

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

ELON + NEWS

Department Spotlight - Elon Public Works

The Elon Public Works Department is tasked with keeping all of Town buildings, grounds, and infrastructure in the Town of Elon working at peak performance and are instrumental members of the Town's emergency response team. The Town of Elon is blessed with highly trained and skilled Public Works employees, who bring more than 165 total years of experience and dedication to their department. Their professional certifications include plumbing, welding, playground inspections, pesticides, water and sewer maintenance, CDL drivers, and traffic safety. The team also has a Master Gardener. Their dedication and commitment to their work keeps the water flowing, the streets repaired, the trash picked up, and the Town facilities, like the playgrounds and cemetery, in great shape. Public Works is recognized by the Federal Government as First Responders, so you can also count on them to work in tandem with other departments during emergencies and natural catastrophes.

Thank you, Elon Public Works, for all you do.



Elon University Winter Term & Spring Semester

Elon University students return for Winter Term on January 13th. The Spring semester will begin on February 8th. The university has safety protocols in place to ensure the students, staff, and community remain diligent in their fight to slow the spread of COVID-19. To learn more about their plans for the upcoming semester, visit their website at <https://www.elon.edu/u/ready-and-resilient/>.

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 Jan. 4 6pm
Regular Session Jan. 12 6pm
Agenda Session Feb. 1 6pm
Regular Session Feb. 9 6pm

Planning Board

Tuesday, Jan. 19 6pm
Tuesday, Feb. 16 6pm

Downtown Advisory Board

Monday, Jan. 25 6pm
Monday, Feb. 15 6pm

The Town Administrative Offices will be closed on January 1st for New Year's Day and January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

Find out more at
www.townofelon.com/events.

Welcome to the Team!

The Elon Police Department has two new team members: Officer Orlando Maynard and Officer Scott Swink. Officer Maynard is joining us from the Lindley Mill Department and Officer Swink was previously with the City of Graham Police Department. Both officers were sworn in during the week of December 11th. We are excited to have them as part of the team. Please give them a hearty Elon welcome when you see them.



Officer Maynard with Chief Blackwelder



Officer Swink with Chief Blackwelder

ADA Transition Plan Survey

Have you taken the ADA survey yet? If not, we need your input. The goal of the plan is to identify areas that need improvement in order for all Elon citizens to have access to facilities and programs operated by the Town. Please take a few minutes and answer the survey today. You can find the survey online at <https://www.townofelon.com/american-with-disabilities-act-self-assessment-and-transition-plan/ada-transition-plan-survey/>. If you have questions, please contact David Murphy, the ADA coordinator at 336.584.9600.

Fill the Deere Food Drive Results

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Fill the Deere Food Drive. Your generosity helped us provide a full vehicle load of food to the Salvation Army of Burlington's food pantry.



Officers Spotlight - Sgt. Demario Chavis and Sgt. Ditra Graves

On Monday, December 7, 2020, Chief Kelly Blackwelder recognized the significant achievements of Sgt. Demario Chavis and Sgt. Ditra Graves.

Sgt. Demario Chavis was promoted on October 19, 2020 after an intense assessment in competition with three other officers. Sgt. Chavis began his career in law enforcement with the Henderson Police Department in 2004 and will celebrate five years with the Elon Police Department on December 14th. He has served in a variety of functions including patrol, community policing, SRT (SWAT) operator, and most recently as a narcotics investigator on the Alamance Narcotics Enforcement Team. The Elon Police Department and Town of Elon are proud of Sgt. Chavis and have high expectations for his continued success.

Sgt. Ditra Graves participated in the Law Enforcement Officer's Professional Certificate program offered by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Under this program, dedicated officers may receive statewide and nationwide recognition for education, professional training, and on the job experience. The Advance Certificate is the highest and most coveted achievement. Sgt. Graves accomplished this achievement through her dedication to her profession. She has over 8 years of experience in law enforcement, 1,240 hours of law enforcement training over and above the mandated annual training and weekly K9 training hours, and holds two Bachelors degrees in Liberal Arts from NC A&T and Criminal Justice from Guilford College. The Elon Police Department and Town of Elon are proud of her achievement and the dedication she has to her profession.

