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The Town of Davidson

Mayor's Musings

Davidson's Commitment To Affordable Housing

The Davidson of my youth, in the 1950s and '60s, was a very economically diverse town clearly centered around the major employer, Davidson College. Prior to the development of Lake Norman (completed in 1963) and the construction of I-77, (completed into Charlotte in the early '70s), the community did not grapple with population growth.

Indeed, people moving to Davidson in the '70s and '80s could not find housing because there was little turnover and virtually no new houses were being built! The 1990s marked a significant change in demand for housing in Davidson and throughout the Lake Norman region. The development of the Peninsula suddenly made the nearly 30-year old Lake Norman a destination for permanent residents. In Davidson, the development of significant neighborhoods -- River Run, McConnell (developed by Davidson College to provide its faculty and staff "affordable housing" in town), Cabin Creek, Hudson Place and St. Alban's -- created the supply to feed demand. It was in the early '90s that town leaders realized that the supply and demand model of the housing economy could change Davidson's historic diversity, creating an all upper middle-income community where lower income working people could not afford to live. Citizens gathered to discuss this issue and community leaders founded the Davidson Housing Coalition to foster a diverse housing stock to encourage all people to live in Davidson. Led by Mayor Randy Kincaid and a unanimous board of commissioners, the town adopted an inclusionary zoning ordinance in 2001, requiring 12.5% of new houses to be available for citizens earning 50-120% of the area median income.

Davidson's elected leaders, with significant public support, committed to maintaining an economically diverse citizenry and providing affordable housing opportunities by adopting this core value: "Davidson's historic mix of people in all income levels and ages is fundamental to our community, so town government will encourage opportunities, services, and infrastructure that allow people of all means to live and work here."

Affordable housing programs are focused on individuals and families whose annual incomes range from less than 50% up to 120% of area median income. Currently in Mecklenburg County, area median income for a family of four is \$70,700.

Since 2001, the Town of Davidson has engaged a purposeful affordable housing program, creating an inclusionary zoning ordinance that has generated 73 new homes in eight neighborhoods. In addition, the local non-profit housing agency, Davidson Housing Coalition, supports 70 affordable properties, of which 56 are rental residences and 14 utilize a land-lease model.

Either as owners or renters, lower income workers are increasingly unable to live in Davidson. The median Davidson home sales price in 2015-2016 was \$385,500, and a recent report identified Davidson with the highest median sales price in the Charlotte area: \$437,000. The largest percentage of buyers of the affordable homes are school teachers, firefighters, police officers, and bank employees. We have a special focus on military veterans. All of the homeowners have jobs, and most of the jobs are ones that serve our community and region.

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Mayor John Woods

Manager's Report

While speaking with citizens at our monthly Davidson Coffee Chats, during Civics 101, at neighborhood meetings, and all around town, I hear about transportation and the increase in traffic in Davidson.



Town Manager
Jamie Justice

We have a lot of cars trying to get around Davidson and also through town from other places. Mobility is one of the priorities in the Davidson Game Plan (our two-year strategic plan), and I'd like to give you some highlights of the projects on which we are working. From years of experience, I've learned that transportation improvements happen very slowly, and it's a big challenge to find funding.

Exit 30 project

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is working with I-77 Mobility Partners to install a new bridge, two roundabouts, plus bike and pedestrian lanes at Exit 30. Work should be complete at the end of December, depending on the weather.

Potts/Sloan/Beaty Corridor

We would like to offer our citizens an alternative to Main Street/Hwy. 115 by connecting Potts and Sloan streets. We are working with NCDOT to find funding to make this street connection, install a roundabout at the intersection of Griffith, Sloan, and Beaty streets, and install a multi-use path along the route for pedestrians and bicycles. We will seek citizen input on this project at a future date.

Davidson Mobility Plan

We received \$100,000 in federal funding through the Metropolitan Planning Organization to create this plan. We will study multi-modal transportation around Davidson and gather input from citizens. This study will be conducted in fiscal year 2017-2018.

Grey Road sidewalk

Our plan is to connect Concord Road to Wolfe Street along the east side of Grey

Road in the near future.

Roundabout at Davidson-Concord Road and Robert Walker Drive

We are initiating designs for a roundabout at this intersection and will submit for funding from the NCDOT Surface Transportation Program.

Flashing beacons

We plan to install flashing beacons at five crosswalks in town:

- Concord Road at Baker Drive
- Main Street at Eugenia Street
- Main Street at Depot Street
- Main Street at Glasgow Street (Davidson College entrance)
- Beaty Street at Magnolia Street



Kincaid Trail extension

We plan to connect the greenway from South Street, just south of Davidson Elementary School, to South Main Street and are working on the design of the trail.

Shearer Road connection

NCDOT has a plan to extend Shearer Road through the Davidson East development so that it connects to NC Hwy. 73 to provide an alternative route for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Ramah Church Road traffic light

In order to improve the flow of traffic, NCDOT plans to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Ramah Church Road and Hwy. 73 in the future.

Potts Street intersection

The Town of Cornelius is proposing an improvement at the intersection of Potts Street and Main Street/Hwy. 115 to improve traffic flow. We anticipate that this project will coincide with our Potts/Sloan/Beaty Corridor project.



Farewell to Police Chief Jeanne Miller



As you know, Davidson Police Chief Jeanne Miller announced that she will retire as the police chief for the Town of Davidson by June 30, 2017. She has

served our town for over 11 years and has been in the field of law enforcement for over 43.5 years.

We are grateful for Jeanne's service to the Davidson Police Department and town. Under her leadership, the department was certified by CALEA (the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), verifying that it meets the commission's professional standards. She improved public safety services, increased the department's commitment to community policing, was a pioneer in the North Carolina League of Municipalities' first law enforcement risk review process, served on many panels representing the town and the law enforcement profession, and helped grow the department to meet the needs of our citizens and community. We have some big shoes to fill. We anticipate hiring a new police chief prior to her retirement.

Please join us on Tuesday, June 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Davidson Town Hall to thank Chief Miller for her service and to wish her well. An acknowledgement of her work for the town will be the first item on the agenda at the board of commissioners 6:00 p.m. meeting that evening.



Davidson Police Captain Steve Ingram and Chief Jeanne Miller

Police Department

Parking solutions

In conjunction with Economic Development Manager Kim Fleming, the Davidson Police Department has been searching for better and more efficient ways ensure to that customers of our downtown businesses have places to park when they come to eat at our restaurants and shop at our stores. We realize that parking “real estate” is at a premium. The town has taken the following steps to provide an improved parking experience:

- 1) We have secured additional all-day parking at the Davidson Presbyterian Church (116 Depot Street);
- 2) We have implemented weekend trolley service to downtown on Friday evenings (6:00 to 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) through June 10; and
- 3) We are introducing a new parking enforcement system -- passport parking. Passport parking will allow those who receive parking tickets to pay them immediately using a passport parking app on a smartphone. You can also continue to pay online, via U.S. Postal Service or in person at town hall. Please consider using the trolley service and/or parking in the Davidson Presbyterian Church lot to maximize your shopping time and to enjoy downtown Davidson!



