

Life in Elon and Burlington

“Elon is a beautiful town located in Alamance County in the Piedmont area of Central North Carolina and the home of Elon University. Elon is a town that is rich with history and small-town charm, but is also a progressive community and a great place to call home.”¹ The town is conveniently located less than an hour from both Greensboro and Raleigh/Durham, two hours from Charlotte, four hours from the beach, and two hours from prime ski locations.

“Currently, Elon covers 4.5 square miles and has a population of 7,300 residents. This includes town residents and students living on and off campus within the town. An alliance of town employees, Board of Aldermen, and elected officials manages Elon’s operations, projects and beautification, which will keep it a major contender for growth and prosperity well into the 21st century.”²

Bordering the town of Elon is the city of Burlington. “A city rich in history, [it] is governed under a Council-Manager format that provides services to the City's nearly 50,000 residents.”³ It is a city rich in history as “Alamance County, where Burlington is located, is the site of several skirmishes that were part of the American Revolution. These include the War of the Regulation, which took place prior to the actual Revolution, when citizens rebelled against the corrupt British Colonial Government, the Battle of Lindley's Mill, the Battle of Clapp's Mill, and Pyle's Defeat.”⁴ It also boasts a carousel in City Park dating back to the early 1900s. Burlington is the home of the Burlington Royals baseball club of the Appalachian League. It is also home to the Burlington Athletic Stadium famous for being the set for various scenes in the movie Bull Durham.

Burlington hosts the headquarters for various prosperous companies such as LabCorp; one of the largest clinical laboratory companies in the world, which is based in Burlington. The company is Alamance County’s largest employer. Honda Aero, a subsidiary of Honda, Biscuitville, and Gold Toe Brands are other companies based in the city.⁵

The city is rich in shops and restaurants. A drive down Huffman Mill Road showcases the wide variety of restaurants to choose from ranging from fast food to higher end dining options. The city has various prosperous mom-pop businesses popular with the locals such as Smitty’s Ice Cream, Vesuvio's Pizzeria and Hursey’s Barbeque, to name a few.

¹ *Town of Elon, North Carolina*. (2008). Retrieved May 6, 2009, from <http://www.elonnc.com/>

² History of Elon. (2008). *Town of Elon, North Carolina*. Retrieved May 6, 2009, from <http://www.elonnc.com/history/default.asp>

³ *City of Burlington, North Carolina*. (n.d.). Retrieved May 6, 2009, from <http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/>

⁴ Early History. (n.d.). *Burlington, North Carolina*. Retrieved May 6, 2009, from Wikipedia Web site: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington,_North_Carolina

⁵ *Burlington, North Carolina*. Retrieved May 6, 2009, from Wikipedia Web site: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington,_North_Carolina