

CITY GRAM

Spring 2012



NEW RECYCLING CARTS FOR THE CITY

The City of Graham has contracted with Waste Industries Inc. for recycling service that will feature new roll-out carts. The new carts will have a 95 gallon capacity versus the current 22 gallon capacity and will resemble the garbage carts that are currently in use. The increased capacity and convenience of the new carts is estimated to boost the amount of recycled materials collected and the overall participation in the City's Recycling Program. There is no charge for the initial cart and the carts will remain the property of the City. Carts will be delivered to households in June with the first scheduled pickup day in July.



CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Graham City Council invites you to take a more active role in municipal affairs by applying for membership on one of the City's advisory boards or commissions. If you have an interest in public service and possess the desire to serve the City of Graham in such a capacity, this is your opportunity to express this interest and to contribute to the betterment of the City. The following Boards and Commissions currently have vacancies:

-Planning & Zoning Board
-Appearance Committee
-Historic District Commission



Graham residents interested in appointment to any of the above listed boards and commissions should submit an application of interest to the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253. Applications are available at City Hall or on our website at www.cityofgraham.com, click on "City Government" then "Boards and Commissions" then "Volunteer Application" under "Related Links".

Take Advantage of Electronic Billing and Payment Options

The City of Graham offers the following electronic bill delivery & payment options for the convenience of water bill customers:

Paperless E-Billing: Receive your monthly statement faster & securely in your e-mail. You can save the file on your computer or within your financial software for recordkeeping.

Online Bill Pay and Account Management: Update your account information, track usage and payment history, view your account balance and make monthly payments directly through the City's secure online bill payment option.

Bank Draft Auto Pay: Trouble remembering due dates or getting that payment in on time resulting in late penalties? Let the City handle the work and worry for you by enrolling in Bank Draft Auto Pay.

Your Own Bank's Online Bill Pay: The City of Graham participates with most banks to ensure timely delivery of online bill payments through an automated process. Payments are delivered from your bank to the City via electronic transactions in 1-2 business days. If you have any questions, please call 336-570-6700 for more information.



FOG



Below is a list of things residents should do to keep FOG (Fats, Oils, & Grease) out of your household plumbing and the city's sewer system.

- Never pour Fats, Oils, and Grease down the sink drain or toilet.
- Place Fats, Oils, Grease, and Food Scraps into a container and after cooling, dispose of them in your garbage.
- Do not put food scraps down the garbage disposal as this only shreds them into smaller pieces and does not prevent grease from going down the drain.
- Use a strainer in your sink to catch food scraps.

Please follow these recommendations to help insure that your drain pipes remain "FAT FREE", which is a healthy diet for the sewer system.

Graham Recreation & Parks

Graham Recreation & Parks now offers online registration at www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com
Questions? Call the Graham Recreation and Parks Department at 570.6718.

SUMMER ATHLETICS PROGRAM 2012

Fall Outdoor Soccer—June 4th—July 6th— Boys & Girls ages 4-17.

Tackle Football—June 4th—July 6th—Boys & Girls ages 6-12.

Youth Football Camp—June 4th—June 22nd— Boys & Girls 6-12.

Biddy & T-Ball: Ages 4-5

Beginner Pee wee: Age 6 (Basketball, Baseball, Soccer)

Pee wee: Ages 7-8

Mites: Ages 9-10

Midgets: Ages 11-12

Non Soccer Sports (Soccer = 11-13)

Intermediate: Ages 13-14

Baseball, Basketball (Soccer = 14-17)



For more information visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or call 336- 570-6718 for more information.

CATFISH & CARP TOURNAMENT: May 5, July 14, & September 8. For more detailed information about the tournaments please call 919-563-6544.

YOUTH FISHING DERBY: A kid's fishing derby will be held Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00-1:00 at the Graham Mebane Lake. The event is for children ages 4-15 and it will be free with lunch provided for youth participants. Prizes will be awarded! No fishing pole? No problem! There will be several there to use. Day of registration will be 8-8:30 am on June 2. Call 513-5510 for more information or register at the Graham Mebane Lake marina.



RUN FOR THE HAW!



Run for the HAW 5K/10K will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 8 a.m. For more detailed information please visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or call 336-513-5510.

Graham Walks is an opportunity for you, your friends and family to get some exercise. Morning walks are from 11:30-1pm. (Downtown Graham). Evening walks are from 5- 6pm at Bill Cooke Park. **Graham Walks** will be every Thursday from April 26th through May 31st. Regular participants will receive prizes after certain walking goals are met. For more information call Carlyn Sautter at 513-5510. www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com



HAW RIVER CANOE ACCESS: The Graham Recreation/Parks Dept. offers a canoe access to the Haw River at Highway 54 and Cooper Road. The access offers ample parking and a ramp down to the river for launching canoes and kayaks.

Graham/Mebane Lake

March-October

Mon. Wed.-Sat. Open Dawn-Dusk

Sunday Open 1pm-Dusk

November & February

Saturday Open Dawn-Dusk

Sunday Open 1 pm-Dusk

December & January - CLOSED

Call 919-563-6544

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT!

Have you ever wondered where storm drains carry water when it's raining? Well, the City and State maintain an extensive system of stormwater drains that carry water away from streets and property. The stormwater is not treated by the City, but is diverted to nearby waterways, eventually ending up in our streams and rivers. To help improve water quality remember these few simple rules:

*Never pour or dump anything down a storm drain & keep streets clean.
Dispose of trash properly& rake leaves and debris away from storm drains.*

COMMUNITY CAMPFIRES:



Come explore the parks of Graham during our Community Campfire events! FREE to the public! S'mores and hot chocolate will be available while supplies last.
Friday, March 9, 7-8 pm at Bill Cooke Park at 1010 Townbranch Road.
Friday, April 13, 7-8 pm at South Graham Park at 1609 Rogers Road.
Visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or call 336-513-5510 for more information.

