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August 2024 Newsletter

The NEON District is seeking an artist or artist team to complete a dynamic, large-scale mural before this year's NEON Festival, on October 17 and 18, 2024. Adjacent to the 2016 mural *757 Energy & Vibe* by Jerrod Ray on WTKR property in the NEON District, the project offers the opportunity to collaborate with both the property owner, local television studio **WTKR**, and **PRA Group**, the presenting sponsor.

The project comes with a \$4,000 stipend for design, time, materials and travel expenses. The open call is now live and will close Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 11:59pm. Artists will be expected to complete the project in time for an unveiling at the 9th Annual NEON Festival. For images of the wall and more information click [here](#). Apply [here](#).



Get Fired Up

After months of construction, the new wing of the **Perry Glass Studio** opens to the public this September. The original portion of the space will remain closed as Chrysler teams transition into the new 18,000-square-foot space (and new address at 245 Grace Street) with regular programming once again. Pumpkinpalooza, Glass After Dark and the Visiting Artist Series will heat up the new amphitheater and hot shop full of state-of-the-art equipment and later this fall, the NEON Festival will have a whole new vibe at the Studio on Thursday, October 17. Expect new programming in different spaces as the night shifts entirely to the Studio. Expect a grand opening in spring 2025 when both sides of the expansion and renovation are complete.



**Wednesday
Wind Down**
Weekly lawn concerts, 5:30 p.m.



Wednesday Wind Down

Seasons are changing, but with a few weeks of warm weather ahead make sure to hit up **Wednesday Wind Down** for live music and good vibes! Bring a chair or blanket and your favorite snack and relax on the Harrison Opera House lawn for a midweek break. Virginia Opera artists perform live on the front steps as a preview of the 50th anniversary season ahead. Text your friends, grab your coworkers, round up the kids, and join Virginia Opera on the lawn at the Harrison Opera House each Wednesday through September 25 at 5:30pm.



Neighborhood News

It's time to bid Plant Norfolk a very fond farewell. The little plant shop that could is closing in September due to changes in the plant market and a decision to focus on family. The Andersons have been a wonderful partner to NEON and we will dearly miss picking up gifts and greenery from 804. Please go by and spend a little green at the closing sale August 30-September 1.

Programs and Events

- **Wednesday Wind Down**, Harrison Opera House, September 4, 11, 18 & 25
- **First Thursday: Ice to Water**, Chrysler Museum of Art, September 5
- **Black Jacket Symphony**, Harrison Opera House, September 5

- [Ali Siddiq](#), Harrison Opera House, September 7
- [Off-Granby: The Musical](#), Push Comedy Theater, September 7
- [Run Your Best Mile](#), The Plot, September 9
- [Fiber Art Society](#), Zeke's NFK, September 10 & 24
- [ProximityNFK Exhibition Reception](#), d'Art Center, September 12
- [Felt Turtles Workshop](#), d'Art Center, September 14
- [The Push Book Club](#), Push Comedy Theater, September 15
- [Glass After Dark](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, September 19
- [Beethoven's Violin Concerto with Eric & Colin Jacobsen](#), Chrysler Hall, September 20
- [Visiting Artist Series: Jeff Mack Lecture](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, September 21
- [Herbie Hancock](#), Chrysler Hall, September 22
- [Norfolk Forum: John Meacham](#), Chrysler Hall, September 25
- [Bhav Brigade Yoga](#), The Plot, September 28
- [NEON Art Tour: Women Artists](#), The Plot, September 28
- [Kirk Franklin](#), Norfolk Scope, September 28
- [Kevin Hart](#), Chrysler Hall, September 29

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

Recently in NEON

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Peter Bremers: Ice to Water, Chrysler Museum of Art

ProximityNFK, d'Art Center

Terry Wylie: Through My Eyes, d'Art Center

Les Miserables, Chrysler Hall

Press

[Call for artists for new Neon District exhibition](#), The Virginian-Pilot

[First glance at the expanded Chrysler Museum of Art's Perry Glass Studio](#), The Virginian-Pilot

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