Tile street sign you wish to have refurbished.

Patio Planters Board Members/Officers for 2025

Patio Planters Board 2025

Joey DiFatta – President

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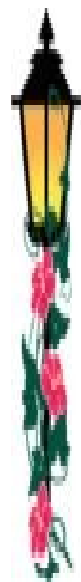
Carol Gernon

Lynn Kirby

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Sandra Dartus

Micah Loewenthal



PATIO PLANTERS
OF THE VIEUX CARRÉ

French Quarter Happenings



**Monday, March 17-
Downtown Irish Club Parade -
7:00pm**

**Saturday, March 22-
Italian-American St. Joseph's Parade - 6pm**

**Tennessee
Williams
Literary Festival—
Stella Shouting Contest**



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Sunday March 23— 2:00
pm**



**SPRING FIESTA—
WWW.SPRINGFIESTANOLA.ORG**

OPERA— MARCH 16, 1:00 PM-



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QUARTER KALEIDOSCOPE— MARCH 16

ST JOSEPH TABLE— MARCH 19-21

St. Joseph Altar



A St. Joseph Altar is a Sicilian custom as an offering of Love, Labor and Sacrifice in honor of the Patron Saint of the Sicilians and Universal Church.

According to legend, the St. Joseph Altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago during a period of drought and famine. In desperation, the people turned to St. Joseph asking his help and intercession. When the rains came and crops prospered, their prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the community made offerings to St. Joseph of their most prized possession - FOOD!

In his honor, they erected a lovely altar with three levels to represent the Holy Trinity. They draped it simply and beautifully in white, adorned it with flowers, the finest grain, fruits, vegetables, seafood and wine. The poor were invited to share in their prayer and festivity.

The custom and devotion continue to this day. Each year, altars laden with food (meatless) are prepared on March 19th to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day. Reasons for having the altars vary – to fulfill a promise, to give thanks for a favor granted, such as the safe return of a loved one from war, for healing the sick, for a happy family, for success in studies or business. It is also an opportunity for the prosperous to share with those less fortunate.

There are many traditions associated with a St. Joseph Altar. One is the traditional dried, roasted and blessed fava bean. It has been known as the very popular “lucky bean.” St. Joseph reportedly sent the rains, which nourished the fava beans, which in turn fed the famished Sicilians. Legend has it that you will never be broke as long as you carry a “lucky bean.” The custom is to carry a fava bean in your wallet or handbag for luck.

Another is the blessed St. Joseph's bread. Recipients keep the blessed bread in their houses for protection. If there is a storm, believers crumble the bread and scatter the crumbs to protect their homes from the storm.

The Feast of St. Joseph is March 19th.



The historic **Beauregard-Keyes House**, 1113 Chartres St., will host a St. Joseph's Day altar. The altar will open on Monday March 19 through March 23 from 10 AM – 3 PM.

King Cake Party



THANK YOU

To our over 175 members who attended

Special Thanks to :

