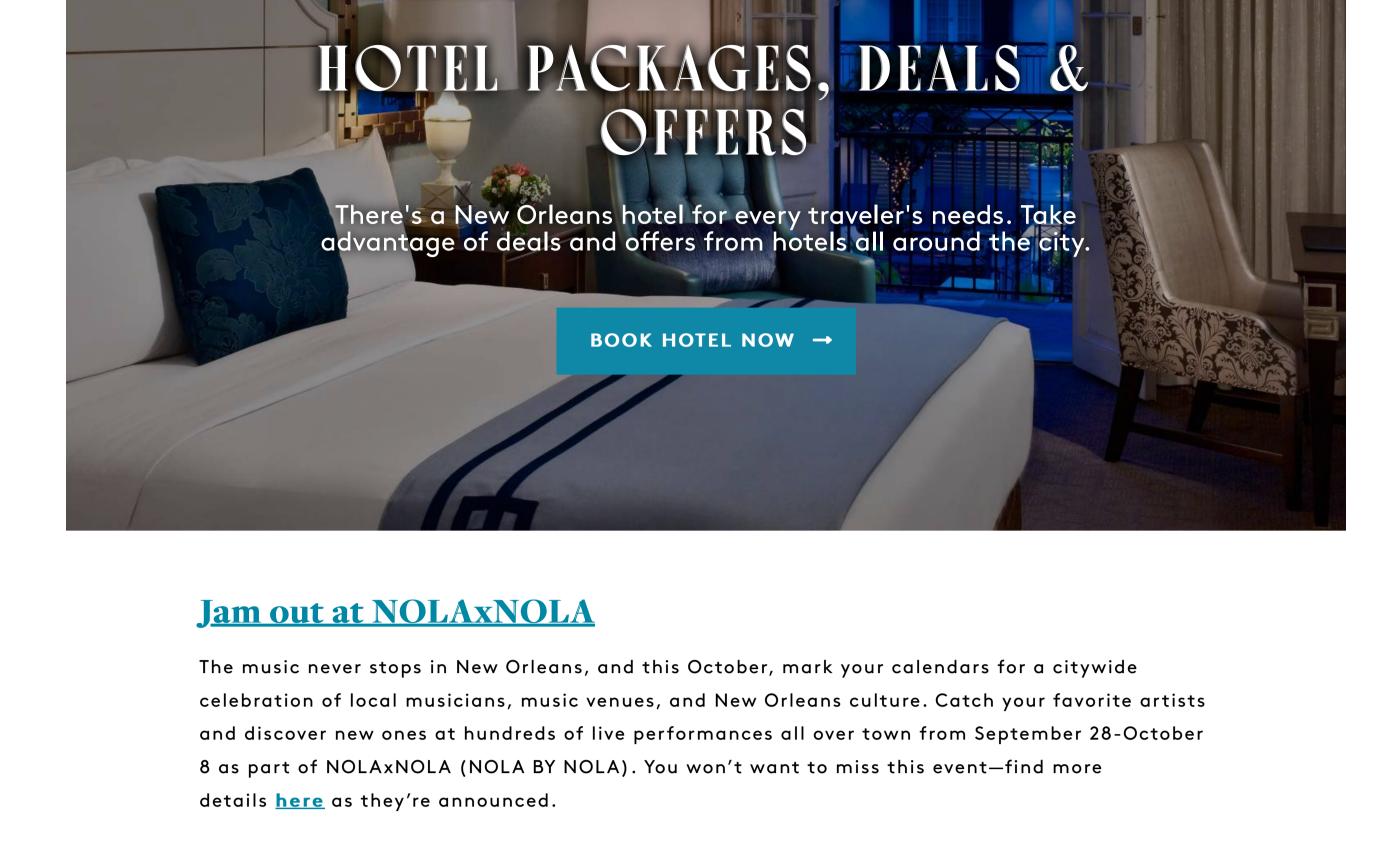
ORLEANS Our top picks for what to do this October in New Orleans Last Updated: Thursday, August 10, 2023 2:40 PM by Lauren Saizan

