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## The Town of Davidson

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CELEBRATIONS, CHALLENGES... With autumn in full swing and the 2013-14 school year well underway, it's appropriate we pause at this change of seasons to reflect on what's going well and what needs our attention.

### Celebrations

Our community is thriving in so many ways that I will certainly omit some important reasons to celebrate.

**Economic development** in the form of job creation is at the top of our priorities list. We welcome MSC Industrial Supply Co. to Davidson; already they are becoming an active corporate citizen. The Carolinas HealthCare behavioral health hospital is well underway and should open in spring 2014, offering badly-needed mental health care and jobs to our community.

Davidson citizens have formed **Davidson LifeLine**, a suicide awareness and prevention effort to assist all who experience distress.

**National awards.** The town was awarded two Voice of the People Awards by the International City/County Management Association in conjunction with the National Research Center – one for Transformation and the other for Excellence in the field of Code Enforcement – thanks to Code Enforcement Officer Scott Misenheimer for his efforts.

**Davidson youth** continue to make our community a better place!

Franny Millen, an 8th grader at Bailey Middle School has planted the seed to eliminate the digital divide. E2D is in full swing to place computers with any school student who does not have a computer.

I think of Malia Ellington, a student at the Community School of Davidson High School, who competes in triathlons worldwide and just won her age group in a triathlon in London in September.

Joanna Copio has organized Pawz to Run supporting Friends of the Animals.

Daniel Wyatt, Ben Wyatt, and Alex Lee are creating a way to help under-privileged children in Costa Rica by using soccer, their national sport, to encourage these youth.

Christiana Brueggemann and Ally Miller have created Think Pink, a fundraiser to support breast cancer research.

These young citizens are leading the way to keep Davidson a great community!

**2013 Elections** are right around the corner. Our every-two-year election cycle is a critically important event for our town. Voters have the opportunity to select leaders who will define our community direction in future years. Get to know the candidates and what they offer to our community. On a personal note, I thank every citizen for the opportunity to serve Davidson for another two-year term. In addition, I personally urge you to vote YES for the CMS school bonds (which includes the *continues on page 7*



Mayor John Woods

## 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 iterated the actions the town has taken in economic



Town Manager  
Leamon Brice

development as a result. We also recognize that we cannot abandon our town values as we pursue commercial opportunities.

Now we are learning that both *how* and *what* we develop matters. For many years we have heard that residential development does not pay for itself and you must have a certain percentage of commercial tax base to maintain a reasonable property tax rate. It seems that to be a truly sustainable community, a wide range of residential types and commercial uses is required. Use is not as important as location, design, density, and the effects these have on the provision of services (such as police protection and garbage collection).

So how do we know when we have a properly-located, well-designed mix of uses and how do we know our costs for the services provided? A *fiscal* analysis is required. This is not to be confused with an *economic* analysis. An economic analysis looks at the jobs produced by a project and the amount of money it circulates into the local economy. It does not look at the revenues that go directly to the local government. A fiscal analysis (of a neighborhood, for example) considers both the tax revenue generated and the upfront and ongoing costs to service the area. These costs include maintaining parks, repairing streets, police and fire protection, etc.

A fiscal analysis will help the town anticipate the effects new development will have on the town's fiscal condition. The analysis will allow elected officials

## Finance

EACH YEAR THE DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS looks forward five years (and more) into projects and capital equipment needs by adopting the Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a funding and scheduling plan that identifies potential projects and evaluates them. The projects are evaluated on many factors: accordance with town goals and objectives, impact on public safety and welfare, impact on debt service, population served by improvement, and construction schedule, to name a few.

The CIP for fiscal years 2013 through 2017 adopted in December 2012 is being updated for completed projects, work in progress, and new projects to be considered. You have probably noticed evidence of completed projects around town. The Parks & Recreation office has moved to the renovated pump house at 865 South Street and lights have been installed on the Mustang field at McEver Field to enable scheduling of games and practices at night. Some projects are in progress or in the planning stages. A connection from Potts Street to Sloan Street is being studied for construction. A park master plan is underway to ensure the best use for our citizens of almost 600 contiguous acres of land.

