

# CITY GRAM

## FALL 2017

In the last year, the City of Graham received a number of grants, totaling more than \$2.2 million!

As the residents of Graham requested, we've been focusing on our Downtown. Graham received three grants in an attempt to help speed our recovery. The first grant studies an installation of a bike lane on Pine Street and more prominent crosswalks at our schools and parks, which should cost just under the granted \$60,000. Graham also received two planning grants, one for \$75,000 (Local Foods, Local Places) which focuses on connecting farmers and restaurants. The second, which was awarded from the Creative Economic Development Consulting group is worth \$50,000 and will focus on creating a financing structure for property owners in our downtown. The City also received another \$50,000 in funding from the Rural Economic Development Division, which will be allocated toward a revolving loan fund to invest in new businesses within our downtown!



Meanwhile, in an effort to keep our City beautiful and forward our status as a Tree City USA, we've received a grant from the NC Forestry service which has allowed us to inventory the health, GPS location, and species of most of our street trees! This grant awarded the City about \$6,500. Graham also received a \$10,000 grant from Duke Energy to install two electric car chargers on East Elm Street.

The Graham Recreation and Parks Department has been knocking it out of the park with an award of \$500,000 for an inclusive playground at the new Graham Regional Park.

Golden Leaf and the Rural Center for Economic Development awarded \$750,000 for roadway construction at the North Carolina Commerce Park. This roadway extension allowed new development, including the Lidl project, to keep truck traffic off residential roadways.

The City was awarded \$612,500 in grant funds and \$1,837,500 in 0% interest loan funds by the State Water Infrastructure Authority for the replacement of the Boyd Creek Pump Station.

The Graham Police Department received an award of \$110,921 from the Governor's Highway Safety Program to support highway safety personnel.

We're very excited about being able to leverage these funds to improve the quality of life for our residents.

### FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The City of Graham is ready to begin their fall and winter leaf collection. Collection crews will begin on **Monday, October 30, 2017 thru Friday, February 2, 2018.** Residents are encouraged to use "loose leaf" collection service due to landfill disposal regulations. **During this time, call-in service will not be available.** Residents should pile loose leaves behind the 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 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. The City will not pick up **leaves placed in bags at any time!** Questions concerning leaf collection should be directed to the Sanitation Department at 570-6709. **Please do not call requesting special pick-up.** Crews are working set areas, on a set schedule and cannot accommodate special pick-ups. Thank you for your cooperation!



### Water Bill Payment Options

The City of Graham has several self-service and auto pay options for your convenience. Payments may be made 24-hours a day utilizing our online and automated phone service. Browse to [www.cityofgraham.com](http://www.cityofgraham.com) and click on "Pay Your Water Bill" or call 1-888-626-8426. In order to use these services you must have your account number and tenant number, which is the last two digits of the account number. The City also partners with most financial institutions for expedited processing of "online bill pay" services offered by banks.

Bank draft and credit/debit card auto pay options are also available. If you have questions or need assistance enrolling in these options, please contact our offices at 336-570-6700.



Graham Recreation & Parks offers online registration at [GrahamRecreationandParks.com](http://GrahamRecreationandParks.com)  
[www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com](http://www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com)

## 2nd Annual Downtown Graham

### Pumpkin Bash

The festival will be held on  
**Friday, October 27, 2017 from 6-9pm.**  
 Carnival games, attractions,  
 vendors, food trucks, & enter-  
 tainment! This event is **FREE!**

Follow Us On:



### Graham/Mebane Lake:

For more information call 919-563-6544  
 Lake operating hours change with the  
 seasons. Please check our website for  
 current opening and closing hours.



### Downtown Graham Ice Rink

Graham's free, outdoor synthetic ice skating rink will be  
 back again this year! The rink will be open **Nov. 24-  
 Dec. 17th.** Like "Graham  
 Recreation and Parks Department" on  
 Facebook to stay up to date!



## Graham Athletics

### Youth Spring Soccer – 2018 Season

**Registration: December 1<sup>st</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-17. All  
 teams are co-rec. Practices will begin in March and  
 games will begin in April.

### Youth Baseball – 2018 Season

**Registration: February 6<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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



### Youth Tee Ball – 2018 Season

**Registration: February 6<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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.

### Youth Softball – 2018 Season

**Registration: February 6<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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.

