

# *East Neighborhood Plan 2022-2023*

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Neighborhood Themes: Civic Engagement & Social Innovation

## East Neighborhood Description

The East Neighborhood serves as a residential hub for Civic Engagement and Social Innovation housing 350 students split between 5 residential buildings. Students living in East will gain a greater awareness of social and political issues and engage in programming with faculty and staff to learn skills to be active global citizens and change agents within society. Elon is recognized for its robust curricular and co-curricular experiences that provide students with opportunities to participate in civil discourse, debate, community service, and leadership development in order to address the most pressing issues faced by today's society. Our Civic Engagement programs focus on creating opportunities for volunteering, community engagement and awareness, voting, and reflection on local and international issues. Though most of our programming is more focused on the civic engagement part of our theme, our reflection and debrief time after events are where our Social Innovation theme comes to light. We ask students reflective and developmental questions to help them take learning away from this space and leave with a call to action and ideas on how to positively impact the world and make change as global citizens. Though most of our programming is more focused on the civic engagement part of our theme, our reflection and debrief time after events is where our Social Innovation theme comes to light. We ask students reflective and developmental questions to help them take learning away from this space and leave with a call to action and ideas on how to positively impact the world and make change as global citizens.

## Strategies for Orientation and First Six Weeks for Neighborhood Identity and Community Development

- East Neighborhood will be strategically scheduling Neighborhood Programming for the first 6 weeks of the academic school year. There will be at least one (1) neighborhood wide program per week for the first 6 weeks.
- Each RA will be responsible for creating or taking their students to one (1) event per week. A minimum of three (3) of their first 6 weeks events need to be specific to their own floor, not a larger Neighborhood Program.
- First 6 weeks programs will include any event between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Annual Traditions

- East Trick-Or-Treats
  - East Trick-Or-Treats is an event that allows faculty, staff, and Elon community members to bring their children into the residence halls to receive candy from residents who are participating in passing out candy! This allows residents to have a rare on-campus opportunity to interact with children and allows the children to roam the halls like a college student, even if it is just for some sweet treats! The Community Director leads the organization of this program.
- fEASTgiving
  - This event is a twist on Thanksgiving, allowing East Neighborhood students to come together over a meal and fellowship to give thanks for each other and the

time that they have spent together during the school year, as well as hopes for the future! This is a Student Neighborhood Association-run event!

- Service Saturdays
  - Service Saturdays are a partnership with the Kernodle Center to provide a few service opportunities to students during Academic School year. Transportation is provided to these service opportunities. These service opportunities are specifically for East Residents.
- Soup & Society
  - Soup & Society is an event that happens four times during the academic school year that allows students to have casual, low stakes conversations about issues and topics in society, over a delicious soup provided by Elon Dining! There are prompting questions to help provoke conversation, and professional staff members in the room at all times to assist in navigating tough situations during the conversation. The Faculty Director for East leads this program series.
- Neighborhood Dinners
  - These events happen once in the Fall Semester and once in the Spring Semester! The fall Neighborhood Dinner is dedicated to getting students acclimated to Elon, the LLC's in the Neighborhood, resources, and making connections. The Spring Neighborhood Dinner is in collaboration with Oaks Neighborhood and focuses on civic engagement, public service, and political engagement.
- Round the World Dinners
  - Once a semester, East students will have the opportunity to prepare a traditional meal from another culture that is represented at Elon. The Faculty Director will work with the GLC to partner and have conversations about international cultures.
- Leadership Lunches
  - Once a month the faculty director will host an Elon administrator, faculty/staff, or student leader to have lunch with East residents in McEwen. The guest will discuss their experiences with developing their own leadership and what skills and lessons that can impart to students.
- East Neighborhood Film Screening
  - Twice a semester, we will host a movie with campus partners to come in and have open dialogues regarding the movie.
- School SOCKS
  - This is an end of the year sendoff program where students can participate in low commitment service to their community through a donation of lightly used socks for a homeless shelter. There is food, games, music, fellowship, and reflection activities for students to participate in.

