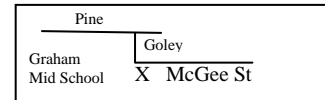


Information Sheet And FAQ



The *City of Graham* Appearance Commission has vacancies for several members of the commission. With a full component of 13 members and 2 City staff, we currently have four vacancies to fill.

The meetings are held the third (3rd) Monday of each month in the Civic Center (503 McGee Street), at 7:00 pm.



Invitations are being extended to members of the Graham Community who want to serve on the Commission. The meetings are open meetings and anyone who lives in Graham is invited to attend.

The recent Arbor Day Event was held April 27, 2011 and celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Graham being a Tree City USA. We planted trees at Graham Middle School with the 6th graders. If you would like to see how well the trees are doing drive by the Graham Middle School walking trail on Pine and you should be able to spot the small trees that are planted near the walking trail. Several Crape Myrtles were planted along the street at Pine and Goley Street.

Check out what other commissions around North Carolina and the U.S. are involved in!!!

City of Winston Salem, NC

- Adopt a Flower Bed Program – a new program in 2008 in which groups are asked to “adopt” city right of way beds and maintain them by weeding, planting, collecting litter, etc.
- Adopt a Street Program – groups “adopt” a stretch of a city street by cleaning it up every 2 months. In 2008 there were over 60 groups with adopted streets.

City of Hopkinsville, KY

- Yard-of-the-Month Award – awarded in April, May, June, July, August, September and October.

City of Bedford, TX

- Beautification Commission Awards - to businesses and residential areas that keep the city beautiful.
- Recommends to City landscaping projects for right-of-ways and city property.
- Volunteer recycling – includes recycling promotion and education.

Glen Cove, NY

- Hosts a “Mid-Summer Cleanup” make the community “clean, green and litter free!”

Pine Knoll Shores, NC

- The commission strives to assure that any proposed new construction or development makes effective use of existing terrain and environment

Kernersville, NC

- Kernersville Community Appearance Commission has an annual awards breakfast. The commission recruits groups to volunteer to maintain plants and freshen key flower beds around Kernersville.
- The Alderman Award is for recognizing outstanding commercial properties.
- Awards are made in the name of prominent members, current and past of the City.

Shelby, NC

- To initiate, promote and assist in the implementation of programs of general community beautification in the municipality.
- To formulate and recommend to City Council the adoption or amendment of ordinances that will serve to enhance the appearance of the city.
- Beautification awards to businesses and residences in the spring and fall of the year.

York, PA

- Daffodil Dig – A two-season community event will bring hundreds of volunteers out to plant daffodil bulbs in the fall, and out again in the spring to celebrate the results.
- Other events include: Gateway enhancement projects; programs and tools to help owners improve their properties; celebrate placemaking sites; green the cityscape; embellish the city with arts and light; create a quality walking environment; promote in-city and downtown living; abolish the eyesores, etc.

Statesville, NC

- "Initiate, promote and assist in the implementation of programs of general community beautification in the city."
- The Mayor's Cup is given annually to the owner of the location which has most improved the appearance of the City of Statesville in the past year.
- Annually hosts the Annual Garden Tour. The public has the opportunity to tour some of the most pristine gardens in Statesville.
- Annual appearance awards
- <http://www.statesvilleappearance.org/>

Join us on the Third Monday of the month.

Bring your beautification ideas and be ready to help us plan for 2011 and beyond.

If you need **More Information** please contact the following:

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If you already know you want to be a part of the commission, complete an application by downloading it at the link for “volunteer application” on the Boards and Commissions homepage. <http://www.cityofgraham.com/boards/> or pick up a copy from the City Clerk.