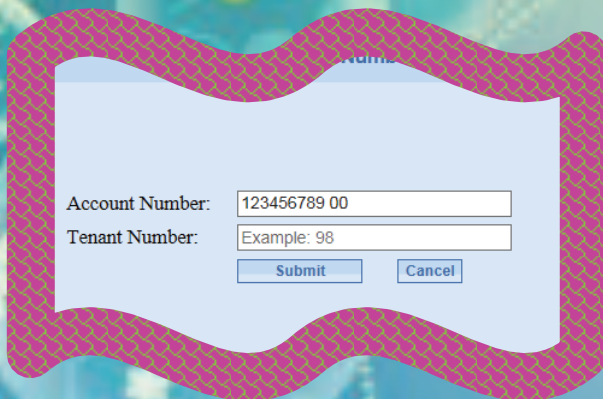


# CITY GRAM

Spring

2016

## NEW "QUICK PAY" TO PAY YOUR BILLS ONLINE



Account Number:

Tenant Number:

1. Go to the City of Graham website <http://www.cityofgraham.com>
2. Under "Quicklinks" at the bottom of the page press "Pay Your Water Bill Online"
3. Press "Quick Pay" button
4. Enter your **Account Number** and your **Tenant Number**
5. Pay your bill

## BOYD CREEK CLEANUP

**WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2016  
(8:00AM- NOON)**

**MEETING LOCATION: 201 S. MAIN ST. GRAHAM**



The City of Burlington and the City of Graham invites all local service groups, youth groups, and residents to participate in a streamside cleanup of Boyd Creek and its tributaries within Little Alamance Creek Watershed. This cleanup is sponsored

by the Kiwanis Club of Burlington, the City of Burlington Water Resources Department and the City of Graham. The event offers volunteers a chance to make a difference for the environment. Come out and join us as we remove trash, debris and other items from the stream to improve water quality. To register for the event or for more information, please contact: Chester Patterson (336) 222-5140 or [cpatterson@ci.burlington.nc.us](mailto:cpatterson@ci.burlington.nc.us)

## 2016 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



**2016 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION** will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00am – 12:00pm in the art park area of the Alamance Arts Council. This year's event will coincide with the Arts Council's *Family Fun Day* and will offer a variety of creative and educational activities for kids of all ages. The Graham Appearance Commission is proud to partner with the Alamance Arts Council, the Children's Museum of Alamance County and the Graham Public Library for this community-wide event.

## GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

The GPD has been busy over the last few months. The GPD is an accredited agency and we recently had a visit from assessors to do a thorough review of all our policies and practices. We are proud to say that our review went extremely well with no discrepancies identified. A few of us will travel to St Louis in late March to receive our 6<sup>th</sup> reaccreditation award! This past December we had tremendous community support and assistance from many local business partners to continue our annual Operation Merry Christmas. Through generous donations we were able to assist 14 families including 34 children with toys, gift cards, groceries and clothing. We delivered gift baskets to over 160 seniors at assisted living facilities. We have our first official Animal Control Officer, Mrs. Jamie Reinas. Jamie started mid-January. Also, the city enacted a new Animal Welfare ordinance with a focus on tethering. It is now illegal to leave a dog tied up for more than 2 hours at a time with a few exceptions. The ordinance can be viewed at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com), click NC and Graham. If you need the GPD do not hesitate to call (336) 570-6711.

# Graham Recreation & Parks



For more information on our programs or for online registration, visit [GrahamRecreationAndParks.com](http://GrahamRecreationAndParks.com)

## Recre8 5k

Join runners and walkers around the state in the first NCRecre8 5k at Bill Cooke Park in Graham. This event is co-hosted by Burlington and Graham Recreation and Parks and is coordinated by the NC Recreation & Park Association with additional hosts in 11 communities across NC. All events are taking place on the morning of April 16, 2016. Join the fun and show support for parks and recreation! Visit the website for more information and registration!