ALAMANCE COUNTY'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



It will be held April 21st from 8 am—1 pm. The location is at the Burlington Fire Training Facility. The address is 100 Stone Quarry Road Haw River near the Burlington Animal Shelter. This year they are accepting more than just paint related materials & pesticides! This includes the following:

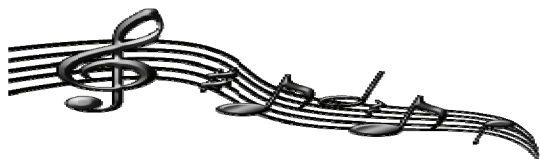
*Household cleaners, drain openers, oven cleaners
Brake fluid, antifreeze, used motor oil (5 gal. limit)
Filters, gasoline, weed killers, aerosols, poisons
Acids, bases, kerosene, batteries, fluorescent tubes
Photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, mercury
Solvents, thinners, shellacs, sealers, varnishes
Sealers, wood preservatives*

Latex & oil based paint, spray paint

For more information please call the Alamance County Landfill at (336) 376-8902.

THURSDAY AT SEVEN Downtown Graham 7-9pm

MAY 24	THE HOLIDAY BAND
JUNE 28	THE MASON LOVETTE BAND
JULY 26	THE CAROLINA BREAKERS
AUG. 23	THE CATALINAS
SEPT. 27	THE HIP POCKET



SANITATION DEPT. NEWS & NOTES JUST A REMINDER OF ITEMS NOT COL- LECTED BY THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT:

Building Materials/Home Improvement, Logs, Contractor Waste, Stumps, Masonry, Rock, Dirt, Tires, Liquids, Batteries, Auto Parts, Concrete, Sealed Containers, Hazardous Waste, Paint, Lawnmowers, TV, Computers & Electronics. Disposal of these items is the sole responsibility of the property owner or occupant. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions feel free to call the Sanitation Department at 570-6709.

SPRING COST: Spring is here and our attention turns to outdoor chores of house and yard maintenance. Each year spring brings out individuals preying on the trusting homeowners with unbelievable promises and prices for fixing up your house, your yard and even your driveway. **REMEMBER, IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!!!** Don't be fleeced out of your money; be cautious of individuals soliciting work door to door. Always ask for references, the work to be done needs to be in writing along with the exact amount to be paid. NEVER front money or make a partial payment before work is completed. If you become suspicious of an offer to perform work, don't be pressured into going against your good sense, as it may cost you. Call the Graham Police Department, 570-6711, and we will assist you in any way possible.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS! Preparation for any type of severe weather means having a disaster plan and an emergency supply kit assembled in a location that is easy to locate during an emergency. More information on all emergency preparedness is available for you at www.ReadyNC.org. Take time now to get ready. Be prepared to respond quickly when severe weather threatens!

With warmer temps just around the corner, let us remind our City of Graham residents the importance of cleaning up after your pets. It is unlawful to not

clean up after your pet on any street, sidewalk or publicly owned park. Dog waste is raw sewage and carries many harmful microorganisms that can be transmitted from pet waste to humans.



The solution is safe and easy: Bring a bag on your walk, scoop it, bag it and place it in the trash. Let's all do our part in keeping Graham safe and clean!



HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012, GOOD FRIDAY:

There will be no garbage collection on Friday April 6. Friday routes will be collected on Monday, April 9.

Monday, May 28, 2012, Memorial Day collection will follow regular schedule.

Wednesday, July 4, 2012, Independence Day. No garbage collection. Wednesday & Thursday routes will be collected Thursday, July 5th.

Monday, September 3, 2012, Labor Day collections will follow the regular schedule

RECYCLING SCHEDULE:

APRIL	4TH	18TH
MAY	2ND	16TH 30TH
JUNE	13TH	27TH
JULY	11TH	25TH
AUGUST	8TH	22ND
SEPTEMBER	5TH	19TH



Set recyclables at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. Place bins at least 5 feet from garbage containers. Put recyclables in your bin or brown paper bags only. All cardboard must be completely flattened and no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. Any questions call TFC Recycling at 336-222-8465 or 919-957-8803.

WATCH OUT FOR CRITTERS!

Summer's almost here and its time to pull the lawnmower out of the back of the tool shed! With the long summer days can come tall grass and weeds which create breeding grounds for mosquitoes, rodents, snakes, and more. If you know of a yard or vacant lot that is overgrown and needs to be mowed, (wooded lots not included) please call Darcy Sperry, Zoning Enforcement Officer, at 570-6705.



THERE WILL BE AN ARBOR DAY EVENT THIS YEAR. PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION AS THE DATE HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED.



***The City Gram* provides residents with information concerning City happenings. Comments or questions may be made to Frankie Maness, City of Graham, PO Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253 or call 336-570-6700.**

GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL

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***It's time... to talk about it."* April is Sexual Assault**

Awareness Month According to CrossRoads, there were 255 new cases of child maltreatment and 72 new adult sexual assault cases in Alamance County in 2010-2011. Nationally, every two minutes someone in the US is a victim of sexual assault. To make a report of child abuse, call your local police and contact the Department of Social Services at (336) 229-2908. If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual violence, you can call CrossRoads' 24- hour crisis line at (336) 228-0360 or go to www.CrossroadsCares.org for more information on resources such as free and confidential counseling, child medical exams, advocacy, education and community awareness.

INTERNET SAFETY CLASS

The Graham Police Department is offering an Internet Safety Class April 25th from 7:00—8:00 p.m. at the Graham Police Department at 316 S. Maple Street. This is open to the public and is free of charge. There will be light refreshments served.

