



Historic NEIGHBORHOOD

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, 2022-23

MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER

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NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Historic Neighborhood is located at the heart of Elon University. The Neighborhood features West Residence Hall, the oldest operational building on campus, which survived the devastating campus fire of 1923. When the Elon College campus was rebuilt and resumed full operations in 1926, the area now known as Historic Neighborhood was located at the center of campus. Here in Historic, we acknowledge our past, create our present, and ascend to a better and brighter future, just like the phoenix of lore. With over 600 first-year students in six residence halls, we welcome the ingenuity and initiative of our newest Elon students as they write the next chapter of our history. Their stories—and our histories—begin with the strong social and intellectual connections they make here. We unite under the theme **Make History Together** to recognize that students begin their legacy in their first year. This theme is supported by planned outcomes that align with the objectives of our neighborhood events and activities.

Together, we *write* our story. Together, we *make* history.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES

The Historic Neighborhood outcomes are focused on developing individual capacity and fostering collective experiences. The three overarching outcomes are:



1. GROWTH

In Historic, students engage in programs that foster their intellectual and social growth.

Learning outcomes include:

- **Understanding identities**, both one's own and those of others
- **Discovery** of new and promising opportunities for individual growth
- The meaning of **scholarship** and **research** and how these fit into their plans

- Support for **advancement opportunities** in academic pursuits
- Recognizing the power of **mentorship** in their personal and professional development

2. WELLBEING

First-year students experience independence for the first time in their lives and often struggle with maintaining their health and wellness.

Learning outcomes include:

- Utilize **the ABC model for wellness** in this outcome with a particular focus on the unique wellbeing
- **Discovery physical** healthy habits through exercise, yoga, and partnerships with Campus Rec
- **Connect** with Elon counseling services to focus on mental health awareness

3. COMMUNITY

We strive to develop a sense of community in our neighborhood. Students will be encouraged to attain these developmental outcomes:

- Develop a greater sense of **empathy** for others
- **Connect** across campus through neighborhood and campus partners
- **Get involved** in student-led programs and initiatives
- **Support one another** by celebrating the efforts of peers, athletes, performers, and scholars
- **Make a difference** through volunteer work and civic events

This outcome is not limited to our geographic footprint. Our planned programs will introduce students to the wealth of social, cultural, and intellectual resources at Elon and throughout the surrounding region.

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

The First Six Week Programs will include community programming where students can make connections within the Historic Neighborhood and the vibrant Elon campus community. Programming includes bonding activities to help students connect, campus involvement opportunities, and an exploration of the neighborhood theme, outcomes, and traditions.

First Six-Weeks Programming Plan: *Elon Survival Guide*

Week 1:

How to get Involved at Elon: Take the residents over to the **Involvement Fair** and help find ways for them to build community outside of their residence hall

Week 2:

Laundry FAQ: Passive program with helpful info graphics

Week 3:

Planting Seeds of Goals: Student will come and learn about SMART goals and pot new plants as a reminder of their growing goals.

Week 4:

Drinking FAQ: Passive program with helpful info graphics

Week 5:

Baes and Bagels: Come talk about how to have healthy relationships with your romantic partner, roommate and family!

Week 6:

Tye-DyVersity: Students will come to learn about their big 8 identities and tie-dye material with colors coordinating with the identities they are most proud of.

The Neighborhood will produce at least one event each week for the first six weeks through partnerships and initiatives that are structured to meet our outcomes. The most successful past events have included strong student leadership, and we will continue to build on this emerging tradition of connecting student mentors with first year students. Our neighborhood traditions such as Open Mic Night and Paint n' Sip are examples of programs we will also have during the first six weeks.

Annual Traditions for Historic Neighborhood are as follows:

- **Elon Survival Guide:**
 - During the first six weeks, the neighborhood will host programs that focus on how to have a successful college experience.
- **Neighborhood Dinners:**
 - Twice a semester, the Community Director in partnership with the RAs will host two neighborhood dinners. One of the neighborhood dinners will take place under the Oaks in hopes to target residents living in West, Virginia, and Sloan Halls. The second neighborhood dinner will occur on the HBB Basketball court in order to target students living in Hook/Brannock/Barney, Smith, and Carolina Hall.
- **Open Mic Night**
 - Twice a semester, we will host an Open Mic night to allow the students in Historic and surrounding neighborhoods the opportunity to express themselves in creative ways such as singing, dancing, poetry, etc.

