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ELON + NEWS

Welcome to the New Mayor and Board of Aldermen

In December, a new Mayor and two new Aldermen were sworn in at Town Hall. Alderwoman Emily Sharpe moves to the Mayoral seat with her election in November. Mayor Sharpe has served on the Board of Aldermen since 2017. Rev. Randy Orwig and Stephanie Bourland are serving for the first time on the Board of Aldermen. They will serve four year terms. The Board of Aldermen are the governing body of the Town of Elon.



Mayor Emily Sharpe

Before being elected as Mayor in 2021, Mayor Emily Sharpe served on the Board of Aldermen from 2017 - 2021. Mayor Sharpe, or Emily as she prefers to be called, is employed by TIAA as the Living Well Program Director. Because of her education and background in health promotion, resident health and wellbeing are of great concern to her. She has served as a volunteer with Alamance County Service League, Elon's Recreation and Parks Board, and at many Town events. She is married to Logan. They, along with their daughter, Lyla Kate, and dog, Hobie, enjoy calling Elon home.



Alderwoman Stephanie Bourland

For more than 20 years, Alderwoman Bourland has made Elon her home with her husband, Seth, and their daughter, Gracie. After graduating from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Stephanie became an Emmy Award winning television journalist. She worked locally as an anchor and reporter at News 2, Fox 8 and PBS North Carolina. She now shares her professional passion with students in the School of Communications at Elon University where she is the Associate Director of Corporate and Employer Relations.



Alderman Randy Orwig

Rev. Randy Orwig was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Randy holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration from University of Toledo and a Master of Divinity degree from Methodist Theological School. Originally ordained as a United Methodist minister, he served four congregations in Ohio before transferring his ordained status to the United Church of Christ. He moved to Elon in 2011 where he serves as Senior Pastor of Elon Community Church UCC. Randy is married to Bev. They have two children and a daughter-in law and two grandchildren.



What are your thoughts on public transportation in Elon? Tell us!

The Planning Department for the Town of Elon is seeking public input for a potential public transportation project. Elon is looking to increase accessibility for citizens and focus on helping people gain access to services they need, while offering alternative transportation methods. If you'd like to help plan the future of your community and make a difference, please complete the survey, which can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/elontransportationsurvey> or feel free to contact Mary Kathryn Harward at 336-586-1014 with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. The survey can also be found on the Town's website at www.townofelon.com/blog-news located on the homepage.

Overflowing trash and recycling bins will not be picked up.

Overfilled garbage and recycling bins will not be picked up by the Town's contractors. When lifted to be dumped into the truck, overfilled bins lose bags and loose trash, which fall into the roadway or yard creating a mess and causing trash to be strewn across town. For safety reasons, the drivers are not allowed to get out and retrieve bags or loose waste that fall from the bins. Extra bins are available for both trash and recycling to help keep the bins from being overfilled. To obtain an extra bin, please call the water department at 336.584.0282.



Waste and Recycling Collection Calendar Available

The January thru June 2022 Waste and Recycling Collection calendar is now available. A hard copy of the calendar is in the January water bill. You can also find a copy at Town Hall or online at www.townofelon.com under the Resident/Student tab.

2022 Town of Elon Water Bill & Solid Waste and Recycling Schedule

January							February								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
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30	31														

March							April								
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30		

May							June								
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Calendar Subject to Change
For information visit the Town's Website www.townofelon.com.

- Solid Waste pick up is every Tuesday. Please place grey cans on Monday evenings.
- Recycling is every other Wednesday. Please place blue recycle cans out Tuesday evenings.
- Solid Waste and recycling cans should be placed at least 5 feet from buildings, vehicles or other items. Items outside the curb will not be picked up. In compliance with town ordinance, all cans are to be removed from the street after pickup.
- Heavy Garbage/Leaf Waste pickup every other Tuesday. Normal pick up will begin on Thursday and continue until completed.
- Water Bill Due: Payment is due no later than the 15th of each month.
- Town Hall Closed for holiday.

Leaf pick up continues.

Leaves will be picked up regularly through January. In February, we will return to a once-a-week curbside service. Remember, rake the leaves to the curb for the vacuum truck to take them up. Please ensure that there are no limbs or debris in the pile. These can damage the truck and cause delays when repairs are needed. Neither leaves nor yard waste should be in bags or containers.

Congratulations and Welcome!

The Elon Police Department recently promoted several members of their team.

Promoted to Lieutenant: Kedrick King

Promoted to Sergeant: Ed Peters, Chris Miles, and Scott Swink

Promoted to Master Police Officer: Stephen Greeson

Congratulations to all of these outstanding individuals!

The Elon Police Department also grew with the hiring of Officer Stephen Foust. Please give him a hearty Elon welcome when you see him around town.



Lieutenant Kedrick King



Sergeant Ed Peters



Sergeant Chris Miles



Sergeant Scott Swink



Master Police Officer
Stephen Greeson



Officer Stephen Foust



Elon Fire Department Explorer Post looking for new members!

