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Meet Interim City Manager, Aaron Holland. As part of his new role, he serves as the chief executive officer for the City of Graham. Additionally, he is the liaison between the City Council and the City's various departments..



According to Aaron, "fulfilling the role of Interim Manager has him juggling duties, however, his staff has the greatest collection of talent, resulting in collaboration and teamwork."

Aaron looks at the next six months with optimism, "Despite the pandemic and the challenges that have derived from it, Graham has been able to continue with development across the City in various aspects. Downtown continues to draw interest, as requests are fielded from potential business owners and developers looking to capitalize on its great proximity to the interstate and triangle. Requests for residential development is at an all-time high. The NC Commerce Park (located between Graham and Mebane),

continues to draw interest from potential companies looking to establish a footprint in the area. In the Fall, UPS became the newest corporation to locate there. It is exciting to learn over 400 new jobs at salary levels of over \$65,000 will soon be available for applicants. My vision for the next six months is, "to find a way to keep this momentum going while also enhancing what has made Graham great."

With over 15 years of public sector experience, Aaron has a central belief that decisions should be made to benefit the greatest amount of people while also understanding it's okay to change course from how things have traditionally been executed, if a greater good will be the outcome. He has a passion for developing for the public good and



The Graham City Council invites you to take a more active role in municipal affairs by applying for membership on one of the City's boards or commissions.

If you have an interest in public service and possess the desire to serve the City of Graham in such a capacity, this is your opportunity to express this interest and to contribute to the betterment of the City.

For more information:  
[cityofgraham.com](http://cityofgraham.com)

Contact the City Clerk if you have additional questions  
(336)570-6700 ext.134

growing the community around him. Originally from Bladen County, N.C., Aaron understands what it means to be from a small town with big dreams. On January 27, 2021, Aaron Holland accepted the roles and responsibilities of Interim City Manager and will hold the role until further notice.





# Graham Recreation & Parks

energizing our community by inspiring healthy play for all



www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com | 336.570.6718

Events and programs are tentative pending COVID-19 and Executive Order Phase Guidelines.

## Graham - Mebane Lake

• Fish • Kayak • Boat • Canoe • Programs • Tournaments •

Graham-Mebane Lake offers sport fishing, boating, skiing, paddle sports, bank fishing, and picnicking. The facility features a marina office, seven-lane boat ramp, two docks, a kayak launch, 1000 feet of shoreline, two fishing piers, picnic tables, and an open air shelter. The Lake offers several tournaments and family programs throughout the year; however, no swimming or wading is allowed.



## Lake Hours of Operation

| CLOSED Tuesdays  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| March            | 8a - 5p*   |
| April            | 7a - 7p    |
| May, June & July | 6:30a - 8p |
| August           | 7a - 7p    |
| September        | 7a - 6:30p |

\*March 14 - close at 6pm due to DST

## Special Events Spring & Summer

GRPD thanks you for your patience as we continue to explore ways to safely adjust our large special events due to COVID 19. All Special Events are tentative pending Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order pertaining to large outdoor gatherings.

## Graham Historical Museum

**Museum Hours:** 10am - 2pm (Fri. & Sat.)

**Contact Us:** (336)513-5510

**Admission:** FREE

Group tours are welcome

## Athletics

### Fall Youth Registration Dates

#### Soccer

June 1 - Aug 1 • Ages: 4 - 17

#### NFL Flag Football

July 1 - Aug 8 • Ages: 6 - 12

#### Lacrosse

July 1 - Aug 14 • Ages: 4 - 14

#### Grow Golf Now Team Series

July 1 - Aug 14 • Ages: 6 - 14

## Graham Walks Spring 2021

Participate!

Graham Walks is a FREE five-week, self-motivating walking program where participants set their individual step goals. April - May | Ages: 18yrs+

## Summer Day Camp

**Camp:** June 7 - August 27, 2021  
7am - 5:30pm

**Ages:** Kindergarten - 7th grade

All staff are CPR & First-Aid certified. Camper's experiences includes recreational activities, crafts and trips.



GRPD offers paved accessible mixed-use trails, walking tracks, downtown walking routes, and hiking trails!









# Graham Fire & Police



Multigenerational households are on the rise. The number of Americans living under the same roof with at least three generations has doubled since 1980.

Home is a haven for families and a growing number of extended families. But it is also the place where people are at greatest risk of fire.

Fire Prevention safety tips:

- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms. You need a smoke alarm on every level, inside each sleeping room, and outside each separate sleeping area. Interconnect the alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test your alarms at least once a month. Press each test button to make sure it is working.
- Practice your fire drill. Plan your home escape. Share the plan with everyone in the family and guests.
- If there is a fire, get outside quickly and stay outside. Then call 9-1-1.

