

CITY GRAM



2015

CITY OF GRAHAM FUNDS DOWNTOWN FACADE GRANT PROGRAM



The City of Graham spent \$10,000 on our Local Historic District this year, spurring an additional \$39,080 in private capital to upgrade our downtown façades. Our biggest project was the Graham Cinema, which received \$3,595 of public funds to help assist with the \$25,405 in renovations. Every dollar of public money was coupled with three dollars of private investment! Since the program was started in 2004, the City has paid \$74,582, with \$170,475 spent on façade improvements. If you are not sure if your property is eligible for the funding or if you would like to have more information on the Downtown Façade Grant Program visit <http://www.cityofgraham.com/planning>. If you have any ideas for how the City could help local business owners in the downtown area, please call the City Planner, Nathan Page at 336-570-6705.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Graham is ready to begin fall and winter leaf collection. Crews will begin on **Monday, October 26, 2015 thru Friday, January 29, 2016**. 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 curb or on the shoulder of streets without curb and gutter by 8:00 a.m. to ensure collection. Leaves should not be piled in the street, drainage ditches, or over water meters. Leaves containing gravel, glass, or other solid matter will not be collected. Should more frequent leaf collection be needed, residents are required to place leaves in suitable containers and set them out with their regular yard waste. **Bagged leaves will not be collected.** Please direct questions to the Sanitation Division at 570-6709 or 570-6710.

Please do not call requesting special pick-up; crews work set areas and schedules.



CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Graham City Council invites you to take a more active

role in municipal affairs by applying for membership to 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 contribute to the betterment of the City. The following Boards and Commissions currently have vacancies:

- ♦ ***Graham Historical Museum Board of Directors***
- ♦ ***Tree Board***

If you are interested, please submit an application to the City Clerk’s Office, PO Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253. Applications are available at City Hall or on our website at www.cityofgraham.com, click on “Government” then “Boards and Commissions”.

NO CONTINUOUS DOG TETHERING

According to a revision regarding animal cruelty in the City’s Code of Ordinances, effective **January 1, 2016** it shall be unlawful to leave your dog tethered to a stationary object for a period of **more than two hours**. During periods of lawful tethering, those periods less than two hours, the length of the tether must be **10 feet** in length and cannot weigh more than **10 percent** of the dog’s body weight. No person shall tether in a manner that restricts the dog’s access to adequate food, water, and shelter. Violations can result in penalties up to \$500 and seizure of the animal.

Please contact the Graham Police Department at **570-6711** for more information.



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.



Downtown Graham Ice Rink

Graham's outdoor synthetic ice skating rink will be back again this year! The rink will be open **Dec. 5th through Dec. 20th**. 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 28th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. All children ages 13 and under are welcome to the FREE event. This will be held at the Graham Recreation Center at 311 College Street. Please call 513-5510 or visit our website for more information.



FRIENDS OF GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS:

Established in 2015, Friends of Graham Recreation and Parks is a 501 c(3) non-profit organization created to receive and distribute the gifts of donors or other contributors to deserving projects associated with the City of Graham Recreation and Parks Department. Visit our website to view current sponsorship opportunities and learn more about ongoing projects.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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

GRAHAM WALKS



Thursdays, September 17 through October 22

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.

visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or call 336 513 5510



Phase One of the City of Graham Park on Jim Minor Road has been funded and construction will start shortly! This portion will have a picnic shelter with bathrooms, an open mall area, a fitness course and a natural playground. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Wiggins, Director of Recreation and Parks, at (336) 570-6700.

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.

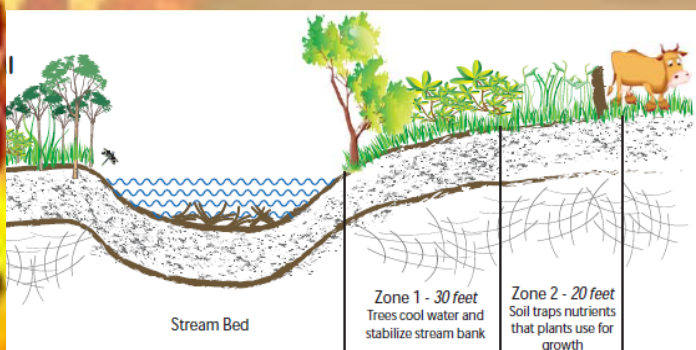
Use a strainer in your sink to catch food scraps. Please follow these recommendations to help insure that your drain pipes will remain "FAT FREE".