October in New Orleans is nothing short of jam-packed. There's National Fried Chicken Fest and **NOLAXNOLA** to kick off the month, then Halloween celebrations to close it all out. Fall

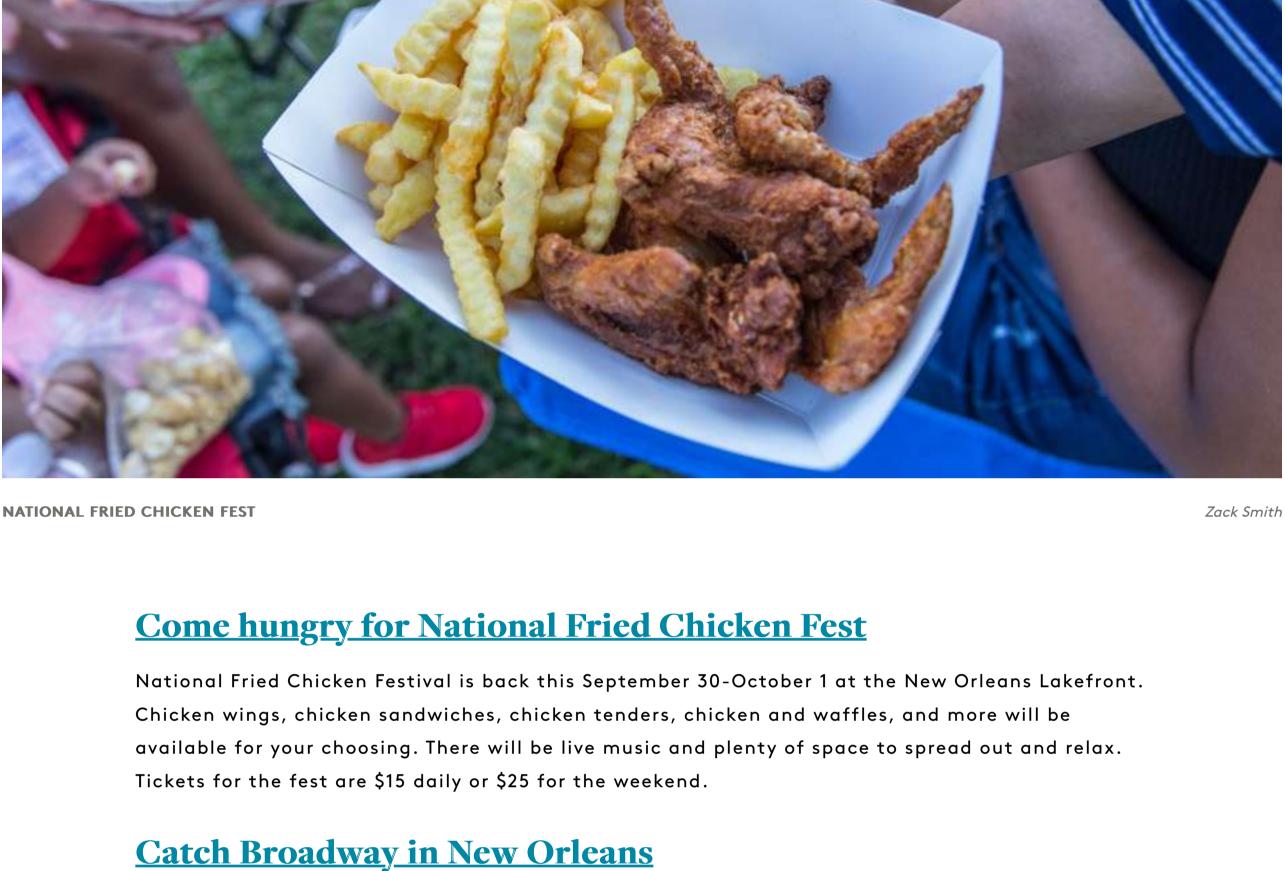
brings cool weather alongside a slew of festivals, including Crescent City Blues & BBQ Fest,

Gentilly Fest, Tremé Fall Fest, Praise Fest, Reggae Fest, Fresh Mint Fest, and more. Don't miss your chance to visit New Orleans this October.



