

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
August 10, 2022 7:00 PM
Graham Mebane Lake

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Old Business
 - 1. Consider resignation of Kent Davis and Pat Moser
 - 2. Officer nominations
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Friends of GRPD requests
 - i. Rec. Center Gym Flooring project
 - 2. Graham-Mebane Lake plans
 - 3. Facility updates
 - i. Painting & Flooring Project at Rec. Center
 - ii. Civic Center roof
 - iii. Rec. Center HVAC
- VII. Activity Reports
 - 1. Recreation Center
 - 2. Athletics
 - 3. Programs
 - 4. Parks
 - 5. Graham-Mebane Lake
 - 6. Marketing
 - 7. Hall of Fame
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjournment

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
May 11, 2022
GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Jay Cook, Brian Cutlip, Laurie Pickard, Nicki Smith, Tim Beshel

STAFF: Brian Faucette

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30 with a welcome.

MINUTES

-Mr. Cutlip made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beshel and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-Chair Cook reported the Friends of Graham Recreation will meet on May 20th.
-Chair Cook reported the Sports Hall of Fame Committee recently evaluated the April '22 induction ceremony and that John Harrington will be off the Board for at least one year but would like to be reappointed in 2023. New members will be KJ Stone and Jane Albright. Kim Davis will be the new Chair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Mr. Faucette updated the staff's total training hours of 61.75 with 20.5 of those being classified as DEI training sessions. Additional training hours from the recent Therapeutic Recreation Conference will added.
-Mr. Faucette reported the Public Works Department has finished grading the area and presented examples and a quote of ~\$92,000 for the materials to replace the shelter at Cooke Park. A contractor will be sought with the hopes of replacing the shelter later in the year.
-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission that Alley, Williams, Carmen and King have completed surveying a "centerline" for the entrance to the multi-purpose field area at Graham Regional Park. The Public Works Dept. will begin initial grading of the entrance as their schedule allows.
-Mr. Faucette reported the HVAC screen for the 200 North Park is scheduled to be installed in May.
-Mr. Faucette reported a walking path is being installed at Graham Regional Park to connect to the new housing development being built across Jim Minor Rd.

OLD BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette reported the department has been able to fill part-time positions in Summer Camp and the Parks and Lake Divisions. Positions in the Centers Division remain unfilled. These staffing shortages in the Centers Division will likely result in shortened hours of operation at the Rec. Center.
-Mr. Faucette reported no new data has been presented for the Graham-Mebane Lake Master Plan.
-Mrs. Pickard reported she was able to speak with three community members at the listening Session at the Arbor Day Event. -1. Concerns about indoor and outdoor Pickle Ball courts; 2. An Appearance Commission member is still waiting on her "rock" at Graham Regional Park; 3. A recent widow has "discovered" Graham Regional Park. Laurie presented her marketing materials for future GRPD events which were well received. The next listening session will be on May 26th at the Thursday at Seven Concert. The Graham Historical Museum Board will also be hosting board members from Preservation Burlington that night.
-Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on the recently proposed FY '23 budget and encouraged Commission members to urge City Council members to pass the budget as presented as it supports several GRPD projects.
-Mr. Faucette reminded the Commission that applications for Boards and Commissions are being excepted and the Recreation Commission will have at least two vacancies to fill.
-Mr. Faucette did not have an update from the Appearance Commission on their proposed park clean-up day but will send an update.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Faucette reminded the Commission to consider officer nominations and elections. Chair Cook asked members for nominations. Members suggested to delay the nominations and vote until Commission vacancies had been filled.
-Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on two items to be presented to the Friends Group. 1-A request from the Appearance Committee for the Friends Group to accept the monetary donations that may be received for the

Tree Sponsorship program. 2- A request from the GRPD to accept monetary donations for a new "Sponsor and Athlete" program.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Marketing: N/A **Friends Group:** N/A **Parks:** N/A **Athletics:** N/A **Centers:** N/A **Programs:** N/A
Sports Hall of Fame: noted above

OTHER BUSINESS

-Mr. Cutlip asked Mr. Faucette to explore the names of GRPD baseball teams as one team may have an insensitive name.

With all business concluded, Mr. Cutlip made a motion to adjourn at 7:21pm, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date

Graham Recreation and Parks Commission
Director's Report for July '22

I. Present Projects

- a. **Gymnasium Floor Replacement** - Staff is planning to replace the flooring in Gym #1 & #2 in October.
- b. **Gymnasium Painting** - Staff is planning to have Gym #1 & #2 repainted in September.
- c. **Shelter #2 @ Cooke Park** - We are still researching contractors to install the structure.
- d. **Graham-Mebane Lake Master Plan** - A meeting with a member of the firm, the City Manager, Finance Director and GRPD staff will occur in early Aug. to discuss financing options for the lake.
- e. **200 North pocket park** - We are still waiting for the screen to be finished and installed.

II. Future Projects

- a. **Multi-purpose Complex @ GRP** - Public Works continues to work on clearing and grading a road to the complex.
- b. **Trail to Graham Regional Park** - Staff continues to work on the trail connecting the sidewalk system of the housing development across Jim Minor Rd. from the GRP.

III. Policies/Manuals

- a. **Sponsorship** - Work on the development of a departmental sponsorship policy is progressing.
- b. **G/M Lake Operations Manual** - Various forms are still being collected from the GRPD, HR, etc. for inclusion in the policy.

IV. Historical Museum Attendance - 24-July; 12 attended the Historic Walking Tour program

V. Outside Committees

- a. **Friends of GRPD** - The group voted to use funds to complete the floor replacement in Gym #2 at the Graham Recreation Center.
- b. **Wellness Collaborative** - Prior to the August presentation, I will meet with the speaker and members of the Collaborative to discuss opportunities to improve access to physical activity within Graham.

