

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

ELON + NEWS

Welcome Back!

Elon University began their Fall Semester on August 19th and students have been in class and around Town for a couple weeks now. With the ongoing pandemic, we know there may be questions about precautions being taken and number of cases on campus. The University has set up a Ready & Resilient website to highlight all of their plans for the Fall Semester. To see what the plans are, keep current on the case count, and for updates, please visit their website at www.elon.edu/u/ready-and-resilient/. For the dashboard, visit <https://www.elon.edu/u/ready-and-resilient/health-wellness/covid-19-dashboard/>.

A brief synopsis of the activities and changes to this semester include the requirements of masks on campus, social distancing in classrooms, and a shortened semester. Additionally, large campus events such as Homecoming/Reunion and Family Weekend will be held virtually. Classes will conclude on Monday, November 23rd with students leaving campus that day and finals will be taken online from home. Plans for the Winter and Spring terms are still in the development stage.

Towing for Unpaid Parking Tickets

On August 17, 2020, the Elon Police Department began the use of towing to help enforce the parking regulations throughout the Town. This policy is designed to encourage everyone to obey the time limitations, no parking areas, and to pay any fines that are incurred.

The policy focuses on repeat offenders with unpaid parking tickets. Parking Enforcement Officers have the option to tow a vehicle that has overdue parking tickets when the next violation occurs. For questions or more information, please call the Police department at 336.584.1301.

TOWN MEETINGS

Board of Aldermen

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the meeting schedule may change. The meetings will be held through online technology and access provided through a link on the website.

Agenda Session Tuesday, Sept. 1
6pm (Change due to holiday)

Regular Session Sept. 8 6pm

Agenda Session Oct. 5 6pm

Regular Session Oct. 13 6pm

Planning Board

Tuesday, Sept. 15 6pm

Tuesday, Oct. 20 6pm

Downtown Advisory Board

Monday, Sept. 21 6pm

Monday, Oct. 19 6pm

Find out more at

www.townofelon.com/events.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

The Town of Elon Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

Loose Leaf Pick Up - Moving to Year Round Service

Have you always looked forward to Fall and raking leaves? Well, we are aiming to make life easier for you. We will now be utilizing the vacuum truck to collect all leaves and grass clippings all year round. We will be providing a continuous run through Town and endeavoring to service all areas at least once a week. During the times of year that leaves are heaviest, we will service as quickly as possible. No need to bag your leaves or your grass. Just rake them to the curb and make sure the piles are free of debris such as sticks, limbs, trash, and rocks. This will damage the machine and delay service. If the machine is out of service, service will resume once it has been repaired.

Recycle Right Elon



Ever wondered whether that pizza box is recyclable or if you can still recycle glass? Well, we have answers for you on the Town's new Recycle Right Elon webpage. Check out the page to learn what goes in recycling and what needs to be thrown away. There is also a handy printable guide from our contractor to help you keep it all straight. You can find the webpage under the Residents tab on the homepage at www.townofelon.com.

Successful Sewer System Audit

One of the many important jobs of the Public Works department is to maintain our water and sewer systems ensuring they meet all regulations required to operate a collection system. On August 12, 2020, as part of the ongoing requirements to operate a collection system, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Department of Water Resources conducted an annual inspection and audit of the Town of Elon sewer collection system. After an inspection of all records, work orders, maps, logs, and permits and a full inspection of the pump station, the inspector found the system to be in full compliance of the requirements and checked off all boxes of the required inspection list. The inspector commended the Town on doing a good job of operating the system and had no negative remarks or questions. Great job to our Public Works Team!

Waste Collection - To Curb by 6am

In order to better service the Town's waste collection needs, our contractor has added another truck to the route. However, this means that pick up will be earlier for some people. In order to ensure your trash is picked up, please have your container to the curb no later than 6am on Tuesdays.

October 4th - 10th is Fire Safety Week

With Fire Prevention Week right around the corner, (Oct.4- 10). The Elon Fire Department would like to ask all of its citizens "Have you planned and practiced your home fire escape?" The following are eight (8) basic steps to implement your plan:

- Draw a map of your home. Include all windows and doors.
- Find two ways out of every room. Go to each room in your home and point to the two ways out. It is important to plan at least two ways out of every room in case of fire or smoke is blocking one way out.
- Make sure you can use all your ways out. Test all possible ways out. Make sure all windows and doors can be opened easily from the inside. This includes barred doors and windows. Choose security bars that have easy-to-use quick release devices. Make sure everyone in the home can use them.
- Make sure your doors and windows are not blocked. Remove anything that could stop you from getting out. Clearing the areas will allow a quick escape.
- Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home. Have an outside meeting place that is a safe distance away at the front of your home. This will help the firefighters find you. The meeting place should be something that will not move, such as a tree or a light pole.
- Go over your plan with everyone in your home. It is important to include everyone in your home when making your home fire escape plan. Choose a time when everyone is home and have a meeting to go over and practice the plan. It is also important to talk about your plan with overnight guests.
- Plan to assist anyone who needs help getting outside. There might be special considerations to be made for a young child, an older adult, or a person with a disability.
- Test your smoke alarms to be sure they are working.

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Here are quick tips regarding smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

- Make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are located on every level of the home.
- Test them each month.
- Change the batteries when necessary or set up a six (6) month schedule. For example, use daylight savings time as the dates to change your battery.
- Smoke alarms should be less than ten (10) years old and carbon monoxide alarms less than seven (7) years old.
- Make sure people can hear the smoke alarms from any room. If not or if you have someone who is hearing impaired, consider one with a different sound or one that comes with a bed shaker or strobe light.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Elon Fire Department at 336.584.9190.