Home Electronics Banned from Pickup

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. Also personal computers, desktops, servers, laptops, docking stations, automated typewriters, copy machines are prohibited. For more information and additional items not collected by the City of Graham please contact the City of Graham Public Works Department at 336-570-6709.

PROTECT OUR STREAM BUFFERS!

Keeping our stream buffers free of pollutants with native vegetation helps to keep water quality high, and reduces expenses for providing safe drinking water.



GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

As reflected in our Mission Statement, the Graham Police Department strives to partner with the community in our efforts to "provide a safe environment and enhance the quality of life through courteous, honest and professional deliver of law enforcement services." One of the ways we accomplish this mission is through our commitment to upholding the standards set by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). We have been accredited by CALEA since 1998. This December, we will have our on-site assessment. We invite the Graham community to learn more about this process and to provide feedback to our assessors during assessment. Please look for additional information in the local news media and on our Facebook page later this Fall.



PLAY A ROLE IN PREVENTING FALLS AND ENCOURAGE THE OLDER ADULTS IN YOUR LIFE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

Get some exercise. Lack of exercise can lead to weak legs and this increases the chances of falling. Exercise programs such as Tai Chi can increase strength and improve balance, making falls much less likely.

Be mindful of medications. Some medicines or combinations of medicines can have side effects such as dizziness or drowsiness. This can make falling more likely. Having a doctor or pharmacist review all medications can help reduce the chance of risky side effects from drug interactions.

Keep their vision sharp. Poor vision can make it harder to get around safely. Older adults should have their eyes checked every year and wear glasses or contact lenses with the right prescription strength to ensure that they are seeing clearly.

Eliminate hazards at home. About half of all falls happen at home. A home safety check can help identify potential fall hazards that need to be removed or changed, such as tripping hazards, clutter, and poor lighting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

October 17th from 8 am-1 pm at the Burlington Fire Training Facility at 100 Stone Quarry Rd. in Haw River. They are accepting paint related materials, pesticides, and other similar items. Also the Alamance County Landfill is having a free paper shredding services to residents and businesses all year-round. For more information please call 336-376-8902 or www.alamance-nc.com.



Remember to vote
Tuesday,
November 3rd

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES:

Thanksgiving Holidays, Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27. No garbage collection **Thursday, November 26.** Wednesday & Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 25. **No collection on Friday, November 27.** Friday routes will be collected Monday, November 30.

Christmas Holidays, Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25 & Monday, December 28: Tuesday & Wednesday routes will be collected on Tuesday, December 22. Thursday & Friday routes will be collected on Wednesday, December 23. **There will be no yard waste December 21, 2015 thru January 2, 2016.**

Friday, January 1, 2016 New Year's Day No collection **Friday, January 1, 2016.** Friday routes will be collected on Monday, January 4, 2016.



Believe. Belong. Become. Alamance Community College is registering for spring semester now. Call Admissions at 506-4270.




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

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Recycling Schedule

OCTOBER	14th	28th	
NOVEMBER	11th	25th	
DECEMBER	9th	23rd	
JANUARY	6th	20th	
FEBRUARY	3rd	17th	
MARCH	2nd	16th	



The City of Graham contracts with Waste Industries Inc. for the bi-weekly collection of Recyclables. They are collected every other Wednesday. Some rules to follow: place all recyclables in your recycle cart, don't place them in garbage containers, set them at curb by 7:00 am on collection day, place carts at least 5 feet away from garbage containers. For more information concerning recyclables please call Waste Industries at 336-229-0525.

Please be advised that spring cleanup at both City Cemeteries will begin March 1st. Any flowers left on the graves will be removed after this date.

THE GRAHAM CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015 AT 6:00 PM.



THIS IS A NEW TIME!!! The parade sponsored by the Graham Area Business Association features local bands, floats, antique cars, various organizations, clowns and SANTA! To get more information call 229-4221.