

CITY GRAM

Spring 2014

The Future of Graham

Public Workshop

Tuesday, April 8
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Graham Recreation Center
311 College St, Graham

Help plan the future of Graham!

- Let us know what changes you would like to see in the future
- Give ideas on how to improve health in the community
- Share your opinion on current facilities and programs
- Learn about other community organizations



Centro La Comunidad

Workshop Agenda

6:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Open House

6:45 - 7:45 p.m. - Presentation and Small Group Exercises

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. - Open House

- Door prizes from Graham Soda Shop, Graham Cinema and Colonial Hardware
- Refreshments and child care (4+yrs) provided
- Información disponible en Español

For more information:

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2035
Comprehensive Plan

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.

RUN FOR THE HAW! 5K/10K

Saturday, May 10, 2014 - 8 am
Registration begins at 6:30am

The race starts at Apollo Field (Graham Middle)
401 Goley Street

Certified courses through downtown Graham
\$25 for the 5K & \$35 for the 10K before 4-25!
\$30 for the 5K & \$40 for the 10K the day of the race!

For more detailed information or to register
GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or call 336-513-5510



Spring Graham Walks

is an opportunity for you, your friends and family to get some exercise! Program is free.

THURSDAYS, April 24-May 29
11:30am-1:30pm - downtown
5- 6:30 pm - Bill Cooke Park.

Regular participants will receive prizes after certain goals are met. For more information call Carlyn Sautter at 336.513.5510.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Every Saturday in September
7:30 pm
Bill Cooke Park
1010 Townbranch Road
FREE

9/6 - Despicable Me 2 (PG)
9/13 - Frozen (PG)
9/20 - The Lego Movie (PG)
9/27 - Wizard of Oz (1939,G)

In case of rain, movies will be moved to Sunday. If it rains on Sunday, movie will be moved indoors to the Graham Recreation Center, 311 College St.

2014 Thursday at 7 Concert Series

4th Thursday, May—September, FREE!
W. Elm Street, Downtown Graham 7-9 pm

May 22 – The Holiday Band (rain date May 27)

June 26 – The Mason Lovette Band

July 24 – The Magnificents Band

August 28 – The Fantastic Shakers

September 25 – Hip Pocket Band

Don't forget about our First Friday Concert Series!
Visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com for more info!

2014 UPCOMING ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Youth Football Camp Registration: May 19th-July 7th
Fall Outdoor Soccer Registration: May 19th-July 11th
Tackle Football Registration: May 19th-July 18th
Youth Cheer (for Football) Registration: May 19th-July 18th

Contact Aaron Davis at (336) 570-6718 for more information. Visit our website at grahamrecreationandparks.com to register.



Graham Sports Hall of Fame

Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame nominations are now being accepted. Nominees must have exemplified exceptional athletic achievement (Hall of Fame) or service (Hall of Honor) at least 10 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.

You may mail letters of nomination to:
Graham Sports Hall of Fame
PO Drawer 357
Graham, NC 27253

Nominations are also being accepted online. Visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com and click on 'Graham Sports Hall of Fame' under the 'Special Events' section.

Graham/Mebane Lake Hours

March-October

Mon., Wed.-Sat. Open after Dawn-before Dusk
Sunday Open 1pm-before Dusk

Catfish Tournaments:

May 31st, June 28th, August 2nd.
The Entry fee is \$15.00 and sign up begins at 7:00 pm.
The tournament runs from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.

Youth Fishing Derby:

Saturday June 7th, 9am-1pm
FREE, Ages 4-15
Lunch will be provided for youth participants and prizes will be awarded! No fishing pole? We have several you can use on a first come first served basis.

Call 919-563-6544 for more information or visit the City of Graham website GrahamRecreationAndParks.com.

BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION AWARD The City of Graham Appearance Commission is proud to sponsor the annual *Business Beautification Award*. This is given to a Graham area business that improves & maintains the appearance of its exterior space. Landscape, lighting, window design & overall aesthetic quality are components considered when choosing the winner of this award. Additionally, finalists must be in good standing & in compliance of code, tax & all applicable city ordinances in order to be eligible. A review & nomination process is underway until April 30th & the winner will be chosen on May 19th. The Business Beautification Award will be presented at the City Council meeting on June 3.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GRAHAM!