## Planned Calendar for Neighborhood Events 2022-2023 School Year

\*This calendar is an outline – additional events will be added or edited and during the year as needs arise. We are working to confirm times and locations to some events.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Event Description</b>
19-Aug	8:00am	Everywhere	MOVE-IN DAY	All the students move-in.
20-Aug			New Student Convocation, College Coffee	Introduces all new students to Elon University
21-Aug		Rhodes Stadium	Tailgate, Phoenix Soccer Game, Pep Rally	
21-Aug	10:00 pm - 2:00 am	East Quad	Late Night in the Neighborhood	
23-Aug	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Common spaces	Donut Stress	Donut drop off to help with first day of class stress
25-Aug	4:00pm-6:00pm	Young Commons	Fall Org Fair	A space to give students to see all the great clubs/organizations that Elon has to offer
26-Aug	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Intersection	Neighborhood BBQ	BBQ to welcome students to East neighborhood. Please engage with students and help run any activities during the event.
5-Sept	5:30pm-	LaRose Kitchen and Lounge	Overnight Oats	Join Xavier and the student staff for a fun overnight program that will help you get a great start to your day
8-Sept	3:00pm -6:00pm	Elon Student Care Open House	Open House Event	Join us for free stuff, outdoor games, and ice cream

8-Sept	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Intersection	Grow where you are planted	Join East Neighborhood to plant seeds and grow plants in your residence hall room
13-Sept	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Intersection	S'mores Outdoors	It's a time to interact with all residents in the East/Pavilion.
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8-Oct	All Day	LaRose Commons	Midterm Celebration	Show appreciation to all students and give them "I made it through midterms" certificates
18-Oct	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	2nd floor LaRose	Neighborhood Dinner	Great way to interact with students and ask how the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the semester going
22-Oct	4:30-6:00pm		Service Saturday w/ Kernodle	
10/23 - 10/28		East Neighborhood	Door Decoration Competition	Halloween Door decorating competition
28-Oct	7:00 PM	East Neighborhood	East Trick or Treat	Fun interactive event for faculty/staff's children to have a safe environment for Trick-or-Treating
8-Nov	8:00 PM	Moseley Center 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	Active Citizen Series: Night Watch Event	The Elon community is invited to watch live coverage of the 2022 election results

10-Nov	4:15pm	LaRose Student Commons	Active Citizen Series: After the Election Event	Faculty will help break down the major races and results from the midterm elections and help to make sense of what this means for politics going forward into 2023 and beyond
11-Nov	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Intersection	S'mores Outdoors	
12-Nov	TBD		Service Saturday w/ Kernodle	
16-Nov	4pm-6:30pm	LaRose Commons	fEASTgiving	
11/29 - 12/3	All Day	East Neighborhood	Clothing Drive for Allied Churches	
6-Dec	7:00pm	Intersection	Hot Chocolate	

End of Classes 12/2; Semester End 12/10

**JANUARY**

1/4/2023	N/A	East Neighborhood	Welcome Back Packs
1/10/2023	8:00pm	LaRose Student Commons	Open Mic Night

<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
2/1/2023	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Intersection	Grow Where You Are Planted
2/8/2022	5:30-6:30	LaRose Student Commons	Soup & Society
TBD	TBD	TBD	Black History Month Trivia with Oaks, CREDE, and SUB
2/20/2023	6:00pm	Intersection	S'mores Outdoors
<b>MARCH</b>			
3/1/2023	TBD	TBD	Round the World in East
3/8/2023	12:30 pm	Intersection	Destress with Desserts
3/10 - 3/20 Spring Break			
3/22/2023	7:00 pm	TBD	Neighborhood Dinner
3/25/2023	TBD	TBD	Service Saturday w/ Kernodle
<b>APRIL</b>			
4/3/2023	6:00 pm	LaRose Student Commons	Soup & Society
4/11/2023	6:00pm	Lindor Patio	S'mores Outdoors
4/12/2023	12:30 pm	McEwen	Leadership Lunch
4/22/2023	TBD	TBD	Service Saturday w/ Kernodle
<b>MAY</b>			
5/4/2022	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Intersection	School Socks
5/10/2023	2:00pm – 5:00pm	LaRose Student Commons	Study Jam with Historic
End of Classes 5/9; Commencement 5/19			