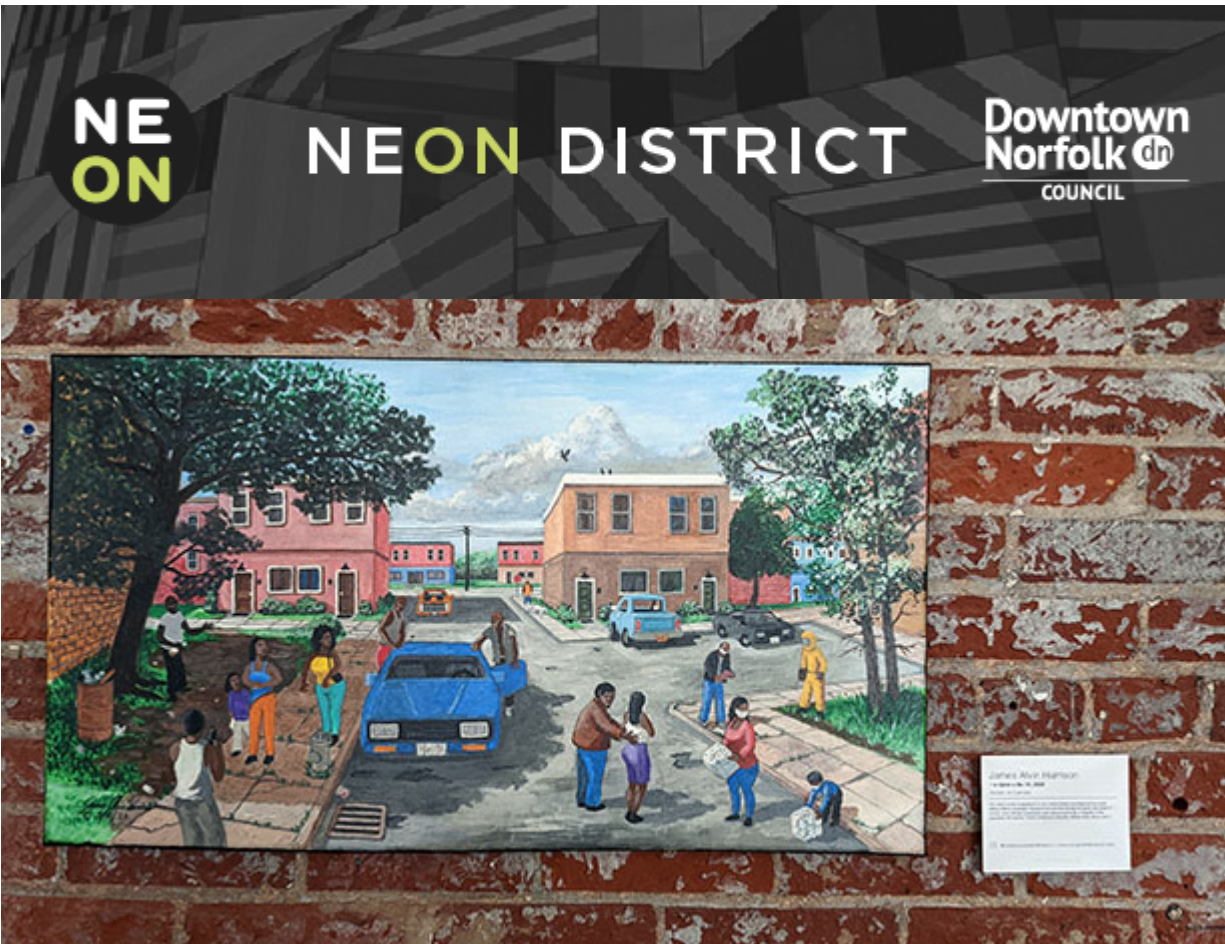


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## March 2022 Newsletter

In the final weeks of the *Shine a Light* exhibition, experience firsthand the artists' views on societal issues faced locally and globally through three new community programs. Hosted by the NEON District with Commune Norfolk and the CROP Foundation, the following free events highlight topics found in the artworks on display:

- **The ART of Networking**, Thursday, March 31, 5-8pm, an informal meetup for artists to convene on challenges and opportunities found in the local art scene
- **Worth It Wednesday**, Wednesday, April 13, 4-6pm, People First, Teens with a Purpose and the Tidewater African Cultural Alliance provide an afternoon of free entertainment and fellowship for Tidewater Gardens residents
- **Heard Productions Listening Party**, Sunday, April 17, 3-4:30pm, local audio makers share pre-recorded stories about facing racial inequalities, religious oppression and mental health struggles

Don't forget! There's still time to donate new home goods to St. Paul's residents transitioning to new housing. Supplies for housewarming baskets can be delivered to Commune Norfolk until April 17.