## 2016 Thursday at 7 Concert Series

Fourth Thursday, May-September, FREE!  
West Elm Street, Downtown Graham, 7 pm to 9 pm

- May 26<sup>th</sup> - The Holiday Band
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - The Band of OZ
- July 28<sup>th</sup> - Blackwater Rhythm and Blues Band
- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> - Mason Lovette Band
- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - The Rick Strickland Band
- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - Hip Pocket Band

## SPRING GRAHAM WALKS

- \* Thursdays, April 21 through May 26
- \* 11:30 am to 1 pm, Downtown Graham
- \* 5 pm to 6:30 pm, Bill Cooke Park

FREE walking program, drop in anytime. Incentives awarded after certain walking goals are met. For more information call 336.513.5510.



## MOVIES IN THE PARK

Saturdays in September 7:30 pm (sunset), FREE  
Bill Cooke Park (1010 Townbranch Road)

- ◆ September 3: Minions
- ◆ September 10: Aladdin
- ◆ September 17: Cinderella
- ◆ September 24: Goonies

For cancellation policy and more information, visit our website.

## 2016 UPCOMING ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

### 2016 Youth Football Camp Registration

May 9<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>, Camp dates TBA

### 2016 Youth Tackle Football & Youth Cheerleading Registration

May 9<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>

### 2016 Fall Outdoor Soccer Registration

May 9<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>

### 2016- 17 Youth Basketball Registration

September 5<sup>th</sup> through October 7<sup>th</sup>

For age range information, registration, pricing and other information, please visit [GrahamRecreationAndParks.com](http://GrahamRecreationAndParks.com) or call 336-570-6718.



## Friends of Graham

Want to give someone a unique gift or recognize an individual or family? Buy a commemorative paver, or series of pavers, that will be laid in the landscape in the new Graham Recreation Park. The paver form can be found on the Graham Recreation and Parks website under Friends of Graham.

## Graham Sports Hall of Fame

The Graham Sports Hall of Fame is now accepting applications for potential inductees for the 2017 Hall of Fame! Nominations must be submitted by August 1, 2016 to be considered for the next banquet. For more information and where to nominate, visit [GrahamRecreationAndParks.com](http://GrahamRecreationAndParks.com)



## Graham/Mebane Lake 2016 Upcoming Events

### Catfish Tournaments:

May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup> July 16<sup>th</sup>

The entry fee is \$15 and sign up begins at 7 pm. The tournament runs from 8 pm to midnight.

### Youth Fishing Derby:

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm

FREE! Ages 4-15

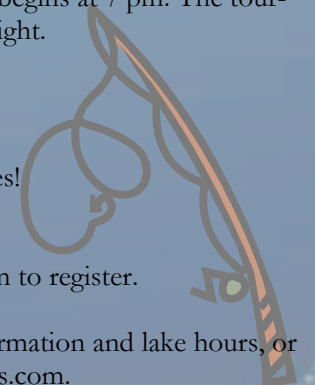
Prizes given for various categories!

Registration begins March 4<sup>th</sup>,

call 336-513.5510 or visit

[GrahamRecreationAndParks.com](http://GrahamRecreationAndParks.com) to register.

Call 919-563-6544 for more information and lake hours, or visit [GrahamRecreationAndParks.com](http://GrahamRecreationAndParks.com).



## FATS, OILS AND GREASE "FOG"

**What is FOG?** FOG includes animal fats, vegetable fats, and oils used to cook or prepare food. FOG is a solid which will ultimately create an obstruction in the sewer system if not properly disposed. We all need to do our part because FOG can have a very negative impact. It can cause serious damage to the sewage system and your property as well as damage to streets and waterways from sewage overflows. Cleanup can be very costly. FOG comes from meat, fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, sauces and dairy products. When washed down the drain, FOG sticks to the inside of sewer pipes. Over time FOG can block entire pipes, and lead to serious problems. FOG drips off scraps that make their way into the sink and the garbage disposal. Washing dishes can also cause FOG to get into the pipes if they aren't wiped off properly before washing them. It creates blockages within the sewer system. It can cause raw sewage to overflow into homes, yards and streets. It can lead to exposure to disease-causing organisms. An increase in operation and maintenance can bring about higher sewer bills.

