

CITY GRAM



Fall 2014

Help plan the future of Graham!

The City's new comprehensive plan is almost done!

- Learn about the plan and how it impacts the city
- Preview the plan's goals and strategies and provide comments
- Let us know your ideas for goals or strategies that should be in the plan
- Let us know what our priorities should be for implementing the plan

The Future of Graham Public Workshop

Monday, November 17
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Graham Recreation Center
311 College St, Graham

*Refreshments and
child care provided*



For more information:
Melissa Guilbeau, City Planner
mguilbeau@cityofgraham.com
336-570-6705

Unable to make it? Visit our website to give your ideas
cityofgraham.mindmixer.com

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Graham is ready to begin fall & winter leaf collection. Collection crews will begin on **Monday, October 27, 2014 thru Friday, January 30, 2015.** Residents are encouraged to use this "loose leaf" collection service because of landfill disposal regulations. Residents should pile loose leaves behind the curb or on the shoulder of streets without curb and gutter. **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 by calling 570-6709 or 570-6710.

Please do not call requesting special pick-up:
Crews work set areas and schedules.

Graham Appearance Commission:

The *Commission* is looking for residents interested in contributing to their community. The Appearance Commission is an advisory board appointed by the City Council and is charged with promoting, planning, advising and encouraging the citizens of Graham to participate in providing for an appreciation of aesthetic values. The Commission organizes community programs such as the annual Arbor Day Celebration, City Cleanup Day, Memorial Tree Planting, the Christmas Storefront Decorating initiative and the Business Beautification Award. Serving as a volunteer of the Appearance Commission is a great opportunity to be involved in maintaining and improving the appearance of the City of Graham. For additional information, please contact Elaine Murrin, Chairman (770.316.3256) or complete an application form located on the City of Graham webpage.

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 10th, 7-8 pm at Bill Cooke Park (1010 Townbranch Road)

Friday November 14th, 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 8am– 5 pm
Sunday Open 1 pm-5 pm

CLOSED December & January

Call 919-563-6544



Downtown Graham Ice Rink

Graham's outdoor synthetic ice skating rink will be back again this year! The rink will be open **Dec. 6th through Dec. 21st**. Tickets will be on sale closer to the event date. Be sure to save the date and like "Graham Recreation and Parks Department" on Facebook to stay up to date!



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The Youth Halloween Carnival will be held Wednesday, October 29th 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 or visit our website for more info.



2015 UPCOMING ATHLETIC REGISTRATION DATES

Spring Outdoor Soccer: Jan 5 – Feb 6, 2015 (ages 4-17)

Youth Baseball: Feb 9 – March 6, 2015 (ages 6-14)

Youth Softball: Feb 9 – March 6, 2015 (ages 6-12)

Youth Tee Ball: Feb 9 – March 27, 2015 (ages 4-5)

Visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or stop by the Graham Recreation Center to register

All of the above registration fees are \$25 for Graham Residents and \$40 for Non-Residents. Please call 570-6718 or e-mail adavis@cityofgraham.com for more information.

The Graham Sports Hall of Fame Committee is excited to host the 2015 Hall of Fame Banquet on April 11, 2015.

2015 Graham Sports Hall of Honor Inductees
the late Harrison Jones
the late Wallace Steele

2015 Graham Sports Hall of Fame Inductees
Stuart Melvin and Jeremy Wyrick (team)
Mike Harden
Rod Cousin
Tim Jones

Visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com for more info!

Join us for a **FREE Community Health** talk with Dr. Tim Beshel on Wednesday, October 22nd at 12pm at the Graham Civic Center (503 McGee Street).

This month, we will be discussing how to "Eat to Decrease Your Pain AND Lose Weight." Community Healthy Talks are offered quarterly.

GRAHAM WALKS

Thursdays, September 18 through October 23

Downtown Graham: 11:30am-1:00pm
Bill Cooke Park (1010 Townbranch Road): 5-6:30pm

Program is **FREE** and open to all ages!
Incentives are awarded after certain walking goals are met.
GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or
336.513.5510 for more information.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD NC GRANT

The City of Graham Recreation & Parks Department has received a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation grant to help increase the amount of healthy options that are available to the public at their community and athletic events. This healthy initiative will help park users and ball game patrons to make the fit choice when engaging in or observing physical fitness.

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, & Grease down the sink drain or toilet.
- Place Fats, Oils, Grease, & Food Scraps into a container & 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.

RECYCLE YOUR LAWN: MOW IT HIGH, LET IT LIE!!

Did you know it is **illegal** to dump anything down a storm drain? This includes grass clippings and yard debris.