Body-Worn Cameras

The Davidson Police Department is proud of the fact that we were the first law enforcement agency in Mecklenburg County to begin using body-worn cameras (BWCs). Our own officers drove this process—they were secure in the knowledge that their professional conduct would be affirmed by the recordings. The BWCs are digital—they are in constant “record” mode. At the

point of activation, audio and video, including the 30 seconds prior to activation, are captured until it is deactivated. In addition, all of our cruisers have in-car video recording systems. In-car cameras activate when the overhead lights are activated. The in-car video captures the previous 60 seconds of video and then audio and video from the point of activation.

In 2016, the North Carolina Legislature passed new regulations that affected who can see law enforcement video (“disclosure”) and who can obtain a copy of any video (“release”). Disclosure or release can only be made to the person whose image or voice is in the recording or to their personal representative (legal guardian, parent, attorney representative, etc.). Only those portions of the video relevant to the person making the request can be disclosed and/or released. If you are interested in reading the state statute language, click on the following link for Law Enforcement Video Recordings: <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=132-1.4A>.



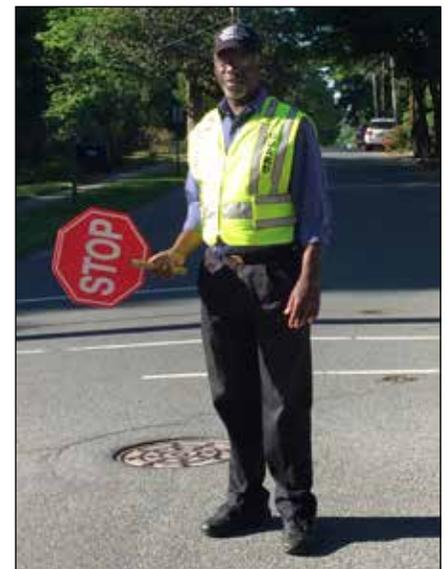
Civics 101 graduates Craig Probst and Lori Littman check out a police cruiser.

A Message from Davidson Police Chief Jeanne Miller

As has already been announced, I am retiring effective June 30, 2017. The July edition of the Town Message will be your introduction to the new chief of police. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know that I have experienced the true meaning of community since coming to Davidson. I’ve had the honor of working with the finest officers any police department in any town—large or small, urban or rural—could employ. I believe we are leaving the department better than it was in 2005. I am also convinced that the current staff can, and will, make great strides to become even better—as individual law enforcement officers and as an agency overall. Every place should be like Davidson!



Chief Jeanne Miller at National Night Out -- we'll miss you, Jeanne!



We are pleased to introduce Bryan Hall, a new school crossing guard at Davidson Elementary.

Fire Department

Full-Time Firefighters: February 2017 marked a new milestone in the history of the Davidson Fire Department (DFD), as the Town of Davidson's first full-time firefighters began service. These three individuals will serve as firefighter engineers (i.e. – firetruck drivers) and will work 24-hour shifts beginning at 8:00 AM each morning. Each of the new employees previously served as a part-time firefighter with the Davidson Fire Department. They also worked as full-time firefighters at other departments, and they bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience.

- **Engineer Dion Burleson** – Dion comes to the Town of Davidson from the Denver (NC) Fire Department. He has nearly 30 years of experience as a firefighter and paramedic, including nine years as a part-time firefighter with the Davidson Fire Department. Dion served eight of those nine years with the DFD in the role of Captain. He has also served on the Incident Management Team for the North Carolina Emergency Management Western Branch.
- **Engineer David (Butch) Gibson** – Butch has served in a part-time capacity with the Davidson Fire Department since 2008. He recently retired from the Charlotte Fire Department (CFD) after nearly 26 years of full-time service, most of which were spent at CFD Station 5, located just to the west of Uptown. Butch lives in Denver with his wife, Lori.
- **Engineer James Rogers** – Before joining the Davidson Fire Department as a full-time member, James served as a full-time engineer for the Belmont (NC) Fire Department. He has also worked for the Town of Davidson in a part-time capacity for two years. In all, James has nearly ten years of fire service experience. He currently resides in Cornelius with his wife, Beth, and two-year old son, Harrison.



Fire Chief Fitzgerald, Engineers Burleson, Gibson, and Rogers

We are extremely excited to welcome these three individuals to the Davidson Fire Department on a full-time basis!

Smoke Detectors: Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors if you have not done so! We recommend changing the batteries every six months (when the time changes, change your batteries). If you need assistance, call the Davidson Fire Department at 704-940-9623. Smoke detectors save lives!



On April 11, we honored Davidson native **Wilson Sadler** for his longtime commitment to safety in the Town of Davidson. Wilson has worked with the Davidson Fire Department since 1972. We appreciate his service to our town and the many traditions he created for our citizens including the North Mecklenburg Christmas parade, Santa coming through town on a fire truck, and his assistance with the Angel Tree program. (left)

Finance

Budget

Development of a balanced budget is a fundamental responsibility of the governing bodies that oversee local government -- North Carolina general statutes govern the requirements of the budget development process and require local government budgets to be balanced.

The board of commissioners and town staff work diligently to establish goals and priorities which started at our retreat in January. Those priorities are supported through the budget.

In Davidson, the town manager is the budget officer for the town. His responsibility is to prepare and present the board of commissioners with a proposed budget each year. He works closely with staff to project revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. Below is a schedule of activities for the approval of the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year budget:

April 25: The recommended budget was presented for board review at the work session

May 9: Public hearing on the budget

May 23: Work session budget discussion

June 13: Regular meeting -- budget ordinance will be presented for board consideration

Information regarding budget items to be discussed at the above meetings can be found attached to the published agendas here: <http://davidson.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/>. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the budget process, and especially to attend the May 9 public



Civics 101 graduate Peggy Bond enjoys being in the engineer's seat in our ladder truck.

Affordable Housing

In 2001, in response to growing concerns about the cost of building and land prices, the town implemented a mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance, generally referred to as the affordable housing program. In 2016, the Town Board of Commissioners instituted a review of the Town's housing needs. The town engaged the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute to conduct a comprehensive assessment of housing in Davidson. Their report provides data, based on current population, employment trends, housing, and land value to the town as it evaluates the affordable housing program. The research team interviewed a number of stakeholders to help identify challenges and opportunities for the program. The report can be found on the town's website at www.townofdavidson.org/affordablehousing.

Key questions addressed in the report are:

1. What is the town's current housing inventory and what are the emerging needs based on demographic shifts?
2. Who works in Davidson but can't afford to live here?
3. What are the housing needs in Davidson along a spectrum of affordability?
4. What are the complexities and context of developing affordable housing in Davidson?

Among a variety of interesting facts are:

1. Davidson's population is similar in many ways to other suburbs, with a gradually aging population. Since 2000, we have seen slight decreases in the share of young children and adults ages 20-39.
2. Davidson is highly educated. More than two-thirds of residents have a bachelor's degree, and one-third have a professional or graduate degree.
3. The majority of Davidson households consist of one or two people according to census data, a large portion of which is made up of seniors.
4. The median household income is \$105,000. Huntersville's median income is \$90,000 and Cornelius' is \$80,500.
5. The UNCC/UI reported that as of 2014, over 5,500 people worked in Davidson. The largest sector of employment is educational services. Only about 8% of the people who work in town, live in town.
6. Home values in Davidson are high. For sales that occurred in 2015 and 2016, the median sales price was \$385,500 (more than \$100,000 higher than Cornelius and Huntersville).