The board's planning for the future is not dissimilar to the process families use to budget for a home purchase, childrens' college education, and retirement options. We set goals and objectives, and then figure out how to save/pay for them. Certain capital expenditures create the need to increase operating expenditures also for the years to come; e.g. increase in park facilities means more maintenance expenses in future years.

In the next month the board of commissioners will be evaluating new projects for inclusion in the CIP. The town will use various revenue sources to fund projects: transfers from General Fund, dedicated Capital Project Funds, installment financing, grants, state allocations, etc. The goal is to accurately manage the allocation of funding over time to prevent any ballooning of costs and to keep facilities and infrastructure operating reliably, and thereby meeting the needs of the town's citizens.

to use "what if" scenarios as they discuss and consider establishing realistic levels of service, project capital needs, and as they develop revenue strategies. Planning policy impacts could be measured and anticipated. With so many benefits, the town is seeking a consulting firm to provide a fiscal analysis in the near future.

We are currently updating our planning ordinance and we will use a fiscal analysis to balance new development, the overall quality of life of the community, and the fiscal well-being of the town. Over the next several months the town will provide economic development educational opportunities. We encourage all citizens to pay attention and participate as we adjust the planning ordinance and other town policies based on a fiscal analysis approach.

## CharMeck Alerts Davidson

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY have partnered to create a county-wide emergency alert system to contact citizens about emergencies such as bad weather, nuclear plant issues, etc. They will roll out their marketing campaign, entitled "CharMeck Alerts You," in the next few months, and Davidson citizens will have the opportunity to join their system. It is very similar to the current Blackboard Connect product we use to contact citizens with emergency information via phone, email and text. We encourage all citizens to sign up for this new system. More information will be available soon.



*Please congratulate Davidson Police Department's newest sergeant, Stephen V. Ingram. Steve was hired by the Davidson Police Department on April 1, 1997 (this is not an April Fool's joke!). He became the department's detective in October 2002. Over the last eleven years, Steve's most memorable cases include closing the missing person/homicide case of a Davidson resident, the animal cruelty case involving a Davidson College fraternity and Canada geese, a home invasion, a sexual assault case perpetrated by a tennis coach, numerous financial crimes, and the serial motor vehicle break-ins by a Cornelius resident. Steve is married and has four beautiful daughters. He and his family currently reside in Charlotte.*

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In an emergency, please dial 911. For all other police-related calls, please call us at 704-892-5131.

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## Police Department

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**September was National Preparedness Month.** Mid-September is also the "pinnacle" of hurricane season, and while Davidson has not experienced a hurricane since 1989 (Hugo), it is confirmation that hurricanes, tornadoes and ice storms remain our greatest natural threat. Since 9-11, the Homeland Security Department has urged citizens to be prepared for any emergency. Natural disasters and man-made disasters always hold the potential of disabling a part (or much) of our utility infrastructure causing a loss of electricity, water, telephone service, etc. Depending on the severity of the damage, restoration of any of these utilities could take days or even weeks. The likelihood that you survive a major natural disaster or terrorist attack is dependent on your having a plan in place and the supplies and tools to make it on your own for a minimum 3-day period.

A simple basic household emergency kit includes:

- one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation;
- a three-day supply of non-perishable food;
- a battery-powered radio and extra batteries;
- a flashlight and extra batteries; a first aid kit;
- a whistle (to signal for help);
- a filter mask (or cotton t-shirt) to help filter the air;
- moist towelettes for sanitation;
- a wrench or pliers to turn off utilities;
- a manual can opener for food (if the kit contains canned food);
- plastic sheeting and duct tape (to "shelter in place" by covering window and door openings in a room)
- garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation;
- and any unique family needs (prescriptions, infant formula and diapers, important family documents, pet food).

Review your basic emergency kit at the same time you change your clocks for daylight savings time. Cycling the food, water and other perishables such as prescription medication or batteries into daily use, while re-stocking the kit with newer items twice a year ensures your continued readiness for any emergency.

