

Station at Mill Point and Crest Apartments Neighborhood Plan 2022-2023



Station at Mill Point Neighborhood Description

The Station at Mill Point Neighborhood is home to juniors and seniors who live in 4-person apartments in 24 buildings. Situated close to campus, the neighborhood offers an independent living experience with all the benefits of living and learning at Elon University. Within the neighborhood, residents uphold institution, department and community standards through building adult life skills, engaging in meaning making and exploring what life after Elon will look like. The Station at Mill Point Neighborhood pays homage to the original train station that once occupied the corner of Trollinger and Williamson Ave. During the late 1880's, the train station served as the distribution point for many of the mills around the area. Natives and the North Carolina Railroad System called that station "Mill Point."

Crest Neighborhood Description

The Crest Neighborhood is considered an on-campus housing option for students but is not officially owned by Elon University. This neighborhood mainly houses sophomore students and has a large population of student athletes. With four different buildings, Crest houses around 160 students. This neighborhood has many amenities such as a clubhouse, on-site parking, and outdoor grills and seating areas. As sophomores are still getting into their groove of college, the neighborhood theme for Crest will be meaning/sense making. Students will work on adjusting to college life through their many commitments and more challenging courses, engaging in meaning/sense making for their place locally and internationally, and work to plan for the rest of their college career.

Neighborhood Themes and Outcomes

Station Neighborhood Theme: Preparing Students for “Life After Elon”

The Station at Mill Point Neighborhood programs and initiatives pay close attention to preparing students for success upon graduation. Students could be pursuit of a career, gap year experience, a fellowship, or onto professional/graduate school. This happens with career and community development, along with “Life After Elon” programming, done in connection with our various campus partners.

Within the overarching theme of “Preparing Students for Life After Elon” there are three sub-themes that appear in which the Station at Mill Point Neighborhood Staff will set as priority while utilizing the Community Development Model.

➤ **Adult Skill Building:**

Station at Mill Point Neighborhood residents are in various stages of their Elon journey. Some are learning to live independently, preparing for/returning from study away experiences, conducting undergraduate research, taking on leadership positions, working internships, engaging in intellectually challenging concepts within their majors, and much more. Much of the “Life After Elon” theme and adult skill building seeks to enhance student engagement with those outside of the immediate Elon University Community and well as get them ready to be adults post-graduation.

➤ **Becoming a Young Alum:**

The Station at Mill Point Neighborhood develops a significant portion of programming in partnership with the Student Professional Development Center. Such partnership creates a focus around networking, adult skill building and meaning/sense making. Therefore, the Station at Mill Point Neighborhood will strategically work with our campus partners and greater alumni network to foster a meaningful living and learning experience for our students as they prepare to become young alumni.

➤ **Meaning/Sense Making:**

Station at Mill Point Neighborhood will integrate reflective practices to allow space for students to make meaning of their experiences as an Elon student. Here, students will work to make sense of their experiences as they continue to form their own internal voice to direct their actions, purpose and long-term management of life (Magolda, 2009). In the end, these skills and practices will carry with them into their life after Elon.

Crest Neighborhood Theme: Meaning/ Sense Making

Crest neighborhood is made up of primarily sophomore students. These students have chosen to find an apartment on campus and are looking for more independent living. This neighborhood is situated the farthest from main campus which presents a challenge to some in how connected they feel to campus and other students. The theme of Meaning/Sense making is geared towards helping Crest students find their place on Elon's campus and find their passions in life. This theme will be supported through informal and formal programming. Programs such as "Walk and Talk" will provide students the space to talk with faculty/staff/other students about their passions in life, future plans, involvement in Elon, etc. Programs such as "You Belong and Matter" will provide students the opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge of the support services we have on campus to further help them discover who they are at Elon and in the world.

Neighborhood Learning Outcomes

The Station at Mill Point Neighborhood Learning Outcomes exists to provide guidance to all programming efforts.

1. Strengthen their professional identities and articulate the culmination of their undergraduate experiences to make them better prepared for post-graduate endeavors
2. Interact with the greater Elon community and receive applicable resources from community partners
3. Remain connected with Elon University after graduation through the Alumni Engagement Office
4. Gain practical knowledge and skills about life after college such as making healthy lifestyle choices, managing personal finances, and other related responsibilities
5. Develop interpersonal skills by living in community with others

Crest Neighborhood Learning Outcomes centers around the theme of Meaning/Sense Making. These outcomes will be facilitated through programming throughout the year.

