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Downtown Norfolk Council Announces 2017 First Fridays Season
Diverse Musical Offerings and Assorted Downtown Locations Planned for Popular Event

NORFOLK, Va. – (March 2017) – The fifth season of Downtown Norfolk Council’s First Fridays street parties start Friday, April 7 at the Downtown campus of Tidewater Community College, 300 Granby Street. Each First Fridays event runs from 5 pm to 8:30 pm with live music, food trucks, merchandise vendors and a beer garden with craft beer in an authentic Downtown setting.

“DNC is thrilled to partner with the Virginia Arts Festival for the April and May First Fridays programming to help celebrate an exciting 21st Arts Festival season,” said Mary Miller, president and CEO of Downtown Norfolk Council. “We invite everyone to enjoy this fun musical series as well as our vibrant businesses and dynamic residential community. We are extremely grateful to the support of S.L. Nusbaum Realty Co. and the Wells Fargo Center, the presenting sponsors.”

2017 Season Entertainment and Locations:

Friday, April 7

Where: TCC Plaza, 300 Block of Granby Street

Who: **The Special Guests** (link to <https://www.facebook.com/TSGVB/>) Dance, Funk, Rock, Hip-Hop, Blues, Jazz, Rock

Friday, May 5 – Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Where: MacArthur Center Green, corner of Monticello Avenue and Freemason Street

Who: **Bio Ritmo** (<http://bioritmo.com/>) hard salsa, Latin dance band

Friday, June 2

Where: The Plot, NEON District. Corner of Olney and Granby Street

Who: **BJ Griffin and the Galaxy Groove** (<http://www.bjandthegalaxygroove.com/band-info>) pop, funk, soul, R&B

Friday, August 4

Where: TCC Plaza, 300 Block of Granby Street

Who: **Brackish Water Jamboree** (<https://www.facebook.com/BrackishWaterJamboree/>)

original contemporary stringband and country blues and **Gina Dalmas and the Cow Tippin’**

Playboys (https://www.facebook.com/pg/Gina-The-Cow-Tipping-Playboys-33786633296/about/?ref=page_internal) country, rock, indie

Friday, September 1

Where: TCC Plaza, 300 Block of Granby Street

Who: **Buddha Council** (<https://www.facebook.com/Buddhacouncil/>) Reggae and **DJ CanRock** (<https://www.facebook.com/djcanrock/>) local's favorite

Friday, October 6

Where: TCC Plaza, 300 Block of Granby Street

Who: **Fleet Forces Rock Band** (<http://www.public.navy.mil/usff/band/Pages/Welcome.aspx>) and **DJ CanRock** (<https://www.facebook.com/djcanrock/>) local's favorite.

The Downtown Norfolk Council is a private, not-for-profit membership organization comprised of businesses and individuals working toward a dynamic, attractive and prosperous Downtown. DNC also manages the Downtown Norfolk Improvement District, a 48-block special services district with enhanced services that keep Downtown friendly, safe and spotless. Connect with Downtown Norfolk on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or visit DowntownNorfolk.org.

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