

CITY GRAM



Fall 2013

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF GRAHAM !!



Graham is updating its comprehensive plan — the *City of Graham Growth Management Plan 2000-2020*. The GMP guides future growth and development in the city. The city uses this comprehensive plan to help make decisions about land use, transportation, utilities, public services and more. Stay informed and involved!

- ◆ **Get on the email distribution list** by sending your email address to mguilbeau@cityofgraham.com
- ◆ **“Like” the City of Graham** on facebook
- ◆ **Visit the City’s webpage** at www.cityofgraham.com
- ◆ **Contact the City Planner** at 336-570-6705 or at City Hall at 201 S Main St.

July to September 2013

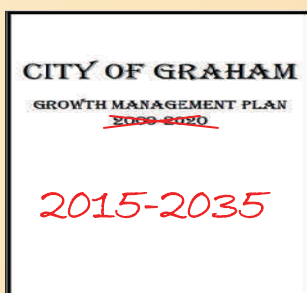
Initial public outreach at community events

October 2013 to early 2015

Prepare new plan assisted by a consultant
More public outreach

Early 2015

City Council adopts new *Growth Management Plan*



CITY OF GRAHAM LEAF COLLECTION

The City of Graham is ready to begin fall and winter leaf collection. Collection crews will begin on **Monday, October 28, 2013 thru Friday, January 31, 2014**. Residents are encouraged to use this **“loose leaf”** collection service because of landfill disposal regulations. **During this time, call-in service will not be available.**

Residents should pile loose leaves behind the curb or on the shoulder of streets without curb and gutter by 8:00 a.m. in order to ensure collection. Leaves should not be piled in the street, drainage ditches, or over water meters. Leaves which contain gravel, glass, or other solid matter will not be collected. Should more frequent leaf collection be desired, residents are required to place leaves in suitable containers and set them out with their regular yard waste. **Bagged leaves will not be collected.**



Questions concerning leaf collection should be directed to the Sanitation Division at 570-6709 or 570-6710. **Please do not call requesting special pick-up, crews work set areas and schedules.**

SUNSHINE LIST

Anyone that would like to be notified regarding public meetings and notices can be added to the City’s “Sunshine List”. This is a group of individuals that have requested notification whenever one of the City’s boards or commissions is scheduled to meet. Individuals on the sunshine list will typically receive notice of special meetings, electronic agenda packets and press releases. For more information contact Abby Burgess at aburgess@cityofgraham.com.



Graham Recreation & Parks

Graham Recreation & Parks offers online registration at www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com
For Special Event information call (336) 513-5510. For athletic information call (336) 570-6718.

Community Campfire

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 October 11th, 7-8 pm at Bill Cooke Park (1010 Townbranch Road)

Friday November 8th, 7-8pm at South Graham Park (1609 Rogers Road). For more information call 336.513.5510 or visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com.



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

CLOSED December & January
Call 919-563-6544



FIRE AND ICE

Graham's outdoor synthetic ice skating rink will be back again this year! The rink opens on **December 7th through December 21st** and will be located on the lawn of the Alamance County Arts Council. Visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com for more information!



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL:

The Halloween Carnival will be held Wednesday, October 30th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. All children ages 13 and under are welcome to the FREE event. This event will be held at the Graham Recreation Center at 311 College Street. Please call 513-5510 for more information.



VARIOUS 2014 ATHLETIC PROGRAMS:

Spring Soccer Registration

January 6-February 7

\$15 for Graham Residents & \$30 for Non-Residents



Keep an eye out for Youth Baseball, Youth Softball and Youth T-Ball registrations in February 2014 (find more details on our website closer to registration time).

Contact Aaron Davis at (336) 570-6718 or visit our website at www.grahamrecreationandparks.com to register.

Graham Sports Hall of Fame

We are now accepting applications for potential inductees.

Nominees must have exemplified exceptional athletic achievement (Hall of Fame) or service (Hall of Honor) for at least ten years prior to the date of induction. The nominee's athletic achievements and contributions to sports must have been recognized over the area serving the Graham Community, enhancing the reputation of the Graham Community as well as themselves. The nominee must be of good character.

Nominations should be submitted by written letter to the Graham Hall of Fame Selection Committee, C/O Melody Wiggins, P.O. Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253. Letters should include the accomplishments of the individual and the statistical data and background upon which the recommendation is being made.

Please contact Carlyn Sautter at (336) 513-5510 or csautter@cityofgraham.com with any questions.

The next Graham Sports Hall of Fame banquet is scheduled to be held in April 2015.



GRAHAM CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013

10:00 AM. The parade sponsored by the Graham Area Business Association features local bands, floats, antique cars, various church and civic organizations, clowns and SANTA. For more information call 229-4221.



DON'T FEED THE GREASE GOBLIN!!!**DO:**

- Pour oil & grease in collection containers.
- Remove oil & grease from utensils, equipment & food preparation areas with towels & scrapers.
- Put food scraps in collection containers.
- Keep grease out of wash water

DO NOT:

- Pour grease & oils down the drain.
- Use hot water to rinse grease off the surfaces.
- Wash fryers, griddles, pots, pans and plates with water until grease and oil have been removed.