The UNCC/UI made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on March 14. As a follow up, a community meeting was held on May 8. Since the Davidson Board of Commissioners believes providing affordable housing is a core value and wanted to hear from citizens, we held a roundtable discussion to learn more from citizens on (1) who should pay and how should we pay for affordable homes, (2) should the town take a more active role in purchasing land for future affordable homes, and (3) what is the perceived and/or actual need for rental housing. Based on this feedback, a strategy for the future of Davidson's affordable housing program will be presented to the Davidson Board of Commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

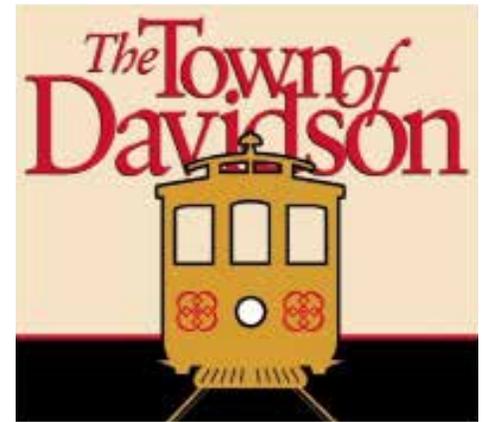


Jay and Meredith Harris visit with Art on the Green artist Jane Ellithorpe.



Artist Jessica Ballard displays her colorful mixed media paintings during Art on the Green.

Economic Development



Look for these signs around town -- the trolley will stop every 15 minutes in a continuous loop.

Hop on board the trolley!

The Town of Davidson is pleased to offer local trolley service on Friday evenings from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Trolleys run on 15 minute continuous loops. For more information including trolley routes, please visit www.townofdavidson.org/trolley.

NEW this year: Shakespeare on the Green

The Town of Davidson is partnering with Davidson Community Players, Hough High School, Davidson College Arts and Creative Engagement, and Main Street businesses to bring Shakespeare on the Green to the community on May 12, 13, and 14. Outdoor performances of *The Tempest* will take place on the town green at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. All performances will be free and open to the public.



Davidson resident Melissa Reddick wins "Best in Show" at Art on the Green, April 22-23.

Parks and Recreation



Thank you to our first Adopt-A-Park partners, PBC Architect and the Clark family! Parham Park now has some great wildlife-friendly native plants thanks to this volunteer-town initiative. For more information about the Adopt-A-Park Program, visit www.townofdavidson.org/AdoptAPark.



Parham Park visitors can now enjoy a new addition to the playground: a swing set was installed on March 29.

Summer Camp 2018

Registration is open for summer camps and spaces are filling up fast! If your child has an interest in robotics, fine arts, tennis, STEM-related programs, basketball, the performing arts, creative writing, photography, music, or the culinary arts, then we have a camp to meet your family's needs. We even offer themed preschool camps starting as early as May! Camps typically occur 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. with a staff-supervised lunch break in between for campers staying the full day. Register your child for a morning and an afternoon camp within the same week and receive 10% off your total purchase (discount available only over the telephone or in-house). Scholarships are available for qualifying Davidson residents. Call 704-892-3349 or visit www.townofdavidson.org/dpr for complete information and registration! See our program guide in the center of this newsletter.

A Thank You to Our Volunteers

The Town of Davidson would like to thank Mara Vicario, Ella Stahlschmidt, and Emily Dotson of Girl Scout Troop 10082 for their contribution of a Little Free Library to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Little Free Library (charter #35614) was installed at Roosevelt Wilson Park by Jamie Morton of Public Works.

The Town of Davidson would like to thank Eagle Scout Candidate Blair Mooney, his father Mike Mooney, and Boy Scout Troop 171 for renovating the town's watercraft racks at both the Lake Davidson Nature Preserve and Parham Park. We also appreciate the five picnic tables that Troop 58 Boy Scout Christian Browning made for his Eagle Scout project. They are outside Davidson Town Hall for all to enjoy.

Kayak Rental Program

Starting Sunday, May 7, Davidson residents can rent kayaks and canoes from the Lake Davidson Nature Preserve. The fee is \$15 per rental per person. Watercrafts are available for rent Sundays from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. all through the months of May and June. Call 704-892-3349 or visit www.townofdavidson.org/dpr for complete information and registration!

Bailey Springs Park Project Timeline

Immediately following the adoption of the town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2014, the Livability Board began working on the next community park. The Davidson Board of Commissioners determined it would be located on a parcel given to the town as part of the Bailey Springs development approval process. This site was chosen due to its proximity to the greenway and center of town. It is also flat and unobstructed so we knew it would be particularly appropriate for active athletic facilities, something Davidson lacks. The Livability Board engaged the public, and particularly the nearby neighborhoods of Bailey Springs, Bradford, and River Run, by holding multiple public forums at Beaver Dam.

A recommended park plan that will ultimately include six tennis courts (not lighted), outdoor basketball court, playground, fitness loop, small picnic shelter/gazebo, butterfly/pollinator area,



children's amphitheater, restroom facility, and more was presented to the board of commissioners in late January 2017. The commissioners approved the plan and directed the staff to proceed immediately with Phase I. The schedule for Phase I is as follows:

April 2017: Survey work

May/June 2017: Document development and review

July/August 2017: Permitting

September 2017: Bidding and construction contracting

October/December 2017: Construction

January 2018: Punch list and final acceptance -- grand opening for first phase!



Davidson Green School students educate passersby about styrofoam at the Davidson Farmer's Market on April 22.



Green Davidson is one of many participants at the Earth Day Fair at the Davidson Farmer's Market on April 22.

All summer camps are held at the Community School of Davidson, 525 Griffith Street, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 704-892-3349 or visit www.townofdavidson.org/dpr. Financial assistance is available to Town of Davidson residents.

PRE-SUMMER - Preschool Camps

Your older kids are still in school and your preschooler is already bored. Send him/her to play with the DUMC preschool staff while you prepare for the summer. Art, music, science, games, and a lot of fun are waiting.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dates: Week 1 : May 30 - June 2
Week 2: June 5 - 9
Week 3: June 12 - 16
Fee: Wk 1 - \$115.00
Wks 2, 3 - \$120.00
NR Fee: Wk 1 - \$130.00
Wks 2, 3 - \$135.00
Age: 3, 4, 5 as of August 31, 2017

Preschool - Animal Adventures

Join us on our animal adventures. We will make animal-related crafts. Each day will include singing, dancing, playing, reading, and making new friends.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 20
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00
Age: 3 - 4

Preschool - If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Calling all book lovers: Come join us as we dive into the beloved *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* series. Every day, through books, games, and crafts, we'll discover what happens when Mouse and his friends get their favorite snacks. Each day will be based on one of the books from the series.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 22
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00
Age: 4 - 5

Preschool - Sand and Sea

Join us as we learn about sea life and make sand and sea crafts. Each day will include singing, dancing, playing, reading, and making new friends.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Date: July 10 - 13
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00
Age: 3 - 4

