

FOURTH OF JULY IN DAVIDSON

HAVE FUN, SEE FRIENDS AND BE SAFE

Love the Fourth of July? Look forward to the fireworks, parades and family fun? You're in the right place.

In the past several years, the number of residents in the Lake Norman area has grown and the number of July 4 events has shrunk, with Davidson being the only municipality in a 20-mile radius to offer family-friendly events and fireworks. Last year an estimated five to seven thousand people attended the Davidson event, straining our resources. This year we are making a few changes in an effort to better keep residents safe and control crowds. We hope people will understand that safety of our residents is our first priority.

Q. Tell me about the event.

A. We have a great evening planned! Music will be provided by the Summerdaze Band and festivities will include a children's amusement area, concessions, games and food, as well as a spectacular fireworks display. Bring your blankets, picnics and dancing shoes!

Q. What is new this year?

A. All Davidson residents who wish to attend the event will need a resident wristband to be admitted to the festivities on South Street. Wristbands are free to residents and will be available from June 16-30 at Davidson Town Hall, the Parks and Rec office at 416 Armour Street, at a table at the June 15 and 29 Concerts on the Green, and at the June 21 and 28 Farmer's Market. If you typically have family who spend the holiday with you, wristbands will also be available for your guests free of charge. Residents are encouraged to pick up their wrist bands in advance, to avoid waiting in line the night of the event.

On July 4, those with a wristband will be admitted through a special entrance. Residents who still need to pick up wristbands will be able to do so at the gate, but will need to provide identification before being admitted.

Q. I have friends from neighboring communities who want to attend, can they join my family at the event?

A. All non-residents who wish to attend the Davidson event may do so, but will be charged a fee of \$5.00/person. Non-residents will be able to

purchase admission at the ticket booths located at the Spring and South Street intersection and the Spring and Walnut Street intersection the night of the event. Children under three years of age will be admitted free.

Non-resident wristbands will only be available the night of the event.

Q. Will there be a parade this year?

A. Yes! The annual parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, proceed down South Street and end at McEver Field. All participants who take part in the parade and don't have a wrist band will be given a wristband by event staff. South Street will be closed to vehicle traffic at 5:00 p.m.

Q. Why do I need a wristband?

A. The wristband is your ticket in the gate, and your access to the games and activities. It will also prevent you from having to wait in a longer line, show identification and slow down your family fun.

Q. How will I get in to the event location?

A. All attendees will enter the event via the Walnut and Spring Street intersection or the South and Spring Street intersection. There will be two lines to acquire your wristband; resident and non-resident. If you already have your wristband, proceed directly to the entrance. The quickest way in is to have your wristbands picked up in advance.

Q. Can I drive to the event?

A. Shuttle service provided by the town is the best way to get to McEver Field. The free shuttle will pick people up at Baker Sports Complex parking lot, the Cotton Mill, DUMC parking lot and at lots along Main Street. The shuttle will stop at Spring Street and South Street, a block from the event. Shuttle service will be provided all evening to and from the event.

Q. What is the cost to attend the event?

A. The event is free for Davidson residents. Non-residents will be charged \$5.00/person. THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT. CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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A. There will be no parking at Davidson Elementary School, McEver Field or Calvary Church the day of the event. You will not be able to park your car the morning of the event and leave after the event is over.

Q. What streets will be closed?

A. The following streets will close at 5:00 p.m.: South at Main, Walnut at South Main, Woodland at Lorimer, and Eugenia at Goodrum.

Q. Can I walk to the event on the greenway?

A. No. The Randall R. Kincaid greenway (near Davidson Elementary School) will be closed at 12:00 noon since it is in the fireworks zone. Similarly, the bridge from Antiquity in Cornelius will also be closed to traffic at 12:00 noon. Police barricades will be erected and street closures will be enforced.

Q. Can I sit on South Street to watch the fireworks?

A. No. South Street must remain clear of people, picnic blankets and chairs so the road can be easily accessed by emergency vehicles and personnel.

Q. Can I bring my pet to the event?

A. No. Due to the large crowds and noisy fireworks we ask that people leave their four-legged friends at home.

For more information visit our website at www.ci.davidson.nc.us, or call 704-892-3349. Have a safe and happy fourth!

EVENT SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

12:00 noon	South Street at Antiquity Bridge, Kincaid Trail @ Avinger closed to traffic
5:00 p.m.	Street closures in place around event
5:30 p.m.	Parade leaves Town Hall
6:00 p.m.	Parade arrives at McEver Field
6:30 p.m.	Games & concessions open Music begins
9:15 p.m.	Fireworks

