

A Message from the *Mayor*

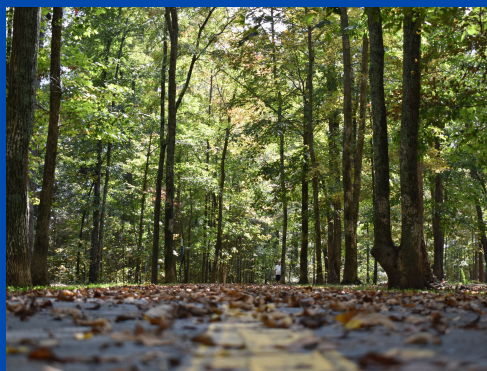
Graham is at a critical time, and it has never been more important to have strong leadership as we experience record growth and national attention for attracting industries such as UPS, Amazon, Lidl and Walmart to our area. We are strategically located between the Triad and the Triangle with access to world class health care facilities, exceptional educational universities, arts and entertainment venues, sporting events, recreational amenities, shopping, tree-lined streets, and one of the most vibrant historic downtowns in NC. All of this truly makes Graham a great place to live, work, play, raise a family and do business. We are also proud to be one of the safest communities in NC and our government is fiscally sound, and committed to serving our citizens.

One of the greatest things about Graham and something I truly love about it is our people, and the reaction visitors have when they experience it for the first time. I am always amazed at how people know right away that they have arrived somewhere special. Whether it is our downtown street concerts, festivals, live music or trolley rides, there is something for everyone. As your mayor, I want to foster an environment that will continue to bring people together to create shared values and a unique vision for a place where we can all thrive. I hope you will all help me in making Graham the best it can be, and I thank you for allowing me to serve as the Mayor of Graham. I absolutely love this town.

Mayor

Jennifer Talley





Bill Cooke Park's paved mixed-use trail

Youth Athletics

Summer Sports Camps

Registration: June 1 – July 1

Camp details will be released closer to the time of registration.

Basketball Camp: July 18 – 20

Flag Football Camp: July 27 – 29

Graham Walks

Program Dates: April 20 – May 25

Graham Walks is a 5-week, self-motivated walking program designed to inspire you to stay active. We encourage participants to not only walk but to be active overall! Set a goal and track your activity on the Activity Tracker Log to be eligible for prizes and free swag.

Looking for Places to Walk in Graham?

Visit

GrahamRecreationAndParks.com for a listing of Graham's parks with paved accessible mixed-use trails, walking tracks, Downtown Graham walking routes, and hiking trails!



www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com

Graham-Mebane Lake

3218 Bason Road
Mebane, NC 27302
(919) 563 - 6544

Come relax on the water and enjoy the views of Graham-Mebane Lake. The lake offers canoe/kayak (April – October) and Jon boat rentals (February – November) on a first-come basis. Bring out your own canoe/kayak/Jon boat or rent one of ours! Learn more about vessel renting on our website, as well as hours of operation, and programs planned for 2022, including the Big Bass Tournament, Bank Fishing Catfish Tournaments, family programs, and more!



Movies in the Park

Join Graham Recreation & Parks on Saturday evenings in September for Movies in the Park! Bring a blanket or chair and set up a family movie night. The concession stand will be open for the purchase of popcorn, drinks, candy, and glow-in-the-dark necklaces! Join us Saturdays in September | 7:30 p.m. | For All Ages | FREE
Location: Bill Cooke Park



9/11 Commemorative 5K

Save the Date: Saturday, September 10, 2022 for the second annual 9/11 Commemorative 5K!

This is a community event open to all ages to participate! Also included is a 1-mile run/walk and the First Responders Team Cup! Come dressed in your red, white, and blue for the event! Donations accepted! Proceeds to benefit the Children of Fallen Heroes, an organization providing support and immediate needs for surviving spouses and children of First Responders and Military fallen heroes.



Graham Recreation & Parks is hiring!

If you enjoy recreation, leisure, the outdoors and want to make a difference for others...come, join our team! We are also always seeking volunteers to assist us with athletics, events, and other programs. Learn more about the available positions, responsibilities, qualifications, and how to apply <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/graham>

APPLY ONLINE TODAY!