Preschool - Science for Little Hands

Calling all little Einsteins. Together through circle time, centers, and crafts, we will discover the world of science. We will create pint-size experiments, such as eruptions and slime for your little scientist to experience. We will also have sensory centers to explore, playground time, and snacks every day. Must be potty trained.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Date: July 24 - 27
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00
Age: 4 - 5

Basketball Camp with Coach Larry Garloch

Former Davidson College assistant and longtime coach, Larry Garloch, will teach and help participants improve their fundamental skills, passing, dribbling, and shooting.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 21
Fee: \$75.00
NR Fee: \$80.00
Age: 7 - 14

Collision Cars

Students will use our unique LEGO® kits to build a variety of battling machines. This is a class of exploration, problem solving, and risk-taking with a goal of learning and experimenting with how machines work and compete. Basic engineering principles such as gear ratios, electric motors and energy, friction, force, motion, and aerodynamics will be covered.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00
Grade: Rising 4th - 8th
Location: DPR Building, 865 South Street

Cooking with Kids

This program designed by Chef Jan Leyton will teach children the basics of cooking. We will make simple meals, kid-friendly nutritious snacks, and a different smoothie each day. Participants will also make a cookbook chronicling all the recipes made throughout the week.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23 or July 10 - 14
Fee: \$145.00
NR Fee: \$150.00
Age: 8 - 12

Create Your Own Comic Books

Unleash your imagination learning how to create comic books. You will first write and draw an original comic using our guided worksheets to help you illustrate characters and scenes. Next, you will collaborate to develop a comic, which will feature animated photos of you as a character within the story. At the end of camp, you will leave with a bound comic to treasure.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 7 - 11

Dinosaur Exploration and Fossil Science

Students will dig up facts about these mysterious creatures of the past by examining fossil evidence, such as bones, skin-prints, and dinosaur tracks. Students will also explore models and real specimens, and go on a fossil hunting expedition to find signs of ancient life that roamed the Earth.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 7 - 10

DIY Craft Workshop

Join us at AR Workshop in Davidson for a week of crafting. Participants will create charming customized projects to include canvas pillows, canvas wood hangings, wood signs, and more. Campers will begin with raw materials and will leave with finished projects painted with colors of their choosing. Classes are designed for various ages.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23 (age 13 - 15),
 July 10 - 14 (age 8 - 12), or
 July 24 - 28 (age 8 - 12)
Fee: \$165.00
NR Fee: \$170.00
Age: 8 - 15
Instructor: Beth Drinkwater
Location: AR Workshop

Elementary Engineering

Students will creatively build and modify machines by applying basic engineering principles and using our unique LEGO® kits. This is an integrated science and math program where participants will construct deck chairs, drawbridges, rubber band cars, carousel turnstiles, and a belt conveyer.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00

Grade: Rising 4th - 8th
Location: DPR Building, 865 South Street

Find My Voice Music Camp

Campers will learn healthy voice techniques while building confidence for stage performance and everyday life. Children will create original song lyrics and experience positive performance opportunities with popular music. Emphasis is on Kodály, Solfège, listening skills, and making music as a group. Family will be invited to a casual performance at the last class, and a complimentary digital recording of a group performance will be provided.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 24 - 28
Fee: \$135.00
NR Fee: \$140.00
Age: 8 - 11

Pre-Teen Summer Art Intensive - FULL DAY

Designed for the serious young artist, this is a week-long full day program that focuses on five areas of the arts: painting, mixed media, collages, photography, and literature. Participants have an opportunity to explore their interests while creating mini portfolios. On Friday, there will be an art gallery showing for friends and family to attend.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 21
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 12 - 15
Location: DPR Building, 865 South Street

Graphic Novels

Campers produce sample pages by learning how to write and illustrate graphic novels. Students learn the techniques and tools of graphic novels. They also discuss building an outline, storyboarding, and creating dramatic tension in this brand new camp.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 31 - August 4
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 10 - 14
Location: DPR Building, 865 South Street

The Joy of Baking from Scratch

Learn to bake scones, muffins, waffles, cookies, cupcakes, yeast and quick breads, pies, and more all from scratch. Each day will have a different theme.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 21

Fee: \$160.00
NR Fee: \$165.00
Age: 12 - 16

Junior Engineering

Students will creatively build and modify machines through basic engineering skills by using our LEGO® kits to design race cars, windmills, merry-go-rounds, levers, pliers pulleys, cranes, and more.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00
Grade: Rising 1st - 3rd

Math and Movement

This kinesthetic and visual math program uses a variety of body movements and number mats to help kids learn and retain valuable number skills while exercising their minds and bodies at the same time. Fun exercises are used to practice the fundamentals of arithmetic, multiplication, and early algebra.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23 or July 17 - 21
Fee: \$125.00
NR Fee: \$130.00
Grade: Rising 2nd - 4th

Mitt Fitt Boxing

The class will teach the fundamentals of the sport in a fun and simple way. You will be wrapped-up and gloved for the majority of the hour. Coaches will work you through a heart-pumping warm-up and transition into footwork, mitt work, and shadow boxing drills, developing students' reflexes and self-defense techniques. The class offers a great physical workout that is intellectually stimulating, stress-relieving, and spiritually empowering.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16
Fee: \$150.00
NR Fee: \$155.00
Grade: Rising 8th - 12th

Moovin' and Groovin' Music Camp

Trashcans, boom whackers, and rhythm wars. Kids not only groove to positive hip-hop and movie music, but they also learn to conduct and play fundamental rhythm patterns. Emphasis is placed on drumming, listening skills, working together, and making music as a group. Students create their own African Djembe, and families are invited to a casual performance at the last class.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Date: July 10 - 14
Fee: \$135.00
NR Fee: \$140.00
Age: 8 - 11

Multi-Sport Camp

Your child will learn the basic fundamentals of several fun and engaging sports, including soccer, basketball, t-ball, and football. Your child will also produce a variety of locomotive and manipulative skills that are fun and age-appropriate.

Time: Wk 1, 3 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Wk 2 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: Wk 1 - July 10 - 14
 Wk 2 - July 17 - 21
 Wk 3 - July 24 - 28
Fee: \$60.00
NR Fee: \$65.00
Age: 4 - 6

Mystery Writers Workshop

You will start out in "Detective Science School," learning the tricks of the trade by investigating fingerprints, heights by footprints, ink chromatology, and more. Next, you will learn how to write an unsolvable, plot-twisting mystery. By the end of class, you'll take home a bound book with the option to publish your personal story through Amazon for an additional fee.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: August 7 - 11
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: DPR Building

The Olympic Sport of Fencing

Come learn the fast-paced and exciting sport of Olympic fencing. Students learn footwork, basic blade work, and some of the tactics involved in fencing. Students get to try out their newly learned skills by bouting against each other. All equipment provided by the Charlotte Fencing Academy.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23
Fee: \$185.00
NR Fee: \$190.00
Age: 8 - 16

Scholarships are available to qualified Town of Davidson residents. For more information, call 704-892-3349.

