

CITY GRAM



FALL 2016

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It seems that every part of the city has a name from the past. I grew up in "Punkin Hill" which were the homes owned by the Oneida Mill. Jan and I now live in Johnson Heights which is named for Dr. Johnson who developed the neighborhood. The area near Travora and Marshall Streets was called "frog pond" and the Mill Street and Market Street area was known as "rough town". When Greenway Park was built in the 50's, it was the "place to be". With the economic growth that is happening in the Graham area (Lidl, Peak Resources, Walmart and Prescient, to name a few), there will be a lot of new people moving to our area. The Watercourse Apartments, the Oneida Mill Lofts and the Senior Living Apartments on Auto Park Drive will house a bunch of people. So how do you incorporate a new housing development or an apartment complex into an existing neighborhood? There are a lot of ways to make our new neighbors feel welcome. Dropping by my house with a red velvet cake would work for me! Starting a neighborhood watch could make everyone feel welcome and the Graham Police Department can assist you with that. An old fashioned block party could bring everyone together and the Graham Fire Department could bring a fire truck to show the kids (firefighters will do just about anything for a hot dog). How about a neighborhood yard sale? Avalon Acres has a Facebook page that they use for notices, lost dogs and anything related to their neighborhood. How about getting everyone together for the "National Night Out"? These are just a few ideas to get y'all thinking! If you have an idea and think we can be of help, give us a call and we will see what can be done. Just remember red velvet cake works for me. Wait a minute, banana pudding would work too and BBQ, and hot dogs...

~ Jerry Peterman, Mayor

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

City of Graham crews are ready to begin fall leaf collection. Collection crews will begin on **Monday, October 24, 2016 and conclude on Friday, January 27, 2017.** 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 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 and burning of leaves is prohibited.**

Questions concerning leaf collection should be directed to the Sanitation Division at 570-6709. **Please do not call requesting special pick-up** as crews are working set areas on a set schedule.



Take Advantage of Graham's Self-Service and E-Service Options:

- ◆ Interactive Voice Response System
- ◆ Online Account Management
- ◆ Quick Pay
- ◆ Auto Pay
- ◆ Recreation & Parks Activities

Visit www.cityofgraham.com



Graham Recreation & Parks
Graham Recreation & Parks offers online registration at
www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com



1st Annual Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash

The Graham Recreation and Parks Department and the Graham Police Department are partnering to provide the community with a Halloween festival! The festival will be held in the middle of Downtown Graham on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 6-9pm. Carnival games, vendors, food trucks, entertainment and a trunk or treat! This event is free!



Graham Athletics

Basketball – 2016-2017 Season

Registration: September 5th - October 7th

Registration is open to boys and girls. Teams are co-ed for ages 4-6 (Biddy and Beginners Peewee). Boys' teams are ages 7-14 and girls' teams are ages 7-12. Practices begin the first week in November; games begin the first week in December.

Youth Spring Soccer – 2017 Season

Registration: January 2nd – February 3rd

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-17. All teams are co-rec. Practices will begin in early March and games will begin in early April, the season typically ends between Early and mid-May.

Youth Baseball – 2017 Season

Registration: February 6th – March 3rd

Registration is opened to boys ages 6-14. Practices begin late March or early April and games will begin the first week in May.

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Youth Softball – 2017 Season

Registration: February 6th – March 3rd

Registration is opened to girls ages 6-12. Practices begin late March and games will begin early May. Softball games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Youth Tee Ball – 2017 Season

Registration: February 6th – March 31st

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-5. All teams are co-ed. Practices will begin in late April and games begin the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

Graham/Mebane Lake:

For more information call 919-563-6544

Lake operating hours change with the seasons. Please check our website (<http://www.cityofgraham.com/hours-fees/>) for current opening and closing hours.

Downtown Graham Ice Rink



Graham's outdoor synthetic ice skating rink will be back again this year! The rink will be open Dec. 3rd - Dec. 18th. 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!



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".

GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The employees of the Graham Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Graham and Alamance County for the outpouring of gratitude over the last few months. We appreciate all of the kindness that has been shown to the department.



PICKING THE TREE

- » Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- » Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- » Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- » Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



Have You Considered Rain Gardens?

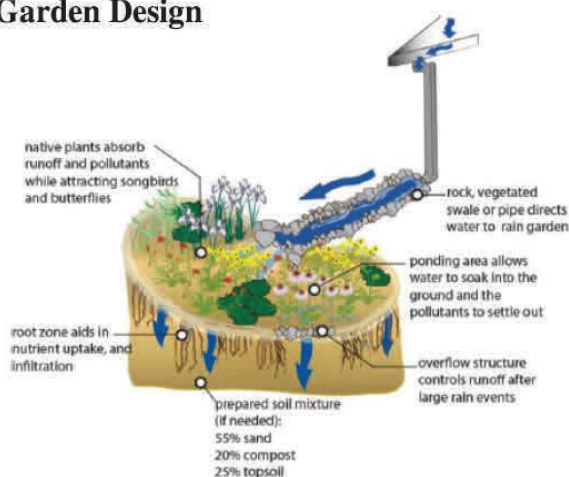
Rain Garden Benefits

Rain gardens are an ideal resource for those who wish to manage stormwater in their yards while also keeping their stormwater free of pollutants. Utilizing native plants, rain gardens are able to efficiently absorb water while also filtering out any pollutants found in stormwater runoff.

Rain gardens:

- Recharge aquifers
- Prevent flooding, erosion and drainage problems
- Enhance beauty of community
- Provides valuable habitat for birds, frogs, butterflies and insects

Rain Garden Design



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

October 15th 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 has 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 1st

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES:

Thanksgiving Holidays, Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25. No garbage collection Thursday, November 24. Wednesday & Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 23. There will be no garbage collection on Friday, November 25. Friday routes will be collected Monday, November 28.

Christmas Holidays, Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26 & Tuesday, December 27: Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Thursday, December 22. Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected Wednesday, December 28. There will be no yard waste December 19, 2016 thru January 2, 2017.

Monday January 2, 2017 New Year's Day & Monday January 16, 2017 MLK Day: Collections will follow the regular schedule.



THE GRAHAM CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 AT 10:00 AM.

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.



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.

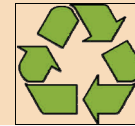
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Recycling Schedule

OCTOBER	12th	26th	
NOVEMBER	9th	23rd	
DECEMBER	7th	21st	
JANUARY	4th	18th	
FEBRUARY	1st	15th	
MARCH	1st	15th	29th

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.



Home Electronics Banned from Pickup

Alamance County banned home electronics from its landfill a few years ago. Therefore the City of Graham Sanitation Department does not provide for the collection of these items during the weekly curbside pickup. Residents may dispose of these items at the Alamance County Landfill or an e-waste recycling site. Examples of prohibited home electronics include: Televisions, VCRs, Stereos, tape players, radios, fax machines, DVD players, CD players, telephones and rechargeable batteries. Also personal computers, servers, docking stations, automated typewriters, and copy machines are prohibited. If you are uncertain whether or not an item is eligible for pickup by the City, please contact the City of Graham Public Works Department at 336-570-6709.



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