## VOLUNTEER - Graham Fire Department

Volunteer Firefighters are vital in providing fire protection services for our community. *Join our team and apply today!*

- No experience, certifications, or training necessary to apply
- FREE training & certifications from NC Community College System
- Participation in the NC Firefighters Supplemental Pension Fund
- Be a part of the tradition. Be part of the excitement. Be part of the community.



## Graham Police Department

*Congratulations Assistant Chief King!*



Meet Assistant Chief Rodney King - He began his career with Graham in June 1993. King has served in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, and on the Special Response Team. Assistant Chief King holds a B.S. in Organizational Security and Management degree from the University of Phoenix and an MBA degree in Public Administration and Criminal Justice from Liberty University






## Water & Sewer

New water rate changes effective January 2021

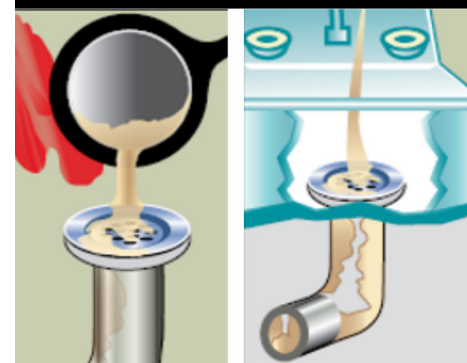
The City of Graham's water and sewer service has a combined billing structure. All customers receiving Graham water and sewer services are to remit payment for usage by the 18th day of every month. On the 19th day, fees incurred as a result of nonpayment include a late fee of 2% of the total bill or a minimum of \$5, whichever is greater. The customer is then given until the 28th day of the month to remit payment. On the 29th day of the month, there is an additional \$40 fee added to your account for nonpayment. Interruption of service, meaning your water is turned off, will occur no earlier than the 29th day of the month. When service is discontinued for nonpayment, the account must be paid in full prior to reestablishing service. Additionally, it is unlawful to tamper with, cut on, or cut off any water service which has been discontinued for nonpayment.



|  | Water           | Sewer   |
|--|-----------------|---------|
| Base Rates                                     | \$3.30          | \$3.30  |
| Rates below are based on use per 1,000 gallons |                 |         |
| 0-1000   | \$3.15          | \$4.00  |
| 1,001-10,000                                   | \$3.50          | \$7.75  |
| 10,001-100,000                                 | \$3.55          | \$7.80  |
| 100,001-1,000,000                              | \$3.60          | \$7.85  |
| 1mil-2mil                                      | \$3.65          | \$7.90  |
| Fee Rates double - usage outside City limits   |                 |         |
| Outside City base                              | \$6.60          |         |
| Delinquent Fee                                 | 2% or (\$5 min) |         |
| Non-Payment Fee                                | \$40.00         |         |
| Water Deposit (Inside City Limits)             | \$80.00         |         |
| Water Deposit (Outside City Limits)            | \$160.00        |         |
| Water Deposit (Businesses)                     | \$100.00        |         |
| Meter Tampering                                | \$100.00        |         |
| Meter Testing (Inside)                         | \$10.00         |         |
| Meter Testing (Outside)                        | \$20.00         |         |
| Service initiation                             | \$10.00         |         |
| Sewer only service base                        |                 | \$46.56 |
| Sewer base non-ETJ                             |                 | \$19.80 |

## F.R.O.G.

Please place **FATS, RAGS, OILS & GREASE** in the garbage for disposal.



By putting Fats, Rags, Oils, & Grease down the drain...

FROG builds up inside pipes & can cause a complete blockage.



Clogged pipes overflow in your home and in the environment...

resulting in increased cost to residents due to repair and maintenance costs.

**Do your part and dispose of FATS, RAGS, OILS & GREASE properly.**

## Solid Waste Schedule Modifications

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Good Friday</b><br>Friday, April 2, 2021     | There will be no garbage collection on Friday, April 2, 2021. Friday routes will be collected on Monday, April 5, 2021. |
| <b>Memorial Day</b><br>Monday, May 31, 2021     | No schedule changes   |
| <b>Independence Day</b><br>Monday, July 5, 2021 | No schedule changes   |
| <b>Labor Day</b><br>Monday, September 6, 2021   | No schedule changes   |



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, April 17, 2021  
8am - 12pm

Burlington Fire Training Facility | 100 Stone Quarry Road  
(336)376.8902 | www.alamance-nc.com

## Recycling

Place all recyclables in your recycle cart and set them curbside by 7am on collection days. Remember to place carts at least 5 feet away from garbage containers and always keep recyclables out of garbage bins.

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| March     | 10th & 24th      |
| April     | 7th & 21st       |
| May       | 5th & 19th       |
| June      | 2nd, 16th & 30th |
| July      | 14th & 28th      |
| August    | 11th & 25th      |
| September | 8th & 22nd       |

**Recyclables are collected every other Wednesday. GFL - (336)229.0525**