VI. Staffing

- a. **Medical Leave** - Vicky Braniff remains on medical leave. All staff continue to cover her responsibilities.
- b. **Shortage** - Operations of centers remain altered as a result staffing shortages.
- c. **Open positions** - The department is still advertising the following part-time positions:
 - i. Recreation Facility Maintenance Worker and Recreation Facility Attendant
 - ii. Athletic Facility Supervisor and Athletic Facility Attendant
 - iii. Parks and Athletic Facility Maintenance Worker
- d. **Training** - Fulltime staff will attend the NC Recreation and Parks Conference in October to continue training.

VII. Financial Summary

Recreation Division

JULY

Weight Room	\$7.00
Civic Center rentals	\$135.00
Maple St. Center rentals	\$195.00
Summer Day Camp	\$3,302.74
Shelter rental	\$525.00
Baseball	\$73.75
Lacrosse	\$50.00
Spring Soccer	\$208.75
Flag Football	\$1,070.00
Fall Soccer	\$3,179.50
Basketball Camp - (one refund)	(\$25.00)
9/11 5K Sponsorships	\$1,000.00
Donations	\$40.00
Total	\$9,761.74

Lake Division

JULY

Fishing Boat launches	\$1,470.00
Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe)	\$750.00
Ski Boat launches	\$211.00
Jon Boat rentals	\$550.00
Kayak/Canoe rentals	\$908.00
Bank Fishing	\$1,305.00
Bait/Supplies	\$1,727.00
Shelter rental	\$100.00
Big Bass Tournament	\$85.00
Catfish Tournament	\$780.50
Annual Permit (motorized)	\$640.00
Annual Permit (non-motorized)	\$180.00
Annual Permit (bank fishing)	\$0.00
Pontoon Boat Cruise	\$215.00
Event Rental Fee	\$100.00
Total	\$9,021.00

Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
July 2022 Report

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Completed Programs

Current Programs

- First Responder Friday
 - General Information
 - Collaborative program with the Fire and Police Department
 - Occurs one Friday each
 - Goal: to connect and engage with the community to foster good relationships and market programs
 - July 22: Bill Cooke Park, 9:00am – 11:00am
 - Next Event:
 - August 26: Oakley St. Park, 9:00am – 11:00am
- Summer Day Camp
 - General Information
 - Dates: May 31 – August 19
 - Hiring update:
 - Director: Aiderling Antequera
 - Assistant Directors: Madison Workman and Connor Young
 - Counselors: Grayson Slaughter, Ava Nelson, Hayley Whitley, Ashley Fuller, Liz Lucas, Makenzi Davis, and Chris Evans
 - Volunteers: Gail Adams and Olivia McPherson
 - Bus Driver: Virginia Moore and Jon Hester
 - There are currently 146 individuals registered.
 - July Trips
 - Museums
 - Movies

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-Alan Weiss

- Wet n Wild
- Roll a Bout
- July program
 - Fire and Life Safety week (July 25-29) in partnership with Graham Fire Department

Upcoming Programs

- 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event
 - General Information
 - Saturday, September 10: 7:00am – 12:00pm
 - 5K, 1 Mile Run/Walk, First Responders Team Cup, Blood Drive, Kid's activities
 - Donations to: Children of Fallen Heroes
 - Beginning to recruit sponsors along with Captain Jason Moore
 - Still searching for food trucks for this event
 - The Baked Good is available (offers pastries and coffee)
 - Sponsors (still recruiting)
 - Platinum
 - Wilson Tire Pros & Automotive
 - GXO
 - Gold
 - Adam's Towing
 - Acutote Inc
 - Silver
 - Truliant Federal Credit Union
 - Cone Health Triad Food & Ankle
 - Things Above
 - Bronze
 - Carolina Farm Credit
 - Watercourse Apartments
- Pumpkin Bash
 - General Information
 - Friday, October 28
 - Street Closures approved by City Council. I have reached out to Captain Velez to see who should reach out to NC DOT for Main Street closures
 - Attractions
 - Beginning to book inflateables
 - Booked a video game truck
 - Coming soon! Trunk or Treat Vendor application
 - Coming soon! Food Truck applications

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Professional Development

- NRPA
 - Cancelled due to COVID-19: NRPA Event Management School January 16-21, 2022
 - Planning to attend the NRPA Supervisor's Management School in November
- NCRPA
 - Attending the Annual NCRPA State Conference in Greenville, NC on October 17 – 19.

Committees

- Safe Kids
 - No meetings until August. I have not received dates yet.
- NCRPA
 - Serving on the planning committee for the Annual State Conference in Greenville, NC (October 17 – 19). I specifically serving on the education subcommittee and will assist with session selection. Next meeting is August 9.

Miscellaneous

- Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club After School Program
 - We are partnering with SABGC to host an After School program at the Graham Recreation Center
 - Pick up from North Graham Elementary, South Graham Elementary, and River Mill Academy
 - Plans to begin August 29, 2022
- Potential Programming
 - "School Day Off" Trips (on ABSS Teacher Workdays – "Student Playday"?)
 - Street Events on West Elm, concerts, etc.
 - New Year's Eve Event for 2022
 - Noon Year's Eve at the Rec Center (geared towards kids?)
 - Downtown Music/Arts Festival

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Graham-Mebane Lake Report, July 2022

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



We had a better July than expected. We usually see a significant drop (from the June numbers) in boat launchings, visitation, and revenue, but instead only saw small reductions. Our new Lake Cruises were a big hit and vessel rentals remained popular.

Fishing has been fair for bass and crappie, but better for catfish.