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month New Orleans is a wonderful place to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which spans September

15-October 15. Learn about Hispanic heritage and culture by sampling authentic cuisine, exploring Hispanic history in the city, and supporting local Hispanic-owned businesses.



The 2023/2024 Broadway in New Orleans season kicks off with a musical based on the life of New

Orleans native Louis Armstrong. "A Wonderful World" is bound for Broadway but not before

stopping at the Saenger Theatre this October 1-8. Told from the perspective of the women in

Armstrong's life, "A Wonderful World" charts Armstrong's journey from the birth of jazz in his

native New Orleans through his international stardom, featuring beloved songs recorded and

Art for Art's Sake returns on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 6-9 p.m. along Magazine Street. Enjoy

browsing the over 100 shops, stores, restaurants, and galleries participating along the six-mile

stretch. Enjoy complimentary wine samples, special deals, and extended hours at a variety of

participating Magazine Street businesses as well as live music throughout the evening. This event

Enjoy Art for Art's Sake

is free to attend.

made popular by him. Tickets start at \$42 plus fees.



Just across the Mississippi River from downtown New Orleans lies Gretna, and this October 6-8 a

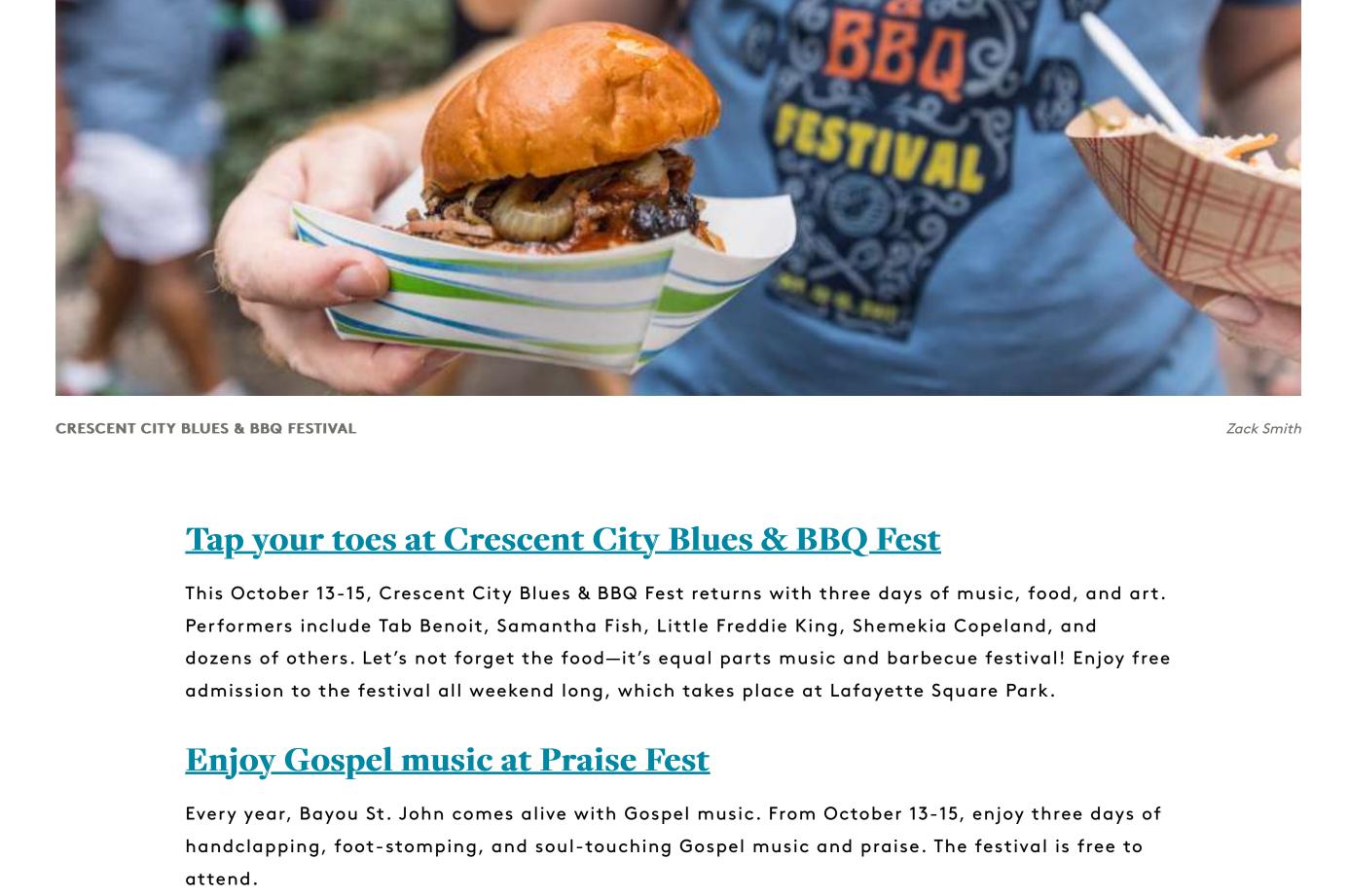
lot of folks will be headed that way. Gretna Fest returns with a lineup including Lynyrd Skynyrd,

