

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
September 14, 2022 6:30 PM
Apollo Field

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Old Business
 - 1. Graham-Mebane Lake
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Facility updates
 - i. Painting & Flooring Project at Rec. Center
 - ii. Civic Center Roof and Flooring Project
 - 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

AUGUST 10, 2022

GRAHAM-MEBANE LAKE

MINUTES

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

STAFF: Brian Faucette, Lake Warden Steve Hadden, Attendant Keith Jones, Attendant Jack Greene

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 5:55 with a welcome.

MINUTES

-Mr. Beshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cutlip and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-Chair Cook asked about options to renovate or remove the cabin at Cooke Park. Chair Cook and Mrs. Pickard commented the cabin is a potential liability and suggested it be considered for removal. Mr. Cutlip advocated for exploring options to repair the cabin because it is a historic building in the County. The Commission ultimately asked Mr. Faucette to explore how it could possibly be renovated and to install a fence to secure the site.

-Chair Cook asked how the pile of mulch at Zachary Field is to be used. Mr. Faucette reported to the Commission the GRPD no longer maintains Zachary Field but he would explore the possible uses of the mulch.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Mr. Faucette did not offer a Director's Report at this meeting in order to allow time for a possible tour of the Lake for the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette asked the Commission to consider taking official action on the verbal resignations from Kent Davis and Pat Moser relayed to Chair Cook. Mrs. Pickard made a motion to accept the verbal resignation of both members effective August 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved.

-Chair Cook opened discussion for officer nominations for the '22-'23 year. After a brief discussion, Chair Cook made a motion to maintain the current officers for the '22-'23 year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pickard and unanimously approved.

Recess - Before new business was considered, Lake Warden Steve Hadden informed the Commission a break in the weather was around the lake and offered the lake tour during that weather break. At 6:05, Mr. Beshel made a motion to recess the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cutlip and unanimously approved. The Commission then toured Graham-Mebane Lake on the pontoon boat with Mr. Hadden and Mr. Faucette highlighting points of interest ranging from the water intake and solar mixer operations at the Water Plant to clearing violations committed by surrounding property owners. At 7:05, Mr. Cutlip made a motion to bring the Commission out of recess and back into session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pickard and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Cook reported the Friends of Graham approved using \$35,000 of designated funds for the resurfacing of the small gym at the Graham Recreation Center.

-Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on several facility updates and repairs. 1) The painting of the Recreation Center should begin in mid-September. 2) The resurfacing of the Recreation Center floor should begin in late September and is expected to be complete by the start of basketball season, early November. Both projects are subject to contractor schedules but are currently penciled in on their calendars. 3) The roof at the Graham Civic Center is in need of repairs. Quotes have been received and a company will be contacted within the week to begin the process of the repairs. All activities have been relocated until repairs are complete. 4) A HVAC unit at the Rec. Center will be replaced in the next few weeks.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

-Mr. Hadden reported he received a donation offer from a local family foundation to make repairs to the seats and flooring of the pontoon boat. The caller had attended one of the first pontoon boat cruises, loved the experience and wanted to enhance the experience for others in the community. Mr. Faucette asked Chair Cook if the donation could be made to the Friends of Graham group and designated for use on the pontoon boat. Chair Cook will poll the Friends members and report back.

-Mr. Cutlip mentioned the great articles in the NCRPA magazines featuring projects completed by GRPD staff.

With all business concluded, Mr. Beshel made a motion to adjourn at 7:12pm, seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date

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

I. Present Projects

- a. **Gymnasium Floor Replacement** - Staff is finalizing the colors and layout of the new floor in gyms #1 & #2. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-October.
- b. **Gymnasium Painting** - Staff is working with Sherwin-Williams and the painting contractor to finalize colors, products and design for Gym #1 & #2. Work is scheduled to begin on Oct. 3rd.
- c. **Shelter #2 @ Cooke Park** - I will meet with a contractor in September to review this project.
- d. **200 North pocket park** - We are still waiting for the screen to be finished and installed. A photo of the screen is attached.
- e. **Civic Center roof and floor** - A roof leak that also caused floor damage was discovered in late July. Bids have been received to install a new roof system and to replace the floor. City Council will consider the project for ARPA funding at the Sept. 13th meeting. If approved, work will begin in mid-Sept.

