

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

ELON + NEWS

Code of Ordinance Updates

On Tuesday, October 13th, the Board of Aldermen amended the Town's code of ordinances in the following ways:

- Chapter 13 Nuisances, Section 13.36 - Amended to include late payment penalty of \$25 when applicable for nuisance cases. This is currently in place for solid waste violations.
- Chapter 13 Nuisances, Section 13.39 & 13.40 - Amended to clarify timelines for nuisance violations and to include a \$100 administration fee when abatement has been undertaken.
- Chapter 14 Offenses, Section 14.17 - Amended to remove incorrect cross-reference.
- Chapter 17 Peddlers, Pushcarts, Itinerant Merchants - Amended various sections regarding food push cart regulations and amended the definition of food push carts, separating them from other peddlers, itinerant merchants, and food trucks.
- Chapter 21 Smoking - This ordinance chapter was renamed Tobacco Use and E-Cigarettes and reorganized. Changes addressed the penalties for smokeless and smoked tobacco.
- Chapter 22 Solid Waste, Section 22.9 - Removed the requirement to bag leaves and grass. This service is now being provided by the Town. Due to requirements by the landfill operator, we will not accept nor pick-up bagged leaves and grass.
- Chapter 24 Traffic - Corrected an error regarding the number of tickets needed to identify a vehicle for towing. The ordinance was brought into compliance with General Assembly Session Law 2019-104.

To view the changes, please go to the Code of Ordinances online at www.townofelon.com.

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 Nov. 2 6pm
Regular Session Nov. 10 6pm
Agenda Session Dec. 7 6pm
Regular Session Dec. 15 6pm

Planning Board

Tuesday, Nov. 17 6pm
Tuesday, Dec. 15 6pm

Downtown Advisory Board

Monday, Nov. 16 6pm

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

ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan

Currently, the Town of Elon is conducting a review of all of the Town owned facilities and programs to ensure compliance with ADA requirements. This process is expected to be completed early next year and will identify necessary steps to be taken to achieve full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We need your help in identifying the challenges you or someone you know has faced when trying to access services and programs offered by the Town. To do this, please complete the online survey, which can be found online at www.townofelon.com. If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact David Murphy, ADA Coordinator, at dmurphy@elon.gov or by phone at 336.584.9600.

Holiday Schedule

The Town of Elon Administrative offices will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays.

- Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th
- Christmas, Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, & Monday, December 28
- New Year's, Friday, January 1

In case of emergency, including a water emergency, please dial 911.

Waste and recycling pick up will occur as shown on the Waste Collection Schedule. For a copy of the schedule, visit the Town of Elon website at www.townofelon.com.



Turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on October 31st. November 1st is the end of Daylight Savings Time for 2020.

SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification App

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has rolled out the SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification app to help you know if you have been exposed to someone who has shared a positive COVID-19 test result. The app is available on the AppleStore and in Google Play. To learn more about the app, please visit the NCDHHS website at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc>.

From their website, here is how it works:

- Download the SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enable Bluetooth and Exposure Notifications. Bluetooth must be on for the app to work. After opting-in to receive notifications, the app will generate an anonymous token for your device. A token is a string of random letters which changes every 10-20 minutes and is never linked to your identity or location, but is linked to date. This protects your privacy and security.
- Through Bluetooth, your phone and the phones around you with the SlowCOVIDNC app work in the background (minimizing battery) to exchange these anonymous tokens every few minutes. Phones record how long they are near each other and the Bluetooth signal strength of their exchanges in order to estimate distance.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, you may obtain a unique PIN to submit in the app. This voluntary and anonymous reporting notifies others who have downloaded the app that they may have been in close contact with someone in the last 14 days who has tested positive.
- PINs will be provided to app users who receive a positive COVID-19 test result through a web-based PIN Portal, by contacting the Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) call center, or by contacting their Local Health Department (LHD).
- SlowCOVIDNC periodically downloads tokens from the server from the devices of users who have anonymously reported a positive test. Your phone then uses its records of the signal strength and duration of exposures with those tokens to calculate risk and determine if you have met a threshold to receive an Exposure Notification.

The app is free to download and use. Download it today to help protect yourself, your family, and loved ones.



