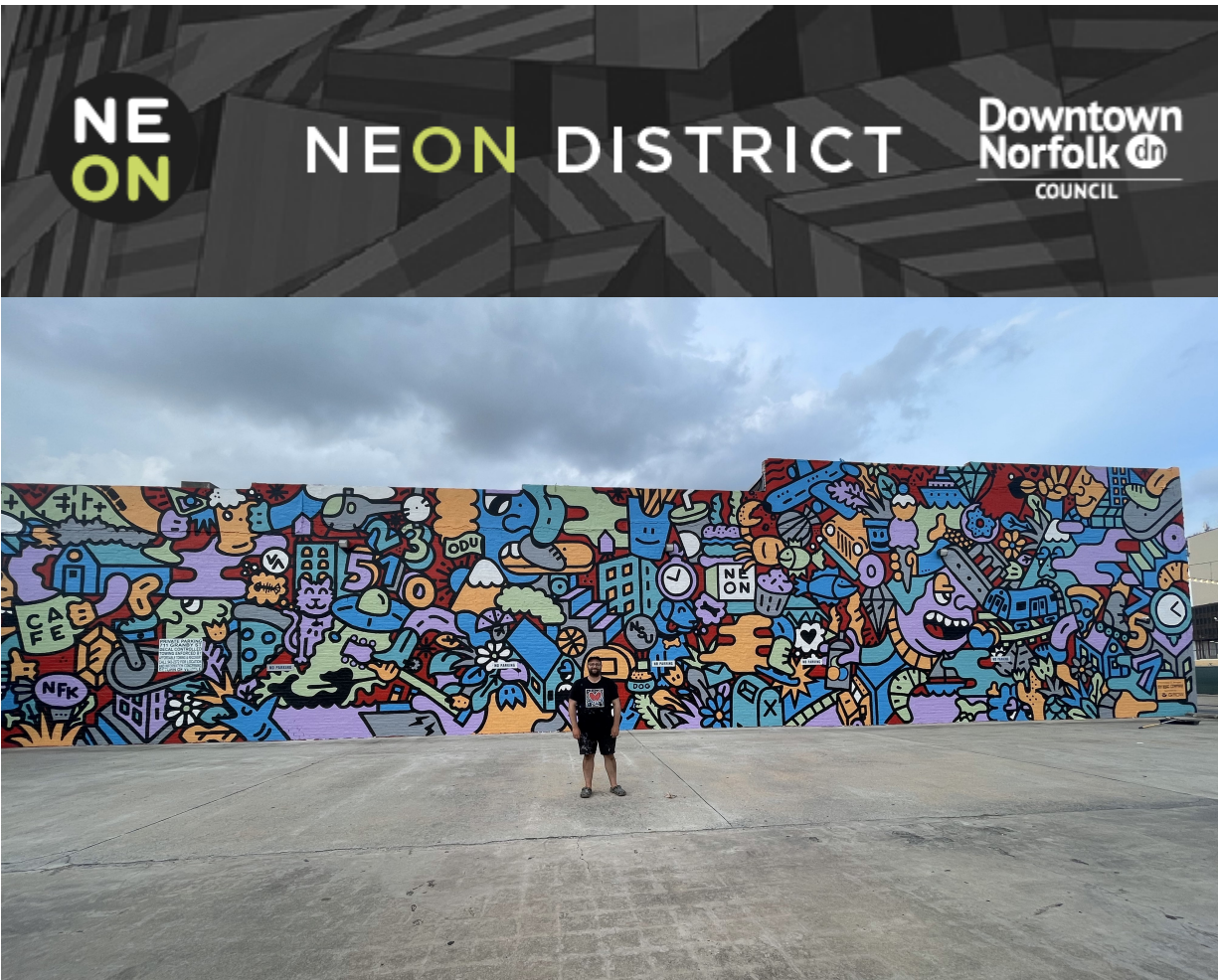


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September 2023 Newsletter

The newest mural in the NEON District, *The Kindness of Strangers*, couldn't be more descriptive of how the neighborhood welcomes creativity. Philadelphia-based artist **Kyle Confehr** was selected this summer by the NEON District Public Art Committee to paint the large mural at the corner of Granby Street and Brambleton Avenue and arrived this September. As a muralist, designer and creator of public art all over the country, Kyle meets all sorts of people when he's out working. But the response to his piece in Norfolk was nothing but positive and encouraging. He said each day passersby stopped to chat and ask about the piece, offer water and one local artist even helped out for a few days at no charge.

