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Mayor's Musings

CELEBRATING DAVIDSON... We have so much to celebrate in our community! Another successful school year has ended and Davidson's great educational institutions -- Davidson College, one of the nation's premier liberal arts colleges where students play active roles in our community, elementary, middle, and high schools of all flavors to fit each student's academic needs -- closed-out school year 2013 and summer is now in full swing. Our town green is a wonderful community gathering space, yielding arts, Town Day, and concerts galore. Our library and non-profit organizations, including new efforts like DavidsonLearns (lifelong learning), IGNITE (a community center that supports adults with autism and Asperger's Syndrome), and Davidson Lifeline (our suicide prevention and mental health awareness committee) showcase our community's continuing will to serve citizens. Downtown, South Main and the Circles @ 30 are bustling with the Saturday Farmer's Market, great shopping and dining. MSC Industrial Direct Co. is opening its new headquarters in August and the Carolinas HealthCare System's Behavioral Health Hospital is well underway -- both bringing hundreds of new jobs to our region. We congratulate the J.J. Wade Insurance Agency as they occupy the attractive new building next to town hall. Davidson is becoming a great place to work as well as live!

CHALLENGING DAVIDSON... Like every community, we face certain challenges that test our collective will to remain a beautiful, well-designed, and purposeful community. Anyone who made financial decisions before the Great Recession of 2008 knows their plans have been drastically revised and re-implemented to fit "the new normal." Do-overs on such financial decisions are not available. Our economy is recovering, as evidenced by the commercial building activities, and new home and renovation construction everywhere. Our thriving community contributes to congested traffic and pedestrian/cyclist safety challenges. Recently the town received a generous anonymous grant to focus on pedestrian safety. We will use this grant, along with town funds, to support an expanded pedestrian flag system at the busier crossings and to install/maintain in-street signs advising motorists to yield to pedestrians utilizing marked crosswalks.

Recent actions in our state legislature hint at the troubling trends of more state government oversight, restricting local government control of municipal matters, and tax reforms creating unintended consequences. Concerning needed tax reforms, it is critically important that tax reform not harm the nonprofit organizations, our education system, and the poor. I'm particularly concerned about proposals that would eliminate nonprofit organizations' (including towns') ability to receive sales tax refunds.

Several years ago, the anti-broadband bill restricted municipalities from choosing to provide broadband communications services and strictly limited geographical operations of our MI-Connection service -- this is one example of state government blocking local initiatives. Another example, the so-called "Billboard Bill," overrides local regulations about trees and green spaces and expands the allowable cutting of trees along public roadways in front of billboards.



Mayor John Woods

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Manager's report

IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER I shared that the 2012 National Citizen Survey indicated our citizens want additional job and shopping opportunities in Davidson, and how both the Lake Norman Economic



Town Manager
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Development

Commission and Kim Fleming, our Community and Economic Development Manager, need additional product (commercial development sites, office space, retail space) to achieve additional job and shopping opportunities. Retail space in Davidson is 89% occupied and office space is 90% occupied. To provide additional job and shopping opportunities, additional commercial space is required.

Our Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) and our Comprehensive Plan call for additional development in the downtown, South Main and Circles @ 30 areas. The EDSP recommends several avenues to focus our resources.

First, we are working with existing businesses, merchants, and home offices to provide assistance to make sure they can grow and remain here (and do not leave because they cannot find space in Davidson). These groups meet at quarterly "Davidson Connections" meetings to share concerns, learn about things going on in Davidson, and to network with each other to find growth opportunities. The next meeting is September 12 at 9:00 a.m. at town hall.

Secondly, town staff is working on two fronts to increase business opportunities. First, staff is working very closely with any potential developers to make the approval process as simple as possible. Planning staff is also rewriting the Planning Ordinance to simplify and shorten the development process. Generally, staff is developing a culture which embraces new commercial development.

Finance

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS approved the budget for FY 2014 on June 11 and the new fiscal year began July 1. The general operating budget of \$9,117,102 advances the board's goals and provides continued levels of services to residents without a tax increase. Solid waste and stormwater fees will also remain constant and support the services provided in separate enterprise funds. The budget document, including the budget ordinance, is on the town's website.

Funding recurring maintenance and equipment replacement needs has been a priority for the Board of Commissioners. Increased revenues in FY 2013 allowed us to allocate funds for these needs and FY 2014 budget continues to help us meet this goal. Upgrades to technological hardware and software will provide greater efficiencies in operations. New personnel in both public works and planning will enhance our levels of service in those departments. Replacement of extensively-used equipment in public works will facilitate the crews' everyday operations.