We urge you to develop a family communication plan. In a natural or man-made disaster, an important decision is whether you stay put and "shelter in place" or decide you should get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and the information you learn through television and radio news reports to make your decision. For more information, go to <http://www.ready.gov/> or call the Davidson Police Department at 704-892- 5131 for a copy of the Preparing Makes Sense -- Get Ready Now pamphlet.

Because we live within a ten-mile radius of McGuire Nuclear Station, we urge all citizens to be familiar with the evacuation plan, especially for parents with children in school. Go to <http://www.duke-energy.com/nuclear-emergency-preparedness/mcguire.asp> for more information, or call the Davidson Police Department at 704-892-5131 to obtain an Emergency Planning pamphlet for McGuire Nuclear Station.

The Davidson Police Department is offering public speaking presentations on preparedness. If you would like a presentation made to your homeowner or neighborhood association, your civic organization, or parent-teacher association, please call 704-892-5131 and ask for Sergeant Steve Ingram to schedule.

## A Message from the Staff Attorney

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

The ordinances in the Municipal Code regulate citizen conduct and procedures regarding public safety, health and general welfare. We are updating outdated sections of the Municipal Code. We hold as a priority the need to create a more workable and user-friendly set of regulations.

Many of the ordinances were written in the 1970s and 80s. Updates to ensure that the code's provisions are in line with state law are done on a case-by-case basis, and a major review to modernize the code is conducted about every ten years.

In the past two years, approximately 25 ordinance adjustments and modifications have been made. In 2013, the board approved changes to several sections of the code, including outlining a civil appeals process, regulating and encouraging film production and food trucks, and increasing the penalties for creating and maintaining a nuisance. The previous year we updated the rules concerning animal control, civil emergencies, parking, sidewalk cafes, traffic and vehicles, parades, camping, golf carts, and special events, among others.

The town's municipal code committee meets two or three times per month to review and propose changes to the municipal code. The committee then takes the suggested revisions to department heads, the town manager, town attorney and the board of commissioners. Ultimately, the Davidson Board of Commissioners votes upon the amendment or code addition in its final form.

The most up-to-date version of the Municipal Code is the on-line version which can be found at [www.townofdavidson.org/municode](http://www.townofdavidson.org/municode). The town also has hard copies of the Municipal Code that are updated semi-annually.

If you have any questions about this article please contact the staff attorney, Cindy Reid, [creid@townofdavidson.org](mailto:creid@townofdavidson.org).

## Davidson Connections

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DAVIDSON CONNECTIONS is a business networking meeting for business owners, home-based businesses, nonprofits, event coordinators, and Davidson citizens. Davidson Connections meetings will now take place monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the town hall board room. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7. Come find out about new businesses in Davidson, issues that affect our businesses, upcoming events, and meet your commercial neighbors. Future meetings will be December 5 and January 9 (moved to the second week in January due to the holiday).



*On Wednesday, October 9, we celebrated International Walk to School Day. It was great to see so many families walking to school that morning.*

*We are developing our Davidson Walks & Rides Active Transportation Master Plan by examining ways to improve public safety, create walkable and bikable environments, increase pedestrian and bicycling activities, and prioritize projects. It will become our map to complete the necessary town-wide infrastructure improvements, and policies and programs to make Davidson truly walkable and bikable for all our citizens. More information will be available soon.*

## Parks and Recreation

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THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT will soon begin updating its 2000 Master Plan.

