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## August 2023 Newsletter

Before the **8th Annual NEON Festival** energizes the district this October, it's time to break out the spray cans and paint rollers. Watch for art making and mural painting to begin this September, when the neighborhood's cityscape changes over once again. Catch them in progress or wait for the official unveiling this October 19 and 20.

- **Brambleton Mural:** Philadelphia-based artist **Kyle Confehr** is bringing his signature blend of street art and doodles to the big canvas at Brambleton and Granby, blending Norfolk emblems, humor and nostalgia into a giant Where's Waldo scene.
- **NEON Walls:** 300' feet of fencing is getting a huge makeover in October from a collection of graffiti writers from Hampton Roads, Virginia and beyond.
- **Hummingbird Mural:** Local mural whiz **Tessa Hall** adds to the art mecca of Magazine Lane, creating a homage to the sweet treats found in NEON on the back of Hummingbird Dessert Boutique.
- **Renova Center Mural:** Just completed by d'Art Center artist **Vivian Davis**, the mural on the Wilson Avenue side of Renova Center is a celebration of hope and healing that was sponsored by **Samaritan House**.

- **801 Window Gallery:** Norfolk Public Schools elementary education teacher Sarah Harrington recently refreshed the windows at 801 Granby with new art by NPS summer camp students.



## Wednesday Wind Down

Mark your calendar and text your friends – **Wednesday Wind Down** is back! Bring a chair or blanket and your favorite snack and relax on the Harrison Opera House lawn for Wednesday Wind Down! Take a midweek break and get a sneak peek of what Virginia Opera artists can do ahead of the season opener.

Everyone is welcome at Wednesday Wind Down! So, text your friends, grab your coworkers, round up the kids, and join us on the lawn at the Harrison Opera House each Wednesday through September 20 at 5:30pm.



## Neighborhood News

**Commune NFK** is rolling out the dining mashup we've all been waiting for: Brinner! But what is brinner? Breakfast? Lunch? Brunch? Nope...it's what's for dinner! Where waffles meet fried rice bowls. Eggs shake hands with chicken biscuits. Wine washes down Benedicts. Where Bloody Mary's become a nightcap rather than a rise-and-shine libation. It's where the magic happens. And now you can enjoy it at Commune NFK each Wednesday through Saturday until 9pm. Come enjoy the most important meal of the day with us!

## Programs and Events

- **Pajama Party**, Push Comedy Theater, September 1
- **NEON Art Tour**, The Plot, September 2
- **RnB Block Party**, Scope Plaza, September 2
- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, The Neon House, September 6
- **TGI-Thursday**, Chrysler Museum of Art, September 7
- **First Friday with Taraneh Sadr**, Zeke's NFK, September 8
- **Second Saturdays Art Pop-Up**, Chrysler Museum of Art, September 9
- **Chris Tucker: The Legend Tour 2023**, Chrysler Hall, September 10
- **The Norfolk Forum: Roy Williams**, Chrysler Hall, September 12
- **Wanderings Opening Reception**, d'Art Center, September 15
- **Beethoven Festival**, Chrysler Hall, September 15
- **Bhav Brigade Yoga**, The Plot, September 16
- **Cut and Place Collage Workshop**, Chrysler Museum of Art, September 16
- **Chakra Healing Circle**, GypSea Roots Collective, September 20
- **Nancy Tankersley Artist Talk & Demo**, d'Art Center, September 16
- **Norfolk Society of Arts Lecture Series**, Chrysler Museum, September 27
- **Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse Live In Concert**, Chrysler Hall, September 29
- **Patti LaBelle**, Chrysler Hall, September 30

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

## Recently in NEON

### Exhibitions & Performances

*Heather Beardsley: Strange Plants*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Reckonings and Reconstructions: Southern Photography from the Do Good Fund*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Wanderings: A Collection of Paintings by Nancy Tankersley*, d'Art Center

*Flyin' West*, Generic Theater

*Siegfried*, Virginia Opera

### Press

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