NC Stream Watch helps protect our most precious resource, our water, by removing litter and keeping an eye on water and stream bank conditions. The sooner clean-up crews can get to the site, the easier it is to minimize the impacts different types of pollution have on our waters. Anyone can form a Stream Watch group of two or more people. Start from scratch, or join an existing group. Learn to use bugs and simple chemical tests to learn how clean water is. For more information visit:

www.stormwatersmart.org/streamwatch.htm

Clean waterways are as important as safe neighborhoods. The quality of water in our streams affects the quality of life for all living things. Those in the best position to notice the signs of a stream's distress are its neighbors, the people who live along its banks or use its waters. The realization that local residents are best suited to keep an eye on their nearby waterways is what prompted North Carolina to begin Stream Watch.

RECYCLE CLOTHING, SHOES & OTHER TEXTILES

Drop off your used textiles in a Planet Aid bin. You'll reduce the amount of waste going to our landfill and have a tax deductible donation. The City is hosting three Planet Aid bins. The clothing, shoes and textiles that are collected by Planet Aid, a non-profit, are reused by individuals or recycled into other products, such as insulation and carpeting. For more information about Planet Aid, go to www.planetaid.org

**FLU SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING**

Don't let the bug catch you. It's that time again!!

Flu activity most commonly peaks in the U.S. in January or February. However, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue to occur as late as May. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine is designed to protect against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season. Getting the flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available each year is always a good idea and the protection you get from vaccination will last throughout the flu season. If you are sick with the flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading influenza to others. Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, clinics, health departments, pharmacies and college health centers, as well as by many employers and even in some schools. So take that first step and protect yourself by getting your flu shot early.



As of July 1, 2012, Alamance County banned home electronics from its landfill. The City of Graham Sanitation Department is not responsible for the collection of these items during the weekly curbside pickup. Residents can dispose of these items at the Alamance County Landfill or an e-waste recycling site.

Among the prohibited items are: Televisions, VCRs, Stereos, tape players, radios, fax machines, DVD players, CD players, telephones and rechargeable batteries, personal computers, desktops, servers, laptops, docking stations, automated typewriters, copy machines, CD-ROM drives, hard drives and modems, mobile phones, MP3 players, PDAs, portable handheld calculators and electronic games, uninterruptible power supplies, printed circuit boards, routers, power and network cables, network hubs, controllers switching boxes and telephone systems.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

It will be held October 19th from 8 am-1 pm. The location is at the Burlington Fire Training Facility at 100 Stone Quarry Rd. Haw River. They are accepting more than just paint related materials and pesticides, including: household cleaners, drain openers, brake fluid, antifreeze, filters, gasoline, batteries, pool chemicals, mercury, propane cylinders (grill & camp size only), weed killers, acids, oven cleaners, disinfectants, varnishes, thinners, fluorescent tubes, spray paint, latex and oil based paint. More information: 376-8902 or www.alamance-nc.com.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES

Thanksgiving Holidays : There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, November 28 & Friday 29. Wednesday & Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 27th. Friday routes will be collected Monday December 2.

Christmas Holidays: December 25, 26, 27, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. No garbage will be collected on these days. Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected on Tuesday, December 24. Thursday and Friday routes will be collected Monday December 30.

There will be no yard waste collection from December 23, 2013 through January 3, 2014.

New Year's Day: January 1, 2014, Wednesday. No garbage collection on Wednesday January 1, 2014. Wednesday and Thursday routes will be collected on Thursday January 2, 2014.



Remember to vote
Tuesday,
November 5th

ELECTRICAL SAFETY, SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- Use electrical devices safely to prevent fires. Extension cords must be rated for the power used by the device. Also, extension cords must never run inside walls or under rugs or furniture and should not be used as a long term solution.
- Never put clothing on lamps, as this can cause a fire. Also, never use lamps without shades as they might fall and start a fire.
- Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms are very important and significantly increase your chances of surviving a deadly home fire. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert scanning the air for fire and smoke.
- Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas, but being colorless, odorless, tasteless, and initially nonirritating, it is very difficult for people to detect. It is often produced by older motor vehicles and other gasoline powered tools, heaters, and cooking equipment. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be prevented by early detection with the use of household carbon monoxide detectors.

Recycling Schedule

OCTOBER	2nd	16th	30th
NOVEMBER	13th	27th	
DECEMBER	11th	26th	
JANUARY	8th	22nd	
FEBRUARY	5th	19th	
MARCH	5th	19th	

Set recyclables at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day. Place carts at least 5 feet from garbage containers, mailboxes, parked cars or other obstructions. All cardboard must be completely flattened and no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. Questions: Call Waste Industries 229-0525.



GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Graham Police will be hosting a R.A.D. (Rape, Aggression, Defense) class. Classes span 3 days and last 4 hours each day. These classes are free of charge.

The Police Department will soon be conducting surveys regarding Neighborhood Watch programs.

For more information please call Sgt. Jeff Hall at 336-570-6711 or email him at jhall@cityofgraham.com.

The City Gram provides residents with information concerning City happenings. Comments or questions may be sent to Martha Johnson, City of Graham, PO Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253 or call 570-6705.

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