As grass clippings breakdown, they slowly release nutrients (nitrogen, potassium, & phosphorus) back into the soil. Nutrients fuel excessive uncontrolled growth of aquatic weeds and algae, and degrade water conditions.

Save money: Save money on irrigation costs & fertilizers

Conserve Water: Grass clippings are 75-85% water, quickly decompose and this returns moisture to the soil.

Reduce Waste: Divert yard waste from the landfill

Improve Appearance: Grass clippings result in a more

GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

The Graham Police Department wants YOUR input. Please take the time to complete a short, anonymous online survey to let us know how safe you feel in Graham and how you feel about our services. The completed surveys will be compiled for results and those results will be shared with the entire department. We will use this tool to address YOUR concerns that we may not be meeting. It will only take a few minutes, so do it TODAY! To access the survey, please go to our Facebook Page and look for the Survey Monkey tab. You may also go directly to the website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RV2S3FF> We sincerely appreciate your input. Thank you for all YOU do to help keep Graham safe!

Graham Police Department is also proud to announce that Dale Rone will be providing Victim Assistance for our agency. Dale is not a new face at GPD – he has been the smiling face at the front window for several years. His commitment to helping people & his positive attitude make him an outstanding choice for working with our crime victims. We are making sure that Dale has plenty of training & knowledge about how victims in Graham & Alamance County can receive services that reach beyond what our office can do for victims. Dale has embraced his new duties & is eager to help those in need. If you are a victim of crime or looking to help a friend who is a victim, contact him at 336-570-6711 or drone@cityofgraham.com.

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.

PREVENT HOME GARAGE FIRES!

Every year there are 6600 garage fires in homes that result in an average of 30 deaths, 400 injuries and approximately \$457 million in property loss. The leading cause of garage fires is electrical malfunction and this can be due to shorts in wires, damaged wires and overloading electrical outlets. Keep your home safe by following some easy tips: store oil, gasoline, paints, propane & varnishes in a shed away from your home, keep items that can burn away from appliances, plug only one charging appliance into an outlet, and don't use an extension cord when charging any appliances.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

It will be held October 18th from 8 am-1 pm. The location is at the Burlington Fire Training Facility at 100 Stone Quarry Rd. in 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 call 376-8902 or www.alamance-nc.com.



Remember to vote
Tuesday,
November 4th

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES:

Thanksgiving Holidays:

There will be no garbage collection Thursday, November 27 & Friday 28. Wednesday & Thursday routes will be collected Wednesday, November 26th. Friday routes will be collected Monday, December 1.

Christmas Holidays:

December 24, 25, 26, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. No garbage will be collected on these days. Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected on Tuesday, December 23. Thursday & Friday routes will be collected Monday December 29.

There will be no yard waste collection from December 23, 2014 through January 3, 2015.

New Year's Day:

January 1, 2015, Thursday. No garbage collection. Thursday & Friday routes will be collected on Friday January 2, 2015.

Good Friday:

No garbage collection Friday April 3, 2015. These will be collected Monday April 6th.

Alamance Community College is registering now for spring semester. With 35 curriculum programs to choose from, including University Transfer, ACC is committed to student success and preparing today's workforce for the jobs of tomorrow. Call 336-506-4270 and ask about the application and orientation process. Interested in job-related training and professional certification? Want to learn more about a career in law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services? Call 336-506-4300 and ask for the Occupational Extension. Hurry, spring classes are filling up now!

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

GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL

JERRY PETERMAN, MAYOR
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JIM ALBRIGHT, COUNCIL MEMBER
LEE KIMREY, COUNCIL MEMBER
CHIP TURNER, COUNCIL MEMBER

Recycling Schedule

OCTOBER	1st	15th	29th
NOVEMBER	12th	26th	
DECEMBER	10th	24th	
JANUARY	7th	21st	
FEBRUARY	4th	18th	
MARCH	4th	18th	



The City of Graham contracts with **Waste Industries Inc.** for the bi-weekly collection of Recyclables. Recyclables are collected every other Wednesday. Recycling Rules to follow: place all recyclables in your recycle cart, don't place recyclables in garbage containers, set recyclables at curb by 7:00 am on collection day, **place carts at least 5 feet away from garbage containers.**

For more information please call **Waste Industries** at 336-229-0525.

PROPER CURBSIDE PLACEMENT



Trash carts are picked up and emptied by extended arms on automated trucks. Be sure to leave at least five feet of space between and around your trash can and recycling cart. Carts placed too close together don't provide enough room for the truck arm to reach, grasp, and return the carts.

GRAHAM CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

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.