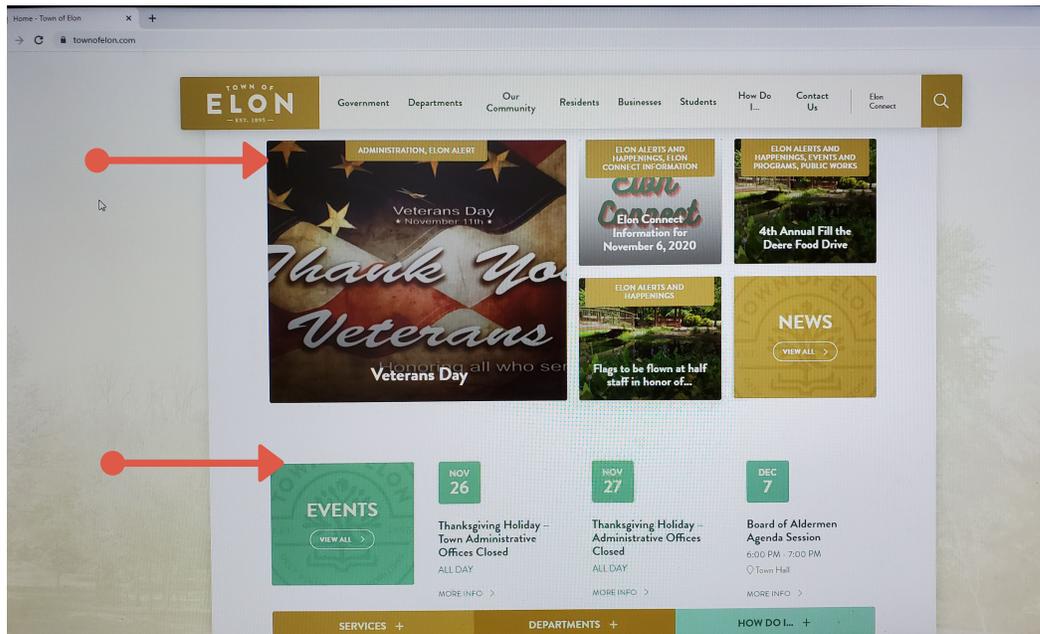
Congratulations to Sgt. Chavis and Sgt. Graves!



Website Tips

The Town of Elon website is there to assist you in your interactions with the Town. Here is a tip to locate current information and the Calendar of Events.

- To locate current events section entitled News, which includes road closure alerts, text of the Elon Connect calls, and holiday closures, scroll down the homepage to the News area, directly below the Message from the Mayor. Here you can find current events and review archived notices. Directly below this is the Calendar of Events, where you can view the upcoming meetings and events.



We will bring you more tips in March. In the meantime, please explore the website at www.townofelon.com and we are happy to help if you have questions.

Christmas in the Park and Christmas Tree Challenge @K9 Corner.

The Recreation and Parks Christmas in the Park event and Christmas Tree Challenge @ K9 Corner, held on Friday, December 4th, raised \$2,251. For a normally free event where hundreds of people attend, charging money and limiting numbers due to COVID-19 held some uncertainty but it worked. The monies raised from Christmas in the Park, \$1,351, went to support Kids Path, a program of Authorcare formerly Hospice. The monies raised from the the Christmas Tree Challenge, \$900, went to support Old North Canine Rescue. Thank you to everyone involved!

COVID-19 Update

A vaccine has been developed for the COVID-19 virus and inoculations began in December. We encourage everyone to get the vaccine when you are able. The State has developed a phased approach to distributing the vaccine beginning with healthcare workers directly in contact with patients with the virus. To learn more regarding the vaccine and the plan for distribution can be seen on the NC Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines>.

Upcoming Events



2021

*A New Year and
a New Taste of Elon*

Saturday, January 9th
6PM - 9PM

Tickets available online and at
participating merchants.

\$50 per person
\$80 per couple

Participating Merchants:
Beer Republic, Magerks, Oak House,
Pandora's Pies, The Root, Tangent,
and Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream.

Remember to check online for updates and information on upcoming events as we continue to navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

BETH SCHMIDT PARK
&
LAWRENCE SLADE PARK

**PROGRAMS OFFERED
FOR ALL AGES**

FOR INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

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