Outdoor Photography Camp

Join us for a week of taking pictures of all kinds of subjects from bugs to people to fashion and flowers and more.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$185.00
NR Fee: \$190.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: DPR Building, 865 South Street

Rooted in Ecology: STEAM Natural Science

This STEAM based camp will plunge you into an investigation of plants and animals using local natural resources, technology, creativity, and fun! Prepare your own microscope; discover the dizzying array of life under a microscope in a scoop of pond water; and use natural resources to make paper and paint.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$125.00
NR Fee: \$130.00
Grade: Rising 1st - 5th

Science Rocks

Learn where and how minerals and rocks are formed. Grow your own crystals, explore volcanoes, and can create earthquakes strong enough to crash buildings. You can even create your own crystal, rock, and mineral collection.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 31 - August 4
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 10 - 14

Science of Toys

Play with and invent toys that use science to work. Build structures, create catapults, and make other inventions using electricity, gravity, light, and magnetism. Science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities included.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 21
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Grade: Rising 2nd - 4th

Selfie Style: Girls Empowerment Camp

Calling all fashionistas, Broadway stars, authors, artists, and athletes! Selfies, like a mirror, reflect what we see on the outside, but what about what's going on in our minds and hearts? Loving the uniqueness of ourselves can be a challenge, so Bella

K invites young girls to discover the secret to questions about life, strength, belief, and gratitude. Team-building games, art projects, and more await.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23 or July 17 - 21
Fee: \$90.00
NR Fee: \$95.00
Age: 9 - 12

Sewing for Summer

This beginner-friendly class will teach participants sewing skills such as pattern reading and cutting, hand guiding, and more. Create your very own clothes such as a dress or pants, stitch together a bag, or make something entirely of your own creation! Please bring your own sewing machine if you have access to one.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 10 - 14 or July 17 - 21
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 17

Soccer Camp

Recommended for all skill levels, this camp is a great opportunity for boys and girls to develop the skills necessary to play the game of soccer. Multiple weeks and age ranges available.

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. (age 5 - 7)
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (age 8 - 14)
Date: June 26 - 30 or July 17 - 21
Fee: \$55.00 (age 5 - 7)
\$90.00 (age 8 - 14)
NR Fee: \$60.00 (age 5 - 7)
\$95.00 (age 8 - 14)
Age: 5 - 7 or 8 - 14
Location: River Run Athletic Field

Space and Rocketeering

This camp will be a "blast!" Make your own space suit and find out what it is like to live and work in space. Explore the physics of space travel with different kinds of rocket and gravity experiments. Activities are hands-on and integrated with songs, games, and art activities.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 10 - 14
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 6 - 11

Tennis Camp

Recommended for all skill levels, this camp is a great opportunity for boys and girls to develop the skills necessary to play tennis.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 21
Fee: \$100.00
NR Fee: \$105.00
Age: 6 - 8

Tweens and Teens Cooking Camp

This cooking camp will give students the opportunity to explore the delicious tastes of fresh foods from all corners of the globe. Fundamentals such as basic knife skills, sautéing and roasting, and the importance of kitchen safety will be covered throughout camp. Each student will gain confidence in the kitchen as we practice these techniques.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$175.00
NR Fee: \$180.00
Age: 11 - 15

Vehicle Engineering

Students will build up to 13 different motorized vehicles capped off with a final project using our unique LEGO® kits. Vehicles include everyday vehicles, concept cars, construction machines, adjustable cranes, flipper cars, inch worm cars, motorcycles, motorized wheel chairs, rally race cars, space wars vehicles, steam rollers, scissors cars, and submarines.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16
Fee: \$110.00
NR Fee: \$115.00
Grade: Rising 4th - 8th

Wild Animal Adventures

Join us for a one-of-a-kind interactive wildlife camp! Participants will get hands-on time with a variety of live species, including snakes, lizards, giant hissing cockroaches and more. We'll also take plenty of pictures to scrapbook throughout the week. In between animal time and outdoor play, we'll enjoy crafts, games and snacks. This is the place for animal lovers and junior zookeepers to be.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16 or
July 10 - 14
Fee: \$120.00
NR Fee: \$125.00
Age: 6 - 12

Youth Art Camp

This camp explores many media like melted crayon art, painting, arts and crafts, tie dye, and mini sculptures. Campers will expand their imaginations and engage in fun and productive activities while also participating in group collaboration on a project made by the whole class. On Friday, there will be an art gallery showing for friends and family to attend.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16
Fee: \$125.00
NR Fee: \$130.00
Age: 8 - 12
Instructor: Rachel Bammel

Broadway Bound: Annie - FULL DAY

Sing and dance right onto Broadway as you join us in this musical theatre camp exploring the classic Broadway hit, *Annie*. Campers will perfect acting skills, musical theatre dance, and perform vocal selections from the hit musical.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 21
Fee: \$275.00
NR Fee: \$280.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Broadway Bound: Hairspray - FULL DAY

Sing and dance right onto Broadway as you join us in this musical theatre camp exploring the classic Broadway hit, *Hairspray*. Campers will perfect acting skills, musical theatre dance, and perform vocal selections from the hit musical.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$275.00
NR Fee: \$280.00
Age: 12 - 16
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Broadway Bound: Newsies - FULL DAY

Sing and dance right onto Broadway as you join us in this musical theatre camp exploring the Broadway hit, *Newsies*. Campers will perfect acting skills, musical theatre dance, and perform vocal selections from the hit musical.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Date: August 14 - 18
Fee: \$275.00
NR Fee: \$280.00
Age: 12 - 16
Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Broadway Bound: *Seussical* - FULL DAY

Sing and dance right onto Broadway as you join us in this musical theatre camp exploring the Broadway hit, *Seussical*. Campers will perfect acting skills, musical theatre dance, and perform vocal selections from the hit musical.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Date: August 7 - 11
Fee: \$275.00
NR Fee: \$280.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Acting for the Camera

Lights, camera, action! Ever wonder what it's like to act in front of the camera? Join us in this LIVE camp as campers learn the skills and techniques of acting on camera. Beyond basic acting skills, campers will work on auditions, commercials, and scenes on camera. At the end of the week campers will receive a DVD with their commercials to take home and watch with family and friends.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 10 - 14
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Adventures with Dr. Seuss

You could not, would not, should not miss our Dr. Seuss summer camp. Join us on this great adventure as we explore some of Dr. Seuss's popular books and characters. Through these stories we will practice acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: August 14 - 18
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 4 - 5
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Beauty and the Beast

Be our guest in this fun-filled theatre camp exploring acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more! Beyond the basic theatre skills, these campers have the opportunity to recreate classic characters and explore scenes from the story.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 6 - 7

Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Circus Stars

Become part of the Greatest Show on Earth in this action-packed theatre camp. Come explore acting skills, clowning, crafts, and theatre games. Be prepared to meet some unique characters along the way.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 31 - August 4
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 10
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Clowning Around

Jump in your clown car and head over to this wild and crazy summer camp! We will begin exploring clowning skills for the stage, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more! Beyond the basic theatre skills, these campers have the opportunity to create unique clown characters and explore comedic scenes.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 10 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Costuming

DCP's intensive camps are for actors who are interested in getting more serious about their craft, but in a fun and exciting way. Come learn the art of costuming in this creative intensive camp. Join us as we explore costume techniques and develop a variety of costumes.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 24 - 28
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 10 - 14
Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Fairytales Friends