Recreation & Parks COVID-19 Reminder

Due to the concerns regarding large gatherings in the Town of Elon, the Mayor's State of Emergency declaration limited mass gatherings to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. This applies for our parks as well. Please take note of the reminder created by our Recreation and Parks team.

While visiting the park please remember...

OUTDOOR GATHERINGS OF 25 PEOPLE OR LESS ARE ALLOWED WHILE PRACTICING PHYSICAL DISTANCING (TOWN OF ELON)



PLAYGROUNDS ARE NOW OPEN DAILY 8AM-5PM
CAPACITY LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE, MASK REQUIRED
HAND WASHING STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE



RESTROOMS ARE OPEN DAILY 8:00AM-5:00PM
(LOCATED NEAR SHELTER #1 & THE POND @ BETH SCHMIDT)
(LOCATED AT THE SHELTER @ LAWRENCE SLADE PARK)



TRAILS & WALKING TRACK OPEN
KEEP PHYSICAL DISTANCE OF 6'
DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH



K9 CORNER OPEN DAILY
CAPACITY LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE
MASK REQUIRED FOR AGES 5 & UP



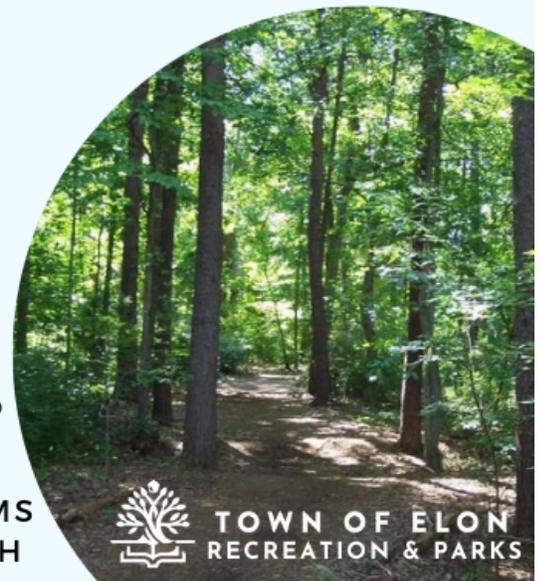
WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
OR USE HAND SANITIZER
→ **MASK REQUIRED FOR AGES 5 & UP**



STAY HOME IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER IS SICK OR HAVE SYMPTOMS
PRACTICE 3W'S: WEAR, WAIT & WASH



