

# ELON+NEWS



TOWN OF ELON

DEEP ROOTS • NEW HORIZONS

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## TOWN OF ELON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Administrative offices will be closed in observance of:

New Year's Day - Tuesday, January 1st  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 15th

Vacuum Leaf Collection Ends  
January 14th

Resume bagging leaves or  
incorporate them back into  
your landscape.



## COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH - 271 NORTH WILLIAMSON AVENUE, ELON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Please join us for our first "We Are All Elon" Community Potluck Dinner to be held on Monday, January 14th. Meet up with friends, neighbors, and soon to be friends, from all over the Town of Elon. The main dish for this potluck style dinner is chili and is provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. You'll have an opportunity to challenge yourself by participating in a Trivia Quiz about Elon. For more details visit <https://www.facebook.com/DowntownElon/>.

## GET A HEALTHY START TO YOUR NEW YEAR

Town of Elon Recreation and Parks offers programs for the entire family throughout the year. In January and February you can enjoy gathering with a group at Beth Schmidt Park for a Winter Walk, Card Games, Art, Storytime, Adult Craft Classes, and our Wellness Lunch & Learn designed to help you begin implementing a healthier lifestyle in 2019. There's sure to be something for everyone. Save the list of park programs provided in this month's Elon+News, and stay up-to-date with on-going programs and events at <https://www.facebook.com/TheElonRec&ParksScene/>

## STAYING CONNECTED

We are working hard to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive information to our residents. In addition to our town website <http://www.elonnc.com>, and details found at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofElon/>, Elon Connect service gives Town Manager, Richard White, the ability to send messages to every telephone number stored in our database. Calls generated by this service will display the town's main number (336)584-3601. Examples include severe weather warnings and updates, hazardous traffic or road conditions inside the town or affecting local routes, and other situations that could impact the safety, property, or welfare of our citizens. To read more about this service, and to register or update your information, visit our website to select Frequent Questions.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Aldermen meetings are held at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building located at  
104 South Williamson Avenue, Elon NC

JANUARY 7 AGENDA SESSION  
JANUARY 15 REGULAR SESSION



FEBRUARY 4 AGENDA SESSION  
FEBRUARY 12 REGULAR SESSION

## GO PAPERLESS

### WATER BILLS USAGE, HISTORY, AND SECURE LOCATION TO PAY AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Town of Elon offers customers eStatement billing that gives a view of water account usage, payment history, and provides a secure location to pay using a credit or debit card with no processing fee. Services are billed bi-monthly on the first day of the month with payment due on the last day of the same month.

To sign up for eStatements, use the web address and registration ID provided on your bill. Complete the requested information and you're set to begin enjoying the convenience of on-line access.

## HELP CREATE A CLEAN, HEALTHY, AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

### SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLE INFORMATION

The Town contracts with solid waste and recycle collection providers. The schedule for collection of residential waste, recyclables and yard waste, and scheduling provisions for heavy waste pick-up is posted on the town's website <https://elonnc.com> under Town Documents/Administration. A printed version is also available upon request.

Solid waste and recycling containers should be placed curbside no earlier than the day before pick-up. Place the closed container within four feet of the curb with the handle and wheels facing away from the street. The container must be at least four feet from trees, mailboxes, cars, other roll-outs, yard waste, recyclables, or any other obstruction. Only items placed in the cart will be collected by the automated truck.

Residents are responsible for removing solid waste and recycling containers from the street no later than the day after collection. Doing so is not only the courteous thing to do, but is compliant with the town's Code of Ordinances. Containers left at the curb more than 24 hours after collection are in violation of Section 22.6 of the Code of Ordinances and residents are subject to a fine.

Only the issued roll-out carts can be used. Notify the Town if your cart is damaged, stolen, or if you regularly generate more household trash than your roll-out container can hold. An additional cart can be issued by calling the Town Administrative Office at (336) 584-3601.

Be a good neighbor. Help maintain a safe and well-kept community.

## POST YOUR ADDRESS NUMBER! SAFETY FIRST!

In an emergency locating your property quickly could be the difference between life or death.

It is very important to post your assigned address number on your home or business in a visible place. Your address is used for quick identification by the rescue squad, emergency medical services, fire department and law enforcement officials that serve your city or community, as well as postal and delivery services.

For the best visibility, use six inch high plain block address numbers to place on the side of your home facing the street. If your home is more than seventy-five feet from the road front, and the number is not clearly discernible from the street, attach numbers on a post near the walk, driveway or other appropriate place to clearly identify the property entrance.

Yes, cell phones can assist with locating; however, the tower could be several miles from the actual need. Please, for the sake of yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your property, post your address number.