DCP is diving into all of the fairytale classics with this action-packed camp. Join us as we make our way through this fun-filled theatre camp exploring acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more. Beyond the basic theatre skills, these campers have the opportunity to create fairytale characters and explore scenes from their favorite stories.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16

Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 4 - 5
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Improv

Join us in this theatre camp filled with creative and skillful improv activities and games. Actors will explore the skills needed to understand and perform in improvised productions.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 24 - 28
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 10 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Make 'Em Laugh

DCP's teen intensive camps are for actors who are interested in getting more serious about their craft, but in a fun and exciting way. Come learn the craft of comedic acting in this hilarious acting camp. Join us as we explore improve comedy, comedic timing, and larger-than-life characters that will leave your child rolling with laughter.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: July 10 - 14
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 12 - 16
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Mystery Mayhem

Follow the clues and join us in this mystery-filled theatre camp as we explore acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child thrilled to come back for more. Campers will discover scenes with twisted plots and sneaky characters, construct & paint scenery, create disguises and perform a mysterious show.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 10
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Mythology Madness

Join your favorite mythological creatures in this theatre camp as we explore acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more. Campers will bring these well-known mythological characters to life as they prepare for their final production.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Date: July 10 - 14
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 10 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Playwriting

DCP's intensive camps are for actors who are interested in getting more serious about their craft, but in a fun and exciting way. Come learn the craft of writing for the stage in this creative intensive camp. Join us as we explore writing techniques such as story arc, character development, and dialogue.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 12 - 16
Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Power Rangers

Go Go Power Rangers! Join us as we make our way through this action-packed theatre camp exploring acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more. Beyond the basic theatre skills, these campers have the opportunity to create unique Power Rangers and explore scenes with characters from the movie.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: August 7 - 11
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 6 - 7
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Princesses & Dragons

Jump into the world of fairytales in this classic summer camp! Join us as we explore acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more. Beyond the basic theatre skills, these campers have the opportunity to create unique characters like dragons and princesses and explore scenes filled with adventure.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 10 - 14
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 6 - 7
Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Sci-Fi Stories

The supernatural have dragged themselves into our theatre camp as we explore acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 26 - 30
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Smurfs

DCP is turning BLUE with all the characters from the hit movie *Smurfs*. Join us as we make our way through this fun-filled theatre camp exploring acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 24 - 28
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 6 - 7
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Space Cadets

Join us as we blast into outer space and make our way through this fun-filled theatre camp. Campers will explore acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more. Beyond the basic theatre skills, these campers have the opportunity to create unique characters and explore scenes that are out of this world!

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 6 - 7
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Stage Makeup

DCP's intensive camps are for actors who are interested in getting more serious about their craft, but in a fun and exciting way, Come learn the art of stage makeup in this creative intensive camp, Join us as we explore basic makeup techniques along with specialty skills such as old age, fantasy, and horror. Students will be required to provide their own makeup kit as recommended by the instructor.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Date: June 12 - 16
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 10 - 14
Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Stars and Stripes

Wave your flag, march in the parade, and join us in this patriotic theatre camp. Campers will practice acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 3 - 7
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Student Directing

DCP's intensive camps are for actors who are interested in getting more serious about their craft, but in a fun and exciting way. Come learn the craft of directing for the stage in this creative camp. Join us as we explore scripts written by our playwriting camp and learn the skills needed to direct.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: June 19 - 23
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 12 - 16
Location: DCP Actor's Lab

Superheroes

It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's Superhero camp! Become the hero in your favorite comic books or create your own unique superhero to save the day. Join us in this SUPER theatre camp as we practice acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to fly back for more.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: July 17 - 21
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 4 - 5
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Treasure Island

Ahoy ye pirates and mystical mermaids! Join us as we battle our way through this action-packed theatre camp exploring acting skills, crafts, and theatre games that will leave your child excited to come back for more. Beyond the basic theatre skills, these campers have the opportunity to create unique pirates and mermaids through action packed scenes.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Date: August 21 - 25
Fee: \$140.00
NR Fee: \$145.00
Age: 8 - 12
Location: Armour Street Theatre

Rural Area Plan Implementation

The Davidson Board of Commissioners approved text and map amendments based on the recommendations in the Rural Area Plan (adopted in September 2016) at its March 28 work session. Adopting these amendments provides the regulatory framework for the vision outlined in the Rural Area Plan to be implemented should development come forward. The strengthened ordinance standards target 63% of the study area as publicly accessible open space. This is significantly higher than the 50% envisioned in the 2000 Open Space Plan. Additionally, implementation does not compromise long-held Davidson standards including neighborhood connectivity, well-designed streets and public spaces, sidewalks, street trees, and greenways. Beyond open space, additional standards have been ratcheted up – scenic byway overlay district, farming incentives, on-site affordable housing, and building type/lot size variation, to name a few. Sustainable Charlotte, a local nonprofit dedicated to educating, engaging and uniting citizens to solve Charlotte’s sustainability challenges, recognized the Town of Davidson’s Rural Area Plan with its Land Use Award on April 26.



Davidson Senior Planner and Rural Area Project Manager Trey Akers, Davidson Planning Director Jason Burdette, and Stantec consultant Craig Lewis accept the Sustainable Charlotte Award for the Rural Area Plan.

Why do we conduct a Transportation Impact Analysis?

Planners use Transportation Impact Analyses (TIA) to help inform decision-making and assess potential impacts on mobility. The TIA is not a panacea that will solve all transportation-related concerns associated with a proposed development. Davidson requires a multi-modal approach to TIA. Specifically, this means including pedestrian and bicycle analysis, along with motor vehicles. Addressing multi-modal options supports our core value related to town mobility. However, current unit thresholds that trigger the TIA requirements should be reassessed every so often. Staff members have been working with a consultant since late 2016 to assess how Davidson could improve its TIA standards. We aim to share these with the board of commissioners and the public soon.

Project Updates

The Planning Department’s “Development Projects” website is the best source for accurate information regarding development projects. Please check the website for updated information pertaining to development projects, site plans, architecture, and requisite approvals at www.townofdavidson.org/DevelopmentProjects

Davidson Commons East Hotel: The next step for the proposed hotel project is a joint town board/planning board work session. This is tentatively scheduled for June. Also, the town has accepted a revised TIA. This, along with FAQs related to the proposed project, will be posted to the “Development Projects” web page.

WestBranch: Preliminary plats (construction plans) have been approved by the town and county. Currently, contractors are working on site for grading and erosion control. Detention basin and infrastructure construction is also underway.

Doing a Residential Upfit or Addition?

Any exterior work requires a Davidson permit first before a county permit.

More info: www.townofdavidson.org/Permit

Our Civics 101 participants were recognized by the mayor at the April 25 board of commissioners meeting. We very much appreciate the time these citizens spent with us to learn about the workings of our town government. Our next session begins February 2018. For more information, please visit www.townofdavidson.org/Civics101.