To advance the board's goal of economic viability and sustainability, efforts will be focused on implementation of the economic development strategic plan, while visitor kiosks and upgrades to town hall signage will concentrate on the welcoming environment for the town. Pedestrian safety will be a focal point of several initiatives to be advanced in the coming year.

The five-year Capital Improvement Plan approved in the fall of 2012 designated specific projects to be advanced/completed in FY 2014 and funding for those projects are included in the annual budget.

Those projects include upgrades to lighting at McEver Field, continued emphasis on construction and improvements in the Potts Ave./Sloan St./Beaty St. corridor, and planning for improvements to public works facilities. The five-year plan is revisited every fall and, as priorities change, revisions or additions may be made to the plan. The revised plan will then be available for the following year's annual budget preparation.

For more information on town finances, please visit our website at www.townofdavidson.org/finance.

A third focus is to continue to make Davidson a great place to live and work. This will be accomplished by continuing to uphold Davidson's planning standards and by improving Davidson's appearance and accommodations. Projects such as the Book Garden next to the library, landscaping of the roundabouts and medians on Griffith Street, installing information kiosks in the commercial areas to assist residents and visitors, and improving amenities such as benches, bike racks and wayfinding signage will begin to appear soon.

Finally, we are planning events to bring site selection consultants, brokers, and developers to town to show them opportunities available in Davidson. The first event will coincide with the Chiquita Classic golf tournament being hosted by River Run in September. Often professionals in these fields do not venture

past Charlotte to see what is available in the surrounding areas. Our job is to make them aware of the opportunities in Davidson.

We're confident that, with Lowe's and Ingersoll-Rand growing, and the new location of MSC Industrial Direct Co. at the Circles @ 30, additional demand for commercial development will draw the types of developers and businesses we need to continue to grow our Davidson business community, while preserving Davidson's planning standards. MSC will help make Davidson a great place to work and the company is actively recruiting employees. Employment opportunities can be found at www.mscdirect/careers.

See Kim Fleming's economic development article on page 5 to understand how important planning is to our future economic development success.



The Davidson Police Department has eight officers trained for bike patrol. Two of our bike patrol officers, Jay Stokes and Melvin Waller, participated in the multi-jurisdictional bike patrol unit that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD developed to patrol the Democratic National Convention last September. This year, our bike officers are committed to regular patrol of the greenways, parks, and neighborhoods using bikes. Bike patrol gives officers an enhanced patrol view, and a unique opportunity to meet and interact with citizens. Officer David Houk, an eight-year veteran with our department, is seen here using one of the department's four patrol bikes.

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Police Department

Pedestrian Safety. N.C. General Statute 20-155 (c) states that the driver of any vehicle within a business or residential district shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the street within any clearly marked crosswalk, or any regular pedestrian crossing. Pedestrians: please make clear your intent that you wish to cross the road. Don't just assume that the driver of an approaching vehicle sees you. Make sure that on-coming traffic is stopping for you and keep looking both ways as you use the crosswalk. Drivers: please yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Need A Speaker For Your Service Group? The Davidson Police Department wants to share our new pedestrian safety presentation with your service group, book club, church group, teen club or any other gathering. We also do neighborhood watch, general crime prevention and our newest presentation "In-texti-cated and Intoxicated While Driving." This presentation includes the use of a special set of goggles (Fatal Vision) that approximate different levels of intoxication. Please email police@townofdavidson.org to request a public speaking presentation.

How Do We Care For Lost Dogs And Cats In Davidson? The Davidson Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance. We also respond to all animal calls for service. Davidson Police Officers respond, triage a situation, and then determine the best course of action. Any lost dog or cat that is not injured and appears healthy is held in our state-approved and certified kennel for a period of 72 hours. During that time our staff makes an aggressive attempt to locate the owner and/or identify an adoption family. We take a photo of the dog/cat and put it on our website, promote it via social media, and distribute it to DavidsonNews.net, local veterinarians and rescue groups. We also check the dog/cat for a chip.

Since January 1, the Davidson Police Temporary Animal Shelter has housed 18 dogs and 2 cats. With the assistance of DavidsonNews.net, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care & Control (CMAC&C) and numerous animal rescue groups, we have managed to "re-home" 13 of the found dogs and 1 cat, and adopted 3 dogs to new homes. This is an 85% re-home/adoption rate.