Kool & The Gang, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, and several others. Tickets are \$30 for a

Insectarium. General admission tickets are \$100 and the event is October 6.

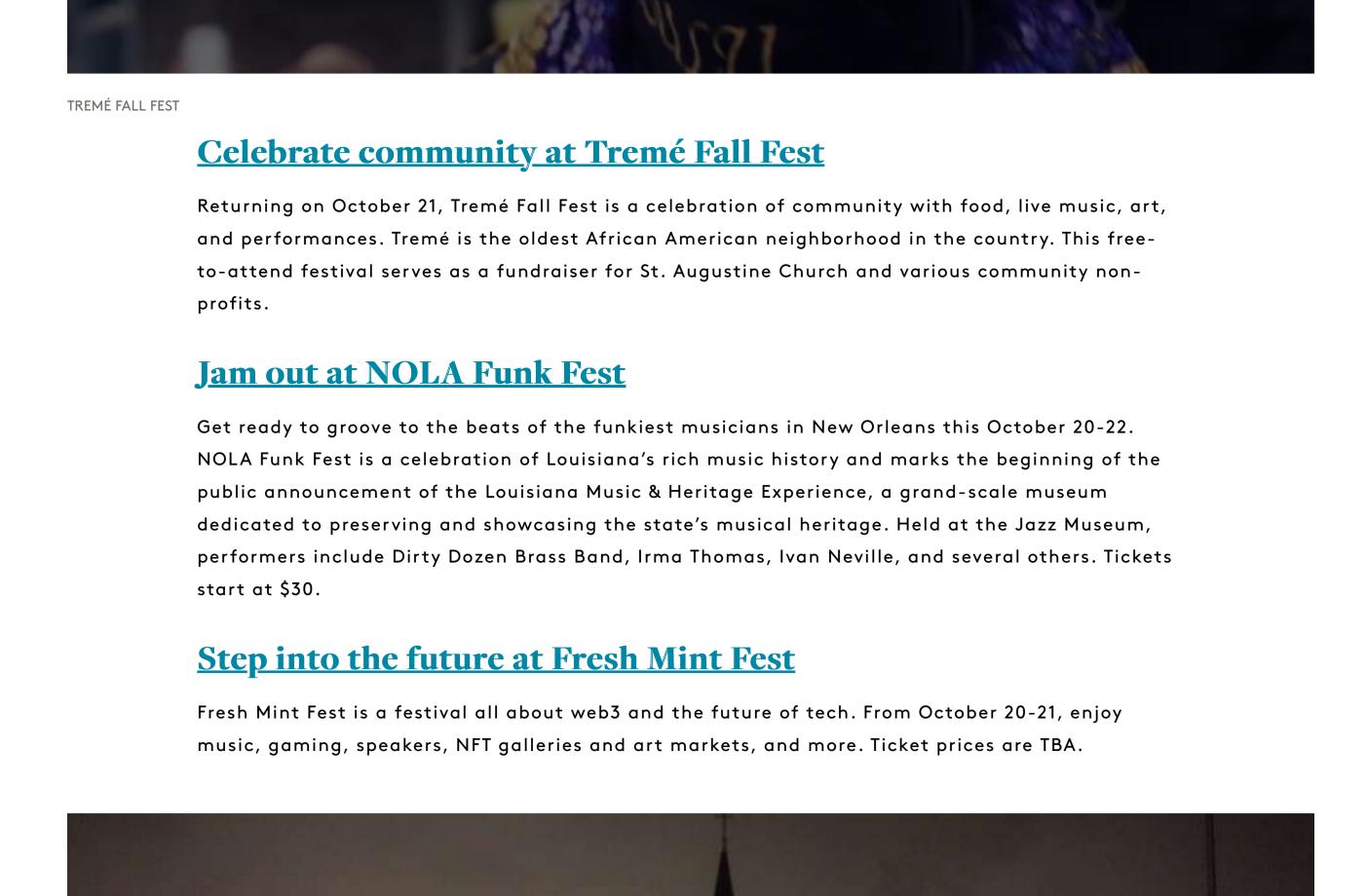
Revel on the river at Gretna Fest

single day or \$60 for a weekend pass.



Oktoberfest at Deutsches Haus returns for three weekends this October: 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28. Dust off those lederhosen and stop by for traditional German fare, including sauerkraut, bratwurst sausage, and giant Bavarian pretzels with more than 20 German beers to wash it all down. Tickets are \$10 cash daily; children under 12 receive free admission.