Civics 101 Graduates: Melissa Atherton, Sue Bartlett, Joanne Beatty, Michael Beatty, Edmund Bergan, Fred Bond, Peggy Bond, Arin Brewer, Chad Brewer, Barbara Bruggers, Stephen Bruggers, Phyllis Bryant, Jennings Bryant, Libby Cable, Jane Campbell, Tom Cobb, Patrick Coleman, Misty Davis, Matthew Dellinger, Jim Dumser, Annsley Ehret, Gary Fagan, Joseph Fiore, Agnes Fiore, Arthur Fisher, Matthew Fort, Lindy Glass, Dave Griffiths, John Hadden, Martha Hadden, Bryan Hall, Amy Hartz, Patrick Hawkins, Deborah Keenan, Rusty Knox, Jeff Kolbenschag, Leslie LaRock, Lori Littmann, Jane McDonald, Heather McKee, Dave Peterson, Lisa Peterson, Donna Pollack, Craig Probst, Barry Pulver, Joyce Schiaffo, Thomas Schiaffo, Laura Spencer, Rebecca Taylor, Nancy Vendley, James Versagg, Gary Vidmer, Jenny Vidmer, Anne Wages, Tom Watson, James Webb, Lori Wiltinger, Mary Anne Wonn, Alan Young

Public Facilities

On April 25, Assistant Town Manager and Public Facilities Project Manager Dawn Blobaum gave a brief update on our public facilities project. Creech & Associates, the architect we hired to conduct a space needs assessment, facilitate public workshops, create a conceptual design, and provide a preliminary cost estimate, presented the Public Facilities Steering Committee's recommendation for siting town hall on the 3.5 acres of town-owned land and a high-level summary of space needs. We need to invest in public facilities in order to keep pace with our service needs. As Davidson's population has grown from 4,000 in 1990 to almost 13,000 today, we have outgrown our existing town hall. Ensuring adequate space for all departments, board of commissioners' meetings, and community meeting space



is particularly critical.

The image above shows where a new building could be placed that would house our administrative offices, including a new board room and community meeting space. The existing town hall would be renovated for the police and fire departments. This site placement would create a public plaza in front of the existing town hall.

Part of this project is to study our parking needs. Based on feedback from citizens and the steering committee, and an analysis of current parking available in town, Craig Lewis, consultant from

Stantec, is proposing the option shown to the right (top). This Jackson Street parking lot expansion option would add

Lewis will return with an update on parking options. Town staff will provide a financial feasibility plan at the Davidson



Existing spaces: 71



Expected new spaces: 93-95

Potential Increase:
22-24 spaces

Estimated Cost:
Low

(But we will likely lose the 4 oak trees and have to install stormwater detention)

approximately 23 new spaces (below).

Feedback we've received from citizens, stakeholders (including the Davidson Farmer's Market), and the steering committee indicates that there is an interest in improving the public space north of our existing town hall. The

Board of Commissioners' meeting on May 23 at 6:00 p.m. The Davidson Board of Commissioners plans to vote this summer to determine whether or not to move forward with this project. Please learn more at www.townofdavidson.org/PublicFacilities.



- A. Stage Area
- B. Vendor Tents & Tot Lot
- C. Truck Vendor Area
- D. Marketplace Front Porch

55+ tents & 12+ truck vendors
(Consolidated parking area on Jackson Street serves as overflow for vendors)








option proposed below would move the current "tot lot" area and make improvements to the play feature, create a stage area and a truck and vendor space for the Davidson Farmer's Market which would accommodate 55 tents and over 12 truck vendors as well as create an entry way into the public space that would be welcoming to all.

The presentation on April 25 (on our website at www.townofdavidson.org/PublicFacilities) includes details of these proposed options. On May 9, Craig



Davidson citizen Joan Adams participates in one of our public facilities workshops.



Davidson Development Partners' "Luminous" proposal for Beaty Street.

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Beaty Street RFP

The Davidson Mayor and Board of Commissioners is considering selling 19 acres of town-owned land along Beaty Street to Davidson Development Partners to build its "Luminous" proposed development, which includes residential units (including affordable housing); commercial and retail space, (including a hotel); and a park and green space.

After hearing from citizens about slowing down the process for this project, the commissioners are adding another opportunity for dialogue with our citizens before making a decision. Please join us on May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Davidson College Presbyterian Church's Congregation house (218 Concord Road) for a roundtable discussion on the proposed park, housing, commercial and retail space, and transportation. We hope you will participate in this conversation. To register, please visit www.townofdavidson.org/BeatyRoundtables

Asbestos Update

On November 1, 2016, a representative from the state's Brownfields Program and the U.S. EPA came to Davidson to conduct a site survey. When they were here, they discovered some asbestos-containing material along Eden and Sloan streets that was released from 301 Depot Street. The release was the result of a varmint digging in the embankment and a localized area where erosion had occurred. The property owner was contacted and immediately hired a certified contractor to remove the material and remediate. The

EPA is visiting properties in a ring around the Metrolina Warehouse site property to see if residents/property owners will agree to free soil testing. If asbestos is found on a site, the EPA will fund remediation, making the property safe. The EPA began working to make the homes safe where asbestos was found the week of May 8. Citizens will see excavating equipment along Depot, Eden, and Sloan streets and a few other locations near those streets over the next four months. The EPA will undertake protective measures to ensure the safety of all workers and passersby, including air monitoring. Residents will be temporarily re-located in order to ensure safety. This asbestos remediation work will take approximately four months to complete.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for remediating the properties adjacent to the Metrolina Warehouse site and in the surrounding area. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) is responsible for work being done at the Metrolina Warehouse site (301 Depot Street). The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Public Health) can answer questions regarding health concerns based on potential asbestos exposure.



Monitoring Non-Motorized Mobility

Pedestrian and bicycle counting devices have been installed at four locations in Davidson, as part of the NC Non-Motorized Volume Data Program. The devices are manufactured by Eco-Counter and consist of a pavement wire loop detector for bicycles, and a passive-infrared detector for pedestrians. Four locations will be monitored:

- Downtown Main Street sidewalk in front of Wells Fargo
- Downtown Main Street sidewalk south of Flatiron
- Griffith Street west of Roosevelt Wilson Park
- Concord Road at Thompson Street

The devices will be in place for ten years. There are approximately 50 data locations across the state now, making North Carolina one of the largest non-motorized monitoring programs in the United States.

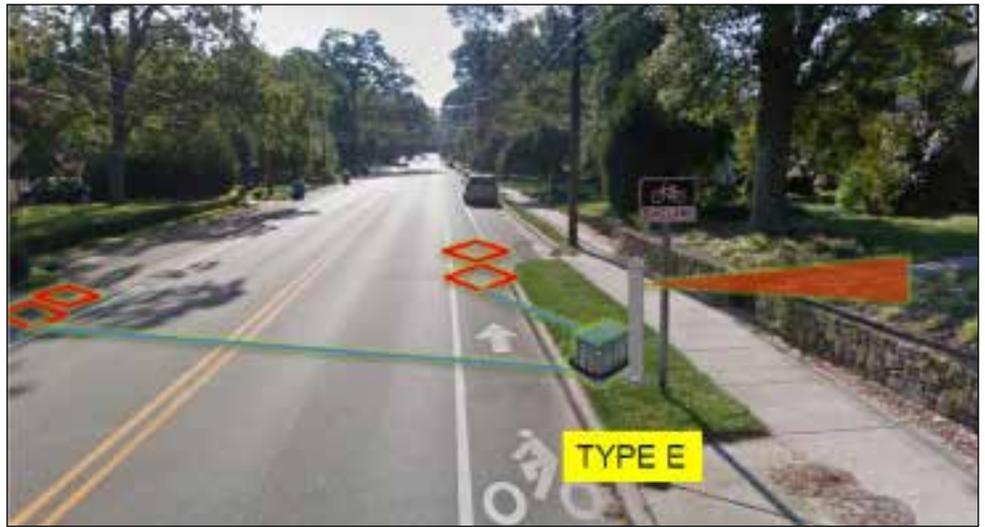
The Institute of Transportation Research and Education, based out of the NC State campus, is assisting the town and NCDOT with the count program by providing logistic support for the equipment installations, analysis of the data, and modeling of long-term non-motorized trends on the local, regional, and state levels.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

