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From Bienville to Bourbon Street to bounce. 300 moments that make New Orleans unique.

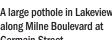


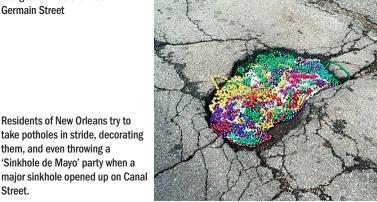
WHAT HAPPENED

In March 2017, New Orleans started work on the first FEMA funded road project.

> tries to take over one pothole.

A perfect storm of conditions has made **the roads**







in New Orleans some of the worst in the nation.

Poor soil, high ground water levels, poor surface drainage, leaks from broken utility lines and a history of poor maintenance have long plagued New Orleans 1,500 miles of roads — resulting in potholes and sinking streets from the Garden District to the lakefront. But Hurricane Katrina exacerbated the problems and accelerated the damage. The floodwaters

ate away pavement and washed away soil. A study released in 2016 found that 65 percent of the city's streets were in poor or worse condition. Last year, the city announced it would start a rebuilding program with \$2.5 billion from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It has the outlines of a larger \$9 billion program, but it has yet to find a permanent revenue stream to fund the fixes. In the meantime, bad roads continue to cost New Orlean's drivers about an additional \$700 per year in operating costs.



A Texas-shaped pothole in the 3900 block of Delgado Drive gained its own personality with the artistic aid of some neighbors.