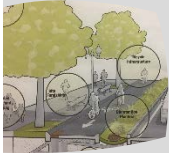




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STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT THE CITY OF GRAHAM. THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR SOURCE FOR UPDATED RESIDENT INFORMATION.

INVESTING IN PARKS

The Graham Recreation and Parks Department is delivering on their mission to inspire a happy, healthy community by creating a stimulating and engaging environment through elite, diversified recreational experiences.

The City Council has continued to support this vision by investing in high quality parks, community events, as well as athletic opportunities for the young and young at heart.

Between the recent ground breaking on the new Inclusive Playground, developing a parks master plan, summer camps, and building a new

dog park (coming this fall) staff at GRPD are busy improving citizens quality of life. By creating gathering places for residents and visitors alike the City aims to help people make lifelong memories and ultimately #LoveGraham. For details about upcoming events check out the second page of this newsletter.

Want to support GRPD's work? You can invest your time or money to help make a difference in our community. Apply to volunteer on the Recreation Commission or join the Friends of Graham Recreation & Parks. Contact Brian Faucette at bfaucette@cityofgraham.com for more information.



#LoveGraham
#GrahamParks

CHANGING SEASONS



Connect with the City of Graham on Social Media!



For many residents fall means crisp air, pumpkin spice lattes, and of course piles of leaves! The City of Graham will begin loose leaf collection on **Monday, October 28, 2019 and continue thru Friday, February 7, 2020.** Residents are encouraged to use this service because of landfill disposal regulations.

Residents should pile leaves behind the curb by 8:00 a.m for disposal. Leaves should not be piled in drainage ditches, or over water meters. Leaves which contain gravel, glass, or other solid matter **will not be collected.**

For more frequent leaf collection, residents should place leaves in suitable containers and set them out with their regular yard waste. **Bagged leaves will not be collected.**

Special pick up is not available for leaf collection as crews are working set areas on a set schedule.

Questions concerning leaf collection should be directed to the Sanitation Division at 336-570-6709.

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS

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

For age range information, registration, pricing and other information, please visit GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or call 336-570-6718.

ATHLETICS

Registration Dates	Sports, Age Groups, Fees (All teams are co-rec)
Dec 1 – Feb 1	Youth Soccer (Ages: 4 - 17)
Dec. 1 – Feb. 1	Youth Spring Lacrosse (Ages: 8 – 14)
Jan. 1 – Mar. 1	Youth Spring Baseball (Ages: 6 - 14)
Jan. 1 – Mar. 1	Youth Spring Softball (Ages: 6 - 14)
Jan. 1 – Apr. 1	Youth Spring T-Ball (Ages: 4 - 5)
Jan. 1 – Mar. 1	Grow Golf Team Series (Ages: 5 - 14)

HIKES WITH HOUNDS

Calling all animal lovers! Volunteer to take a shelter dog for a hike along one of Alamance County's beautiful trails. This new opportunity will offer enrichment for some of Burlington Animal Services' adoptable dogs. Enjoy nature, socialize and exercise with a few lucky pups. Hikes with Hounds will be offered one Friday each month at a hiking trail location at a local park or along the Haw River Trail. To learn more about requirements to participate, please visit, www.BurlingtonNC.gov/pets



GRAHAM-MEBANE LAKE

Come relax on the water and enjoy views of Graham-Mebane Lake. The lake offers canoe and kayak rentals available on a first come basis with the option of "up to 4 hours" or "up to 8 hours" rental periods (March-October). Bring your own canoe/kayak out or rent one of ours! Learn more about rentals and fees on our website. Lake operating hours change with seasons. Please check the website for current opening and closing hours.

WINTER WONDERLAND

FREE ICE SKATE, ALAMANCE ARTS LAWN
NOV 29 – DEC 22
Ages: 3 & up

Make some family memories together this winter! Graham's downtown synthetic ice skating rink offers FREE family fun. Stay tuned on Facebook for special event information (fee for "Thursday night" skates). Be part of the Graham holiday tradition, join us for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, visit Mr. & Mrs. Clause, and watch Fireworks on Dec. 8th.



PUMPKIN BASH



The Pumpkin Bash is a joint effort put on by the Graham Recreation and Parks & Graham Police Department. Come enjoy a trunk or treat, inflatables, a climbing wall, face painting, a giant slide, carnival games, vendors, and food trucks! The FREE event will be held in Downtown Graham. Rain Date: Nov. 1st

TAKE A STROLL

Stay active this Fall! The Graham Walks program encourages healthy lifestyles through an 8-week walking challenge. This self-guided program meets **Wednesdays from 8AM-2PM & 5:30-7PM at Shamrock Nutrition** to record weekly step totals and go for a community walk. The program runs **Sept. 4 – Oct. 9**. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.



FACILITY RENTALS



Have a birthday, a family reunion, or planning a BBQ but need more space? We've got you covered, Graham Recreation and Parks offers a wide variety of parks, playgrounds, and facilities that are available for public use or affordable rental. For more details visit us online!

HOW TO: HOME FIRE DRILL

It's important to plan and practice your escape in the event of a home fire.

1. Talk with your family about safe home evacuation.
2. Look for quick escape routes. Plan two for each room in your house.
3. Make sure all doors and windows can be opened without any special tools.
4. Draft a floor plan of your home.
5. Make sure you have the proper fire safety and evacuation supplies.
6. Make sure everyone in your house wakes up during a smoke alarm.
7. Practice your fire drill twice a year.
8. Choose a safe meeting place outside.