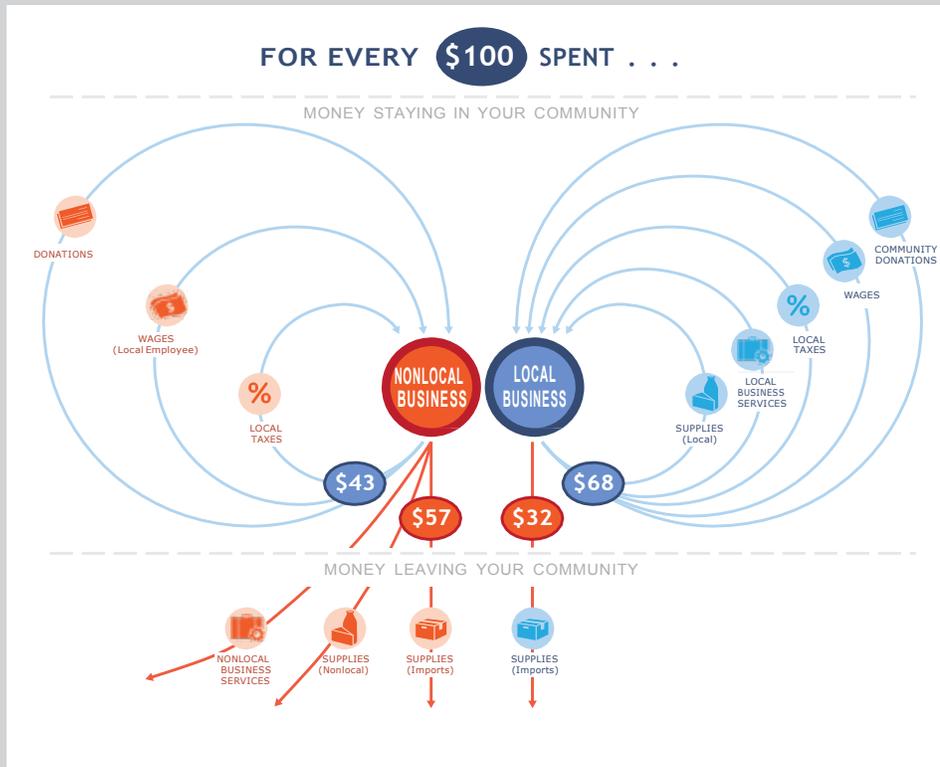
Our parks and recreation system is a reflection of the community's long-held values and support for parkland, green space, fitness and wellness. Today's system of urban parks, trails, programs, athletic facilities, and large parcels of natural space is a major contributor to Davidson's acclaimed high quality of life and the result of community support and investment. For over 30 years, the Town of Davidson has promoted the community's access to nature, health, and wellness in the areas of parks and recreation.

In the next six weeks, the Parks and Recreation Department, with the guidance of consultant LandDesign, will conduct a parks, recreation, open space, and trails needs assessment exercise as a part of the master plan update. The needs assessment exercise will provide a preliminary evaluation of the community's current needs and demands, expected growth, and potential impacts on future services related to open space, parks, recreation, and trails. Town residents, business owners, open space and trails advocates, sports groups, recreation enthusiasts, and other interested parties will be encouraged to attend to share ideas, once the needs assessments are scheduled. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 704-892-3349 or visit our website at [www.townofdavidson.org](http://www.townofdavidson.org).



Our new Parks and Recreation Office  
865 South Street  
704-892-3349

## Economic Development



IN PAST NEWSLETTERS, we've discussed the importance of Davidson's commercial tax base and how economic development in Davidson is about balancing our stated goals for economic sustainability and quality of life. In this newsletter, we'll discuss our goal of contributing to our local economy by supporting Davidson's businesses.

On November 30, Small Business Saturday, the Town of Davidson will launch a buy local campaign called "Turn Around – Shop in Town." This is a way for residents and visitors to support Davidson businesses to help create a sustainable local economy. Davidson is fortunate to be the home of many independent restaurants, retailers, and offices. By supporting locally-owned businesses, your sales dollars make a significant impact on the Davidson economy. For every \$100 spent in Davidson at locally-owned businesses, \$68 stays in the Davidson economy.

We'll focus on the new businesses in town about which you may not be aware, as well as the established businesses that have become favorites. Spending locally keeps money and jobs in our area, and has a positive economic impact that can outweigh the lower cost of shopping in stores not located in Davidson.

Our last citizen survey told us that our citizens would like to see more shopping opportunities in Davidson. We welcome your ideas on new businesses that you would like to see in town as we continue our commercial growth. Please post your ideas to our Facebook page ("like" us at Town of Davidson – Town Hall) or contact Kim Fleming at [kfleming@townofdavidson.org](mailto:kfleming@townofdavidson.org).