## Call for Art

The NEON District will refresh its unique neighborhood signage system with new vinyl panels featuring local art this spring. Hampton Roads artists may submit original digital art, photography or graphic designs in print ready files for the double-sided signs with windows in which to insert vinyl artwork. One artwork was already awarded as a judge's prize to local artist Carl Medley, for his featured piece in *Shine a Light*. Artists may submit up to six designs for an honorarium of up to \$300 and a two-year display period. Apply [here](#) by Sunday, April 24 at 11:59pm.



## Plot Volunteer Day

As spring slowly creeps in, it's time to refresh The Plot's landscaping. The NEON neighborhood will be weeding, planting and cleaning on **Saturday, April 9** from 10am to 1pm. Before outdoor furniture returns and events kick off, let's shake off the dust! Please register [here](#) for a volunteer shift and don't forget to bring your gardening gloves.



## NEON Art Tours

The NEON District is once again partnering with **Norfolk Tour Company** to offer free monthly walking tours of the district's public art collection. The tours begin this **Friday, April 1 at 6pm** and run through the end of 2022. Leaving from The Plot, each tour explores the dozens of public artworks that make the neighborhood unique. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a friend (furry ones welcome too!). Click [here](#) for more information and a full schedule.



## Neighborhood News

This month, **Culture** re-opened in style with a new focus on dining. The refreshed lounge now features floral décor, additional seating, and a revamped menu but with the same chill vibes everyone loves. A few doors down, **Plant Norfolk** celebrated with a grand opening weekend, revealing a totally fresh interior, a houseplant bonanza and cute gifts. The front of 802 Granby also features a gorgeous hand-painted sign by Restless Root's Ashley Carson. The NEON District was happily able to fund half of the work through a small business grant.

Curious about the construction at Olney Road and Boush Street? You can follow the progress of large multifamily building Fusion @ NEON at the newly launched site [fusionatneon.com](http://fusionatneon.com). See unit floor plans, renderings of the pool and clubhouse and projected lease rates.

Looking to bring a business to the district? There are two street-level opportunities currently available. Larandon's Homes is offering 1,120 square feet of commercial space next to Ghent Grab and Go at **228 W. Olney Road**. Colliers is seeking a tenant for the former Amplified IT space at **810-812 Granby Street**. Between the two spaces there is 4,000 to 9,400 square feet of office or retail space.

## Programs and Events

- **NEON Art Tour**, The Plot, April 1
- **Date Night**, Push Comedy Theater, April 2
- **Sunday Dinner: An Evening Benefiting the CHKD Mental Health Hospital**, Commune NFK, April 3
- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, April 6
- **Spring Volunteer Day**, The Plot, April 9
- **The Unusual Suspects**, Push Comedy Theater, April 9
- **Living with Rising Waters: Symposium on Sea Level Rise Science, Impacts and Solutions**, Chrysler Museum of Art, April 9-10
- **Shine a Light: Worth It Wednesday**, Commune NFK, April 13
- **Members' Exhibition Preview: M.C. Escher: Infinite Variations**, Chrysler Museum of Art, April 14
- **Bhav Brigade Yoga**, The Plot, April 16
- **Shine a Light Exhibition Closing Brunch & Listening Party**, Commune NFK, April 17
- **Glass After Dark**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, April 21
- **Visiting Artist Series: Davin Ebanks**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, April 21-24
- **Flourish Exhibition Opening**, d'Art Center, April 28
- **Macrame Plant Hanger Workshop**, d'Art Center, April 30

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

## Recently in NEON

### Exhibitions

*FloodZone: Photographs by Anastasia Samoylova*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Waters Rising: A View From Our Backyard*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*The Totality of Time Lusters the Dusk*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Hew Locke: The Ghostly Tourists*, Chrysler Museum of Art

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

*Shine a Light*, Commune NFK

*Persistence IV: A Juried National Exhibition*, d'Art Center

*Jen Sterling: Solo Exhibition*, d'Art Center

### **Press**

Norfolk's d'Art Center Relunched Inside Historic Bank Building, WTKR

Sentimental Artwork Stolen from NEON District, WAVY

Telling Untold Stories: Laura Titus and the YWCA, Norfolk Currents

Push Comedy Theater's Improv Workshops Can Improve Workplace Rapport, Inside Business

Norfolk to Select Developer for Its Old Greyhound Bus Station, 13 News Now

Meet the Tastemakers: Jamie Grantham, Wigmaker for the Hurrah Players, The Virginian-Pilot

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