The Davidson Animal Control Ordinance requires that all dogs and cats four months of age and older must be licensed. The owner of any dog or cat over four months of age must also have a current rabies vaccination tag showing that the animal has been vaccinated. A license costs \$10. Anyone establishing residency after July 1 pays \$5. Citizens 62 years of age and older may obtain their registration free of charge. Registration of your dog allows for immediate return if your pet should somehow wander away (we've had dogs slip through fences, dogs escape an electronic fence because of a dead battery, gates left open, dogs frightened by thunder and/or fireworks, etc.). Visit our website at www.townofdavidson.org/petregistration.

Registering your pet with the town will save you and your pet further anxiety should they come into our safekeeping. Help us get it home faster!

He Retired, But We Just Couldn't Let Him Go. (Ret.) Sergeant Scott Misenheimer is back working in our town.

Scott has been hired to work part-time in the town's new position of Code Enforcement Officer. He is working twenty hours a week out of the police department. All code violations (abandoned and junk autos, weeds and grass 10" or higher, sign violations, etc.) will be investigated by CEO Misenheimer. Welcome back, Scott!



A Message From the Staff Attorney

What is the difference between the Municipal Code of Ordinances and the Planning Ordinance? (Part I)

A town ordinance is a law passed locally and effective only within that town's jurisdiction. The Municipal Code and the Planning Ordinance are town ordinances that regulate citizen conduct and what happens in the municipality on a wide variety of issues, ranging from heavy growth of weeds to the number of parking spaces necessary for a particular development.

The ordinances in the Municipal Code deal with maintaining public safety, health, and general welfare. For example, Section 14 of the code states that buildings must comply with the North Carolina State Building Code that establishes safe and stable designs for construction of buildings. Other ordinances in the code deal with fire and safety regulations, emergency preparedness, and environmental concerns, such as noise and abandoned and junked vehicles.

The Municipal Code also regulates the use of public streets and sidewalks. Under this section are regulations regarding parking, parades, festivals, and excavation and repairs that involve cutting into public streets and sidewalks. Restrictions on pets, including "pooper scooper" and leash laws, are also governed by the Municipal Code.

The Planning Ordinance addresses the other significant area of municipal law, which is zoning and subdivision. The Planning Ordinance is oriented toward use of land and how a project fits into the community: it regulates setbacks, types of uses, most appropriate use, height, parking requirements, design (for some types of projects), and similar concerns.

Although the Municipal Code and the Planning Ordinance are both laws passed by the town, the procedures to make adoptions, amendments, or repeals are different. Changes to the Municipal Code must be approved by the town board, but do not require a public hearing. Some hearings may be held on the board's initiative, without statutory requirement, to give interested citizens an opportunity to share their views. A public hearing was held for amendments to the animal control ordinance, for example, as changes such as prohibiting tethering of dogs may have wide interest. If the revision is technical or to modernize language, it will usually be on the consent agenda, which means that there will be little, if any, discussion of the item. For example, Chapter 2 of the Code that deals with administration was recently updated to change the reference from "tax collector" to "finance director." Town taxes are collected by Mecklenburg County and the town no longer has a tax collector.

Adoptions, amendments and repeals to the Planning Ordinance, on the other hand, require both a public hearing and published notice on the proposed action. State statutes set most of the minimum procedural standards for adoption, amendment, and repeal of development regulations. Local (town) ordinances may establish additional standards. If the mandated procedures are not followed, the action is void.

If you have any questions about this article please contact the staff attorney, Cindy Reid, creid@townof davidson.org. *Part II of this series is a discussion of the changes that have been made to the Municipal Code in the last two years. Please look for it in the next newsletter.*



The Town of Davidson is pleased to announce that Darin McIntosh will serve the Davidson Fire Department (DFD) as Fire Chief. He replaces outgoing chief Josh Peklo. Joel Cherry joins Frank Molinek and Ryan Monteith as Deputy Fire Chiefs and Will Keller and Greg Parsons are now Captains.

Parks and Recreation

Parks & Recreation Open House

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Please join us in celebrating the new town Parks & Recreation Department offices and community meeting space at 865 South Street. Activities will include: Get to Know Your Greenway walking and bike tours; bicycle safety and essential maintenance workshops; croquet; face painting; and much more!

Located at the Kincaid Trail Greenway Trailhead, adjacent to Davidson Elementary and The Pines, the recently-renovated old water service pump house is our new, permanent home. In addition to providing cultural/hobby class meeting space and staff offices, renovating the quaint, town-owned structure has enabled the town to provide restroom facilities and water fountain access for trail users from dawn to dusk.

