

# MARCH/APRIL 2022

# ELON + NEWS

## Town Meetings

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the meeting schedule may change. The meetings are being held in person and through online technology with access provided through a link on the website. Masks are required for those attending in person.

## Board of Aldermen

Agenda Session March 7 6PM  
Regular Session March 15 6PM

## Planning Board

Tuesday, March 8 6PM  
Tuesday, April 19 6PM

## Downtown Advisory Board

Monday, March 21 6PM  
Monday, April 18 6PM

## Holiday Closures

Town administrative offices will be closed on Friday, April 15 in observance of Good Friday.

**TOWN OF ELON**  
DEEP ROOTS • NEW HORIZONS

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[www.townofelon.com](http://www.townofelon.com)

## 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 improving 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 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](mailto:denoch@elon.gov) or by phone at 336.584.3601.

## Fire hydrant testing begins in April.

The Elon Fire Department will be testing the fire hydrants throughout the Town of Elon beginning the week of April 4th.



April 4th - 17th - Zone 1 (north and west of N. Williamson & W. Lebanon)  
April 18th - May 1st - Zone 2 (north and east of N. Williamson & E. Lebanon)  
May 2nd - 15th - Zone 3 (south and west of N. Williamson & W. Trolleringer)  
\*No testing/flowing will be done on holidays.  
\*No testing/flowing on weekends unless behind schedule due to weather.

Why do they do this? The hydrants are tested to to ensure they are operable and able to produce the required water pressure when needed to fight a fire. During testing, pressure readings are taken to determine the amount of water available from the hydrant. As you may have experienced in the past, testing can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes. If you have questions about fire hydrant testing, please contact the Elon Fire Department at 336.584.9190.



## Recycling and Trash Service Information



We want to keep you informed and this message comes to you regarding recycling and trash. We are due to negotiate a new contract with vendors for both services this year as our current contracts expire on June 30th. We anticipate significant increases for these services, especially for recycling, due to the limited number of processing facilities and the costs of transport. We have done our best to keep costs down. Currently, the Town of Elon charges a solid waste fee of \$9.00 per month per household, the North Carolina average for these fees is \$15.83 per month per household.

It will be important in moving forward that we focus on keeping our recycling clean and not mixing in non-recyclables. Maintaining a viable program will assist us when negotiating new contracts in the years to come. Keeping recycling out of the garbage and garbage out of recycling helps two-fold, as it allows recycling to be more efficient and also cuts down on landfill tipping fees for trash.

In an effort to help with this, Town staff will be working on an education campaign to keep our citizens informed on proper recycling techniques and are applying for a State grant to assist with this program. Be on the lookout for educational material in the future and let's make this work to benefit us all financially and environmentally.

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## The Elon Public Works Weather Event Report

Whenever there is foul weather that requires a response from the Public Works Department, they provide the Town Manager with a breakdown of their response. During January 16 - 18, 2022, the winter weather began early Sunday morning with snow falling. The team began snow removal at 10am that day on the major roads and some secondary roads. Unfortunately, the snow became sleet and freezing rain at which point the team began salting the roads. The team was able to plow every street in Elon at least once by the end of the day on Monday, January 17, 2022. They continued this work on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

The response to this weather event included:

- 129 man hours
- 1,360lbs of ice melt
- 11 cubic yards of bulk road salt (22,275lbs)
- 6 plows
- 1 snowblower
- Gator w/ Plow
- Two large spreaders on dump trucks
- One small spreader on a gator
- Small fertilizer spreaders for ice melt



With every weather event, the Elon Public Works Department provides the services needed to keep the roads clear and safe for travel. We appreciate their dedication and willingness to get the job done no matter the situation.

## Welcome to the team!

The Elon Police Department welcomes Officer Hannah Giroux to the team. Officer Giroux began her career as an intern with the Elon University Police and upon graduation became a full time officer with that department. She worked with the Elon University Police for nine years. She is pictured with her husband and daughter.

The Elon Recreation and Parks Department welcomes Kim Brown, Park Maintenance Technician. You may have met Kim, his wife, and one of his two daughters during our Christmas in the Park 2021 when they jumped in as community volunteers. Kim earned his degree from NCA&T University with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Education and is a big Aggies fan. He brings 14 years of recreation and parks experience. His duties will be to maintain the park facilities and use his broad range of skills and expertise to enhance our park elements, events, and programming. His experience in recreation includes environmental programming, senior activities, summer camp, coordinating volunteers, working with local school groups, and partnering with local agencies. In addition to guiding hikes on some of the trails he helped construct, Kim helped build a disc golf course that he enjoys playing when time allows. He is a certified N C Environmental Educator; and since 2013, has held professional membership in the Environmental Educators of NC, for 3-years attended the Park Ranger Institute, and is a member of the N C Recreation and Parks Association.



Kim Brown



Officer Hannah Giroux

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## Overflowing trash & 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.



## Upcoming Events



**MUSIC 2 DINE 2**  
**FRIDAYS**  
**6 - 8 PM**  
**W COLLEGE AVENUE**

**FREE EVENT!**  
**LIVE MUSIC!**



Begins Friday, March 18, 2022

More information at  
[www.downtownelon.com](http://www.downtownelon.com)

Celebrate  
**ARBOR DAY**  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH  
 11:00AM - 1:00PM  
 • BETH SCHMIDT PARK •  
 Tree Planting @ 11:30am  
 Educational exhibits, family friendly activities,  
 light refreshments & more

the annual  
**bunny hop**  
**Saturday**  
**April 9th**  
**10am till 12pm**  
**Beth Schmidt Park**  
 2150 Elon Park Drive, Elon



## Town of Elon Recreation and Parks



*Where Elon Comes to Play*




*Your Big Backyard*

[www.TownofElonParks.com](http://www.TownofElonParks.com)

### Rental Reservations available year-round

Whatever the occasion, we have picnic shelters, gazebos, community center, amphitheater & more!  
 Request your reservation, complete the form & make payment all online.

### Programs

Children's storytime, nature, art & game days.  
 Tween/Teen trivia, games & stem programs as well as  
 Adult Programs including card games, book club, computer skills training, fitness & craft classes.

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Need to talk to us? Call 336.584.3601.



For more information and details on meetings, programs or events, visit [www.townofelon.com](http://www.townofelon.com).