Residents interested in maintaining and improving the beauty of Graham are invited to submit a volunteer application to serve on the **Graham Appearance Commission**. The City of Graham Appearance Commission is an advisory board appointed by the City Council. The Commission is charged with promoting, planning, advising and encouraging the citizens of Graham to participate in providing for an appreciation of aesthetic values. Appearance Commission Members serve four year terms. Additional information about this organization and the application can be found on the City of Graham website (Boards & Commissions) at www.cityofgraham.com.

City Now Offers Additional Payment Options for Water Bills

City of Graham water bills can now be paid at any CheckFreepay Payment Center location. Customers must present their payment stub or account number at any participating location. Local payment locations include:

- **FRIENDLY CHECKCASHING**
1001 B WEST MAIN STREET, HAW RIVER
- **K-MART #4961**
529 HUFFMAN MILL RD
- **SEARS**
350 HOLLY HILL MALL
- **THE SERVICE STATION**
1242 CHAPEL HILL ROAD
- **WAL-MART**
530 SO. GRAHAM-HOPEDALE ROAD
- **WAL-MART**
3141 GARDEN ROAD



Please be advised that CheckFreepay charges a transaction fee for this payment option. Customers should expect a processing time as outlined by the CheckFreepay vendor. For more information regarding payment centers or additional locations, please visit:

www.checkfreepay.com

GRAHAM COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, April 5

8:00am - 11:00am



Check-in will be held at the Graham Fire Department (201 S. Main Street) where participants can pick up reflective vests, trash bags and area clean-up assignments. Snacks and water will be provided.

Graham Community Cleanup Day is open to families, youth groups, service organizations and church groups. This event is a great way to contribute to the community and join the growing number of Graham residents working to make our city a prettier place to live.

For additional information, please contact the Graham Recreation & Parks Department at 336-513-5510 or email swi-matlmom@aol.com.

2014 Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, May 3rd 12:45pm- 3:00pm

Alamance Children's Museum
Outside courtyard entrance
217 S. Main Street

The Graham Appearance Commission and the Children's Museum of Alamance County are pleased to present the 2014 Arbor Day Celebration. An educational program will be presented by a North Carolina park ranger with hands-on activities for the kids. Also free loblolly pine tree seedlings will be given to everyone who stops by. Mayor Jerry Peterman will open the Arbor Day Celebration with the reading of a proclamation from the National Arbor Day Foundation designating Graham, NC as a *Tree City USA*.



If anyone would like to donate a tree or trees in honor or memory of someone they can contact Tim Covington at (336) 570-6709 and leave a message and he will get back with you and get the needed information to you. The cost is \$75.00 per tree.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES:

Friday, April 18, Good Friday

There will be no garbage collection on Friday, April 18. Friday routes will be collected on Monday, April 21.

Monday, May 26, Memorial Day

Collections will follow the regular schedule.

Friday, July 4, Independence Day

No garbage collection on Friday, July 4. Friday routes will be collected on Monday, July 7.

Monday, September 1, Labor Day

Collections will follow the regular schedule.

Be Stormwater Smart. The solution is simple: Keep damaging pollutants out of the streets, gutters, and ditches. Stormwater that flows through storm drainage systems, including ditches, is not treated at wastewater treatment plants. It drains *directly* into our lakes and streams. We invite all interested civic organizations, classrooms, scout and any other organization to participate in either storm drain stenciling or Stormwater SMART stream watch.

Storm drain stenciling: We'll give you a map and tools needed to paint messages on local storm drains.

Stream Watch: Lend a hand to restore your local waterways. Do a stream clean up of all trash and litter. All materials and supplies are provided by Stormwater SMART and the City of Graham.

Household hazardous waste collection will be Saturday April 12th from 8am-1pm rain or shine. The location is Burlington Fire Training Facility at 100 Stone Quarry Rd Haw River, NC. The cost is free and is for Alamance County residents only. For more information call 336-376-8902 or visit the website www.alamance-nc.com.

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".

Recycling Schedule

APRIL	2nd	16th	30th
MAY	14th	28th	
JUNE	11th	25th	
JULY	9th	23rd	
AUGUST	6th	20th	
SEPTEMBER	3rd	17th	
OCTOBER	1st	15th	29th
NOVEMBER	12th	26th	
DECEMBER	10th	24th	

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.



Just a friendly reminder that all City of Graham garbage containers must be placed at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on your scheduled day of collection and shall be removed promptly after being emptied. Recycling containers must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and shall be removed promptly after being emptied. No garbage/recycling containers of any kind shall remain upon any public street or any public lane or alley after the day of collection.

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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