LOY HOMESTEAD GARDEN



**STORYTIME**  
Provided by  
Alamance County  
Public Libraries



*Art in the Park*



ALL PROGRAMS  
FREE TO  
PARTICIPANTS

*Where Elon Comes to Play*



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# Beth Schmidt Park Programs

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019

Town of Elon Recreation & Parks  
Heritage Place Community Center  
2150 Elon Park Drive, Elon, NC  
(336) 449-9255

## Winter Walk



Meet in the Loy Homestead Garden

Thursday, Jan 3rd, Feb 7th & 21st 3pm

Bundle up & join us as we explore the trails.

## Dominoes & Card Games



Tuesday mornings starting Jan 8th 9-11am

Dominoes, Canasta, Pinochle & more! Come learn to play.

## Kids Connect

Great way to meet up with Playgroups & make new friends!

Tuesday afternoons starting Jan 8th 2pm-5pm

Board games, puzzles, building blocks, playmat & more!

## Nature Play



Ages 4-10 Meet in the Loy Homestead Garden

Wednesday, Jan 9th 3-4pm - Winter Animal Habitats

Wednesday, Feb 6th 3-4pm - Winter Scavenger Hunt

## Art in the Park

Thurs, Jan 17th & 31st, Feb 14th & 28th 10-12pm & 3-5pm

Open to all ages, materials provided.

## Storytime & More

Ages 2-5



Monday, Jan 14th & 28th, Feb 11th & 25th 11am

## Adult Craft Class

Jan 23rd 11am & 24th 6pm - Paper Snowflakes

Feb 20th 11am & 21st 6pm - Sugar Scrub

All materials provided. Call to register (336) 449-9255.

## Wellness Lunch & Learn

Bring a bag lunch

Wednesday, Jan 30th & Feb 27th 12:10-12:50pm

Various health topics discussed monthly.



## WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Cold winter weather is upon us and with it comes a variety of health and safety hazards both indoors and out. To ensure everyone in our community stays safe and warm this season, here are a few tips:

- **Keep emergency gear in your car, including a cell phone, flashlight, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter, ice scraper, small shovel, blankets and warning devices**
- **If you are traveling a long distance, let someone know your route and anticipated arrival time**
- **Carbon Monoxide kills. Do not sit in a parked car with the engine running unless a window is open. Do not warm your car in the garage**
- **If you are stopped or stalled, place a warning device at each end of the vehicle. Stay in your vehicle and open a window slightly. Wrap yourself in blankets. Run your heater a few minutes every hour to keep warm**
- **Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, and wear gloves**
- **Change out of wet clothes as soon as possible**
- **Wear a hat and make sure shoes or boots have non-skid soles**
- **Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm near your bedroom and on each floor**
- **Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, and shortness of breath**
- **Have your heating system tuned up each year. If you heat your home with a wood stove, have the chimney connection and flue checked each year and make sure the stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect your floor from heat**
- **Do not use gas appliances such as ovens, ranges, or clothes dryers to heat your home**
- **If you use a kerosene heater, never use gasoline which can cause a fire or explosion. Use only water-clear 1-K grade kerosene. Never fuel the heater inside your home, when it is hot, or in operation. Do not fill the tank above the "Full" mark. Keep a door open to the rest of the house or open a window slightly to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide build-up**
- **If you have a history of heart trouble, avoid shoveling snow unless your doctor approves**
- **Pace yourself and do not work to the point of exhaustion**
- **Do not climb on ladders or scaffolding without proper equipment. Use fall protection when working from ladders at heights greater than six feet. When climbing off a ladder at an upper level, make sure the ladder extends three feet above the landing. When climbing the ladder, use three points of contact – keep one hand and both feet, or both hands and one foot in contact with the ladder at all times. Never carry any load that could cause you to lose balance**

This is only a sample of safety precautions to take during the winter months. Safety is a personal responsibility. If you are in doubt, think twice before doing anything that may prove hazardous to yourself, your property, or those around you. Implementing these winter preparation tips could save on medical costs, energy costs, and protect your home from costly damage.

### YEAR-ROUND MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR INSIDE YOUR HOME

Install fresh batteries in all smoke alarms. It's a good idea to periodically test alarms to be sure batteries are still working properly.

Inspect fire extinguishers and recharge if necessary. Replace any extinguisher older than ten years.

Install a programmable thermostat that will allow you to automatically create a heating/cooling schedule for your home which will keep you comfortable and save you money.

During the summer you want the fan to blow air straight down, so your ceiling fan needs to run in a counter clockwise direction as you look up at it. The warmer it is, the higher the speed should be. During the winter, your fan should run at a low speed in a clockwise direction. Some studies have found that simply reversing your ceiling fan in the winter can lower heating costs by as much as 15%.