## MOWING TIME AGAIN!!

As the weather warms up, the City of Graham would like to remind you to keep your yards and vacant lots mowed. The City's Ordinances state all weeds, grass or other noxious growth cannot be in excess of 18 inches. If the City was to send a mowing violation, the owner of the property has 10 days to have it mowed. If within 10 days the property has not been mowed, the city shall cause the same to be cut down. In addition to the cost, an administrative fee of \$50.00 will then become a lien on the property if not paid in full within 30 days.



## LAWN AND GARDEN TIPS TO REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTION

- ◆ Don't over-water your lawn or garden
- ◆ Avoid applying excess chemicals or fertilizers before irrigation or rain
- ◆ Rake leaves and other debris away from storm drains
- ◆ Sweep excess fertilizer, soil and grass clippings from the street.
- ◆ Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions
- ◆ Store chemicals and fertilizers in a covered area
- ◆ Dispose of unwanted chemicals properly.
- ◆ Try natural alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers.
- ◆ Plant native shrubbery and plants
- ◆ Never pour or dump anything down a storm drain
- ◆ Plant grass or other vegetation on barren ground and hillsides

## MOVE TO THE RIGHT FOR SIRENS AND LIGHTS

There is one thing everyone can do to help firefighters provide emergency assistance, "Move to the Right for Sirens and Lights!" Drivers must yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle. Here are some simple rules to follow when you encounter an emergency vehicle: Stay calm, Pull to the right and come to a complete stop. If you're traveling on a high-speed road or if there is no room to stop, slow down as much as possible. If you are in the left lane, pull over into the right lane as traffic in the lane to your right moves over. If you cannot move to the right because of another vehicle or obstacle, slowly come to a stop. Your action will let the driver of the emergency vehicle know what you are doing and allow the driver to anticipate where to drive. When an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind while you are stopped at an intersection, stay where you are unless you can pull to the right. Don't panic. Don't stop in the middle lane when there is room to pull to the right.



## ALAMANCE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

This event will be held on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 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](http://www.alamance-nc.com)

**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.

**HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES**

Collections will follow the regular schedule for the following holidays:

- Monday, May 30th
- Monday, July 4th
- Monday, September 5th



Alamance Community College is accepting applications and registration for the summer term. Get a jump start on your future this summer. Visit [www.alamancecc.edu](http://www.alamancecc.edu) or call 336-506-4270.

**RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>25th</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>22nd</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>20th</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>17th</b> <b>31st</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>28th</b>

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 any questions call Waste Industries at 336-229-0525.



**Garage/Yard Sales**

It's that time of year again to start planning your garage/yard sales! Here are a few reminders:

- The City of Graham allows 3 garage/yard sales per property per calendar year.
- Permits are required for garage/yard sales and can be obtained at the Graham Municipal Building free of charge.
- Garage/Yard sales shall be limited to daylight hours Monday -Saturday, no more than three consecutive days and prohibited on Sunday.
- Two signs of not more than four square feet each are permitted on the property of the residence where the garage/yard sale is being conducted.
- No sign or other form of advertisement shall be exhibited for more than two days prior to the day of the sale is to commence and must be removed each day at the close of the garage/yard sale activities or by the end of daylight, whichever occurs first .
- Signs placed on telephone poles or in a public right of way are prohibited!

**PICK UP THE POOP!**

Unlike human waste, pet waste goes into our lakes, rivers and streams untreated. Even if you don't live near the water, pet waste can be picked up by stormwater and transported through storm drains. Decaying pet waste consumes oxygen and sometimes releases ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia can damage the health of fish. Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Pet waste also contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth. Be sure to carry a bag and pick up the poop, waste can be thrown away or buried!



*The City Gram* provides residents with information related to City happenings. Comments or questions may be sent to Martha Johnson, City of Graham, P. O. Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253 or call 336 570-6705.

**GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL**

- JERRY PETERMAN , MAYOR
- JIMMY LINENS, MAYOR PRO-TEM
- LEE KIMREY, COUNCIL MEMBER
- GRIFFIN MCCLURE, COUNCIL MEMBER
- CHIP TURNER, COUNCIL MEMBER