Sample beer at Oktoberfest



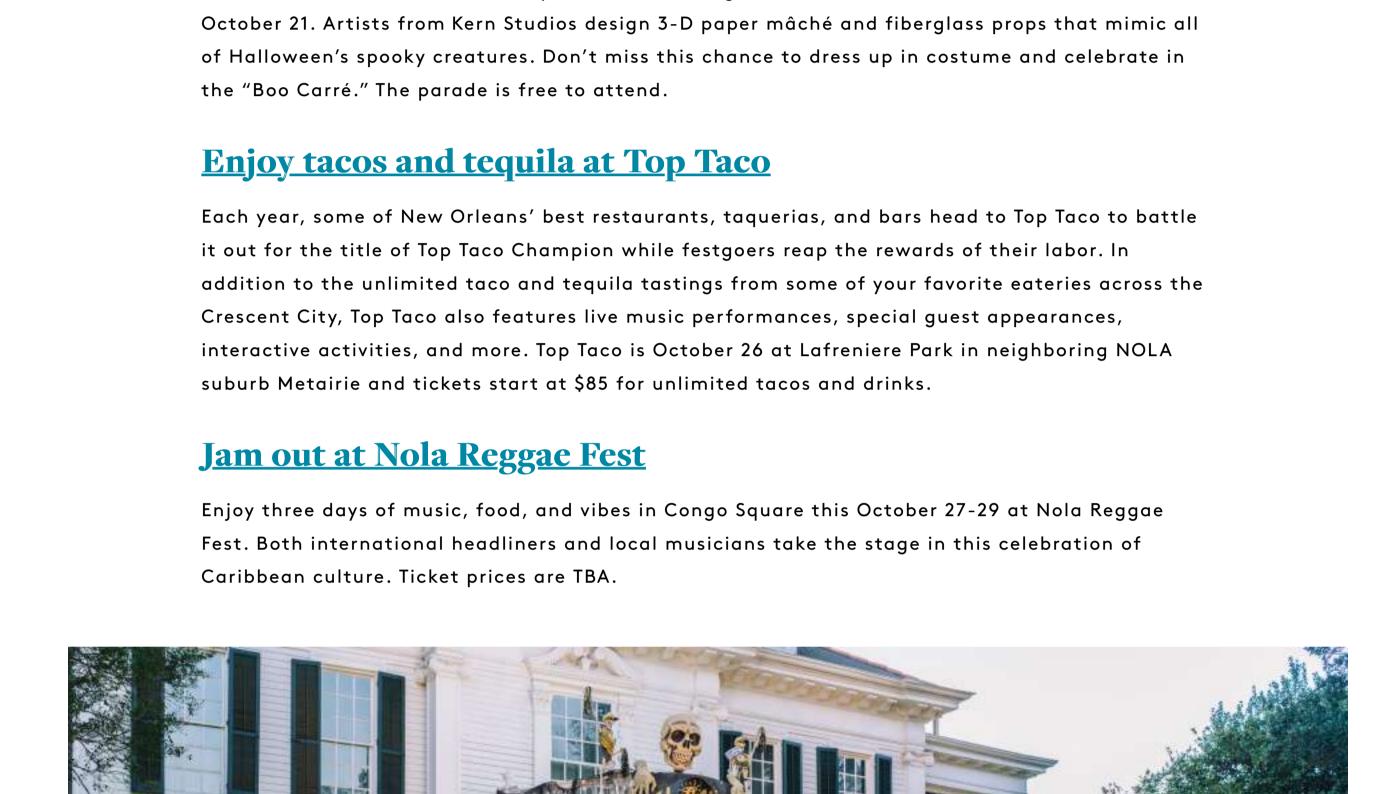
KREWE OF BOO

New Orleans' beloved Halloween parade rolls through downtown and the French Quarter on

Get spooky with Krewe of Boo

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Celebrate Halloween in New Orleans New Orleans is a Halloween destination all October long, so don't wait to partake in your share of spooky activities. Haunted houses, including <u>The Mortuary</u> and <u>New Orleans Nightmare</u>, return this fall. Take a ghost tour, visit a spooky attraction or stay at a haunted hotel. The

French Market hosts Boo Carré, a family-friendly festival, on October 21, and City Park hosts both

Ghosts in the Oaks and Brews & Boos in October. Halloween New Orleans is an LGBTQ+

celebration of Halloween, with events throughout Halloween weekend. Check out our guide for

October is the true first full month of fall in New Orleans, and the change in weather is a great

reason to get outdoors. Visit a park, take a bike ride, or enjoy dining outdoors. Check out

Fall brings out some of the best foods in New Orleans, with gumbo taking the top spot. Whether

restaurants for seasonal menu changes, some of which may or may not include pumpkin. Indulge

or not there's a chill in the air, find your cup of gumbo at these spots. Keep an eye out at

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in a <u>slice of pie</u> for a sweet treat.

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our top reasons to visit New Orleans in fall <u>here</u>.

