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Fall in Love with Graham

Navigating the ever-changing circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) has been a challenge for us all. We have experienced lifted, shifted, and restricted openings. We have pivoted, grown closer, and provided support to our local retailers, restaurants, organizations, schools, and businesses. While everyone around the world has endured the effects of the coronavirus in some way, small businesses have taken a tremendous financial hit amid varying levels of lockdown orders and distancing guidelines.

In June Graham's City Council approved sidewalk dining in the downtown district until Governor Cooper reinstates indoor capacity to Pre-COVID-19 levels. Your continued purchases of take-out, curbside, and in-restaurant dining are much appreciated.

As we continue to navigate the rocky roads of COVID-19, we appreciate your patience with City services. Currently, some offices remain CLOSED to the public and all outdoor concerts and large events have been postponed. All public meetings are being held virtually and City departments are managing their divisions by creating modified

shift schedules and implementing other recommendations to curb the spread among City employees who are necessary to deliver the services you have come to know and expect.

Stay up-to-date with City services by following the City on social media and viewing "City News" and "COVID-19 Information" on our website. Recreation facility and program updates can be found here as well. All of the city's precautions are for the health and well-being of our staff and you. Again, thank you for your continued patience and please remember the 3 Ws when you leave your home;

Know your 3Ws!

WEAR

WAIT

WASH

¡Recuerda las 3 Ms!

MASCARILLA

MANTENER

MANOS

#StayStrongNC @NCDHHS #MantenteFuerteNC

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Fall is the perfect time to reflect and embrace change. We leave the hot Summer days behind and welcome the cooler temperatures and crisp leaves. As the temperatures drop, so do our leaves. The City of Graham will begin loose leaf collection on October 26th and continue thru February 5, 2021. Residents are encouraged to use this "loose leaf" collection service due to landfill disposal regulations. Residents must place leaves behind the curb or on the shoulder of the streets by 7am. Leaves should not be piled in drainage ditches or over water meters. Leaves that contain gravel, glass, or other solid matter will not be collected. For more frequent leaf collection, place your leaves in suitable containers and set them out with your regular yard waste. *Bagged leaves will not be collected.* Have a question?

Call the City's Sanitation Division
(336) 570.6709

Graham Recreation & Parks

energizing our community by inspiring healthy play for all



Are you looking for places to walk or run in Graham? Visit GRPD's website for a listing of parks with paved accessible mixed-use trails, walking tracks, Downtown Graham walking routes, and hiking trails!

www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com | 336.570.6718

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

Spring Youth Athletic Registrations

Registration Dates	Sport & Age Groups
Dec 1 - Feb 1	Soccer • Ages: 4yrs - 14yrs
Dec 1 - Feb 1	Lacrosse • Ages: 8yrs - 14yrs
Jan 1 - Mar 1	Baseball • Ages: 6yrs - 14yrs
Jan 1 - Mar 1	Softball • Ages: 6yrs - 14yrs
Jan 1 - Apr 1	T-Ball • Ages: 4yrs - 5yrs
Jan 1 - Mar 1	Grow Golf Now • Ages: 5yrs - 14yrs

Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash

October 30-**CANCELED**
Visit our website for info on
Fall fun activities

Downtown Graham Ice Skating

November 27 - December 20
On the front lawn at Alamance Arts

Graham Historical Museum

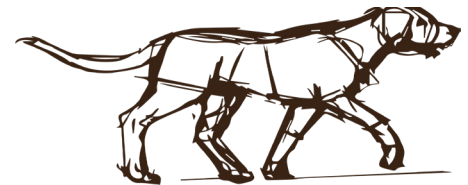
Re-Opened!

- All Ages Welcome •
135 West Elm Street

Stop in and enjoy browsing through artifacts, photos, and displays that show Graham in the early days. The Graham Historical Museum is open every Friday and Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Group tours available!

Reservations: **336.513.5510**



hikes with hounds

Graham Recreation & Parks, Burlington Recreation & Parks, and Burlington Animal Services have teamed up for the Hikes with Hounds program. Volunteers take shelter dogs for hikes at one of Alamance County's beautiful trails! To learn more about volunteer requirements, www.BurlingtonNC.gov/pets.

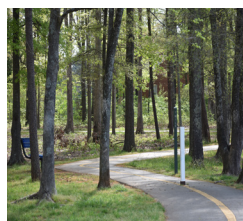
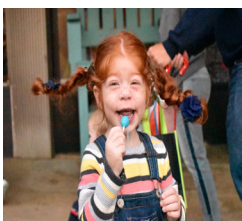
Graham-Mebane Lake Hours

CLOSED on Tuesdays

October	8am - 6pm
November	8am - 5pm (weekends only)
December & January	CLOSED
February	8am - 5pm (Fri., Sat., & Sun)
March	8am - 5pm (until Daylight Savings Time (DST) /after DST 6pm)

Please visit

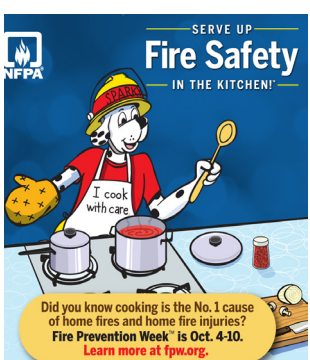
www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com or call (919) 563-6544 to learn more about kayaking and canoeing on the lake, as well as upcoming events and programs.