JOIN US Friday, October 25 for our Halloween festivities!

4:00 p.m. Games on the green

5:00 p.m. Candy March down Main Street

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Rough Draft concert on the green

### New businesses in town:

MSC Industrial Supply Co.  
 Eurest Dining (MSC Cafeteria)  
 Robert Baird & Co. Inc.  
 Seasons at the Lake  
 Tag Sale Treasures  
 Flip Out Tees  
 Consonance  
 Go Go Clay

### Upcoming events:

Oct. 25: 4:00 p.m. Halloween Games, Candy March and Concert on the Green (Rough Draft)  
 Nov. 7: 9:00 a.m. Davidson Connections Meeting  
 Nov. 30 Buy Local Kick-Off  
 Dec. 5, 6, 7: 6:00-9:00 p.m. Christmas in Davidson  
 Dec. 5: 9:00 a.m. Davidson Connections Meeting  
 Dec. 7: 1:00 p.m. North Mecklenburg Christmas Parade  
 Jan. 9: 9:00 a.m. Davidson Connections Meeting



### Downtown Bench Program

Honor individuals and businesses through our Downtown Bench Program. Twelve benches will be placed along Main Street, adding a welcomed place to rest. 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. To order please contact Kim Fleming at [kfleming@townofdavidson.org](mailto:kfleming@townofdavidson.org) or 704-940-9622.

## Planning

### Tree Removal & Trimming

Did you know that in Davidson it is illegal to trim or remove trees (with greater than a four-inch diameter) without a permit?

Several years ago, the town implemented a tree ordinance to protect Davidson's green canopy. If your landscaping plans include tree trimming or removal, make sure you comply with the ordinance ([www.townofdavidson.org/treeordinance](http://www.townofdavidson.org/treeordinance)) to avoid a fine. Permit applications are available online at [www.townofdavidson.org/treepermit](http://www.townofdavidson.org/treepermit). Public Works Operations Supervisor Jesse Bouk will contact you regarding your plans.



Please welcome Our new Planner/GIS Analyst, Stuart Wine. He has a master's degree in Geography from UNC-Charlotte. He was an intern for the Davidson Lands Conservancy and set up all their graphic files. He'll be working on mapping and permitting for the planning department.

## Davidson Design for Life: Marking the End of Year 2 and Gearing Up for Year 3

*Davidson Design for Life (DD4L) is an innovative town initiative dedicated to helping Davidson become an even healthier community. In September 2011, Davidson received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Healthy Community Design Initiative in order to conduct health impact assessments (HIAs) and promote healthy community design decisions. HIA is a process that examines the positive and negative health implications (often unintended) of a decision typically being made outside of the health sector. Katherine Hebert is our Davidson Design for Life Coordinator.*

### Southeast Regional HIA Summit a Huge Success

Davidson College was invaded by sixty-five Health Impact Assessment practitioners on July 31 through August 2 for the inaugural Southeast Regional HIA Summit. This first regional HIA meeting of its kind, featured presentations by Dr. John Santopietro, Chief Clinical Officer with CHS, who spoke on mental health in the United States, and Mitchell Silver, former American Planning Association President, who presented on building healthy communities. Participants from as far away as Texas, Florida, and Washington, DC, and multiple states in between, enjoyed the opportunity to meet with fellow professionals, explore the Town of Davidson, and learn more about HIA efforts in the southeast. Plans are already underway for the second annual Summit to take place at Davidson College, July 30-August 1, 2014.

### Davidson Design for Life Documentary is Now Available

This video created to capture 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 is now available. *Davidson Design for Life: An Initiative to Improve the Health of a Community* premiered in May 2013 and is available for download at [www.townofdavidson.org/DD4Ldocumentary](http://www.townofdavidson.org/DD4Ldocumentary) or purchase at [www.townofdavidson.org/DVD](http://www.townofdavidson.org/DVD). Copies of the DVD can also be purchased at town hall for \$10. Public events will be scheduled to show the documentary to citizens – look for announcements.

