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October 2022 Newsletter

Seven years in, you proved you still have the best time at NEON Festival – eating, drinking, dancing, watching and creating! All around the district, it felt like a true celebration of the unique and unexpected qualities that make NEON a place to return to again and again.

This year's NEON Festival at a glance:

- 7,000 visitors over two days
- 33 community partners
- 70 programs and performances
- 75 professional and student artists represented
- 7 public art projects
- 11 venues
- 4 pop up galleries

Our heartfelt thanks goes to the dozens of committee members, staff and volunteers who donated their time and energies to creating the 7th Annual NEON Festival. The festival is made possible by presenting sponsors [Arts Alliance](#) and [Old Dominion University](#), contributing

sponsors Glass Light Hotel and Gallery, MacArthur Center, Rutter Mills, Sway Creative Labs, Work Program Architects, beverage sponsor Smartmouth Brewing Company and friend sponsor VisitNorfolk. We owe deep gratitude for the two organizations who come together to produce the festival each year, Chrysler Museum of Art and Downtown Norfolk.

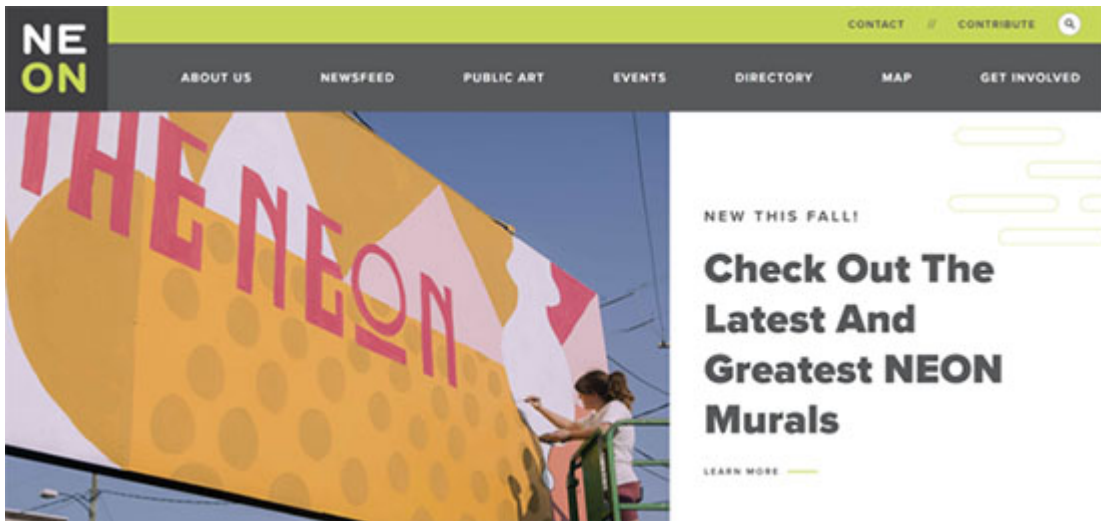


Gourmandizing NEON

Unveiled during NEON Festival, *Gourmandizing NEON* is one giant snack. At almost 70 feet long, the mural took about three weeks to complete by artist Matthew McGuinness and visual art students from The Governor's School for the Arts. Spend some time digesting each element of the mural; from nods to Virginia Ham and Chesapeake Bay oysters to odes to the Doumar's ice cream cone and H.E. Williams Candy Company, Norfolk's culinary history is on delicious display. Many thanks to [The Monument Companies](#), [Legend Property Group](#) and [The Governor's School for the Arts Foundation](#) for supporting the project, and to [PRA Group](#) for presenting the accompanying exhibition opening celebration at Commune.

NEON After Party

Gather your friends and spend a festive evening with Chrysler Museum of Art! On Saturday, November 5, from 9pm to midnight celebrate the 50th anniversary of Walter P. Chrysler, Jr.'s gift of art to the City of Norfolk with a live band and entertainers, an open bar, late-night snacks, dessert stations and more. Don't miss this after-hours party to remember! Click [here](#) for tickets.



New NEONNFK.com

Spend some time on the recently relaunched neonnfk.com. With more photography, a brighter look and feel, and several new features made possible by NEON partner [Sway Creative Labs](#), you'll find the site highlights the NEON District better than ever. Browse a new map feature, a directory of all district businesses and an inventory of all current and past art projects. Plus you'll find ways to donate, volunteer, enlist in a committee or sign up for the monthly newsletter. Enjoy!



Neighborhood News

If you missed the NEON Festival, you might not have seen the district looking its best in quite a while. There's a number of new artworks, repairs were made to fan favorite murals and one big overhaul happened: the NEON's beloved spinning logo cube atop the former Greyhound sign pedestal was recently remade with real neon. After years of maintenance headaches and contractor woes, the king of neon himself, Bryan Riehl, took on the project out of pure love and dedication to his craft. You can see the gorgeous results, now spinning and glowing each night, better than it ever did before.

Don't forget! This week **Mighty Dream Forum** brings the Business Block Party to several blocks of the NEON District. From 4-7pm on Wednesday, November 2, a street fest filled with local food and drinks, community organizations, and pop-up talent with stages, vendor stands and food trucks will take over The Plot, Cofer lot and several streets. Granby Street from Olney Road to Virginia Beach Boulevard, E. and W. Wilson Avenue, Addison Street and Olney Road from W. Wilson Avenue to Bob's Gun Shop will be closed from Wednesday at 12:01am to 11:59pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

Programs and Events

- [Sky's the Limit Yoga](#), d'Art Center, November 3
- [Pirate Day](#), Harrison Opera House, November 5
- [NEON Art Tour](#), The Plot, November 5
- [Date Night](#), Push Comedy Theater, November 5
- [Trivia Night](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, November 9
- [Tales from the Campfire](#), Push Comedy Theater, November 11
- [Family Day: Passport to Lagos](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, November 12
- [Mania, The Abba Tribute](#), Harrison Opera House, November 16
- [Glass After Dark](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, November 17
- [VSO: Neighbors and Friends](#), Chrysler Hall, November 19
- [Dirty Dancing in Concert](#), Chrysler Hall, November 30

For more NEON District events, click [here](#).

Recently in NEON

Exhibitions

Black Orpheus: Jacob Lawrence and the Mbari Club, Chrysler Museum of Art

Norfolk Artists/Educators, Chrysler Museum of Art

To See a World in a Grain of Sand, Chrysler Museum of Art

Dynamic: Annual Contemporary Arts Exhibition, d'Art Center

Mark Fussell in The Vault, d'Art Center

The Pirates of Penzance, Harrison Opera House

Dear Evan Hansen, Chrysler Hall

Press

[Artist Teams up with Students for New Mural in Norfolk's NEON District](#), 13 News Now

[Here's What Mighty Dream Will Look Like in Norfolk This November](#), 13 News Now

[Pharrell's Mighty Dream Forum Takes Shape in Norfolk](#), The Virginian-Pilot

[NEON Festival Reveals New Community Mural](#), WAVY

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[NEON Festival 2022 in Norfolk Returns This Week](#), The Virginian-Pilot

[Pilgrims in the New World Comes to the Generic Theater](#), The Virginian-Pilot

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