July Lake Highlights

- We had 475 visitors out over the three-day Independence Day weekend.
- Curtis Rippey, of Burlington, won the month in the Big Bass Tournament with an 8.24 lb. largemouth bass.
- We had 47 anglers turnout for July's Catfish Tournament. The First Place catfish weighed 3.95 lbs.
- The Vessel Rental Program continues to grow. We had 167 customers take out 143 vessels.
- A water quality survey was performed on the 29th. Yep, it's still wet.
- For the start of our new Lake Cruise program, we planned 2 cruises per day for the first two weekends as a test for interest. We ended up adding cruises on the last two weekends due to demand. We ended with 12 cruises, 96 customers, and \$600. We are now taking our lessons learned and planning our Fall Cruise schedule.
- The drop in the water level that began in June was erased by frequent afternoon thunderstorms. We are at full pool.



By the Numbers (2021 in parentheses)

Boat Launches	604 (575)	Customers	2,374 (2,667)
Motorized Boats:	410 (458)	All Boaters:	993 (1,080)
Ski Area Launches:	24 (49)	Motorized:	735 (953)
Non-motorized Boats:	170 (117)	Ski Area:	76 (161)
Seniors/Disability:	50 (62)	Non-Motor. Boater	182 (127)
Using Annual Permit:	244 (177)	Bank Anglers:	609 (767)
Vessels Rented:	143 (98)	Vessel Renters	167 (171)
		Passive Visitors:	505 (564)

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Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



July 2022

Days Open: 27

Daily Activity from Staff Reports:

Date	Boats	Visitors	Daily User Fees:				Bait	Fishing Supplies	Vessel Rental	Fishing Tourn.	Over		Total \$
			Motor.	Ski Area	Non-Motor.	Bank					Misc.	Under	
1	22	65	53.00		18.00	27.00	22.50	15.50	46.00				\$182.00
2	43	178	252.00	27.00	78.00	89.00	91.00	24.50	224.00	85.00	35.00		\$905.50
3	31	123	53.00		54.00	103.00	99.50	15.25	148.00		15.00		\$487.75
4	52	183	284.00	9.00	117.00	117.00	116.50	18.00	238.00				\$899.50
5													
6	17	38	76.00		30.00	15.00	17.50	9.25	10.00				\$157.75
7	18	68	21.00		30.00	43.00	21.50		56.00				\$171.50
8	10	74	78.00			47.00	55.50	33.75	46.00				\$260.25
9	34	110	172.00		57.00	95.00	86.00	23.50	90.00				\$523.50
10	13	66	36.00			56.00	47.50	39.00					\$178.50
11	15	92	40.00		12.00	76.00	64.00	10.25	66.00				\$268.25
12													
13	9	39		4.00		17.00	37.50	8.75	20.00				\$87.25
14	24	63	134.00	9.00	24.00	38.00	42.50	6.25	12.00				\$265.75
15	19	83	44.00	9.00	18.00	39.00	32.00	5.75	52.00				\$199.75
16	29	147	112.00	9.00	30.00	44.00	119.00	18.50	146.00	705.00	75.50		\$1,259.00
17	42	116	137.00	27.00	153.00	48.00	86.50	9.25	109.00			20.00	\$589.75
18	8	43	9.00		12.00	18.00	10.50	13.00	18.00		100.00	-20.00	\$160.50
19													
20	18	82	27.00	27.00	3.00	45.00	27.00	6.00	18.00				\$153.00
21	11	44	8.00	9.00	12.00	24.00	10.50	8.75	33.00				\$105.25
22	21	65	27.00		108.00	43.00	14.50	2.00					\$194.50
23	39	145	185.00	27.00	15.00	72.00	49.50	9.00	70.00		5.00		\$432.50
24	35	130	151.00	18.00	57.00	70.00	92.00	29.75	192.00		10.00		\$619.75
25	8	32	12.00			13.00	27.00	2.00				2.00	\$56.00
26													
27	13	48	31.00		18.00	6.00	9.00		10.00				\$74.00
28	10	41		9.00	24.00	15.00	16.00	4.25	46.00				\$114.25
29	15	62	40.00	9.00	6.00	19.00	28.00	9.75	46.00			0.59	\$158.34
30	31	166	84.00	18.00	12.00	76.00	82.50	22.75	102.00		20.00	5.00	\$422.25
31	17	71	44.00		42.00	50.00	75.50	1.25	20.00				\$232.75
Totals:	604	2374	\$2,110.00	\$211.00	\$930.00	\$1,305.00	\$1,381.00	\$346.00	\$1,818.00	\$790.00	\$260.50	\$7.59	\$9,159.09

Total Daily User Fees: \$4,556.00

Deposit Receipts:

Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks	\$6,079.34
Community Pass: Credit Cards	\$3,079.75
Community Pass: Shelter Rental	\$100.00
Community Pass: Lake Cruises	\$325.00
RECEIPT TOTAL:	\$9,584.09



2022 Year-To-Date Report for Graham-Mebane Lake

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



ACTIVITY:	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	TOTALS
# Days Open	12	26	26	26	26	27					143
# Boats	124	389	598	525	623	604					2,863
# Visitors	367	1,191	2,007	2,259	2,530	2,374					10,728

ALL REVENUE:											
User Fees Total:	3,041.00	4,594.00	5,193.00	4,036.50	4,962.00	4,556.00					\$26,382.50
Motorized Boat	2,817.00	3,895.00	3,502.00	2,011.50	2,652.00	2,110.00					\$16,987.50
Ski Area Users	0.00	0.00	36.00	99.00	197.00	211.00					\$543.00
Non-Motorized Boat	105.00	129.00	498.00	657.00	753.00	930.00					\$3,072.00
Bank Fishing	119.00	570.00	1,157.00	1,269.00	1,360.00	1,305.00					\$5,780.00
Bait	3.50	262.50	546.00	1,044.00	1,384.50	1,381.00					\$4,621.50
Fishing Supplies	7.00	73.75	154.25	422.25	364.50	346.00					\$1,367.75
Vessel Rentals	15.00	139.00	860.00	1,072.00	1,536.00	1,818.00					\$5,440.00
Big Bass Tourn.	500.00	725.00	250.00	125.00	75.00	75.00					\$1,750.00
Catfish Tourn.				795.00	1,215.00	705.00					\$2,715.00
Shelter Rentals		50.00	125.00	0.00	75.00	100.00					\$350.00
Other	150.00	2,340.00	122.00	136.00	554.75	603.09					\$3,905.84
Total Revenue	\$3,716.50	\$8,184.25	\$7,250.25	\$7,630.75	\$10,166.75	\$9,584.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,532.59