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Park Map

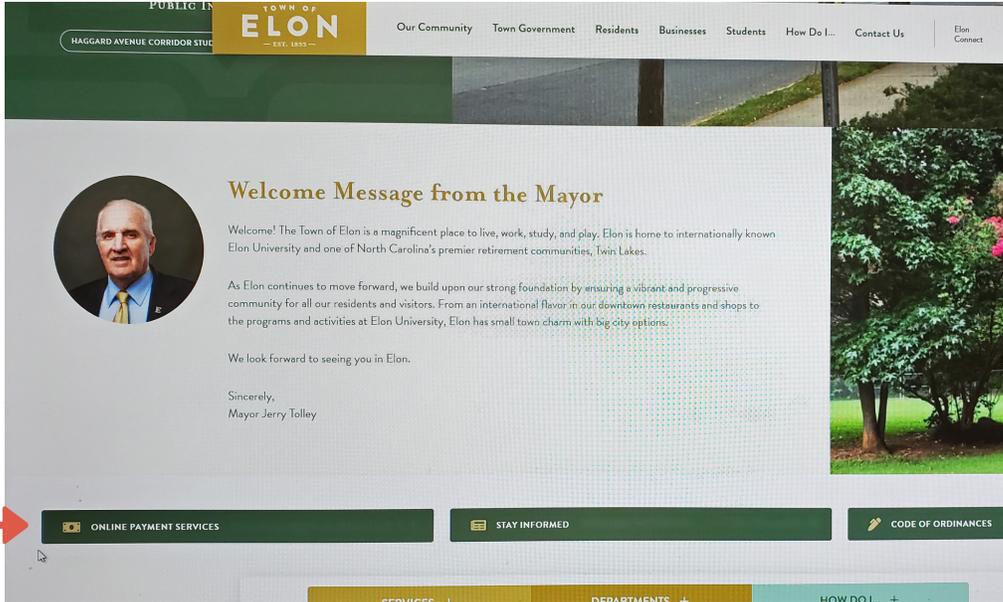


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RECREATION & PARKS

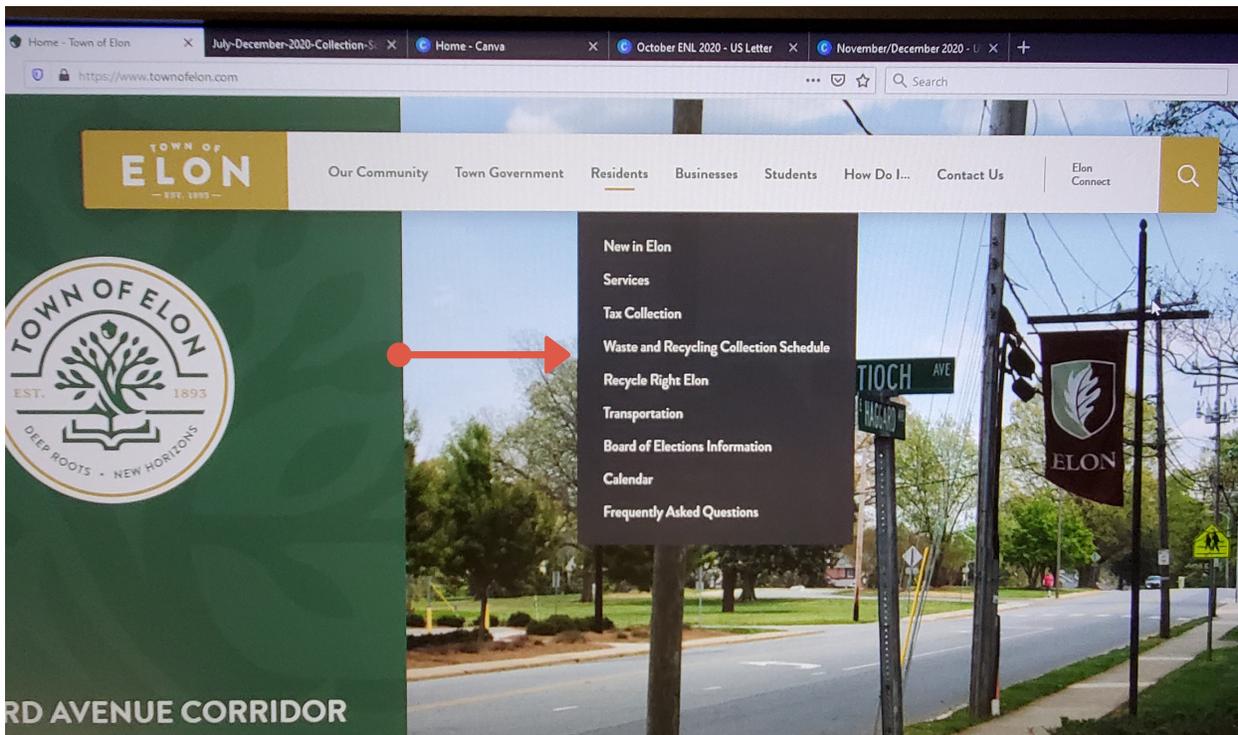
Website Tips

The Town of Elon website is there to assist you in your interactions with the Town. Here are a couple tips to easily find two of our most frequently asked questions.

- Online Payments are available for water bills, taxes, parking tickets, yard waste fees, and planning/development fees. To access this option, click the online payment services button on the homepage located just below the Mayor's welcome.



- Trash and Recycling Calendar is updated every January and July. You can view or print a copy of this schedule by visiting the Residents tab on the homepage and clicking on Waste and Recycling Collection Schedule. Printed copies are provided in the January and July Water Bills.



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

Safety Tip - Safely Charge Your Lithium Batteries

Be aware of the potential fire hazard with your lithium batteries. According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's Status Report on High Energy Density Batteries Project, in February 2018, over 25,000 overheating or fire incidents involving more than 400 types of lithium battery- powered consumer products occurred over a five-year period.