Half-Day Summer Camps Continue through August 16

Youth summer camps opportunities for the second half of the summer include: Cooking for High Schoolers with Personal Chef Vera Samuels, Bella Girl, Dinosaurs and Dragons, Hands-On Science Fun, All-Sports Camp, and many more! Register at www.townof davidson.org/DPR or call Davidson Parks & Recreation at 704-892-3349.



It is with great sorrow that we report the loss of Harold Voelker, the Athletics Supervisor for our Parks and Recreation Department. He passed away on July 4 after a long illness. Parks and Recreation Manager Kathryn Spatz remembers his generosity of spirit and devotion to the children of our town.

Economic Development



IN LAST QUARTER'S NEWSLETTER we discussed the importance of Davidson's commercial tax base. Economic development in Davidson is about balancing our stated goals for economic sustainability and quality of life. Directly related to that topic is commercial density. This map is a representation of zoning districts in Davidson. The small black areas are the only remaining undeveloped areas currently zoned for commercial development. In order to reach the desired goal of an increase in our commercial tax base, we need to maximize the value produced by each commercial parcel.

Higher density commercial development helps avoid sprawl, improves walkability, and centers activity around existing infrastructure. One way to measure density is by tax value per acre. Many communities across the country are starting to use this metric. The Town of Davidson brought in nationally-recognized speaker, Joe Minicozzi, to talk specifically about this concept. In Joe's presentation he compares tax value/acre to miles/gallon with cars. Miles/gallon is an equitable means of comparison because it measures the efficiency of each car, how well the car uses 1 gallon of gas. In the same way, we want to measure how well we use 1 acre of property. For example, a three story building might yield a tax value/acre of \$300,000. The same square footage in single story buildings would take up more land, thus reducing the value per acre to \$100,000.

You will continue to see growth in the commercially zoned areas in Davidson including Downtown, Circles @ 30 and South Main. Density in these areas not only improves the tax yield per acre, but also helps to create vibrant centers of activity that draw residents and visitors alike to Davidson's businesses.

Downtown Bench Program

THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON is offering citizens the opportunity to honor or memorialize individuals and businesses through its Downtown Bench Program. Based on participation, twelve new benches will be placed along Main Street, adding a welcomed place to rest. Contributors may purchase a bench with an engraved plaque for \$1,314.17. Your gift is fully tax-deductible. The new 6 ft. steel benches have a black powder coat finish and are designed for outdoor use. The commemorative solid bronze plaque is 4" x 6" and ¼ inch thick. The plaque may have up to 4 lines of text with 14 characters per line. The first bench was purchased in memory of Robert Whitton by a group of his former students. His bench is in front of Summit Coffee. To place an order please contact Kim Fleming at kfleming@townofdavidson.org or (704)940-9622.

New businesses in town:

Civitas Media

Davidson Prosthetics and Orthopedics

Veterinary Hospital of Davidson

PDG Solar

Globe Union

Upcoming events:

Sunday, August 4: Concert on the Green – Bobby UMBER Band, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 8: DD4L and Carolinas HealthCare System (CHS) are hosting an event at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church Congregation House from 6:30-8:00 p.m. CHS's new Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. John Santopietro, will be speaking on trends in behavioral health in a presentation entitled "*The State of Behavioral Health: Local Solutions.*" This event is free, a light dinner will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, August 18: Concert on the Green – Too Far Gone, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 30: Parks & Recreation Department Open House, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 865 South Street

Sunday, September 1: Concert on the Green – The Back Beat, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 12: Davidson Connections meeting, 9:00 a.m. in the town hall board room

Gathering on the Green: Saturday, September 14th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 15: Concert on the Green – Davidson College Symphony and Jazz Ensemble, 6:00 p.m.



Planning

WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASE in residential and commercial development in Davidson. Development projects are approved by the planning department in two distinct ways. The first is through a “by right” process; and the second is through a site-specific, discretionary, “conditional” approval.

By right development is the right of a property owner to use, reuse, or develop his/her property, as long as the new proposal is consistent with the goals and targeted growth plan found in the Comprehensive Plan, any applicable small area (land use) plans, and the regulations and design standards found within the Planning Ordinance.

The Planning Ordinance is the technical tool used for land zoning and subdivision, to implement the vision established in the Comprehensive Plan and applicable small area land use plans.