The Elon Fire Department Explorer Post 4008 is a youth development program developed by the Boy Scouts of America, for young men and women ages 14 to 18 years old. Our program is designed to give an "inside" look into the demanding, fast-paced world of the fire service. Here explorers learn teamwork, responsibility, and motivation, which help prepare them for future challenges no matter what career path they choose. In addition to the twenty-six (26) hours of required training, which emphasizes teamwork, responsibility, and motivation, we encourage our Explorers to make education a priority by requiring them to maintain a "C" average and stay enrolled in school.

While with the Explorer Post, members get to live the life of a firefighter. From riding on the apparatus to sleeping overnight at the station, they experience firsthand the duties and responsibilities of a firefighter. Some of our Explorers have even gone on to become career firefighters but all have taken away career skills from their time with us.

We are currently seeking enthusiastic individuals to join the post. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Lt. Austin Mann at the Elon Fire Department at 336-584-9190.

Throughout the duration of 2021 we have had several dedicated members of this post transition out due to their age. Some of these individuals have continued volunteering in the fire service at Elon Fire Department, as well as other local departments. Please join me in thanking the following individuals for their dedicated time and service they provided while being apart of the explorer program.

- Cason Dent
- Logan Ward
- Preston Wrenn
- Tucker Jacobs



Let's Talk Elon - Community Engagement Platform Goes Live

The Town of Elon is excited to announce the new community engagement website Let's Talk Elon is live and ready for your input. This site is dedicated to providing a platform for individuals to have more information and a voice in the projects happening in the Town. The site holds the current projects being conducted by the Town such as the Haggard Avenue Corridor Study and the Police Strategic plan. It also holds information on past projects such as the ADA Transition Plan and the W College Avenue Plaza Design. Take a minute to check out the new site and learn more about what is happening. Leave us a message and provide input on the projects. It is your town and your voice is important. Let's Talk Elon! Visit the site at www.letstalkelon.com.



Happy New Year!

As we begin a New Year, we wanted to reminisce about the beautiful holiday decorations and festive happenings from the holiday season and give thanks to the employees of the Town and all the volunteers that make these events happen. Special thanks to the Public Works Department for their decorating skills. Without them the Town would be very bland and boring during the holidays and our events would not be quite so put together. Special thanks to the staff of Recreation and Parks for their Christmas in the Park event. Always a good time to be had with Santa, crafts, storytime, and karaoke. Special thanks to the staff of the Downtown Development Department for the Santa Fun Fest. Nothing says the holidays like a holiday themed obstacle course and a tree lighting. Most of all a very heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make the holidays a special time. Their time given to the events, brings a glow to our hearts as their love for the Town of Elon shines through with every lollipop created and every marshmallow tossed. Thank you all for coming together to make the holidays in Elon joyful and fun for everyone.



Volunteers needed for two new committees!

The Board of Aldermen have developed two new committees to help improve the Town of Elon. The first committee has a goal of improve equity and equality in Elon by reviewing existing ordinances and policies for hidden bias or differential effects. Volunteers should have some related professional background that would enable them to look deeper into an issue, beyond understanding that a violation results in a fine.

The second committee, which is planned for creation in the new year, will look at ways for the Town to become more environmentally sustainable and help develop policies in order to reach that goal. If you have an interest in serving on either committee, please contact DiAnne Enoch, Town Clerk at denoch@elon.gov or by phone at 336.584.3601.

Elon Fire Department donates \$2,021 to the Pink Ribbon Fund.

Elon Fire Department is excited to announce that they had a very successful t-shirt sale in support of breast cancer awareness. The Department raised \$2,021, which will be donated to the Pink Ribbon Fund at Norville Breast Care Center. This fund helps support local patients with transportation cost, treatment cost, and other out-of-pocket costs while receiving the care they need to fight this aggressive cancer. The money to purchase the shirts to sell was donated by the career and volunteer staff of the Fire Department. Special thanks to Engineer Robbie Shatterly for organizing this opportunity, everyone that purchased a shirt and/or made a donation, and to Jordan's Specialties for making the shirts. If you would like to make a donation directly to the Pink Ribbon Fund, please contact Katie Boon at (336) 538-7946.

Upcoming Events



Yarn Bomb in Downtown Elon
Monday, February 14, 2021
Check out the wonderful & colorful street art in downtown on N Williamson Avenue.

Need to talk to us? Call 336.584.3601.

An advertisement for winter park activities. The background is a soft-focus image of a snow-covered evergreen tree. Text on the left lists 'FREE PROGRAMS for adults, kids & teens' and 'RENTALS available year round'. The main text says 'Don't stay in a bubble all winter. Join us at the parks for some fun!'. The website 'WWW.TOWNOFELONPARKS.COM' is listed. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the handle '@THE ELON REC & PARKS SCENE', and the Town of Elon Recreation & Parks logo.



For more information and details for upcoming events, visit www.townofelon.com.