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September 2024 Newsletter

In only a few short weeks, the **NEON Festival** descends into the District with two blockbuster nights of programming. On Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 19 from 6-10pm, hundreds of performers and artists will show off the best of Hampton Roads' creative spirit. But before that, a few art projects will come to fruition. Watch for live painting and installing from these artists, starting now:

- Well-known local artist **Dathan Kane** is finally bringing one of his signature black and white works to NEON. Amorphous shapes are starting to appear on the pavement of Cofer Lot already.
- Fiber artist **Isabella Thompson** has been working with local knitters and crochet artists for weeks to amass enough granny squares to install a temporary fiber mural along Olney Road.
- Designer, illustrator and painter **Tim Rodgers, Jr.** will be starting on a new mural on WTKR's property in NEON, thanks to **PRA Group**, and we can't wait to show you the design!



Volunteer at NEON Festival

Volunteers are needed during the 9th Annual NEON Festival. Help out at Chrysler Museum of Art and Glass Studio on Thursday, October 17, 6-10pm. On Friday, October 18 during the second evening of the NEON Festival volunteers will be pouring beverages, assisting at the information booth and guiding visitors around the District. Two shifts are available, 6pm to 8pm and 8pm to 10pm. Register [here](#). Thanks for making a giant NEON party possible!



NEON Holiday Market Vendors

Calling all creative vendors! The annual **NEON Holiday Market** returns to the Plot on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 12 to 4 pm. The festive day includes live music, food and drinks, handmade goods and local art. Up to 50 vendors, including food trucks, will be accepted. Apply [here](#) by midnight October 27.



Neighborhood News

It's a new chapter for Norfolk's **Department of Human Services**! The department celebrated the reopening of its new and improved Human Services building at 741 Monticello Avenue this month.

The space has been transformed to better serve residents and support the staff with new family visitation rooms, computer work stations, dimly lit and comfortable wellness rooms and a drive through customer service window. Take a virtual look inside [here](#).

Programs and Events

- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, Push Comedy Theater, October 2
- **First Thursday: From Degas to Boyer**, Chrysler Museum of Art, October 3
- **Two Nuts**, Push Comedy Theater, October 4
- **Great Glass Pumpkin Patch**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, October 4-6
- **Abstract Exploration Workshop**, d'Art Center, October 12
- **Almost Queen**, Harrison Opera House, October 12
- **The Unusual Suspects**, Push Comedy Theater, October 12
- **World Beats Concert Series: Les Zazous**, Chrysler Museum of Art, October 16
- **Botanical Still Life Workshop**, d'Art Center, October 17
- **Saint-Saens' Organ Symphony**, Chrysler Hall, October 19
- **Introduction to Neon**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, October 19-20
- **Urban Echoes Art Chat**, d'Art Center, October 25

- [Farm to Table Salon: Jefferson, Hemings, and American Cuisine](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, October 26
- [Halloween Harvest Festival](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, October 27
- [Halloween Printmaking](#), d'Art Center, October 26

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

Recently in NEON

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