By contrast, a conditional development approval is a legislative re-zoning performed by the elected body to approve changes in development standards unique to the proposal under consideration. The public is invited to participate in the process through the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners’ meetings, to allow discussion among residents and other stakeholders to assess a new vision.

For example, the CHS Behavioral Health Center is a by right development, as the site and building are in compliance with all the criteria of the Flex Campus Planning Area. Conversely, the Davidson Retirement Residence wanted to construct fewer parking spaces than the minimum parking standards in our Planning Ordinance, so they had to seek conditional approval from our Board of Commissioners.

Davidson Design for Life: Keeping Busy this Quarter

Lights, Camera, Action!

On May 13th, Davidson Design for Life (DD4L) hosted a premiere of Davidson Design for Life: An Initiative to Improve the Health of a Community at Our Town Cinemas. Members of DD4L and those featured in the film were invited to attend this sneak peak of the video that captures the story of Davidson as it has maintained its small town character and explored ways to promote the health of its residents through healthy community design and grassroots initiatives. Additional public events will be planned to offer opportunities for all citizens to view this documentary.



Calling all Health Impact Assessment Practitioners!

From July 31 to August 2, health impact assessment practitioners from across the southeastern United States will descend upon Davidson to attend the inaugural Southeast Regional HIA Summit to be held at Davidson College. This event is the first of its kind in the nation and will gather professionals in planning, public health, academia, and government administration to discuss the health problems facing the Southeast and how HIA can be used to start addressing them. Carolinas HealthCare System (CHS), is the title sponsor of the event, which is part of the training activities being done by DD4L in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant awarded to the Town of Davidson in September of 2011. Featured speakers include Dr. John Santopietro, Chief Clinical Officer with CHS, speaking on mental health in the United States and Mitchell Silver, former American Planning Association President, speaking on building healthy communities. For more information on the Summit and to register, please go to <http://www.healthimpactnc.com/summit/>.

Let's Talk About Mental Health!

Following his talk at the Southeast Regional HIA Summit, Dr. Santopietro with Carolinas HealthCare System will present a discussion on mental health for residents of North Mecklenburg County. This public event will take place Thursday, August 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Davidson College Presbyterian Church Congregation House at 218 Concord Road. A light dinner will be served and those interested in learning more about mental health and Davidson's efforts to promote mental health are encouraged to attend.

Walking and Rolling!

Davidson Design for Life has partnered with Alta Planning + Design to conduct an HIA on the Davidson Walks and Rolls Active Transportation Plan. The HIA builds off of the Street Design Standards HIA completed in 2012 and focuses on promoting health equity and increasing physical activity as Davidson increases pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and implements walking and biking programs. More information and a draft of the plan can be found at www.townofdavidson.org/PedPlan.

Davidson Lifeline

DAVIDSON LIFE LINE, a citizen-led and town-supported suicide prevention committee, offers QPR training to all citizens, free of charge. QPR (“Question, Persuade, Refer”) training is a suicide prevention curriculum, created by the QPR Institute for Suicide Prevention, for citizens in their teens and older.

QPR training provides three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

Davidson LifeLine, through the Davidson Parks and Recreation Department, offers QPR training the second Monday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9) and the third Wednesday of every month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. (August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18), in locations still to be determined throughout town.



The second annual Gathering on the Green will be held Saturday September 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Awareness brings change. Come join the conversation.

If groups are interested in hosting QPR training in their facilities, please contact Leslie Willis of our Parks and Recreation Department at 704-940-9609 or lwillis@townofdavidson.org.

Davidson LifeLine was created in September 2012 to educate citizens about suicide prevention and mental health awareness, and aligns with our core value: “The physical, social, and intellectual wellbeing of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community.”

For more information and to register, please visit www.townofdavidson.org/PRregister and look for “QPR” in the program section, or contact Leslie Willis at 704-940-9609 or lwillis@townofdavidson.org.

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This threatens municipal tree ordinances and allows clear-cutting in front of existing billboards in our communities.

Legislation affecting a town’s ability to control the design of residential buildings has been in the news.

Appropriate building design helps make Davidson a more livable, walkable community. In Davidson, every building larger than a single-family residence is reviewed by our Design Review Board. They interpret our design guidelines for each structure. These citizens -- professional architects and interested citizens -- work hard to be consistent and fair with proposed plans while enhancing our community design standards. Our citizens rely on the Design Review Board to protect them from shoddy, cookie-cutter design and construction, and to only approve buildings that are appropriate to the community. Long-term, we retain our small-town character, which in turn attracts economic development and tourism.