Courtney Perret– The Occasional Maximalist– Decorations

Frank and Anne Milanese—Decorations

Carl Mack– Mardi Gras Museum of Costumes and Culture

Claus Sadler –Storyville Museum

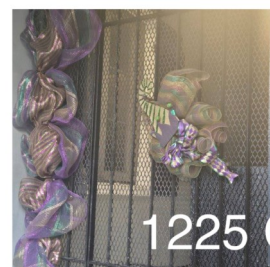
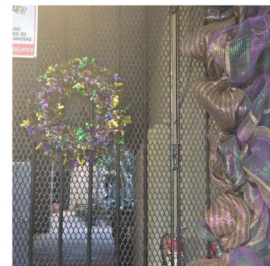
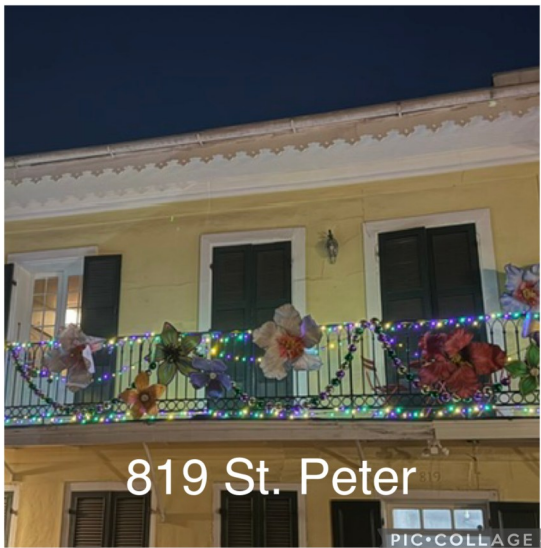
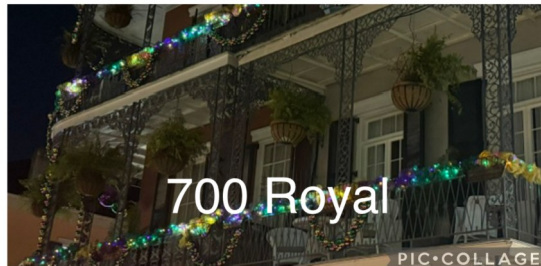
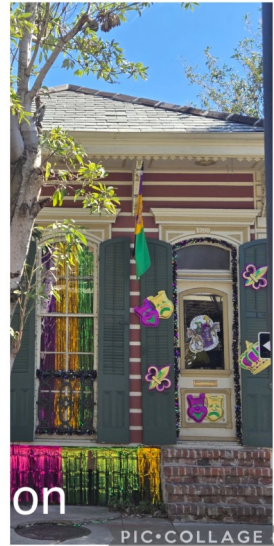
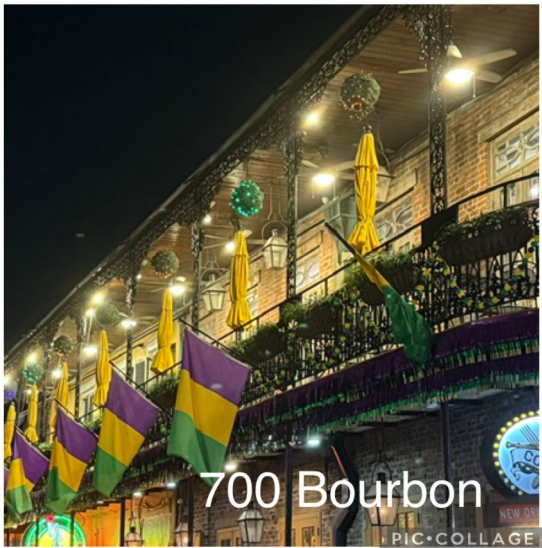
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More pics from King Cake party

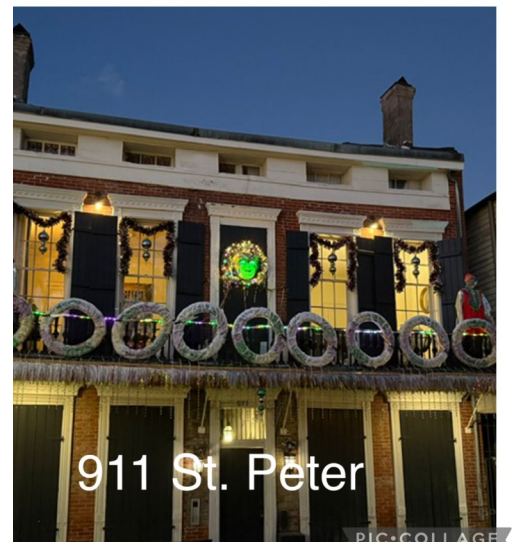
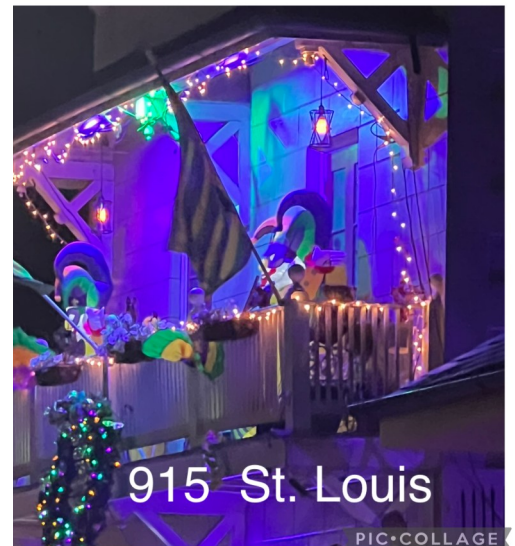
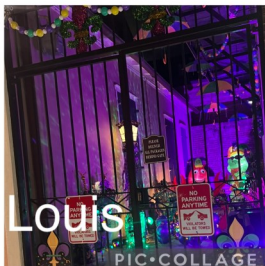
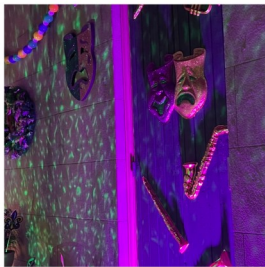
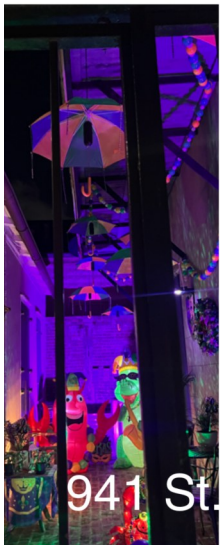
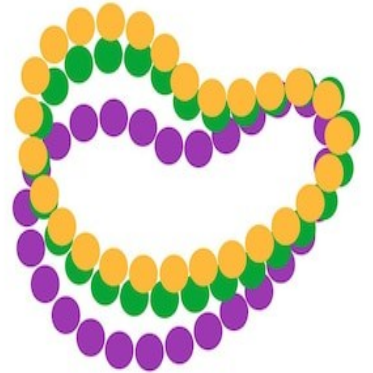
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MARDI GRAS BLUE RIBBON WINNERS