DAILY AVERAGES:

Boats	10	14	23	20	23	22	0	0	0	0	20
Visitors	30	45	77	86	97	87	0	0	0	0	75
Revenue	\$309	\$314	\$278	\$293	\$391	\$354	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$325

PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

July 2022



Bill Cooke Park

Athletic Fields – All soccer fields have been laid out and painted for upcoming season.

General Maintenance – Monthly playground inspection was completed with no issues found.

Dog park sprayed for weeds.

Sprayed weeds in and around tennis court complex.

South Graham Park

General Maintenance – Monthly playground inspection was completed with no issues found.

Sprayed weeds in sand volleyball court.

Graham Regional Park

General Maintenance – Monthly playground inspections were completed with no issues found.

Apollo/Goley

Apollo – Spot sprayed field for nutsedge.

Field was fertilized with 46-0-0.

Football field was laid out and painted for GMS upcoming football season.

Goley – Spot sprayed outfield for nutsedge.

Field was fertilized with 18-24-12.

Johnson Ave

General Maintenance - Field was fertilized with 18-24-12.

Field laid out and painted for rec flag football season.

Lake

General Maintenance – Hauled soil to lake to be used as backfill around new sidewalks.

Sprayed weeds along bank edge and parking lot.

Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds

Greenway – Playground inspection completed with no issues found. Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch.

Harmon Park – Playground inspection completed with no issues found. Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch and in the wooded area.

Civic Center – Playground inspection completed with no issues found. Squeegeed water from roof.

Marshall St – Playground inspection completed with no issues found. Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch.

Recreation Center – Playground inspection completed with no issues found. Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch.

Fixed the leaking drain line on water fountain.

Oakley St. – Playground inspection completed with no issues found. Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch and on walking track. Cleared 3 trees that had fallen on the outfall line.

Maple St. – Spot sprayed weeds in landscape beds.

Hwy 54 Access – Spot sprayed weeds in landscape areas.

200 N. Main – Pulled weeds in landscape beds.

Miscellaneous

Tel & Travis have been working on resoring a Victorian handrail that will be displayed at the Historical Museum.

Put up and took down concert banner.

Continued Education & Community Involvement

No Report.

Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
July 2022 Report



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"Better doesn't have a finish line." — Maryanne O'Brien, The Elevated Communicator: How to Master Your Style and Strengthen Well-Being at Work

Projects Completed

- The Musical Chairs Concert Series in Graham featured Graymatter with great music, a happy crowd, and nice attendance at Bill Cooke Park! (07/01)
- Assisted Tel & Travis in weeding the 200 North Alley landscaping (07/06)
- Brian and I met with the Alamance (Marta Moos) and Graham (Russell Guy) Rotary Clubs to discuss sponsorship and volunteer opportunities (07/07)
- Hikes with Hounds was held at Glencoe Paddle Access in Burlington (07/08).
 - Elon University interns with Burlington Animal Services came along to film footage and interview attendees to create a future promotional video for the program.
- Brian and I met with Syntech to plan future entryway and park signage for South Graham Park (07/20)
- Thursdays at Seven Concert Series was held at the Graham Recreation Center (relocated due to storms) with Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot and brought out a great crowd with approximately 275 in attendance. Lots of positive engagement on social media! (07/28)
- The Musical Chairs Concert Series in Graham featured Rock Steady at the Graham Recreation Center (relocated due to storms). (07/29)
- Created new signage: a-frame coroplast inserts - no smoking reminders for events, paved trails ground stickers - hot paw reminders for pets, coroplast inserts - Sunflower Project information
- Promoted additional Summer Lake Cruises on the Pontoon dates and an additional Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Graham date (sent requested pontoon footage to Fox8 WGHP)
- Collaborated once again with Alamance Community College (ACC) for a Summer Sports Camp participant t-shirt design. This year's sports camp shirt designs are by Maliek Overman, from Alamance Community College's Advertising and Graphic Design department (Graphic Design 2).
- Graham Walks Spring 2022 t-shirts were designed, printed, and are being distributed to participants.
- Museum: Worked with Russell Compton to update the Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Graham route and script

- Museum: July - September set of the Museum Collector Cards were bundled and are now available for museum visitors: Color Russell, Cristo Cola Bottling Works, W. J. Nicks Mercantile, Alamance Gleaner