The town is also moving forward on the planned installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at five intersections:

- Concord Road at Baker Drive
- Main Street at Eugenia Street
- Main Street at Depot Street
- Main Street at Glasgow Street (Davidson College entrance)
- Beaty Street at Magnolia Street

RRFBs that the town has installed at the Griffith Street circles and at the Davidson-Concord and Robert Walker Drive intersection have improved conditions for pedestrians at these intersections. Four of these five new intersections are on state roads (Beaty Street is town-maintained). As part of the installation, we submitted



technical drawings to the NCDOT, which have now been approved. Additionally, we are required to conduct motorist yielding studies for the state intersections.

The yielding studies consist of 60 staged pedestrian crossings per crosswalk, with an observer recording the rate of motorist compliance (do drivers yield to a pedestrian standing at the crossing ramp?). Studies are conducted before and after the RRFB installations so their effectiveness can be evaluated. There is an effort to standardize this study methodology across the country, which will help researchers collect larger data sets and

better understand the factors that improve crossing safety.

Sidewalks

We continue to work on filling in our sidewalk gaps. This summer we will be building sidewalk along Grey Road, starting at Concord Road and ending at Wolfe Street. All of our newer neighborhoods have sidewalks, as is required by our planning ordinance. It can be challenging to install sidewalk in older neighborhoods, where there are a lot of obstacles, but it is a key part of maintaining mobility and quality of life as we grow.



Figure 1. Example of staged pedestrian.

Want to contact your elected officials? Here's how:

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Commissioner Stacey Anderson: sanderson@townofdavidson.org, 704-534-4284

Commissioner Beth Cashion: bcashion@townofdavidson.org, 980-253-0900

Commissioner Jim Fuller: jfuller@townofdavidson.org, 704-575-7574

Commissioner Rodney Graham: rgraham@townofdavidson.org, 704-239-1124

Commissioner Brian Jenest: bjenest@townofdavidson.org, 704-896-8320

Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 12-13: Shakespeare on the Green (“The Tempest”) at 6:00 p.m. each night

May 14: Shakespeare on the Green (“The Tempest”) at 2:00 p.m.

May 15-19: National Bike to Work Week



Several Town of Davidson employees biked to work during "Bike to Work Week" last year.

May 15: Davidson Coffee Chat at Our Towns Cinemas at 9:00 a.m.

May 17: Beaty Street RFP Roundtable Session at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation House

May 21: Concert on the Green featuring Moondance Orchestra at 6:00 p.m.

May 23: Board of Commissioners Meeting at 4:00 p.m. (work session) and 6:00 p.m. (regular meeting)

June 4: Concert on the Green featuring Kids in America at 6:00 p.m.

June 11: Concert on the Green featuring The Band of Oz at 6:00 p.m.

June 13: Farewell Reception for Chief Miller from at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m

June 13: Board of Commissioners Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

June 18: Concert on the Green featuring Emily Manor Band at 6:00 p.m.

July 4: Town offices closed for Independence Day

July 4: Concert on the Green featuring Da Throwback Band at 6:00 p.m.

July 11: Board of Commissioners Meeting at 4:00 p.m. (work session) and 6:00 p.m. (regular meeting)

July 12: McGuire Nuclear Station Siren Testing at 11:45 a.m.

Public Information

eCrier

To receive news releases from the town, please sign up for our eCrier emails at www.townofdavidson.org/eCrier. We have a variety of lists from which to choose, including Town Board, Town Manager's Report, News Releases (general news), Planning, Parks & Recreation, Garbage/Recycling Collection, and Public Safety.

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Have you registered for CharMeck Alerts? It's our emergency alerts and notification system that allows us to communicate with citizens via phone, text, and/or email.

- Go to www.charmeckalerts.org
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- Those without internet access, an email address, or who need assistance are encouraged to call Public Information Officer Cristina Shaul at 704-940-9602.



Stephen Mershon has been interning at Davidson Town Hall since June 2016 on many communication projects. Stephen is originally from Waretown, New Jersey, and is an environmental studies major at Davidson College. We are thankful for his service to the town and have appreciated his dedication and work ethic. We'll miss him when he graduates at the end of May and wish him the best of luck.

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Longtime Davidson resident and Civics 101 participant Nancy Vendley enjoys our visit to the fire department.



Cristal Moncur and Dale Molbreak attend our Davidson Connections meeting at AR Workshop.



Students from the Community School of Davidson attend our Arbor Day celebration at Roosevelt Wilson Park.



Trees Davidson volunteers Eddie Beach and Gordon Clark plant a tree at Roosevelt Wilson Park on Arbor Day.



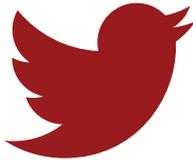
Civics 101 participants enjoy the bus tour of Davidson.



Ben & Jerry's designated Davidson Lifeline as the beneficiary of donations during Free Cone Day in April.



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We have a special interest in developing more rental residences and are grateful for the over 70 privately developed affordable units at the Oak Hill apartment complex.

A total of 73 homes with long-term commitments to affordability have been built in eight neighborhoods: Bradford, Summers Walk, Davidson Springs, Davidson Bay, Little Gate, Harbour Place, South Main Square and Walnut Grove. Another 15 homes will be built in Bailey Springs in the very near future. In the last year, we have realized ten closings and issued \$88,000 in down payment assistance, including HOME (federal assistance funds) and town set-aside funds. We have a waiting list!

In many ways, Davidson is notably ahead of most municipalities in North Carolina, but we can do better! The town has a mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance, requires a variety of lot sizes, a variety of housing types, and optimal accessory apartments. The town has two dedicated sources of down payment assistance and the Davidson Housing Coalition provides homeownership education.

A down-payment assistance program and homeownership education are critical to a successful program. Often the only obstacle standing between homeownership and renting are the funds necessary for a down payment. Families who make less than 80% of the area median income can qualify for up to \$10,000 of assistance. Families who earn less than 120% of the area median income can qualify for up to \$7,000 in down payment assistance.

Now that we are almost halfway through 2017, our goals are to continue to provide housing for all income levels and to explore ways to improve and expand our affordable housing program, including an emphasis on affordable rental residences. Several months ago, we engaged the UNCC Urban Institute to conduct a housing needs assessment. A public meeting will be held May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Davidson Town Hall board room.

We have been encouraged to continue our economic diversity efforts by considering committing annual tax revenue – putting some “skin in the game” to support affordable housing. We hope this information will help us move forward with providing the housing our citizens need and want.



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