The City of Graham's Recreation and  
 Parks Department was awarded \$500,000  
 through the Connect NC Bond Grant  
 Program to add an inclusive playground to  
 Graham Regional Park. This playground  
 will not only provide a safe, accessible  
 place for play, the universal design will  
 allow individuals of all abilities to play  
 together. Design assistance came from a  
 committee of recreation professionals and  
 educators from the Alamance-Burlington  
 School System's (ABSS) Department of  
 Exceptional Children. The park will be  
 completed in late 2018 and will be a place  
 where all can play, learn and appreciate the  
 similarities and differences in us all.







Fats, oils and grease (FOG) used and produced by cooking can have a surprisingly big impact when disposed of improperly. FOG products such as frying oil or fat drippings need to be cooled and then thrown away in the trash, **NEVER** washed down the drain.

When FOG products go down the drain and enter the sewer system, they build up and eventually lead to blockages, which can result in raw sewage overflows in your neighborhood or even in your home.

The Graham Police Department wants to hear from you! Please use this link to share your impressions and ideas with our agency. The link will also appear periodically on our Facebook page and paper surveys are available at our office.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M9F5LQY>. We need your help to ensure that Graham is a safe place to live, work, and visit. All responses are entirely voluntary and confidential unless you choose to share your contact information with us. Thank you.

Since 2000, the cities of Graham and Burlington have worked with the NC Department of Transportation to work on restoring the Little Alamance Creek Watershed. The watershed is 15.9 square miles and includes portions of both Burlington and Graham.

In January of 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency approved our plan! We've been working on

- Riparian Buffer Repair
- Streambank Erosion
- Reduction of Stormwater Pollutants
- Repair of Instream Habitat

If you'd like to know more or want to participate please visit our website at:

<http://www.littlealamancecreek.com/>



## Fire Prevention Week

**In a fire, every second counts. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.**

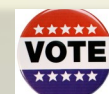
That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

[Draw a map of your home](#) (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.

- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

On October 21, 2017 from 8am-12pm, there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the Holly Hill Mall, 309 Huffman Mill Rd Burlington, NC (adjacent to Dunham's Sports). Items that will be accepted are 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 visit them at [www.alamance-nc.com](http://www.alamance-nc.com).



Remember to vote  
Tuesday,  
November 7th



## HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES:

**Thanksgiving Holidays, Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24:** No garbage collection on Thursday, November 23. Wednesday and Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 22.

**No garbage collection on Friday, November 24.** Friday routes will be collected on Monday, November 27.

**Christmas Holidays, Friday, December 22, & Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26:**

Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Thursday, December 21. Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected on Wednesday, December 27.

**There will be no yard waste from December 18, 2017 thru January 2, 2018.**

**Monday, January 1, 2018 New Year's Day and Monday January 15, 2018 MLK Day:**

Collections will follow the regular schedule.



**DON'T FLUSH TROUBLE!!!** Did you know that baby wipes may indicate they are flushable, but they should not be flushed? This also includes adult wipes and cleaning wipes. In fact, the only paper product that should be 'flushed' is toilet paper. Toilet paper is the only paper designed to breakdown as it travels through the sewer lines and into the wastewater treatment process. All others were NOT designed to breakdown and thus may create problems within the sewer system. These wipes can cause blockages in your home's sewer lines that could lead to costly plumbing repairs. Please remember use the trash can, not the toilet when disposing of wipes!



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

## **Recycling Schedule**

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>25th</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>22nd</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>20th</b>	
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>31st</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>28th</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>28th</b>	

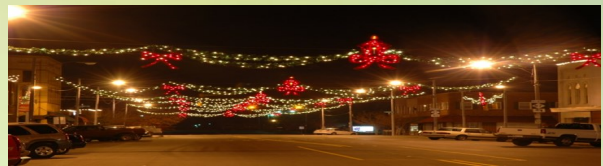
The City of Graham contracts with Waste Industries Inc. for the bi-weekly collection of Recyclables. They are collected every other Wednesday. Some rules to follow: place all recyclables in your recycle cart, don't place them in garbage containers, set them at curb by 7:00 am on collection day, **place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



## **GRAHAM CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 10:00 AM.**

The parade is sponsored by the Graham Area Business Association. It will feature local bands, floats, antique cars, various other organizations, clowns and SANTA! To get more information please call 336-229-4221.



Enrollment now for Spring 2018 semester. We are inviting you to our grand opening celebration for the Advanced Applied Technology Center on October 6th. We thank you for your support!