Projects Currently Underway

- Programs & events being promoted during July: Youth Athletics Fall Registration & Summer Sports Camps, Graham Historical Museum & Programs, First Responder Fridays, Hiring, Lake Info, Catfish Tournaments, Summer Lake Cruises on the Pontoon, Center Updates, Hikes with Hounds, Shelter Reservations, ecoEXPLORE HotSpots, Parks, Thursdays at Seven Concert Series, Musical Chairs Concert Series, Slice of Summer, Dog Park, Summer Day Camp, Sunflowers, Parks & Recreation Month, & more!
- Potential partnership with Piedmont Triad Regional Council's Stormwater SMART, Little Alamance Creek Healthy Streams Cooperative, and a Gold Award Girl Scout candidate to plan South Graham Park Creek Cleanup events this fall. We met and are currently going through the logistics of this opportunity.
- Planning to partner again with Alamance Soil & Water Conservation to plant a Crimson Clover Field at Graham Regional Park once the Sunflowers are finished blooming for the season.
 - Benefits: Cover crops improve soil quality and weed suppression alongside other uses. Crimson clover (nitrogen fixer) gives your garden a green boost. This will also create a beautiful field of red crimson field of flowers to view.
- Coordinating new Park Signage with Syntech
 - Bill Cooke Park rules/hours, wayfinding signage, trail distance, tennis court rules
 - South Graham Park entryway and park signage (rules & nature trail)
- 200 North Main Street Pocket Park Project with the City of Graham's Downtown Development Coordinator
 - Exploring seating & lighting options to purchase/lease
 - The art panels installation began on June 29, 2022, currently underway
- Updating Sponsorship Policy Packet
 - Currently consolidating information and exploring tiers/costs
- Pursuing the NC Environmental Education (NCEE) Certification. The goals of the NCEE Certification Program are to increase environmental literacy, provide practice in environmental education teaching methods, and foster community leadership.
- Attending the NCRPA Annual Conference in Greenville, NC in October 17-19, 2022
- Attending the NRPA Event Management School for the Certified Festival & Event Associate (CFEA) Certification in January 15-20, 2023 (rescheduled due to Covid-19)

Current & Upcoming Programming

- **Hikes with Hounds**
 - Year-Round, one Friday each month
 - Partnership with the City of Burlington Animal Services and Recreation & Parks
 - Friday, July 8 • Haw River Trail – Glencoe Paddle Access (2 miles)
 - Upcoming Hike: August 19 • Haw River Trail - Swepsonville River Park (2 miles)

- **Musical Chairs with Alamance Arts**
 - 2022 Band Lineup
 - May 6 – Mel Melton & The Wicked Mojos (Swamp Pop & Blues) – canceled due to inclement weather/tornado alerts
 - June 3 – West End Mambo (Salsa) – moved indoors to the Recreation Center
 - July 1 – Graymatter (60's & 70's Acoustics) – held at Bill Cooke Park
 - July 29 – Rock Steady Band (Rock, Country, Blues, R&B) – moved indoors to the Recreation Center
 - August 5 – Back Porch Orchestra (Variety of Modern Music with Acoustics)
 - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
 - Working to add options to create an arts-focused atmosphere with interactive art-themed booths, arts & crafts vendors, and food trucks
 - Graham concerts will be presented by Graham Recreation & Parks and Alamance Arts

- **Thursdays at Seven Concert Series**
 - 2022 Band Lineup
 - May 26 – The Holiday Band – held in Downtown Graham
 - June 23 – The Pink Slips Band – held in Downtown Graham
 - July 28 – Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot – moved indoors to the Recreation Center
 - August 25 – The Konnection
 - September 8 – East Coast Rhythm & Blues
 - September 22 – Mason Lovette Band
 - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Location: Downtown Graham • West Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253
 - Continued to secure sponsorships for the Thursdays at Seven Concert Series
 - Presenting Sponsor
 - Truliant Federal Credit Union
 - Stage Sponsors
 - Allen Tate Realtors®
 - Ausley's Chevelle Parts
 - Last Call HVAC
 - Cone Health Triad Foot & Ankle
 - Single Concert Sponsor
 - The Verdict on the Square for Mason Lovette Band
 - United States Army for Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot

- On-Site Sponsor
 - Always Best Care Senior Services (06/23, 07/28, 09/22 concerts)
- Supporting Sponsor
 - Green & McClure Furniture – refunded due to BrightBoard no longer available (currently exploring options for future events)
- Concession Sponsor
 - Pelican's SnoBalls Burlington
- **Graham Historical Museum**
 - Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Graham
 - Saturday, August 6
 - Lunch-and-Learn Series
 - Wednesday, September 21 • Speaker: Nettie Baldwin (Topic: TBD)
 - Wednesday, October 12 • Speaker: Gail Knauff, former Haw River Museum Director • Topic: "How Graham Helped A Haw River Person Become an Inventor"
 - Graham Historical Cemetery Tour
 - Saturday, October 8
- **Sunflower Project at Graham Regional Park**
 - Summer 2022 (now showing at the park...lower crop due to the lack of rain)
 - Special thanks to the GRPD Parks & Athletic Team, City of Graham Public Works, and the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District
 - We have continued a great partnership with Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District...year 2 of the Sunflower Project! In the large field and along a hillside at Graham Regional Park, we came together to plant a pollinator plot using the district's no-till drill. The seed mix consists of soybeans, iron clay peas, buckwheat, sorghum, black oil, and peredovik sunflowers. Not only does planting a mixture of seeds help our pollinators, but it also provides cover and seeds for small mammals and birds, as well as keeps the soil covered and protected from erosion. (planted seed on 05/17)
- **Movies in the Park**
 - Every Saturday in September
 - September 3 – TBD
 - September 10 – TBD
 - September 17 – TBD
 - September 24 – TBD
 - Time: the movie begins around 7:30pm (pending sunset time)
 - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253



Volunteering

- NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteer
- Content Curator Volunteer for Environmental Educators of North Carolina

Social Media

Instagram Followers: 2,057 (increased 34)

Twitter Followers: 222 (increased 2)

Facebook Likes: 7,178 (increased 101)

Facebook Followers: 7,843 (increased 139)

Website

Top 10 Most Viewed City of Graham Website Pages for July 2 - 31, 2022:

Top Posts/Pages



1. City of Graham, NC	3,419
2. Water & Sewer Billing – City of Graham, NC	1,285
3. Recreation & Parks – City of Graham, NC	1,262
4. GRPD Lake – City of Graham, NC	1,222
5. Trash and Recycling – City of Graham, NC	772
6. GRPD Parks & Facilities – City of Graham, NC	722
7. Police – City of Graham, NC	568
8. GRPD Lake Hours & Fees – City of Graham, NC	554
9. GRPD Athletics – City of Graham, NC	482
10. Tax Division – City of Graham, NC	424

"Coaching is one of the most effective leadership styles that can transform, empower and unlock people's potential."