- **Historic Block Party**
 - At the end of the Spring semester, Historic Neighborhood will host a block party in the neighborhood to celebrate the end of their first year. The event will include food trucks, games, and different activities to engage students to celebrate all their accomplishments.
- **Study Jam**
 - At the end of the fall semester, students will have the opportunity to go to LaRose for a quiet place to study and prepare for exams. Snacks and study materials will be provided.
- **Male initiatives:**
 - Twice a semester, we will have two male initiatives that focus on the providing programming for the men in Smith and the general male population in Historic. Some of those programs will include a watch night of either the Superbowl or a UFC Fight.

Planned Calendar for Neighborhood Events

(Note: all events are subject to change, and new events will be added.)

August		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday, August 19	New Student Move In	Historic Neighborhood
Friday, August 19	Neighborhood Welcome	Alumni Gym
Tuesday, August 23	First Day of Classes (Fall)	
Wednesday, August 24	Historic Hype!!	Outside LaRose Commons
Thursday, August 25	Student Org. Fair	TBD
Monday, August 29	Paint n' Cream	LaRose Commons
Wednesday, August 31	Laundry FAQ	LaRose Commons
September		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
TBD	Common Book Reading Discussion w/ Faculty Director	LaRose Commons
TBD	3D Print an Acorn	Elon Downtown Maker Hub
TBD	Trivia Night with History Department	TBD
Tuesday, September 6	Planting Seeds of Goals	LaRose Commons
Thursday, September 15	Drinking FAQ	LaRose Commons
Tuesday, September 20	Bae Goals and Bagels	LaRose Commons

Monday, September 26	Tye-DyVersity	LaRose Commons
Tuesday, September 27	Open Mic Night	LaRose Commons
October		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday, October 7	Under the Oaks Dinner (West, Virginia, & Sloan)	Under the Oaks
Monday, October 10	Dessert Discussions (Voting)	LaRose Commons
October 12-16	Fall Break	
Monday, October 24	Pumpkin Carving (SNA & Eco Rep)	LaRose Commons
Thursday, October 27	Historic Hysteria (SNA) w/ karaoke	LaRose Commons
November		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tuesday, November 1	TBD	TBD
Tuesday, November 8	Open Mic Night	LaRose Commons
Friday, November 11	LaRose Neighborhood Dinner (Smith, Carolina, & HBB)	LaRose Commons
November 18-28	Thanksgiving Break	
Monday, November 28	Historic Clothing Drive (Sustainability Office, Kernodle Center, and East)	TBD
December		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Thursday, December 1	Historic Holiday Party w/ karaoke	LaRose Commons
Friday, December 2	Last Day of Classes (Fall)	
Friday, December 2	Study Jam with East	TBD
TBD	Trivia Night with History Department	TBD
January		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tuesday, January 3	First Day of Classes (Winter)	
Wednesday, January 4	Welcome Back Packs	LaRose Commons
Tuesday, January 10	Open Mic Night w/ East	LaRose Commons
Monday, January 23	Last Day of Classes (Winter)	

Monday, January 30	First Day of Classes (Spring)	
February		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Thursday, February 9	Dessert Discussions	LaRose Commons
Monday, February 13	Spring Global/Historic Dinner Collaboration	TBD
Tuesday, February 14	Candy Grams w/ SNA	LaRose Commons
Tuesday, February 21	Black History Trivia Night	TBD
March		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Wednesday, March 1	Elon Day Paint n' Cream	LaRose Commons
March 10-20	Spring Break	
Wednesday, March 22	SNA Neighborhood Dinner	TBD
Thursday, March 30	Spring into Sophomore Year (SPDC, Academic Advising, and Registrar's office)	LaRose Commons
Date TBD	Body Positivity Program	LaRose Commons
April		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tuesday, April 4	Open Mic Night	LaRose Commons
Wednesday, April 19	Earth Day (Sustainability Office)	LaRose Commons
May		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Program/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Monday, May 8	Neighborhood Block Party	LaRose Commons
Wednesday, May 10	Reading Day	
Friday, May 19	Commencement	