9. Encourage everyone in the family to memorize your local emergency phone number (9-1-1) and home address.
10. Plan for family members who need help. Young children, elderly people, and people with limited mobility.



GREASE IS YOUR DRAIN'S WORST ENEMY!



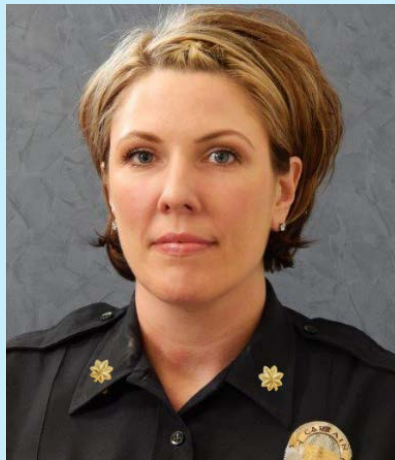
PD ASSISTANT CHIEF

With nearly 23 years of law enforcement experience, Kristy Cole has spent her career protecting and serving the citizens of Graham. After years of hard work, including graduating from the FBI National Academy, she was selected this year to take on new responsibilities as the Assistant Chief.

While there are always challenges she says, "I enjoy getting to be a mentor, assisting in developing supervisors and seeing them experience professional growth, and being a symbol of the opportunity for internal succession to our employees."

She hopes to serve as a role model to young people, like her daughter, by showing them women taking on leadership roles. Her favorite piece of advice for kids is to, "learn something

new everyday and make an impact by being positive; remember we always learn from our failures."



EVENTS

Look Up, Downtown Walking Tours

Sat & Sun 9/28, 9/29, 10/5, 10/6, 10/12, 10/13
Free to the public. Register: www.cityofgraham.com/lookup

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

October 19 from 8-12PM
Free to Alamance County Residents. Holly Hill Mall. www.alamance-nc.com

Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 9, 2019
For more details visit: www.alcovets.org

Graham Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 7, 2019
For more details visit: www.grahamareabusinessassociation.org

BETTER BLOCK

Funded by a grant from Impact Alamance, the Better Block project will provide a shared resource to engage residents in redesigning public spaces with the goal of improving safety. Alamance communities will be able to use the materials in the trailer to add crosswalks, bike lanes, bump-outs, pop-up parks, and other temporary installations.



HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The **GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM** has re-opened! The museum advisory board is expanding Museum exhibits and calling for artifacts from the early days of Graham. Books and photos are also needed to build a collection for the new Museum Library.

If you have artifacts/books/photos to share or would like to serve as a Museum volunteer, please stop by the Museum during the hours of operation.

Hours: Friday and Saturday from 10:00AM – 2:00PM and during special downtown events. Group tours available by appointment: 336-513-5510.

STORMWATER 101

This past year, the City experienced record breaking rainfall with totals of more than 64". As such events become more frequent, wet years may be the new normal. With this in mind, the City is working to develop control measures to make our community more resilient and prepared to deal with stormwater challenges.

Proper stormwater management infrastructure is key to minimizing the damage from those severe storms that wreak havoc on our city, businesses, and neighborhoods.

One possible solution identified by Toole Design in the DRAFT Downtown Master Plan is green infrastructure. This method uses vegetation, soils, and other elements to reduce runoff and treat stormwater at its source.

Did you know? There are a few simple measures you can take to help the City reduce strain on the stormwater system:

- 1) **Plant a Rain Garden** – Grasses and flowering perennials can be a beautiful way to reduce runoff from your property and filter out pollutants.
- 2) **Plant Trees** – Tree canopies reduce erosion caused by rain, provide surface area for increased evaporation, and roots take up water as well as promote infiltration.
- 3) **Stay Tuned** – Learn more details about how green infrastructure may be part of the solution locally by following the DRAFT Graham Downtown Master Plan.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Holidays

No garbage collection on Thursday, November 28 or Friday, November 29. Wednesday and Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday, November 27. Friday routes will be collected on Monday, December 2.

Christmas Holidays

No garbage collection on Wednesday, December 25 or Thursday, December 26 or Friday, December 27. Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected on Tuesday, December 24. Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Monday, December 30.

New Year's Day Holiday

No garbage collection on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Wednesday and Thursday routes will be collected on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

There will be no yard waste December 23, 2019 thru January 2, 2020. Please do not park on the street during winter weather. Parked cars slow efforts to plow the streets and increase the likelihood of accidents.

BULK ITEMS PICKUP

Bulk items such as appliances, household goods, furniture or items that will not fit in the provided container will be collected on a **call in basis only**.

If you have any questions or need to schedule a pickup, call the Sanitation Division at 336-570-6709, between 7AM - 4PM Monday thru Friday.



RECYCLING SCHEDULE

PLEASE RECYCLE. CITYWIDE RECYCLING PARTICIPATION IS ONLY AT 56%

OCTOBER	9	23	
NOVEMBER	6	20	
DECEMBER	4	18	
JANUARY	2	15	29
FEBRUARY	12	26	
MARCH	11	25	

Residential Beautification Award

The Appearance Commission is excited to announce a new initiative to recognize the hard work and pride exhibited by citizens who take time to beautify their residential property in Graham. Each season; Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter a new home will be selected by the Appearance Commission for the award. Upcoming deadlines for nominations are as follows:

- **Holiday Yard Decorating - December 5, 2019**

All nominations should be sent to planner@cityofgraham.com with the address of property and a photograph (self-nominations are accepted). Congratulations to our first award winners Mrs. & Mr. Jordan (Photo Left) and Brothers Joe and Robert (Photo Right)!



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.

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