- Farshad Asl

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
July 2022 Report

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Programming:

- Summer 2022 Athletic Programs:
 - Youth Basketball Camp:
 - Instructional basketball camp designed to teach the fundamentals of the game of basketball in a fun and creative manner.
 - Camp will be held at the Graham Recreation Center in the large gym.
 - Dates of camp are July 18th, 19th & 20th
 - Age range is 8-10
 - Currently, there are 12 participants.
 - Upon completion of the camp, each participant will receive a certificate as well as a t-shirt.
 - Youth Flag Football Camp:
 - Instructional Flag Football Camp designed to introduce participants to football through flag football.
 - Camp will be held at the CityGate Dream Center in Burlington, NC.
 - Dates of camp are July 27th, 28th & 29th.
 - Age range is 6-12
 - Currently, there are 15 participants.
 - Upon completion of the camp, each participant will receive a certificate as well as a t-shirt.
- Upcoming Athletic Programs:
 - Fall Youth Soccer:
 - Registration for soccer opened on July 1st.
 - All soccer practices and games will take place at Bill Cooke Park
 - Ages for soccer range from 4-12

- Soccer consist of the following age groups or leagues
 - 5U
 - 6U
 - 8U
 - 10U (*10U has been changed to an age range of 9-12)
- Fall Flag Football:
 - Registration for Flag Football opened on July 1st.
 - This program will partner with the City of Burlington Recreation & Parks.
 - Flag Football practices will take place at the following locations:
 - Bill Cooke Park, Field 2
 - Apollo Field (Graham Middle School Football Field)
 - Johnson St. Field
 - Ages range from 5-12
 - Flag Football age groups or leagues consist of the following:
 - 6U
 - 8U
 - 10U (*10U has been changed to 9-12)

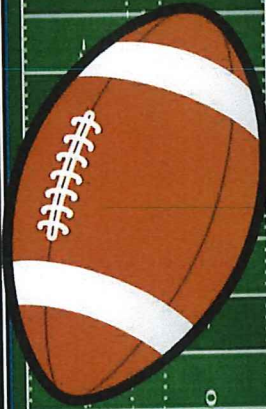
Safety Measures:

- For COVID safety measures, guidelines from NCDHHS will be given to parents of participants.
- Parents must also read and sign off on the Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19 upon registering their child for any athletic program. The waiver can be found here
https://register.capturepoint.com/reg_adm/view_policy.cfm?s=le9MCvvRzcw%3D&t=21227281&policy_version_id=4227
- All coaches have been asked to complete a background check before being able to coach in any sport with the City of Graham.
- There will not be a masks requirement for outdoor sports for players, coaches or spectators.



Graham Recreation & Parks

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP CERTIFICATE



FLAG

FOOTBALL

This Certificate is Proudly Presented to

for

Date

Signature

in partnership with CityGate Dream Center

2022 YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

This certificate is awarded to

For

Date

Signature



Graham
RECREATION & PARKS

2022 Youth Basketball Camp Outline

Day 1

6:00pm – Introductions

6:10pm – Stretch, Warm-Up, Conditioning

- Jumping Jacks (2 sets of 10)
- Toe Touches (2 sets of 10)
- Arm Circles (10 seconds; frontwards & backwards)
- Lunge Stretches (10 seconds to the right, 10 seconds to the left)
- 2 laps around the court

6:20pm – Dribbling

- Down and Back (Full court dribbling. Do twice; 1st time focus on proper form and technique while slowly dribbling down the court; 2nd time have players try to speed dribble down the court.)
- Down and Back Relay Race (Split into 2 even groups and race down and back with the ball. First team to have all their players dribble down and back wins)
- Zig Zag Dribbling (Split into even groups. Have players dribble around cones in a zig zag pattern down and back.)
- Zig Zag Dribbling Relay Race (Stay in the same groups. Race down and back while zig zag dribbling through each cone. First team with all their players down and back wins.)
- Dribble Tag w/ 4 Cones – Position 4 cones in a square pattern. 2 players both start with a ball. Designate 1 player as the tagger and one player to evade being tagged. Players can go in either direction and can switch directions to try and tag or avoid being tagged. Drill goes for 15 seconds or until someone is tagged. Switch taggers each time.
- Dribble Tag w/ 3 Cones – Same as before except remove 1 cone and position the remaining ones into a triangular pattern. This will force players to make quicker movements with less time to react. Again, switch taggers each time.

6:40pm – Shooting Drills

- Layup Lines – Demonstrate proper layup technique. Afterwards have all players line up and complete layups. Begin on the right side then move to the left side.

- Receive Pass Layups – Have players line up similar to layup lines. Coaches will deliver bounce passes to players as they run towards to basket. Players should receive the pass and attempt a layup without bouncing the ball first.
- 5 Spot Shooting – Using the shooting circles or cones, create 5 designated shooting spots. Have each player attempt a jump shot from each spot. Split players into 2 groups (if possible) so that each player has a chance to shoot. Coaches will rebound the ball.
- 5 Spot Shooting (Competition) – Split into separate groups. Each player will occupy shooting spot (if they are more players than spots, that player will stand under the basket until the game starts. Once the game begins the coach will pass the ball to any player who can shoot as soon as he/she receives the pass. After each shot the group rotates to the next shooting spot. The first team to make 10 baskets wins.
- Split Up Knockout – Staying in the same groups. Each will compete in a short game of knockout.