1. Develop a sense of belonging on Elon's Campus
2. Gain a deeper understanding of the campus and community resources they have access to in discovery their place in the world
3. Identifying a passion area, they have in life which may turn into a future job or community service opportunity

Community Development

First Six Weeks for both Station and Crest

Date	Day and Time	Neighborhood	Name of Event	Location
8/23	Tuesday 9am-11am	Station	FDOC Treats	S. Williamson Entrance
	Tuesday 2pm-4pm	Crest	FDOC Treats	Crest Sidewalk
8/26	Friday 6-8pm	Station & Crest	Welcome Event	Depot & Clubhouse
9/1	Thursday 7-8pm	Station	Walk and Talk	Start at Depot
9/6	Tuesday 6-8pm	Station & Crest	CreStation Party	Depot Pool
9/15	Thursday 7-8pm	Crest	Walk and Talk	Start at Clubhouse
9/21	Wednesday 6-8pm	Station	Planting Seeds for a Good Year	Community Garden
9/27	Tuesday 7-8pm	Crest	Game Night	Clubhouse

Ongoing program

Walk and Talk

- To promote healthy living, every month there will be a walk and talk event. This will be a time where students can join to have a fun conversation, talk amongst their peers about their classes, work, etc. This event will also be a way for guest speakers to come and speak with students

Fireside Chats

- Sometimes coming to enjoy some hot chocolate near a fireplace is the perfect way to end a day. These monthly events will take place in the winter months at the Mill Point Depot fireplace. I will work with the students to identify topics or adult skill building they would like to cultivate within themselves. I will also work with

students to identify beloved faculty like would like to host for a fireside chat to talk about their life after graduation and how they started out as a working professional.

Game Night

- A classic unwind night will be filled with friends, food, and fun. Monthly we will work to have a game night each month in the Crest clubhouse. This will be board games,

Annual Traditions

CreStation - FALL

- In working to combine the neighborhoods of Crest and Station, we will work to have a day of fun for both neighborhoods. There will be food trucks in the Crest parking lot during the late afternoon and then a pool party at Station (barring if the pool is open). If the pool is not open, we will have lots of pool party games out on the sidewalk. Pool party games will include limbo, chalk, hula hoop contest, corn hole, popcorn machine, ice pops/ice cream

Life After Elon- SPRING

- Cate Lesourd is an Elon graduate, and she recently wrote a book about life after Elon for her. It is called [Coming of Age](#). She writes candidly about her experience and the trials and tribulations she went through. I would like to see about the potential to partner with Alumni Engagement to bring her to campus and speak with students. This could be in partnership with Oaks to captivate our Juniors and Seniors across campus.
 - This could also be a book club series for students to read leading up to a spring event with Cate.

Calendar of Programs

Fall 2022 Programs

Date	Day of Week	Neighborhood	Name of Event	Location
October TBD	Thursday	Station	Graduate/Professional School Fair	*determined by SPDC
October 11	Tuesday	Station	Paint and Cream	Depot
October 18	Tuesday	Crest	You Belong and Matter	Clubhouse
October 25	Tuesday	Crest	Food Truck Rodeo	Crest Sidewalk
November 8	Tuesday	Crest	Painting your Passions	Clubhouse
November 15	Tuesday	Station	Taco Tuesday (with dining)	Depot Kitchen
December		Station & Crest	Finish Strong (informal program)	Depot & Clubhouse

Spring 2023 Programs

Date	Day of Week	Neighborhood	Name of Event	Location
January		Station & Crest	Fireside Chat (x2)	Depot
February 7	Tuesday	Station	Are you ready to Graduate?	Depot
February 14	Tuesday	Crest	Spread the Love	Clubhouse
February 21	Tuesday	Crest	Game Night	Clubhouse
March 7	Tuesday	Station	Fireside Chat (with dining)	Start at Clubhouse
March 21	Tuesday	Crest	Planting Seeds of Goals	Clubhouse
March 28	Tuesday	Crest	Game Night	Clubhouse
April TBD		Station (partner with Oaks)	Coming of Age Event	Oakhouse
April 6	Thursday	Crest	Walk and Talk	Start at Clubhouse
April 18	Tuesday	Crest	Constellation of Mentors	Clubhouse
April 25	Tuesday	Station	Graduation Station	Depot
May 2	Tuesday	Crest	End of Year Party	Clubhouse