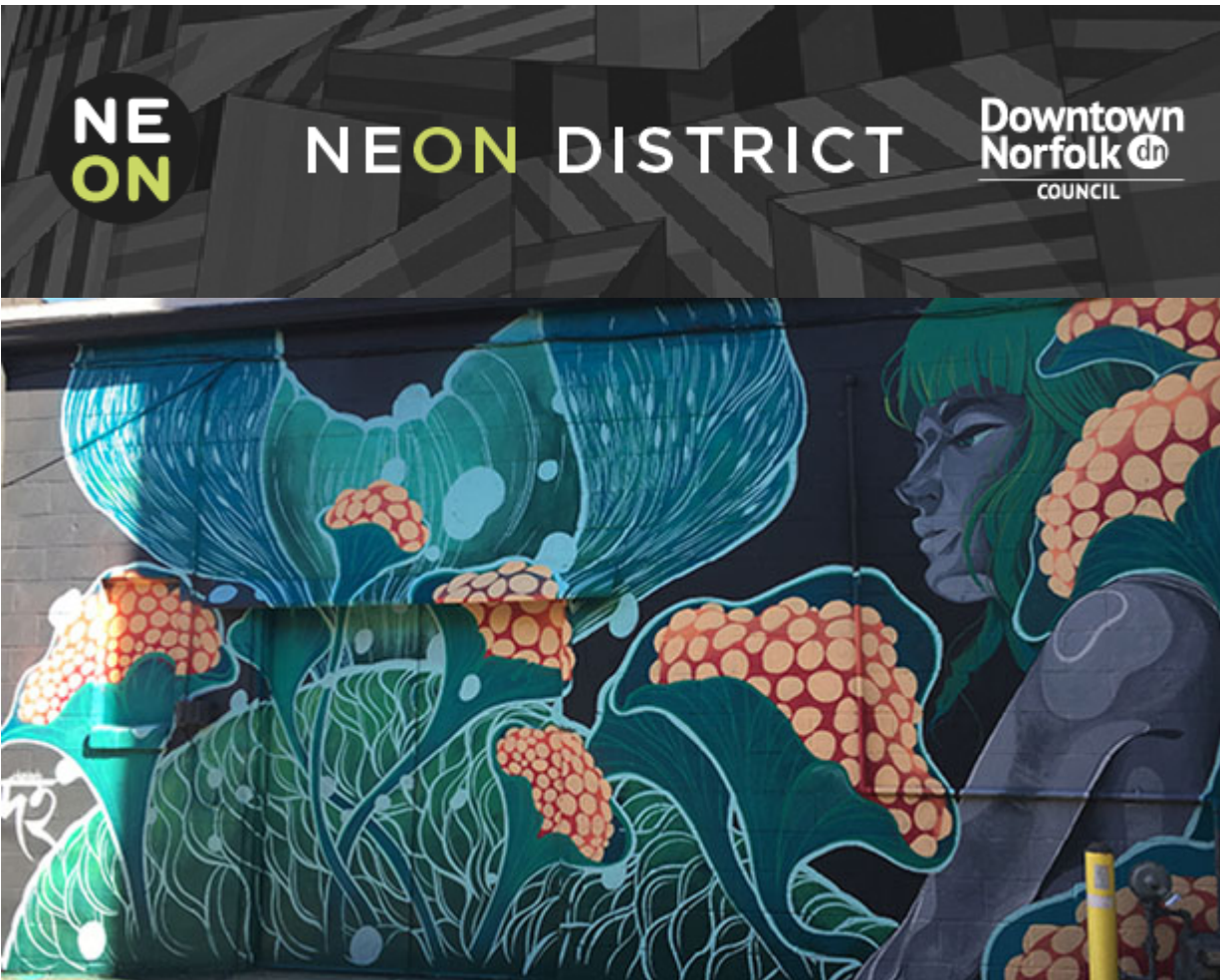


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May 2022 Newsletter

Recently, file sharing giant WeTransfer launched a new project profiling lesser-known, emerging places that are fast becoming creative meccas, the [Creative Hubs Index](#). Remarkably, [Norfolk](#) took one of the top three spots, with the NEON District called out for its contribution to the creative culture in the city. Among other Norfolk talents, the Index recognized local businesses Cardinal Skate Shop and Tender Heart Tattoo, NEON muralist Navid Rahman, NEON contributor Charles Rasputin, and design force Sway Creative Labs – all mainstays in keeping the district full of energy.

The icing on the cake is with recognition, comes opportunity. WeTransfer is offering a [grant program](#) to creative nonprofits who are bettering their community. Events, activities, or projects that relate to furthering arts, culture or creativity and supports an underrepresented group in the creative field are all eligible for \$5,000 to \$10,000 grants. We can think of a few right off the bat that should get on this! [Apply](#) by June 7 at 11:59pm.



Call for Muralists

It's that time NEON friends! After a couple of years away from making murals, the district is proud to present **two new opportunities** for big art on walls this summer. One is a familiar site, the rear of Bob's billboard that rotates designs every two years, and one is newly available, the backside of neighborhood spot Ghent Grab & Go. Both locations serve as entry points into the NEON, one on the east side and one on the west.

The call for artists is open to anyone, although experience with a lift and painting brick is a plus. Accepting applications now until Sunday, June 26 at 11:59pm. Click [here](#) for more details and to submit. Mural selections will be handpicked by the NEON District Public Art Committee and the property owners and should be executed by October 1, in time for a big reveal at the NEON Festival October 20 and 21.



Neighborhood News

If you're passionate about hospitality and service, if you want to make a difference in your community, and if you love food, Commune Norfolk is now hiring both front and back of house positions. Slide into their DM's at [@communeprovisions](#) or send an email to careers@communeprovisions.com.

Looking for home sweet home in the NEON? The Monument Companies are hosting an open house for **Pilot Place** on Thursday, June 23 4pm to 6pm. With most of the units leased, it's a great opportunity to tour the historic Virginian-Pilot building before it's too late! View the stunning mix of residential units, outdoor pool, coworking space and gorgeously renovated lobby at 150 W. Brambleton Avenue as you wander the property with a refreshing drink in hand. RSVP by June 20 [here](#).

Programs and Events

- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, The Neon House, June 1
- **Vitreous Theater**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, June 3
- **Surface Exhibition Opening Reception**, d'Art Center, June 3
- **M.C. Escher Drawing Workshop**, Chrysler Museum of Art, June 4
- **Artist Talk: Jorge A. Saenz**, d'Art Center, June 11
- **NEON Art Tour**, The Plot, June 11
- **Pride at the Chrysler**, Chrysler Museum of Art, June 16
- **The New Faces of Comedy**, Push Comedy Theater, June 16
- **Bhav Brigade Yoga**, The Plot, June 18
- **Family Day: Juneteenth**, Chrysler Museum of Art, June 18
- **Trouble in Pushville**, Push Comedy Theater, June 18
- **9th Annual Pride Block Party**, Scope, June 24
- **Artist Talk with Hew Locke**, Chrysler Museum of Art, June 25
- **Girl-Prov**, Push Comedy Theater, June 25

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

Recently in NEON

Exhibitions

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

Future Forward: Choices and Voices, 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

Surface: A Juried National Exhibition, d'Art Center

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