### Calling All Local Food Supporters

Starting in January 2014, Davidson Design for Life will be looking at ways to increase universal access to local foods and increase healthy food production and consumption by Davidson residents. Those who serve a role in the production, preparation, packaging, distribution, marketing, or consumption of food or who are interested in promoting local, healthy foods are encouraged to reach out to Katherine Hebert at [khebert@townofdavidson.org](mailto:khebert@townofdavidson.org).

## Fire Department

THE DAVIDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT is focusing on fire prevention this month. More fires start in the kitchen than in any other area of the home. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

Some safety tips that we advocate are:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.

- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.

- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.

- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

For more information, please visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org) and <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week#sthash.1XIVs3A.dpuf>.

Please call the Davidson Fire Department at 704-940-9624 with any questions regarding smoke/CO detectors and fire prevention strategies, but be sure to dial 911 in an emergency.

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Davidson Elementary expansion to K-8) and the CPCC bonds, both critically needed to help our community sustain its quality of education and job training.

**Veterans Day 2013** -- Please join in a community celebration honoring our nation's veterans on Monday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. on the front porch of our library. Col. Quincy Collins, a highly decorated Air Force pilot and former Vietnam POW, will speak. Our local students will provide music.

**Jack Burney Community Service Award** -- Our citizen committee has selected this year's recipient and the award will be presented on November 27 at 10:00 a.m. honoring a Davidson citizen who has consistently offered exemplary community service. All citizens are welcome to attend.

**Ray Evernham's Americarna car show**, supporting Davidson's newest nonprofit, IGNITE, a day-center for young adults with autism and Asperger's Syndrome, is set for November 30 on the Ingersoll Rand campus. Watch for details!

### Challenges

Our community has so much to celebrate, yet we face serious challenges every day. The economy is finally beginning to recover and our political environment, both in North Carolina and our nation, is under critical review. Our nation struggles to create the proper mix of services our governments -- national, state, and local -- can and should provide. The good work of our nonprofit organizations is threatened.

**Population growth.** The 14-county region around Charlotte is projected to increase in population by 1.8 million people in the next 40 years. How will we manage this growth? How will we develop the infrastructure to absorb this growth? Davidson faces these pressures and is striving hard to ensure that every dollar paid in taxes is used for the long- and short-term benefit of our citizens. Our key focus is providing the best in public safety services to our citizens.

The region faces this growth and has created CONNECT Our Future, a process through which communities, counties, businesses, educators, nonprofits and other organizations work together to grow

## Davidson Committee on Aging

The mission of the Davidson Committee on Aging (DCOA) is to: "Promote senior issues and resources to educate and advocate for older adults." The committee has generated several initiatives toward that end and recently received a \$1,500 corporate sponsorship from Carolinas HealthCare Foundation designated to fund the implementation of the Vial of Life Initiative in Davidson, which DCOA devised in close collaboration with the Davidson Police and Fire Departments. The Vial of Life Initiative will be administered and carried out in the community by Leslie Willis, Healthy Living and Wellness Supervisor in our parks and recreation department.

The Vial of Life is FREE to the public and provides a means for users to record their medical and contact information for instant access by first responders in case of an emergency at home or away from home. The money from the corporate sponsorship will pay for the materials necessary to carry out the program. The goal is to reach 500 Davidson residents who wish to participate. Participants will receive all of the necessary materials as well as instructions for completing the forms. They will also be instructed on the use of the materials provided in order to receive the full benefits of the program. Anecdotal evidence has shown that Vial of Life will save lives. In the coming months, outreach efforts will be put in place to get the materials into the hands of interested residents. For more information contact Leslie Willis at [lwillis@townofdavidson.org](mailto:lwillis@townofdavidson.org) or 704-940-9609 or visit our website at [www.townofdavidson.org/vialoflife](http://www.townofdavidson.org/vialoflife).

The Vial of Life program is just one of several initiatives DCOA has formulated for the benefit of Davidson seniors. We believe that whatever benefits seniors will also benefit the entire community.

We are continuously searching for ideas and innovations pertaining to senior issues that can be implemented in Davidson to support the needs of our seniors. We welcome input and participation from the community. Our meetings are typically the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 at Davidson Town Hall, with the exception of this month's meeting which will be on October 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the new Davidson Parks and Recreation office at 865 South Street.

