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November 2023 Newsletter

The Santa band is tuning up and local vendors are stocking their tents...it's time for the **NEON Holiday Market!** With a record number of vendors and a new beer garden, the market is shaping up to be one of the biggest ever on Saturday, December 9. This year, 50 unique vendors will be selling their creative wares at the Plot from 12pm-4pm. From original artworks to hand-poured candles to vintage records, you'll have your holiday shopping done in no time. With beer from Smartmouth Brewing Co. and festive tunes provided by Jonah Ross, the Santa Brass Band, and Jasper Smith, the Plot will be rockin' around the Christmas tree. [View the full vendor list here.](#)



Photographers Mixer

Join the NEON District on Wednesday, December 13 for a local photographers' meet and greet. Building on the momentum captured by Night Shift Collective's current exhibition at Commune NFK, *Full Disclosure*, both casual and professional photographers are invited to network and meet digital and film photo vendors from the 757. The exhibition will be open for viewing, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase and artists will have the opportunity to meet with other like-minded creatives and photographers. Guests who **register** by December 11 will receive one free drink ticket.



Cardinal Skate Shop 20th Anniversary

Although **Cardinal Skate Shop** found a home in the NEON District five years ago, the shop goes way back with roots in Virginia Beach. This year marks 20 years in business, always owned and operated by skaters and for the 757 skate community. Celebrate Cardinal with a 20th anniversary photo exhibit in the shop on Friday, December 15 from 6-10pm, followed by a special outdoor event at the Cofer Lot on Saturday, December 16, 11am-6pm. Hang for a skate competition, vending by Xchange, a DJ, food trucks and a whole lot more.



Neighborhood News

Visions of sugar plums dancing in your head yet? They will be when you peep this year's holiday star décor for the NEON District. Hand-painted by **The Governor's School for the Arts** students, *Baker's Disaster* is an array of cookie designs inspired by holiday baking. Lead artist Zach Ellis even captured a few baking mistakes we may have all encountered – some cookies are burnt, and some have icing that went astray. Zach was helped by other GSA visual art students Jade Pagan Abreu, Kayla Grubbs and Raven Hunter. The cheerful and colorful designs are on view at the Plot and on Bob's fence for six weeks during the holiday season in Downtown Norfolk.

Programs and Events

- **Perry Glass Studio Holiday Sale**, Chrysler Museum of Art, December 1-3
- **First Friday with Zeke's: Jaida Garrison**, Zeke's NFK, December 1
- **Pajama Party: Improv Comedy & Storytelling!**, Push Comedy Theater, December 1
- **NEON Art Tour**, The Plot, December 2
- **d'Art Holiday Fair**, d'Art Center, December 2
- **RnB Block Party**, Scope Arena, December 2
- **Holiday Pops!**, Chrysler Hall, December 2
- **Josh Gates**, Chrysler Hall, December 3
- **Holi-Daze Holistic Wellness Pop-Up**, GypSea Roots Collective, December 3

- [Cocoa & Carols](#), Harrison Opera House, December 3
- [Nurse Blake: Shock Advised Tour](#), Chrysler Hall, December 5
- [NEON Committee Meeting](#), Commune, December 6
- [Fifth Annual Chrysler Bake Off](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, December 7
- [ELF in Concert](#), Chrysler Hall, December 8-9
- [A TRADOC Holiday](#), Harrison Opera House, December 8
- [Cool Creations: Snowperson Paintings & DIY Ugly Holiday Sweaters](#), d'Art Center, December 9
- [Second Saturday Stand-up](#), Push Comedy Theater, December 9
- [Mark Normand Ya Don't Say Tour!](#), Harrison Opera House, December 15
- [Handel's Messiah](#), Harrison Opera House, December 16
- [Snow White: The State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine](#), Harrison Opera House, December 19
- [World Ballet Series: The Nutcracker](#), Chrysler Hall, December 20
- [Glass After Dark](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, December 21
- [A Very Pusher Christmas](#), Push Comedy Theater, December 23
- [The Hip Hop Nutcracker](#), Chrysler Hall, December 28
- [Jeezy and Friends](#), Chrysler Hall, December 30

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

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