

JULY/AUGUST 2021

ELON + NEWS

Board of Aldermen passed 2021-2022 budget.

The Elon Board of Aldermen passed the Town's budget on Tuesday, June 15th. The budget totals approximately \$15 million and includes monies to pay for a variety of capital projects including the purchase and maintenance of the Travis Creek Pump Station as well as new staff members for the Planning Department and Recreation & Parks Department. Also, in the budget is an increase of ten percent to the water and sewer rates. This increase covers the cost of the City of Burlington's one percent increase to water rates and the additional monies needed to address the water and sewer infrastructure projects contained in the Capital Improvement Plan. To view the 2021-2022 Budget, visit the Administration Department on the Town's website at www.townofelon.com.

July is Recreation and Parks Month.

Head over to Beth Schmidt Park and Lawrence Slade Park for a wonderful day outdoors. Our Recreation & Parks team have a great line up of programs for you and your family or create your own event by renting a space at one of the parks. Find out more by visiting their pages on the Town's website at www.townofelon.com.

Ron Klepcyk receives the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Mayor Jerry Tolley and Senator Amy Galey presented Ron Klepcyk with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award for his dedication and service to the Town of Elon. Mr. Klepcyk served for over 20 years in various board positions including the Recreation and Parks Commission and as Mayor Pro Tem of the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Tolley stated, "I have worked with Ron for a long time and he is an extraordinary person. I am glad we are able to honor him with this award for his dedication and service to the Town of Elon."

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.

July's meetings were cancelled.
Agenda Session August 2 6PM
Regular Session August 10 6PM

Planning Board

Tuesday, July 20 6PM
Tuesday, August 17 6PM

Downtown Advisory Board

Monday, July 19 6PM
Monday, August 16 6PM

Holiday Closure

The Town Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

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

Hometown Heroes - Going Above and Beyond!

The Elon Police Department recognized three individuals in May and June for their assistance in a time of crisis.

Chief Blackwelder presented Michaëlle Graybeal, owner of All that Jas, and Vivian Splawn, her colleague, with a certificate of appreciation on May 27, 2021 for going above and beyond to assist a driver involved in a car accident that happened on Wednesday, May 26th downtown. Ms. Graybeal and Ms. Splawn were able to remove the driver from the vehicle when they realized the vehicle was smoking. Their quick action helped get the driver safely away from the vehicle.

Assistant Chief J.T. Turney presented Jerry Stolfus, a member of the Elon Public Works Department with a certificate of appreciation for saving the lives of seven people on May 26, 2021. His swift actions helped get the family out of the house and alert the Fire Department to the situation.

Their actions are greatly appreciated and we are proud to have them as a part of the Elon community.



Welcome to the Team!

We have new staff members joining the Town of Elon. Please give a hearty Elon welcome to Officers Crystal Pryon & Brian Dempsey, who are joining the Elon Police Department.

Officer Crystal Pryon



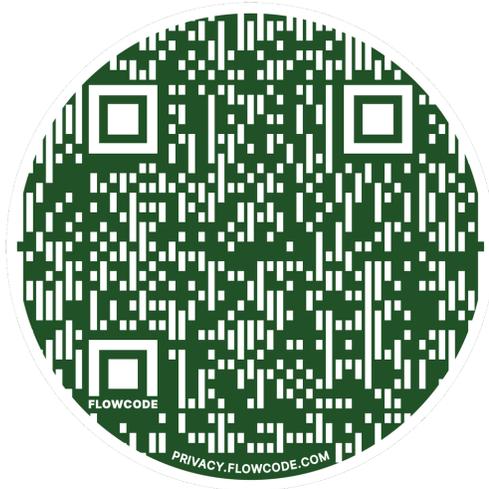
Officer Brian Dempsey



ADA Survey - We need your input!

The Town of Elon is steadily working on the ADA Transition Plan and we need your input. Please take two minutes to complete the survey that can be found online and help us develop a path to more accessibility in Elon. The survey can be found on the Town's website or by scanning the QR code below. If you prefer a paper copy, these can be found at Town Hall.

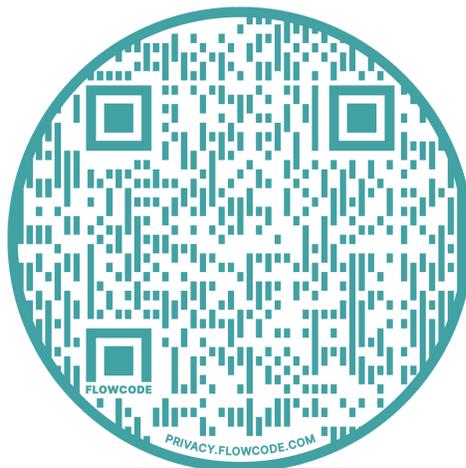
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ADA Survey



NC Broadband Survey - Help identify where service is needed!

The Town of Elon and partners across Alamance County are working on the creation of a Digital Inclusion plan, which aims to identify areas where broadband service is nonexistent or limited. This is part of a wider initiative being conducted by the State of North Carolina with the aim of ensuring all North Carolina residents have access to affordable broadband solutions. Information on the project and a link to the survey can be found at <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/north-carolina-broadband-survey>. The link can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code below. If you are unable to access the internet or cannot scan the code, please text "internet" to 919-750-0553. Standard text messaging rates will apply.