Congratulations!

Help us say congratulations to several members of the Town of Elon team who were recently promoted.



Elon Police Lieutenant J.T. Turney was promoted to Assistant Chief of Operations.



Elon Fire Lieutenant Brandon Waddell was promoted to Captain. .



Elon Fire Engineer Justin Leath was promoted to Lieutenant.

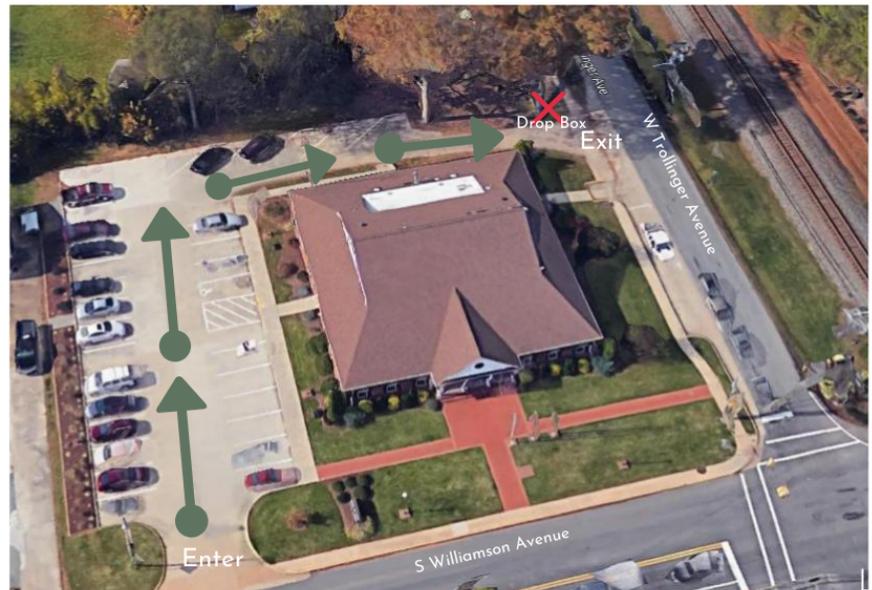


Elon Fire Engineer Austin Mann was promoted to Lieutenant.

New Drive Up Payment Drop Box Installed

With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we have taken a step to make paying your water bill and taxes easier and more efficient by installing a drive up drop box at Town Hall. To access the box, please enter the parking lot from S Williamson Avenue and slowly proceed through the lot and around the building. The drop box is conveniently located at the end of the driveway before you exit onto W Trollinger Avenue.

The box will be checked daily Monday through Friday for payments at 8am. If you prefer to drop your payment in the drop box on the porch that option is still available to you. For your safety, the drop box is monitored by Elon Police Department video cameras 24/7.



Mask Photo Contest - Show how we take care of each other.

As we continue to fight against the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Town of Elon encourages everyone to wear a mask. For us it is not a political statement but a way to show you care about others. However, that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun so grab your phone and take a picture of yourself sporting your mask. for the Masked Up Photo Contest. Post your favorite mask picture to either the Downtown Elon or Town of Elon Facebook Pages with the hashtags #wewearit4U! and #townofelon. Our committee of judges will review the submittals and narrow the choices to three photos. Those three photos will be put out on the Town's Facebook page. The photo with the most likes wins the grand prize - a selection of gift cards from local businesses. Contest begins on September 1 through September 15.

COVID-19 Information

Keep yourself updated with reliable sources! The CDC and the NC Department of Health and Human Services have a wide variety of information regarding the COVID-19 virus. Check their websites for up to date information.

Centers for Disease Control website www.cdc.gov

NC Dept. of Health and Human Services website www.ncdhhs.gov

Remember the three w's: Wear a face mask, Wait six feet apart, and Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer regularly.

If you leave home, know your 3 Ws!

The infographic is divided into three vertical panels. The first panel shows a line drawing of a cloth mask with the word 'WEAR' in purple below it, followed by the text 'a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.' The second panel shows two human silhouettes with a double-headed arrow between them labeled '6 FEET', with the word 'WAIT' in purple below it, followed by the text '6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.' The third panel shows a line drawing of hands being washed with soap bubbles, with the word 'WASH' in purple below it, followed by the text 'your hands or use hand sanitizer.' At the bottom of the infographic, there is a dark blue bar with the text '@NCDHHS' on the left and '#StayStrongNC' on the right.

The poster features a light blue background with a faint illustration of a vintage car and a modern car. The text 'CARS AND COFFEE' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, 'Saturday, September 12, 2020' is written in white. To the left is an illustration of a coffee cup with the word 'Coffee' written on it. To the right, '8am - 10am' is written in white. Below the time, it says 'Sponsored by: the Oak House' with a logo for 'the Oak House' that includes 'EST. NORTH CAROLINA'. At the bottom, it says 'Where: Elon Community Church Parking Lot 271 N Williamson Ave, Elon, NC' and 'Face coverings required.' in white text.

The poster has a teal background. At the top, the text 'BETH SCHMIDT PARK & LAWRENCE SLADE PARK' is written in white, spaced-out letters. Below that, 'PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR ALL AGES' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, 'FOR INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES' is written in white. At the bottom, there are icons for Facebook and Instagram, followed by the text 'FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM @ THE ELON REC & PARKS SCENE' in white.



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