Like every community, Davidson should have the latitude to make decisions for itself when it comes to local matters. The legislature doesn’t know the complexion of each municipality, nor its vision, so they are working with limited relevant information. Developers here have learned how to build affordable units that meet our design standards and are indistinguishable on the exterior from the market rate units.

Citizens ought to have a clear voice in deciding the way their community looks. In fact, our local ordinances regarding trees, green spaces and design were implemented following significant public input and comment. Abandoning these initiatives means ignoring the will of our citizens and their vision for our community.

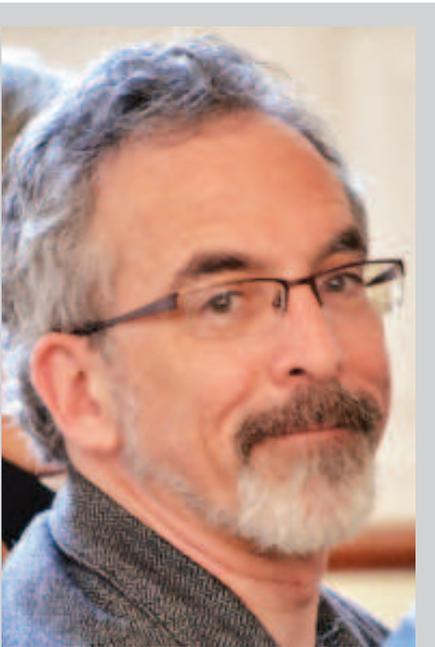
As the level of government closest to citizens, your town government has a unique connection with those we serve and a unique responsibility. I want to make sure that your voices continue to be heard as we chart the future for our town and our state.



Davidson Public Art Commission

Public art initiatives have proven to be successful in encouraging economic investment and enabling residents to rediscover their community by providing meaning to overlooked spaces.

After the successful completion of the Book Garden downtown, the public art commission was pleased to learn of a private donor who will be the primary contributor for our next public art piece. Planned for Roosevelt Wilson Park, the work will honor Pat Knox, a prominent Davidson resident who died in 2011. The artist, chosen by the commission from over 50 artists throughout the southeast, is Douwe Blumberg from Lexington, Kentucky. He has installed works internationally, including a 9/11 memorial at Ground Zero in NYC; sculptures in Colorado, Nevada, California, and Kentucky; and pieces for the royal residence in Dubai. Mr. Blumberg will begin schematic design of the work immediately; the project is scheduled to be installed by the end of June, 2014.



Have you noticed the great art in our town hall lobby each month? SPECIAL THANKS to David Boraks who volunteers his time to secure a artists for our lobby displays. Come take a look!



SPECIAL THANKS to Layne Doctson (left), a Community Engagement Fellow in Davidson College’s Center for Civic Engagement and Greg Clark, a student at the College of Wooster, who have volunteered their time at town hall this summer.

Public Works

We are hard at work on the following projects:

McEver Baseball Fields: We have installed new lights on the Mustang field, so all three fields can be lit for evening baseball practices and games.

Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure: Pedestrian safety is of great importance to Davidson citizens. We are finalizing the bid package for the installation of flashing beacons at the Circles @ 30. The project is funded through a state Safe Routes to School grant for \$120,000. A survey of Concord Road from Main Street to Pine and Grey Roads has been completed, and Duke Power is designing lighting for that area. NC-DOT will install enhanced crosswalk markings east of Baker Drive. We will also install a variety of pedestrian safety amenities around town the next few months such as in-crosswalk signage, crosswalk striping and crossing flags.

Street Resurfacing: We are assembling a bid package for a summer resurfacing project including Pine Road, Eastway Street, and the Jackson Street town-owned “Davidson Family Medicine” parking lot. Two streets in the Bradford neighborhood, Appolinaire Drive and Symbolist Alley, will be resurfaced with developer funds. Streets in the Walnut Grove subdivision will be resurfaced, as will Goodrum Street.

Beaty Street Traffic Study: We are conducting a traffic study on Beaty Street to help inform our Beaty/Sloan/Potts corridor improvement project.

Watson Street Sidewalk: Installation is 50% complete. The goal is to finish in a month.

Roosevelt Wilson Park Bridge: We will be demolishing the wooden boardwalk along Griffith Street in July to re-install a new-and-improved footbridge, thanks to funding by the Lowe’s Foundation.

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