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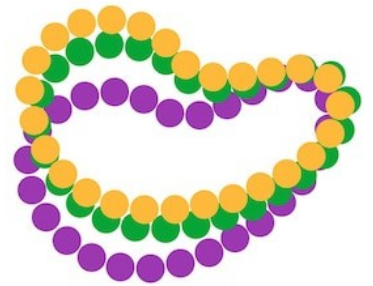
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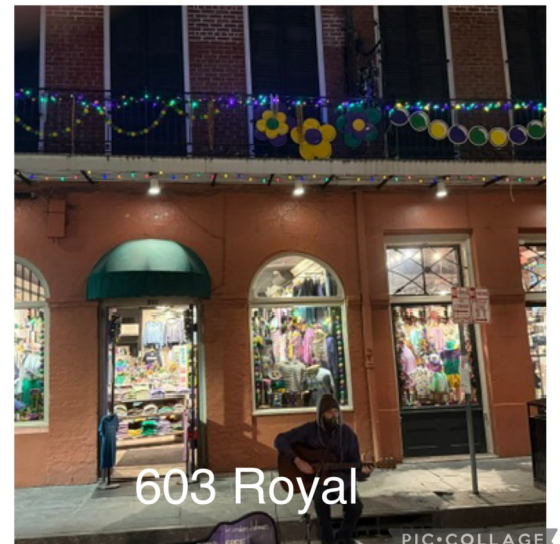
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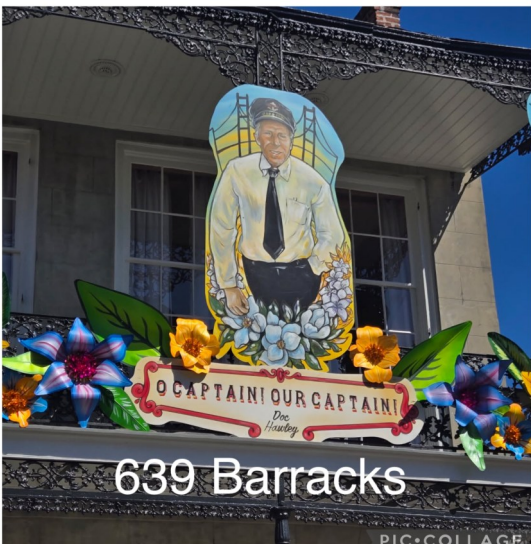


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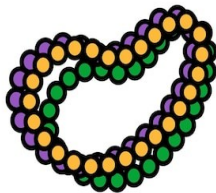


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