Graham Police & Fire

“Serve Up Fire Safety In The Kitchen”



This year's Fire Prevention Week's campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" works to educate everyone about the

simple, but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them safe in the kitchen. Did you know, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, with unattended cooking leading the cause of fires in the kitchen? Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, or roasting food, check it regularly. Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop. Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

True or False

1. Fire Prevention Week is October 4 - 10, 2020
2. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.
3. Leave the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
4. Never use a cooking timer.
5. Keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires and leave the pan covered.
6. Always use water on an oil fire.
7. Call 911 if the fire is too large.

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Do you have a question you would like to ask Graham's Police Chief? Starting in October, you will have the chance to participate in GPD's "Community Town Hall" meetings where the Police Chief will participate in a Q & A. If you have a question, submit it by email to bedwards@cityofgraham.com. Next, plan to participate by watching the meeting on Zoom or Youtube.

Dates (7pm)	Zoom link & log-in	Zoom link & log-in
Oct 6	Meeting ID: 864 9903 1761 Passcode: 484257	http://bit.ly/GPD_TownHall
Nov 3	Meeting ID: 881 4029 3171 Passcode: 484257	http://bit.ly/GPD_TownHall
Dec 1	Meeting ID: 823 1046 6532 Passcode: 484257	http://bit.ly/GPD_TownHall

Community Town Hall meetings

The Graham Police Department has several community programs beginning this fall. Be on the lookout for "Theft Prevention" signs soon to be installed across town. (On an inside note, these signs were upcycled, with no additional cost incurred in the making of them.) Is your neighborhood seeking help to form a "Community Watch Group?" If yes, contact Sgt. Barnes for assistance (tbarnes@cityofgraham.com). GPD will promote breast cancer (Oct) and domestic violence (Nov) awareness months. Keep an eye out for pink badges on our officers and purple ribbon magnets on patrol vehicles during these months. Thank you to all the businesses for your donations to our Children's Mask Giveaway on Saturday, September 12, 2020.



Inflow & Infiltration (I&I)

"I & I" is a short acronym for a huge problem most sewer communities face, including the City of Graham. Inflow and Infiltration, or I & I, occurs when rainwater is misdirected or gains access into the sanitary sewer system instead of storm sewers. Ignored I & I results in excessive flows in the sewers and into the wastewater treatment plant. This becomes a very costly problem for all of us. The most significant impact is that to our environment as I & I can lead to sewer overflows.

How you can help?

Check that gutters and outside drains are not connected to sanitary sewers. Avoid planting trees and shrubs over building sewers. The roots can damage the structure of the sewer pipe and cause leaks. Keep caps on your cleanouts. Lawn mowers have a tendency to break the plastic caps. Replacement lids are available at your local hardware store. Ensure that basement drains and sump pumps are not connected to the sanitary sewer. Replace any known broken, leaky or problem sections of sewer pipe that are located on your property.

Questions? 336.578.3262

Holiday Garbage Schedule

Thanksgiving (November)

No garbage collection on 26 & 27
Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday the 25. Friday routes will be collected on Monday the 30.

Christmas (December)

No garbage collection on 24, 25 & 28
Tuesday & Wednesday routes will be collected on Tuesday the 22. Thursday & Friday routes will be collected on Wednesday the 23.

New Year's (January 2021)

No garbage collection on Friday, 1.
Friday routes will be collected on Monday, 4.

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 questions or need to schedule a pickup, call the Sanitation Division at **336.570.6709**, between 7am - 4pm Monday thru Friday.



Recycling Rules & Schedule

- Place all recyclables in your recycle cart
- Don't place recyclables in garbage containers
- Set recyclables at the curb by 7am on collection day
- Place carts at least 5 feet away from garbage containers.

Recyclables are collected every other Wednesday. Questions call GFL 336.229.0525

October	7th & 21st
November	4th & 18th
December	2nd & 16th & 30th
January	13th & 27th
February	10th & 24th
March	10th & 24th

Don't SINK Your Grease!

Keep these out of our City's sewers:

Instead:

- ✓ Use screens over drains.
- ✓ Wipe grease and food scraps out of dishes and pots and put into compost.
- ✓ Pour grease and oil into containers and dispose of in your waste once cooled.
- ✓ Don't use emulsifiers, chemicals, hot water, or other agents to dissolve grease. They wear off in the sewer system and still make a greasy mess.
- ✓ Clean and maintain the grease trap often.

F.O.G. ALERT!
Fats | Oils | Grease

Grease congeals and sticks in the sewer system causing back ups and flooding.