Kyle wanted this piece to reflect that back on the city that showed him so much love. We hope you love the mural as much as we do and enjoy finding all the NEON and Norfolk Easter eggs hidden inside the design. A special thanks to mural sponsor Grow, without whom we could not have brought such a vibrant piece of art to the neighborhood.



NEON Festival Schedule

This year's program for the **8th Annual NEON Festival** is rolling in fast and furious. With locations and performers brand new to the festival, start making a plan now so you don't miss a thing. The NEON Festival takes place over two evenings, October 19 and 20, in a multitude of NEON District locales with hundreds of performers and artists so it can be A LOT to take in. Use the handy schedule at neonnfk.com/festival to browse each venue, scope out 2023 artworks and read FAQ's over the next few weeks.



NEON Walls

This fall, an art project like any other done in NEON is going to shake up Magazine Lane. More than 300 feet of privacy fencing is getting a huge makeover by a collection of graffiti writers and street artists from Hampton Roads, Virginia and beyond. Led by internationally-known street art crew **Few and Far** and sponsored by **Pilot Place**, artists will paint the fence in the days leading up NEON Festival and on Friday, October 20 during the festivities. The alley will be pumping with glowy lights, a DJ, coloring sheets for kids and the graffiti crew at work. Don't miss it!



Neighborhood News

With an action-packed autumn, the NEON District could use a few helping hands. Volunteers are needed to help give The Plot a fall makeover on Saturday, October 7 from 10am to 1pm. Bring your work gloves to clean out the flower beds, plant fall seasonal color and give everything a trim. Register to volunteer [here](#). Youth volunteers can help too!

Rather hang with the festival crowd? Volunteers are also needed on Friday, October 20 during the second evening of the NEON Festival. Two shifts are available, 6pm to 8pm and 8pm to 10pm. Jobs include pouring beer, assisting at the information booth and guiding visitors around the District. Register [here](#). Thanks for partying down with NEON!

Programs and Events

- NEON District Committee Meeting, Push Comedy Theater, October 4
- RuPaul's Drag Race Night Of The Living Drag, Chrysler Hall, October 4
- Church Street Jazz Series Presents Bob James, Harrison Opera House, October 6
- Totally 80s, Chrysler Hall, October 6
- A Nightmare Off-Granby Street: The Musical, Push Comedy Theater, October 7
- The 3rd Annual 7 City Blues Festival, Chrysler Hall, October 7
- Great Glass Pumpkin Patch, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, October 7-8
- Fall Harvest Vegan Market, The Plot, October 8
- Helobung: Tales, Tunes, and Threads of the Tbolis, Chrysler Museum of Art, October 10
- Rob Schneider: The Narcissist Confessions, Harrison Opera House, October 13
- Deon Cole: My New Normal, Chrysler Hall, October 13
- Oil Painting Workshop Series With Anne McNally, d'Art Center, begins October 14
- Chakra Healing Circle at Gypsea Roots, GypSea Roots Collective, October 18
- Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto Festival, Chrysler Hall, October 21
- The 666 Project: A Horror Anthology Show, Push Comedy Theater, October 21-29
- Norfolk Society of Arts Lecture: Storm King Today, Chrysler Museum of Art, October 25
- Paint Pink Art Show & Live Auction, October 26, d'Art Center

- [Katt Williams: The Dark Matter Tour](#), Scope Arena, October 28
- [Halloween-Harvest Festival](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, October 29

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

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