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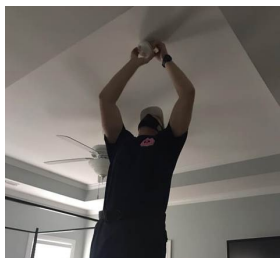
Recruitment

The City of Graham Fire Department is a combination fire department serving the citizens and visitors since 1903. GFD is constantly seeking energetic, dedicated volunteers to join our family of firefighters. A combination fire department consists of full - time career firefighters, part-time firefighters, and volunteers. Our volunteer firefighters are an integral part of the department's community protection efforts through firefighting and emergency medical responses. Responsibilities of a volunteer member include firefighting, providing medical aid, assisting at emergency scenes, and participating in community outreach programs. Volunteer members can receive free training through the NC Community College System, access to an on-site gym, uniforms, top-of-the-line personal protective equipment, and an opportunity to be a part of our family of dedicated and professional volunteers.

Community Outreach

In 2022 members of the GFD, Recreation & Parks Department and Police Department will be working together to host First Responder Fridays on the 4th Friday of each month. The mission of First Responder Fridays is to connect with the public, present programs the city offers, answer questions, and give the community the ability to learn a little more about those serving our wonderful city. Each agency will take this opportunity to connect, interact, play games, and promote upcoming events and programs that the City of Graham has to offer. We look forward to connecting with our community throughout this year.

Event dates: March 25, South Graham Park, April 22, Watercourse Apartments, May 27, Oakley Street Park, June 24, Graham Mebane Lake
Event time: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.



Fire Safety & Education

The GFD is dedicated to our mission of keeping our residents and visitors safe. One of the most important pieces of life-saving equipment that should be located in all homes and businesses is the Smoke Alarm. GFD inspections personnel can assure that businesses have the proper alarms

required by code during the inspection process. However, we need your help to ensure they are located and working in your homes. 3 out of 5 home fire deaths results from fire in properties without working smoke alarms. GFD encourages all residents to follow these important fire safety tips:

- Don't wait - Check the Date! Replace smoke alarms every 10 years
- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP! Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm.



The purpose of this citizens police academy is to strengthen mutual trust and cooperation with the public we serve. It is being executed by the unified efforts of the Graham Police Department, Gibsonville Police Department, Alamance Community College Police Department, Alamance County Sheriff's Office, and Haw River Police Department. Our agencies are being assisted and sponsored by other community partners and criminal justice-related organizations. It takes this unified effort as most of the agencies in this county are too small to staff a police academy properly.

The training and experiences provided to our citizens will include:

- General Police Officer Duties, Standard Equipment Exposure, Rank Structure
- Hiring Practice, Personnel Law, Internal Affairs, Body-Worn Cameras
- Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, Court Procedures
- Use of Force Decisions and Response to Resistance
- Firearm Exposure, Firearm-Related Policy, Concealed Weapons Training
- Traffic Stop Exposure
- Criminal Investigations
- Traffic Stops, Vehicle Pursuits
- K-9, SRT/SWAT, Unusual Occurrences
- Crisis Intervention Team, Behavioral Health Crises Response
- Law Enforcement Partners



Pay your water bill online

www.cityofgraham.com

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- www.cityofgraham.com/water-sewer-billing/
- Go to the second option: Pay bill without logging in
- Locate your account number on your water bill
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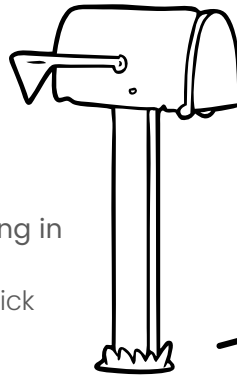
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Curbside Garbage Collection



NO!

- Residents please make sure your trash bin's lid closes with no trash overflowing



5'

YES!!!

- Trash bins are placed curbside by 7 a.m.
- Placed 5' from mailboxes, vehicles, or other objects
- All waste must be within the container



The Problem with FROG

The objective is still the same, preventing problems for our homes. Fats, Rags, Oils, and Grease (FROG) create hazardous and costly issues for residents, business owners, and city resources by generating blockages in sewer mains. Equipment can break if these items reach a lift station, force main pump, or water resource recovery facility pump. How can you help?

- Scrape leftover food in the trash
- Do NOT pour grease down the drain. Dispose of it in the trash.
- Clean up any spills with paper towels and dispose of them in the trash.
- Only flush toilet paper – disposable wipes, feminine hygiene products, and everything else does not belong in the sewer.

Sanitation

Schedule Changes Good Friday

There will be no garbage collection on Friday, April 15. Friday routes will be collected on Monday, April, 18.

No Changes

Monday, May 30 | Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 | Independence Day
Monday, September 5 | Labor Day



Biweekly Recycling Schedule

March	9 & 23
April	6 & 20
May	4 & 18
June	1, 15, & 29
July	13 & 27
August	10 & 24
September	7 & 21



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Burlington Fire Training Facility

100 Stone Quarry Road

(336) 376-8902

www.alamance-nc.com