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July 2022 Newsletter

Join NEON under the lights when [The 7th Annual NEON Festival](#) returns this October 20 and 21, 2022. Way back in 2015, the district was just getting started with a new name, new branding, a few small art pieces here and there and a couple of new businesses just starting to offer shopping and dining. With the NEON District evolving each year since, the festival provides a perfect opportunity to dial in. Visitors can attend walking mural tours, catch live music and comedy performances, snack on delectable local food, and see plenty more from Norfolk's creative community. Click [here](#) to watch a preview of the festivities presented by [Downtown Norfolk Council](#), the [Chrysler Museum of Art](#) and [Arts Alliance](#).

What makes the NEON Festival so special year after year, is all of the programming is driven by you. Who gets on stage or in an exhibition is entirely up to the community to apply and share their talents. Venues ranging from the Chrysler Museum of Art to the Neon House are made available to local artists through an open call. Performers and artists should submit proposals and work samples by Friday, August 19 to be selected for participation. Click [here](#) to submit!



10 Years of Panties in a Twist

Finally, after delays and rescheduling, the beloved all-female sketch comedy show produced by [Push Comedy Theater](#) is back! Celebrating an unbelievable 10th anniversary, *Panties in a Twist* returns to one of its original venues, the Norva, for two performances, [Friday, August 12](#) at 8pm and [Saturday, August 13](#) at 8pm. The show began as a way to highlight the incredible talent of female comedians in the community, and now every year a group of about 40 women from all age groups, demographics and backgrounds come together to write, direct and perform this hilarious production. Join the funniest women in Hampton Roads for an outrageous evening.



Neighborhood News

After weeks away and a change in ownership, Xchange Norfolk reopens to the public on Tuesday, August 2. Not to worry, it's still the same killer shopping experience with the freshest sneakers, accessories, vintage goods and high-end brands the shop is known for. Follow along on the new IG [@xchangenorfolk](#) for news or stop by IRL at 804 Granby Street.

Xchange's neighbor, Plant Norfolk, at 802 Granby Street, recently expanded their offerings with monthly collabs in the shop. This summer, catch [Mid Century Garage Co.](#) with a curated collection of vintage vases, pottery and baskets or [Outside of Eden's](#) hand-dyed pottery collection. Give [@plantnorfolk](#) a follow to keep up with all the happenings in the shop and at pop-up events around town.



Programs and Events

- [NEON District Committee Meeting](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, August 3
- [First Friday with Artist Rachel Vredenburg](#), Zeke's NFK, August 5
- [Ultimate Roasting Championship](#), Push Comedy Theater, August 5
- [Family Day: Topsy-Turvy World of M.C. Escher](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, August 6
- [Dermot Kennedy](#), Chrysler Hall, August 10
- [NEON Art Tour](#), The Plot, August 12
- [Multifarious Exhibition Opening Reception](#), d'Art Center, August 12
- [Jean Outland Chrysler Library Used Book Sale](#), Chrysler Museum of Art, August 12 & 13
- [Abstract Art Demos with Jorge A. Saenz](#), August 17 & 18, d'Art Center
- [The New Faces of Comedy](#), Push Comedy Theater, August 18
- [Glass After Dark](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, August 18
- [Visiting Artist: Nadine Sterk of Atelier NL](#), Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, August 18-22
- [Bhav Brigade Yoga](#), The Plot, August 20
- [Kevin Hart](#), Scope Arena, August 21

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

Recently in NEON

Exhibitions

M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations, Chrysler Museum of Art

The Guiding Hand: The Barr Foundation Collection of Torah Pointers, Chrysler Museum of Art

Lasting Impressions: Prints from the Collection of David R. and Susan S. Goode, Chrysler Museum of Art

Multifarious: A National Juried Exhibition, d'Art Center

Press

Norfolk, Chrysler Museum Plan to Purchase EVMS Building Near the Hague, [The Virginian-Pilot](#)

Wander around NEON and Mermaids in This East Coast Waterfront City, [Thrillist](#)

Beauty and the Colorism Beast: Norfolk's Generic Theater Rocks a Mean African 'School Girls', [The Virginian-Pilot](#)

101 Things to Do This Summer in Coastal Virginia, [VEER Magazine](#)



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