6:55pm – Passing

- Partner Passing – Players will pair up and demonstrate various types of passes. The 3 we will work on will be bounce, chest and over the head. Make sure players create enough space in between them to perform each pass.
- Shuffle Passing – Players pair up and pass to each other while shuffling down the court.
- Shuffle Passing Relay – Same as the previous shuffle drill but this is a race between the two groups. Players must bounce pass at the end to their teammate for them to complete a layup. The next pair will go and continue until the last pair finishes. The first group to have all their pairs finish wins.

7:15pm – Defense

- Defensive Stance Demonstration – Demonstrate the proper defensive stance and technique.
- Shuffle Defense – The coach will play the role of the offensive players. The coach will dribble in various directions. The defense will slide and shuffle their feet in the direction of the coach. The coach will pass or shoot the ball. The drill is over once a rebound is secured or the coach picks the ball up.
- 1 v 1 Dribble Defense – Pair up w/ offense and defense; offensive player will dribble to half-court; defensive player will try to stay in front. Split into 2 groups on opposite sides of the court.

7:25pm – Games

- Full Camp Knockout – Knockout game in which all players will participate. The winner does not have to run the 'end of the day' sprints.

7:30pm – Camp Closeout

Flag Football Summer Camp Day 2 Outline

6:00PM – 6:05PM: Introductions

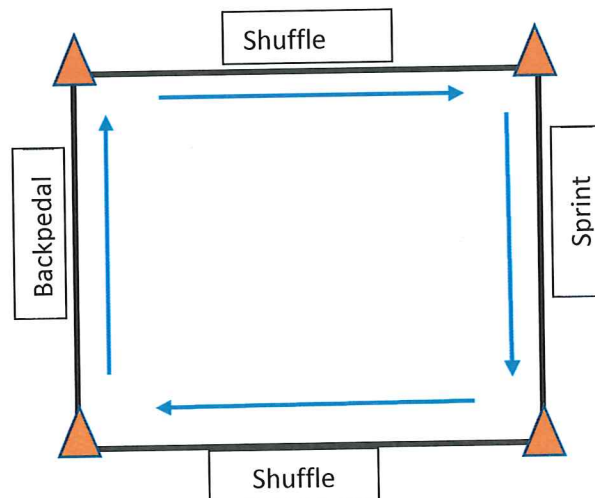
6:05PM – 6:15PM: Stretching/Warm-Up/Conditioning

- Stretching/Warm-up – *Jumping Jacks* (2 sets of 10), *High Knees*, *Arm Circles* (count to 20, then reverse direction), *Butt Kicks*, *Quick Feet* (Choppy Feet),
- Conditioning – 2 laps around half the field

6:15PM – 6:20PM WATER BREAK

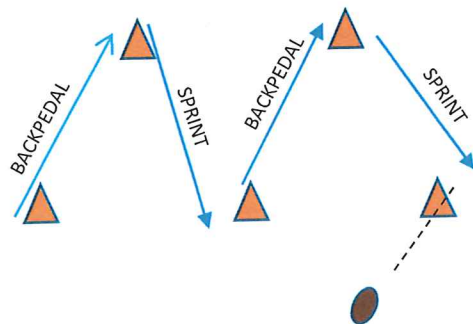
6:20PM – 6:40PM: Agility Drills

- 4-corner Drill – Place 4 cones in a square 5 to 7 yards apart. Upon the start of the drill, backpedal from the first cone to the second cone, pumping your arms and not looking backward. Once you backpedal past the second cone and can see it in front of you, cut at a 90-degree angle and shuffle toward the third cone. Once you pass the third cone, sprint forward to the fourth cone. After passing the fourth cone, cut 90 degrees again and shuffle back toward the start to complete the square.



- Zig Zag Drill – Place cones in a zig zag pattern about 10 yards apart. To start this drill, run quickly from the first cone to the staggered cone of the second line. After reaching the cone quickly cut and run to the next cone of the first line.
- 5 Cone Run Pass Drill – Line up 5 cones in a staggered position. On the whistle the defender will backpedal to the cone. Once they get to the cone the defender will plant their feet and sprint towards the next cone. Repeat until the final cone in which the defender will go for an interception and yell 'oskie' when they catch it. Important on

keeping eyes forward and head up. Repeat the drill but remove some cones and have defenders react to pass or run based on ball carrier's position.



6:40PM – 7:00PM: Flag Pulling Drills

- **Correct Stance** – The initial position you want to take when pulling an opponent's flag is similar to the stance you would take in tackle football. 2 Hands, 2 flags (always use both hands to go for both flags.)
- **Zig Zag Drill** – To start, have a set of defensive players line up in two staggered vertical lines about 5 yards apart. They will remain stationary, facing forward with their hands on their hips. The offensive player runs to the first defensive player in the line. As they reach their target, they need to break down, square up, and quickly remove both flags using both hands. Then, they sprint to the next staggered player in the opposite vertical line and practice the same motions. The drill is complete after they've reached every player and removed their flags.
- **Tunnel Drill** – To start, create a tunnel by having 3 defensive players stand in one vertical line and 3 other defensive players stand in another vertical line about 5 feet across from each other. The offensive player's goal is to run through the tunnel of defensive players as fast as he or she can without having their flags removed. The defensive players must remain stationary and may only use their inside hand to remove the flag. Cannot use both hands.
- **Cone Drill** – To set up, place 4 cones 10 yards apart to create a square. The offensive player will act as the ball-carrier, standing at the cone in the lower left corner of the square. The defender stands on the opposite side diagonally from them at the upper right cone. At start, both players will sprint around the cone in front of them-the offensive player will round the upper left cone, moving forward. The defensive player will round the lower right cone, moving downward. Then, both players will meet in the middle for a 1 on 1 showdown. The defender wants to pull the ball-carrier's flags before they can escape the square. The offensive player should try a variety of moves.

