



October 20, 2017

Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners
216 South Main Street
Davidson, NC 28036

Dear Board of Commissioners,

Each June, after the students have completed their spring semester, Davidson College hosts Alumni Reunion Weekend. This year Reunion Weekend will take place on June 8-10, 2018. The program typically begins Friday around 1 p.m. and ends at Noon on Sunday. Alumni celebrating their 5th- 60th reunions come back to enjoy a weekend of fellowship with classmates, experience the beauty that is the Davidson campus, and re-engage with the college and Davidson community. The number of alumni and their families who travel for this unique program continues to increase each year. In 2017, we had just under 1,900 people return to campus.

The goals of Reunion Weekend include reconnecting alumni with the college and each other so they will continue to be advocates for Davidson. Alumni return for many reasons including nostalgia, desire to see faculty, staff, and old friends, to return to campus and to learn about current and future priorities of the college. To accomplish these goals, programs offered throughout the weekend include opportunities to be back in the classroom, a discussion with President Carol Quillen, social gatherings with other classmates and time to enjoy the Town of Davidson. Many area hotels, restaurants and businesses offer discounts and work with us to accommodate the increased number of people in town utilizing these venues during the weekend.

Last year we hosted the first-ever Late Night Party on the Saturday of Reunion Weekend. It took place from 9 p.m. – 1 a.m., following the class dinners that ended at 9 p.m. The party was created out of a repeated suggestion to incorporate live music and dancing after the dinners. The event was wildly successful and met with great enthusiasm.

This year, again, we would like to offer a late-night party, on Saturday, June 9, 2018 that would take place under a tent and include a cash bar, music and a dance floor as well as a space to continue visiting. Saturday class dinners would be scheduled from 7-10 p.m., rolling into the late-night party, which would take place from approximately 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. The late-night event would be held near the Union, under a tent on the grassy area by the old tennis courts. We would hire a cover (wedding) band that would play music for everyone to enjoy. Recognizing this would affect town neighbors, we would plan to notify residents accordingly. Classes are not in-session on the Davidson campus and Charlotte Mecklenburg schools will be out. We submit this application in hopes of lifting the town noise ordinance for this event on Saturday, June 9.



We appreciate your consideration of this request and would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marya Howell".

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