Take precautions such as:

- When replacing batteries and chargers for an electronic device, ensure they are specifically designed and approved for use with the device and they are purchased from the device's manufacturer or a manufacturer authorized reseller.
- Remove lithium-powered devices and batteries from the charger once they are fully charged.
- Store lithium batteries and devices in dry, cool locations.
- Avoid damaging lithium batteries and devices. Inspect them for signs of damage, such as bulging/cracking, hissing, leaking, rising temperature, and smoking before use, especially if they are wearable. Immediately remove a device or battery from service and place it in an area away from flammable materials if any of these signs are present.
- If batteries are damaged, remove them from service, place in fire resistant container (e.g., metal drum) with sand or other extinguishing agent and dispose in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. Contact a local battery recycling center for disposal instructions.
- Follow manufacturer's guidance on how to extinguish all battery fires, which could include using ABC dry chemical extinguishers, Class D fire extinguishers (for lithium-metal), dirt, or sand.

The Alamance County Landfill accepts rechargeable and disposable lithium and has information on other disposal locations for all types of batteries including alkaline, lead acid, lithium, and NiCad. To find out more, visit their website at <https://www.alamance-nc.com/landfill/solid-waste/how-do-i-dispose-of/>.

Your Ceiling Fan can help your home be more efficient.

Did you know that your ceiling fan can help your air conditioner and furnace be more efficient? Most ceiling fans are equipped with a way to change the rotation of the blades. In summer, your fan should rotate counterclockwise to help push cooler air down in a column and make the room feel cooler. In the winter, the blades should turn clockwise to help pull warm air down into the room from the ceiling which helps the room feel warmer. You can check your fan's operation manual to learn how to change the blade rotation. Only change the rotation when the fan is not running.

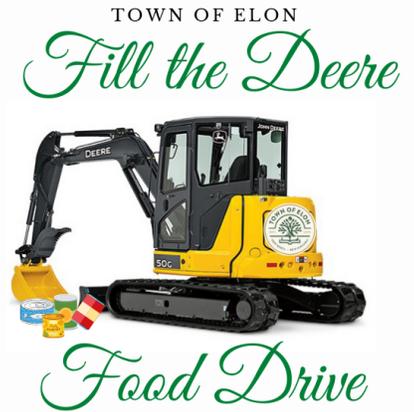
Fill the Deere Food Drive begins November 1st

Mark your calendars to help us Fill the Deere with food to help those in need. This year has brought a lot of turmoil and difficulties to so many, we can share our blessings by filling the food pantry at the Salvation Army. With your help last year, we delivered a Chevy Suburban load of food. Donations can be left in the blue container, which will be placed by the John Deere Excavator in the Town Hall parking lot.

This event will run from November 1st through December 18th. Donations needed include but are not limited to:

- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned soups and stews
- Peanut butter
- Whole grain pasta
- Brown rice
- Beans
- Canned meat such as tuna or chicken
- Non-perishable items

Please consider pop-tops on cans for ease of opening. All donations go to the Food Pantry at the Salvation Army of Alamance County.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 12 - Downtown Luminaries

Dec. 4 - Christmas in the Park 2020 Style

Dec. 5 - Downtown Tree Lighting

Buskers in Downtown Elon

Our first couple tries were a success! We will post a list of weekends with buskers playing at the outdoor dining locations downtown on the Town's website and Downtown Elon's Facebook page. Head downtown to east and shop with live music playing in the streets.

The logo for the Town of Elon Recreation & Parks, featuring a stylized tree with roots and branches above the text 'TOWN OF ELON RECREATION & PARKS'.

**PROGRAMS OFFERED
FOR ALL AGES**

FOR INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS & KITS
VISIT WWW.TOWNOFELON.COM

  FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM
@ THE ELON REC & PARKS SCENE

Santa's on his Way to



Christmas in the Park ²⁰²⁰ *Style*

VISITS WITH SANTA WILL TAKE ON A NEW LOOK THIS YEAR. MORE DETAILS TO COME.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ BETH SCHMIDT PARK

Follow us **f** & **@** @ The Elon Rec & Parks Scene
online www.TownofElon.com

WE'RE DREAMING OF A

Window Wonderland

Downtown Elon merchants are decorating their windows to help create a Window Wonderland for the holidays.
We need your help to choose the winner.
More details to come. Follow us on Facebook @downtownelon.

For more information,
visit www.townofelon.com or find us on
Facebook at
@townofelon, @downtownelon,
@elonrecandparksscene, @elonpd,
and @elonfiredepartment

