

# CITY GRAM

Spring

2017

OPENING THIS SPRING—GRAHAM REGIONAL PARK—ON JIM MINOR ROAD



## CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS

If you have interest in public service and possess the desire to serve the City of Graham, this is your opportunity to contribute to the betterment of the City. We are currently looking to fill volunteer positions on the following Boards and Commissions:

- ◆ *ABC Board*
- ◆ *Appearance Commission*
- ◆ *Canine Review Board*
- ◆ *Graham Historical Museum*
- ◆ *Graham Housing Authority*
- ◆ *Graham Sports Hall of Fame*
- ◆ *Historic Resources Commission*
- ◆ *Planning Board/Board of Adjustment*
- ◆ *Recreation Commission*
- ◆ *Tree Board*

If you are interested, please submit an application to the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Drawer 357, Graham, NC 27253.

Applications are available at City Hall or on our website at [www.cityofgraham.com](http://www.cityofgraham.com), click on "City Government" then "Boards and Commissions" then "Volunteer Application" under "Related Links".

## Graham Celebrates Arbor Day!



Saturday, April 29, 2017  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Alamance Arts  
213 S. Main Street, Graham, NC

Fun for the whole family...

ARTS & CRAFTS \* POT A PLANT TO TAKE HOME \*  
MAKE DIRT CAKE \* FREE TREE SEEDLINGS \*  
EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS \* FACEPAINTING \* MUSIC \*  
MEET THE MASCOTS



The Graham Appearance Commission, in partnership with Alamance Arts, Graham Public Library and the Graham Tree Board, is proud to sponsor the 2017 Arbor Day Celebration.

## Little Alamance Creek Stream Clean Up

**Date: Saturday April 22, 2017—Time: 9am-12pm—Meeting Location: 1103 S. Mebane St. Burlington, NC 27215**

The City of Graham, The City of Burlington, and NCDOT invite all local service groups, youth groups, and residents to participate in a stream side cleanup of Little Alamance Creek and its tributaries. 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. Waterproof footwear is highly recommended. We hope to see you there!

To register for the event or for more information contact: Danny Scales with the City of Burlington Stormwater Division (336)222-5140 or [stormwater@ci.burlington.nc.us](mailto:stormwater@ci.burlington.nc.us).

# Graham Recreation & Parks



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

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

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

- ◆ September 2: BFG
- ◆ September 9: The Jungle Book
- ◆ September 16: Beauty & The Beast
- ◆ September 23: Ghostbusters
- ◆ September 30: Moana

For cancellation policy and more information, visit our website.

## 2017 Thursday at 7 Concert Series

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

- May 25<sup>th</sup> The Holiday Band
- Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> The Special Occasion Band
- Jul 27<sup>th</sup> The Magnificents
- Aug 25<sup>th</sup> The Attractions Band
- Sep 14<sup>th</sup> Blackwater Rhythm and Blues Band
- Sep 28<sup>th</sup> Hip Pocket Band

## Youth Golf Camp

Registration Dates: May 1st-June 2nd

Camp Dates: June 19th-June 23rd

Camp Times: 8:30am-11:30am Fee: \$75.00

Ages: 8-12

Questions? Visit our website or please call Aaron Davis at 336-972-1188

## 2017 Fall Youth Lacrosse

Registration: Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>-Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

Program dates are every Tuesday & Thursday starting Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Visit our website or please call Aaron Davis at 336-972-1188

## 2017 UPCOMING ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

### 2017 Youth Football Camp Registration

May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>, Camp dates TBA

### 2017 Youth NFL Flag Football

May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>

### 2017 Fall Outdoor Soccer Registration

May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>

### 2017- 18 Youth Basketball Registration

September 4<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## Graham Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

The Induction banquet will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Graham Recreation Center.

\*Congratulations to our 2017 inductees!\*

### 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Graham Rubi-Otts

Renata Costner

Doug Rowe

Renne Sanders Crowgey

### 2017 Hall of Honor Inductees

Kenneth Williams

Steve McGowan

To purchase tickets visit [GrahamRecreationAndParks.com](http://GrahamRecreationAndParks.com)



## Graham/Mebane Lake 2017

### Upcoming Events

#### Catfish Tournaments:

May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Youth Fishing Day:

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am

FREE! Ages 4-15

Enjoy fishing, raffles, snacks and games.

Registration begins March 6<sup>th</sup>,

online only, 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).



## 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

## 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.



## ALAMANCE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

This event will be held on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 1pm rain or shine. The location is the 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)

## Save Our Sewers!

### Stop Grease & Protect Our Environment

In January, Graham experienced a sewer overflow due to grease buildup at our Boyd Creek Lift Station. The overflow resulted in untreated wastewater reaching the surface water of the creek. Sewer line backups and overflows are frequently caused by inappropriate materials such as oil and grease being introduced to the sewer collection system by sewer customers. Sewer customers can harm the environment by pouring grease or flushing solid debris down their drains and toilets. Unlike other liquids introduced to the system, grease has the tendency to congeal into a solid mass that blocks the flow of the water through the sewer system. The primary introduction of grease is via sewer customers' sinks. Over time, cooking grease, fats and other oils poured down the sink will harden resulting in a backup of wastewater. **The City is reminding citizens to put grease in its place, the garbage!**

### Tips for Disposal of Grease and Cooking Oils

- Save old food cans or jars as grease containers;
- Pour grease into these containers instead of down the drain;
- Place grease in the freezer before disposing in the trash;
- Mix liquids with absorbent materials such as used paper towels or coffee grounds before disposing in the trash;
- Wipe out dishes, pots and pans with paper towels prior to washing

The City of Graham is committed to keeping the City's communities and waterways clean for the health and enjoyment of all citizens; however, this can only be accomplished with the help of the community. The City strives to reduce the number of sewer spills to help achieve this goal. **We ask that you help by taking the time to dispose of your grease and oils properly.**

**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**

**Friday, April 14, Good Friday**

There will be no garbage collection Friday, April 14. Friday routes will be collected Monday, April 17

**Monday, May 29, Memorial Day**

Collections will follow the regular schedule.

**Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day**

No garbage collection on Tuesday, July 4. Tuesday & Wednesday routes will be collected Wednesday, July 5.

**Monday, September 4, Labor Day**

Collections will follow the regular schedule.



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>12th</b>	<b>26th</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>24th</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>21st</b>	
<b>JULY</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>19th</b>	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>30th</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>27th</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.



**PET WASTE**

As Spring approaches, keep in mind it is unlawful to not clean up after your pet on any street, sidewalk or publicly owned park. Dog waste is raw sewage and carries many harmful microorganisms that can be transmitted from pet waste to humans. Scoop it, bag it and place it in the trash! Let's all do our part to keep Graham safe and clean!



**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!



*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**
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