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April 2022 Newsletter

This spring, there's a lot of cycle momentum to celebrate city-wide in Norfolk, not to mention, plenty of reasons to swap out four wheels for two (gas, anybody?). In NEON, get at it with two signature Bike Month events, **Bike to Work Day** and **Glow Ride**. Both go down at the Plot on Friday, May 20. The day starts off with free snacks and swag at NEON's pit stop 7-9am. There are a total of eight pit stops around Norfolk, so cruise around to all before heading to work (or back home). After that, roll right into Glow Ride Friday evening. Meet up at the Plot at 8pm to pick up a coveted Bike Month t-shirt, then ride off into the night with the group at 8:30pm. Glow sticks, LED lights and fluorescent gear highly encouraged! As always, Glow Ride is a police-escorted critical mass ride with rolling street closures so feel free to bring the whole family to ride safely. Find more information and the full city-wide calendar of Bike Month events [here](#).



Norfolk Arts Call for Artists

A new City of Norfolk grant couldn't be better suited to the many artists affiliated with NEON's public art programs and exhibitions. Designed to further art as a social practice, the program will fund one to three artists or organizations working in any discipline and willing to engage with the community to develop an art project. The sky is the limit – a wide range of artistic methods, media, and outcomes are all possible, including installations, performances, music, publications, storytelling, and more. The common thread is that all projects should actively engage partners and the community through personal connections. Learn more [here](#) or contact [Karen Rudd](#) at Norfolk Arts with questions. The deadline to apply is June 12, 2022.



Gourmandizing NEON

It's lunchtime in the district, so get hungry. [The Governor's School for the Arts](#), artist team [Gourmandizing London](#) and NEON District are embarking on a six-week journey to uncover the history of lunchtime in Norfolk. Already knee deep in recipe research and food stories from the past, GSA public art students will collect enough culinary data to then turn into a mural with international artist Matthew McGuinness this fall. Matthew and Gourmandizing specialize in cooking up mural projects that are fed by community input, recipes and personal histories. Over the next few weeks, GSA students will be visiting local NEON businesses for interviews and favorite lunchtime memories. And stay tuned for appetizing news of the large-scale mural to come this September!



Neighborhood News

Outdoor recreation returns to The Plot! It's been a long winter and we know you're ready to get outside to stretch and dance it out. [Bhav Brigade](#) already launched the first of their monthly donation-based yoga classes in April and returns to The Plot on [Saturday, May 21](#) at 9:30am. Everyone's favorite dance fitness teacher, the incredibly upbeat [MoJo Morton](#), starts a new season of Zumba-style classes on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30pm on The Plot stage. Join [MoJo's Facebook group](#) and never miss a class!

Programs and Events

- [Artist Talk with Lauren Fensterstock](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, May 1
- [Glass Studio Mother's Day Sale](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, May 1
- [NEON District Committee Meeting](#), Commune NFK, May 4
- [First Friday: The Hive Collective](#), Zeke's NFK, May 6
- [Davide Fuin and Amy West Demonstration](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, May 7

- *Flourish Flowers: Oil Painting*, d'Art Center, May 7
- *Art Out Loud: Oracle*, Chrysler Museum of Art, May 13
- *The CROP Foundation's Uprooted Dinner*, Commune NFK, May 14
- *The Sound of Music*, Harrison Opera House, May 13-15
- *The New Faces of Comedy*, Push Comedy Theater, May 19
- *Introduction to Neon*, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, May 21-22
- *Off Granby: The Musical!*, Push Comedy Theater, May 21

See all upcoming events in and around the NEON District [here](#).

Recently in NEON

Exhibitions

M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations, Chrysler Museum of Art

FloodZone: Photographs by Anastasia Samoylova, Chrysler Museum of Art

Waters Rising: A View From Our Backyard, Chrysler Museum of Art

The Totality of Time Lusters the Dusk, Chrysler Museum of Art

Hew Locke: The Ghostly Tourists, Chrysler Museum of Art

The Guiding Hand: The Barr Foundation Collection of Torah Pointers, Chrysler Museum of Art

Flourish: A Juried National Exhibition, d'Art Center

Les Beaux: Rebecca King Hawkinson Solo Exhibition, d'Art Center

Press

Green Thumbs Gather: New Shop Plants Roots in the NEON District, Norfolk Currents

A Taste of Norfolk Virginia, Eat Move Make

Explore Norfolk's Illuminating Glass Art Scene, Arlington Magazine

NEON Calling for New Art to Refresh Unique Signs This Spring, WAVY

Imaginative Torah Pointers Are at Center of Exhibit at Chrysler Museum, The Virginian-Pilot

A Look Inside the Former Virginian-Pilot Newsroom as Developers Invest Millions, The Virginian-Pilot

2022 Spring & Summer Festival Guide, VEER Magazine

FRIDAY FLAVOR: Zeke's Beans & Bowls in Norfolk, 13 News Now

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