Learn more at [www.davidsonseniors.com](http://www.davidsonseniors.com) or email [DavidsonCOA@gmail.com](mailto:DavidsonCOA@gmail.com).

jobs and the economy, improve quality of life, and control the cost of government. This process will create a regional growth framework developed through extensive community engagement and build on what communities identify as existing conditions, future plans and needs, and potential strategies. Get involved at [www.ConnectOurFuture.org](http://www.ConnectOurFuture.org).

**MI-Connection** revenue is growing. Our future growth is clearly dependent on the economy and citizen acceptance. Our Board of Directors, professional management, fiber optic technology, and excellent customer service predict a bright future! Once we achieve the financial stability we seek, we can positively consider our position as an owner of the system with our partner, the Town of Mooresville.

**Pedestrian safety response.** Our very favorable growth leads to the challenges

of pedestrian and bicyclist safety. We are responding to these challenges with methods intended to improve pedestrian safety. Hand-held bright orange flags are installed at our busiest crosswalks on Main Street and Concord Road. In addition, flashing beacon lights are coming at the Griffith Street roundabouts and the intersection at Robert Walker Drive and Davidson-Concord Road. We are a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly community and we will take the necessary steps to improve safety wherever we can.

**Community-building** in these difficult times is a tremendous challenge. Davidson has always been known as a community that works together to solve challenges. Although we may disagree, when the chips are down, we work for the common good. It's the sign of a strong community, and I hope we remain that way as we encounter future challenges.



Jesse Bouk, our new Public Works Operations Supervisor, is a graduate of NC State. He comes to us from Environmental Design Landscape. He will schedule and manage the two Public Works crews.

### We Want To Communicate With You!

Get **emergency phone alerts**: [www.townofdavidson.org/NewsAlerts](http://www.townofdavidson.org/NewsAlerts) or 704-940-9602.

Get **news and information emails**: [www.townofdavidson.org/eCrier](http://www.townofdavidson.org/eCrier) (Sign up for a variety of lists: News, Manager's Report, Town Board, Davidson College, Planning, etc.)

## Public Works

THE TOWN HAS A TREE GARDEN on the west side of Roosevelt Wilson Park. Plant a tree in honor of someone. Please contact Public Works Operations Supervisor Jesse Bouk at [jbouk@townofdavidson.org](mailto:jbouk@townofdavidson.org) or 704-940-9638. For \$150, we'll plant an Okame Cherry and install a plaque.

The economy is improving, and that means more construction projects. During construction and renovation of properties, soils may be exposed. When it rains on exposed soil, raindrops dislodge soil particles and carry them away. Erosion control measures like silt fencing, inlet protection, and sediment ponds, prevent contamination of our creeks, rivers, and lakes.

After construction, soil must be stabilized. Many times this requires the use of fertilizers, which must be stored and used properly. Any excess fertilizer that cannot be used by the plants mixes with rain and becomes storm water pollution. This can promote algae blooms and reduces oxygen in the water for fish and other aquatic life. Storm water controls, like rain gardens or detention ponds, may be installed on these properties. These structures are installed to help slow down the water that enters the creeks during storms, and help remove pollutants. These structures must be maintained to continue helping maintain good water quality.

To report construction project or storm water control issues, please contact Public Works Manager Doug Wright at [dwright@townofdavidson.org](mailto:dwright@townofdavidson.org) or 704-940-9625. For more information please visit the county's website at <http://stormwater.charmeck.org> and click "Pollution Prevention."

In the next few months, you'll see our public works department working on sidewalk construction, installing flashing beacons at the roundabouts for pedestrian safety, remodeling Beaver Dam, rebuilding Roosevelt Wilson Bridge (please bear with us as we finalize permits), and painting fences around our parks, including The Preserve dog park.



This is the schedule for putting out your red recycling cart. Please check [www.townofdavidson.org/GarbageSchedule](http://www.townofdavidson.org/GarbageSchedule) for more information.

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