Enjoy gumbo, pumpkin spice, and pecan pie

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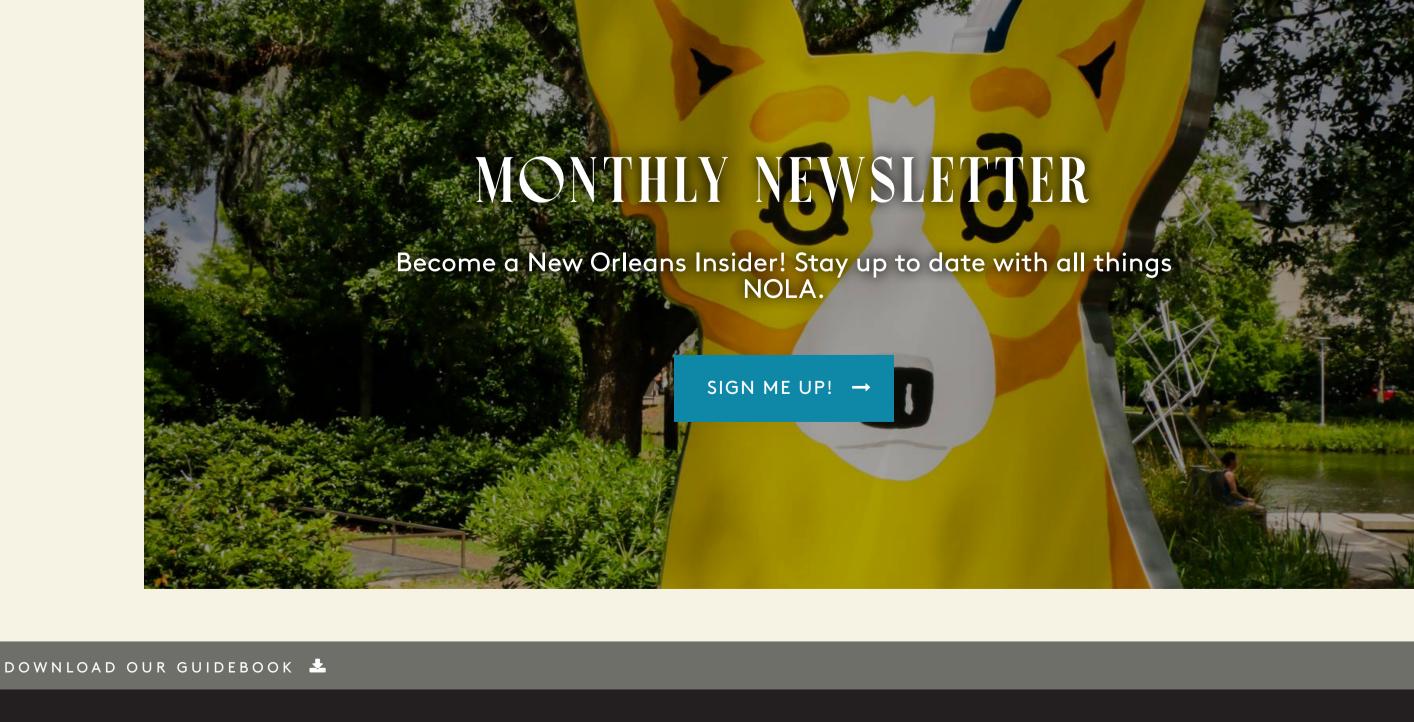
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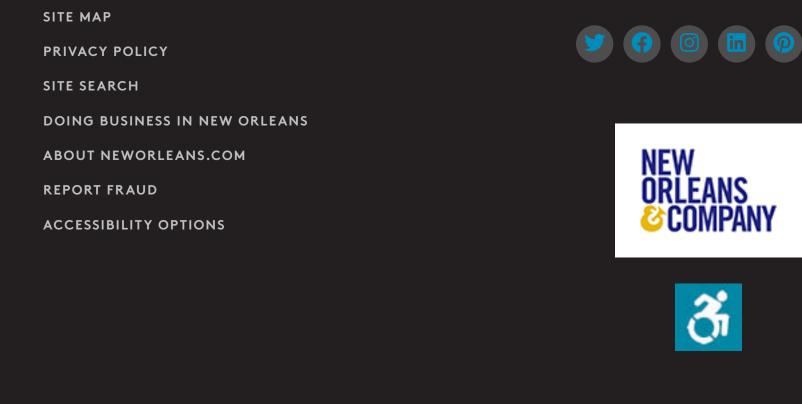
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