7:00PM – 7:05PM: WATER BREAK/REST

7:05PM – 7:25PM: Receiving Drills

- 5 yard out – Upon hike, run forward 5 yards, then quickly turn on a 90-degree angle toward the outside line. You want to be running parallel to the line of scrimmage.
- Post – To complete a post, run straight forward for 5 to 10 yards, then cut at a 45-degree angle toward the center of the field.
- Corner – Upon hike, run straight forward 5 to 10 yards, then cut at a 45 degree angle toward the outside of the field.
- Whip/Option – After the hike, run on a slight slant in your original direction. Once you reach your intended yardage, pivot backward, then cut parallel to the line of scrimmage in the opposite direction toward your final destination.

7:25PM – 7:40PM: Offense vs Defense

- 3 on 2 drill – 3 offensive players. (Quarterback, Running Back, Receiver). 2 defensive players (Linebacker and Defensive Back). The offense can perform either a run play (pitch or handoff) or a pass play. *The QB cannot run. The defenses job is to try and defend the play either by breaking up the pass, intercepting the pass or pulling the flag if there is a running play.

7:40PM – 8:00PM: Games/Fun Drills

- Sharks vs Minnows – For this game, designate an area on the field for play. All players must stay within this designated area. Start with one or two players designated as the “Sharks”. The rest of the players are the “Minnows”. The object of the shark is to grab the flag of the minnows. Once a minnow has their flag grabbed, they then become sharks and attempt to grab the flag from the other minnows. The game ends when there is only 1 minnow remaining.
- Gauntlet – For this drill, you create a small running zone for the offense. At the other end, you have one defender. The rest of the team is on offense and line up at the other end. On the whistle, the first offensive players tries to beat the defense. Once the flag is pulled or the defense is beat you send the next runner. The defender in this drill has to process things quickly and pull as many flags as he/she can.

Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
June 2022 Report

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Completed Programs

- Slice of Summer
 - General Information
 - June 18
 - Water and summer themed event in Downtown Graham
 - Partnership with Alamance Arts
 - Attractions
 - Inflateable waterslides
 - Arts Vendors
 - Painted Grape
 - 64 Harvard
 - Color My Monday
 - Sprinkler Street enhanced by the Graham Fire Department
 - Characters available for photo op
 - Pantasia Steel Drum Band
 - Park n Play games
 - Car Cruise-In

Current Programs

- First Responder Friday
 - General Information
 - Collaborative program with the Fire and Police Department
 - Occurs one Friday each
 - Goal: to connect and engage with the community to foster good relationships and market programs
 - June 24: Graham Mebane Lake, 3:00pm-5:00pm

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-Alan Weiss

- Next Event:
 - July 22: Bil Cooke Park, 9:00am – 11:00am
- Summer Day Camp
 - General Information
 - Dates: May 31 – August 19
 - Hiring update:
 - Director: Aiderling Antequera
 - Assistant Directors: Madison Workman and Connor Young
 - Counselors: Grayson Slaughter, Ava Nelson, Hayley Whitley, Ashley Fuller, Liz Lucas, Makenzi Davis, and Josh Brown
 - Volunteers: Gail Adams and Olivia McPherson (still listed and accepting more volunteers)
 - Bus Driver: Virginia Moore and Jon Hester
 - There are currently 146 individuals registered.
 - July Trips
 - Museums
 - Movies
 - Wet n Wild
 - Roll a Bout
 - July program
 - Fire and Life Safety week (July 25-29) in partnership with Graham Fire Department

Upcoming Programs

- 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event
 - General Information
 - Saturday, September 10: 7:00am – 12:00pm
 - 5K, 1 Mile Run/Walk, First Responders Team Cup, Blood Drive, Kid's activities
 - Donations to: Children of Fallen Heroes
 - Beginning to recruit sponsors along with Captain Jason Moor
 - Still searching for food trucks for this event
 - The Baked Good is available (offers pastries and coffee)
 - Sponsors (still recruiting)
 - Platinum
 - Wilson Tire Pros & Automotive
 - Gold
 - Adam's Towing
 - Acutote Inc
 - Silver
 - Truliant Federal Credit Union

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- Cone Health Triad Food & Ankle
 - Things Above
- Bronze
 - Carolina Farm Credit
 - Watercourse Apartments
- Pumpkin Bash
 - General Information
 - Friday, October 28
 - Street Closures approved by City Council. I have reached out to Captain Velez to see who should reach out to NC DOT for Main Street closures
 - Attractions
 - Beginning to book inflatables
 - Booked a video game truck
 - Coming soon! Trunk or Treat Vendor application
 - Coming soon! Food Truck applications

Professional Development

- CDL Test
 - Passed both the written and driving portion for Class B CDL with Passenger endorsement on June 8.
- NRPA
 - Cancelled due to COVID-19: NRPA Event Management School January 16-21, 2022
 - Planning to attend the NRPA Supervisor's Management School in November
- NCRPA
 - Attending the Annual NCRPA State Conference in Greenville, NC on October 17 – 19.

Committees

- Safe Kids
 - No meetings until August
- NCRPA
 - Serving on the planning committee for the Annual State Conference in Greenville, NC (October 17 – 19). I specifically serving on the education subcommittee and will assist with session selection. Next meeting is July 7.

Miscellaneous

- Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club After School Program
 - We are partnering with SABGC to host an After School program at the Graham Recreation Center

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- Pick up from North Graham Elementary, South Graham Elementary, and River Mill Academy
 - Ended for the year on May 20
 - We will meet with the SABGC to discuss next year's plans.
- Potential Programming
 - "School Day Off" Trips (on ABSS Teacher Workdays – "Student Playday"?)
 - Street Events on West Elm, concerts, etc.
 - New Year's Eve Event for 2022
 - Noon Year's Eve at the Rec Center (geared towards kids?)
 - Downtown Music/Arts Festival

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