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## February 2024 Newsletter

Introducing “The Academy!” While this [Hurrah Players](#) project has been waiting in the wings for more than a year now, it’s officially out on stage. The very first television and film academy in Hampton Roads is now under construction in the former Glass Wheel Studio at 128 W. Olney Road. The contractor broke ground last October and it is expected to be complete in summer 2024, just in time for student classes to start in September.

This “dream come true” will enable The Hurrah Players to create a consolidated campus of operations in the NEON District. This dream campus will not only provide the famed family theater troupe with expanded facilities for the Performing Arts Academy, but also with state-of-the-art equipment to teach performance specifically in the TV and film worlds. Across the street from the Hugh R. Copeland Center, the new academy gives young performers and families access to everything Hurrah offers, all within walking distance to the NEON District’s local businesses. Help support the Hurrah’s dream by clicking [here](#).



## Human Services

The City of Norfolk's Department of Human Services' customer service has returned to the **Human Services** building on Monticello Avenue. Starting this February, residents seeking assistance with social services, welfare, health and other essential support programs can find the dedicated team ready to help at the beautifully-renovated, customer-focused space. The temporary customer service center was at Attucks Theatre but is now back at home in the NEON District.



## Wearable Arts

Our favorite catwalk is back! The oh-so-fabulous partnership between the Chrysler Museum of Art and The Governor's School for the Arts returns for a thrilling tenth year of the **Wearable Arts Fashion Show**. GSA visual art students design and construct art pieces that double as high fashion and it is not to be missed. Catch the inspiring show in Huber Court on March 22, 6-9pm.



## Neighborhood News

Spring awakening is just around the corner so take a moment to embrace this season of renewal with **Gypsea Roots Collective**. Celebrating one year in business, GypSea Roots is expanding their class offerings with new teachers and topics, all designed to bring out your best self. On March 3, join in the **1 Year Anniversary Party** from 2-4pm with yoga, meditation, energy healing demonstrations, Reiki, art therapy and special offers on future services and workshops. Meet the facilitators, specialists and collaborators who are making the space into a lovely little sanctuary in NEON.

They say that plants can also improve your well-being and mental health, so include **Plant Norfolk** in your wellness journey through NEON. Owners recently re-opened the little shop with a revamped interior, added a new rare plant collection and started stocking wares from local creative vendors. Treat yourself with a new plant baby this March.

## Programs and Events

- **Date Night**, Push Comedy Theater, March 2
- **1 Year Anniversary Celebration**, GypSea Roots Collective, March 3
- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, The NEON House, March 6
- **Collage Dance Collective**, Chrysler Hall, March 7
- **First Thursdays: Ladies' Night**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 7
- **Carmina Burana**, Chrysler Hall, March 9
- **Darin Deveau Exhibition Opening**, Zeke's NFK, March 9
- **Second Saturdays Art Pop-Up**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 9
- **The Unusual Suspects: An Improvised Murder Mystery**, Push Comedy Theater, March 9
- **Open Studio Art Making for Veterans**, d'Art Center, March 11
- **Chakra Healing Circle**, GypSea Roots Collective, March 13
- **Wanda Sykes: Please & Thank You Tour**, Chrysler Hall, March 15
- **Introduction to Neon**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 16
- **Introduction to Glassblowing**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 16
- **The Lox**, Chrysler Hall, March 16
- **Here, There and Everywhere: Photography Preservation, The Beatles, and Cultural Memory**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 17
- **Glass After Dark**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, March 21
- **The Governor's School for the Arts 10th Annual Wearable Arts Show**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 22
- **Nature Homage Opening Reception**, d'Art Center, March 22
- **3 on 3 Improv Tournament**, Push Comedy Theater, March 22-23
- **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**, Chrysler Hall, March 22-23
- **Studio Class: Introduction to 35mm Analog Photography**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 23
- **Norfolk Society of Arts Lecture Series: Jamie Wyeth**, Chrysler Museum of Art, March 27
- **Randy Rainbow**, Harrison Opera House, March 29
- **Chris D'Elia**, Harrison Opera House, March 30

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

## Recently in NEON

### Exhibitions & Performances



*Water V. Oil: A National Juried Exhibition of Watercolor and Oil Paintings*, d'Art Center

*Tiny But Mighty: An Exhibition of Small Artworks*, d'Art Center

*Nicole C. Harp: Colors of Consciousness*, Commune

*Fantastic Creatures of the Venetian Lagoon: Glass 1875-19*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Charles Atlas: Selected Videos 1987–2015*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Paul McCartney Photographs 1963–64: Eyes of The Storm*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*SIX*, Chrysler Hall

*Madama Butterfly*, Harrison Opera House

*Hadestown*, Chrysler Hall

### Press

MOCA, d'Art Center see increasing post-pandemic activity, [The Virginian-Pilot](#)

2024 Virginia International Tattoo will honor 80th anniversary of D-Day, represent 9 nations, [The Virginian-Pilot](#)

7th Annual Engage Norfolk brings together community, organizations, [13NewsNow](#)

New exhibit at Virginia museum offers intimate look at 'Beatlemania' 60 years after it swept the nation, [6NewsRichmond](#)

Paul McCartney and Wings: A Beatles Food Tour of Norfolk, [VisitNorfolk](#)

Curate 757: Will Liverman, [WHRO](#)

Glass dragons, pegasi and seahorses part of Chrysler exhibition, [The Virginian-Pilot](#)

Henry VIII's wives sing, dance and remix history in Broadway musical, [The Virginian-Pilot](#)



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