Scan to take the
NC Broadband Survey



Downtown Elon receives national Main Street accreditation for 4th year.

Downtown Elon received notice of its 2021 national Main Street accreditation from Main Street America. The Downtown Development staff and the Downtown Advisory Board worked hard to meet all of the requirements of accreditation including training sessions, annual work plans, and continued focus on revitalizing the downtown area. Kathleen Patterson, Downtown Development Administrator, stated "We are excited to achieve this designation for the 4th year in a row. The Four Points of Main Street process continues to help us create a solid foundation from which to launch our ideas to keep Downtown Elon's businesses growing and bring more people downtown to enjoy the activities and events. Come downtown and join the fun!" Downtown Elon is one of fifty-two accredited Main Street communities in North Carolina and 889 nationally.

This next year, the focus will be on the following elements of the annual work plan:

- Creating a 501c3
- Improving and creating events in downtown such as Music to Dine to, Santa Fun Run, and more
- Supporting local businesses and working to bring in new businesses
- Working to beautify the downtown district including the creation of a gathering spot at W College Avenue and N Williamson Avenue
- Working with the Elon Arts Advisory Board to bring public art to downtown



North Carolina
MAIN STREET
Community

We're transitioning to Monthly billing!

- All water & sewer customers will transition on **October 1st**.
- After transition, second notices will cease.

Smaller, more manageable payments

Better alignment with other monthly bills.

More timely information on water usage

More opportunities to catch possible leaks



Fireworks during the 4th of July - Keep it safe and legal!

As we approach the 4th of July and celebrate our Independence Day, the Elon Police Department would like to take a moment to give some tips and advice about fireworks.

The State of North Carolina has fairly strict laws when it comes to fireworks, specifically what kind are legal and what are not. Fireworks that are legal in North Carolina are known as 'Consumer Fireworks'; they consist of:

- Snake and Glow Worms, composed of pressed pellets that produce a large, snake-like ash when burning.
- Smoke devices, a tube or sphere that produces white or colored smoke.
- Trick Noisemakers, that produce a small report or pop, such as a party popper, string popper, or a snapper, which is a small paper-wrapped item that when dropped produce a small report.
- Wire sparklers.
- Other sparkling devices such as cones and tubes that emit showers of sparks and sometimes a whistling or crackling effect.

The types that are not legal but are commonly found and purchased in our neighbor state, South Carolina, are:

- Aerial Shells and tubes that launch into the air.
- Bottle rockets, skyrockets, and missiles.
- Ground Spinners, pinwheels, helicopters.
- Roman Candles.
- Cakes, that are multi-shot aerial devices.

According to NC State Law, "The use of consumer fireworks may occur only between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. with the following exceptions: On July 4, use is permitted until 12:00 A.M".

In the past, our local 911 system is flooded with emergency calls regarding fireworks, most of which are non-emergency. This influx of calls ties up the 911 system and strains our already limited police resources. We recommend **NOT** calling 911 unless there is an injury related to the use of fireworks, a fire has started from the fireworks, or someone is actively shooting off 'illegal' fireworks that are a danger to you or your property.

With the lifting of restrictions on crowd sizes and gatherings imposed by Governor Roy Cooper, we recommend you go to organized fireworks shows and leave the big fireworks to the professionals!

Please enjoy the 4th of July and have a safe and happy holiday!

Elon Police Department's 2020 Annual Report.

The Elon Police Department released their 2020 Annual Report. This report provides comprehensive information regarding the department and the challenges they faced in 2020. This is the first annual report for the department. The report is part of Chief Blackwelder's plan to provide more transparency about the department. "We love our community and want them to better understand what we do, who we are, and how we work." says Chief Blackwelder. The report can be found on the Town's website and hard copies are available in the lobby of Town Hall and at the Elon Police Department.



Elon Public Art Advisory Board has a number of projects that are getting underway and they need volunteers.

Upcoming projects include:

- Yarn Bomb Downtown Elon
- Crosswalk Quilts

All ages and abilities are welcome to participate.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please email Kathleen at kpatterson@elon.gov.

Upcoming Events

ELON RECREATION & PARKS PRESENTS....

2021 SUMMER MOVIES ON THE LAWN

Beth Schmidt Park
2150 Elon Park Drive, Elon

SHOWTIME 8:30PM

JUNE 25TH STAR WARS THE RISE OF SKYWALKER
JULY 16TH ALADDIN 2019
JULY 30TH DIRTY DANCING
AUGUST 13TH TOY STORY 4
AUGUST 27TH JUMANJI THE NEXT LEVEL

FREE MOVIE, POPCORN & DRINK
BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET

Your Big Backyard www.TownofElonParks.com *Where Elon Comes to Play*

Community Events



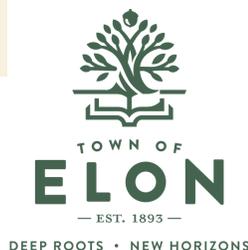
Elon Farmers Market
Thursdays, 3PM - 6PM
Elon Community Church

CONCERTS
UNDER THE OAKS

JULY 22 THE CASTAWAYS | 3-5 P.M.

A Carolina Beach Music Awards
"Hall of Fame" Band

For more information,
visit www.townofelon.com.



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Saturday, August 28 &
Saturday, October 23
9AM - Noon

If you are interested in participating, please sign up by sending an email to Emily Sharpe at esharpe@elon.gov.