II. Future Projects

- a. **Multi-purpose Complex @ GRP** - Public Works continues to clear and grade an entry 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. **Graham-Mebane Lake Master Plan** - No updates.
- b. **Sponsorship** - Work on the development of a departmental sponsorship policy is progressing.
- c. **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 - 10-August; 12 visited during the Thursday at Seven concert. 8 attended the Historic Walking Tour program

V. Outside Committees

- a. **Friends of GRPD** - No updates.
- b. **Wellness Collaborative** - No updates.

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
 - 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

Weight Room	\$5.00
Civic Center rentals	CLOSED
Maple St. Center rentals	\$75.00
Table Rentals	\$42.00
Shelter rental	\$1,475.00
Summer Day Camp	\$603.97
Lacrosse	\$50.00
Flag Football	\$280.00
Fall Soccer	\$490.00
9/11 5K Runner Donations	\$805.00
9/11 5K Sponsorships	\$2,500.00
Event Rental – Cooke Park	\$150.00
Donations	\$5.00
Total	\$6,480.97

Lake Division

Fishing Boat launches	\$1,085.00
Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe)	\$564.00
Ski Boat launches	\$187.00
Jon Boat rentals	\$316.00
Kayak/Canoe rentals	\$653.00
Bank Fishing	\$748.00
Bait/Supplies	\$1,071.75
Shelter rental	\$25.00
Big Bass Tournament	\$0.00
Catfish Tournament	\$831.00
Annual Permit (motorized)	\$120.00
Annual Permit (non-motorized)	\$105.00
Annual Permit (bank fishing)	\$85.00
Pontoon Boat Cruise (refund)	(\$10.00)
Event Rental Fee	\$175.00
Total	\$5,955.75



Graham-Mebane Lake Report, August 2022

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



Despite the heat and thunderstorms, we had a really good August. Fishing was slow (as normal for August) for bass and crappie, but we still averaged 19 boats per day, a 45% increase over pre-Covid numbers. Catfishing was mmm-mmm good.

August Lake Highlights

- Calvin Hicks, of Durham, won August in the Big Bass Tournament with an 8.94 lb. bass.
- We had 51 entrants in our fourth and final Catfish Tournament of the year.
- Steve assisted NC Wildlife staff on their first Cut and Cable operation at the Lake in years. Selected trees (by species, location, and size) were dropped into the lake to provide structure for fish. The trees were cabled to their stumps to keep them from moving or becoming boating hazards. Cut and cable is considered a superior way of providing fish habitat.
- An algacide application around the water plant intake was made on the 4th.
- A water quality survey was performed on the 23rd.
- The Alamance Co. Rescue Unit Dive Team held their second vehicle removal training exercise at the lake on the 28th.
- A new utility building was delivered on the 29th. This building will house much of the equipment for the vessel rental program along with stuff that's cluttering up Steve's office.
- The lake water level has started to drop, evaporation and reduced rainfall are the main factors.



By the Numbers (2021 in parentheses)

Boat Launches	501	(456)	Customers	1,830	(1,732)
Motorized Boats:	355	(333)	All Boaters:	831	(811)
Ski Area Launches:	23	(32)	Motorized:	634	(712)
Non-motorized Boats:	123	(91)	Ski Area:	66	(93)
Seniors/Disability:	54	(51)	Non-Motor. Boater	131	(99)
Using Annual Permit:	215	(151)	Bank Anglers:	381	(430)
Vessels Rented:	75	(62)	Vessel Renters	97	(90)
			Passive Visitors:	468	(336)

Steve Hadden, CPRP

Lake Warden

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Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



August 2022

Days Open: 26

Daily Activity from Staff Reports:

Date	Boats	Visitors	Daily User Fees:				Fishing		Vessel Rental	Fishing Tourn.	Over		Total \$
			Motor.	Ski Area	Non-Motor.	Bank	Bait	Supplies			Misc.	Under	
1	4	32				25.00	31.50	2.00	36.00				\$94.50
2													
3	18	60	26.00	18.00	18.00	22.00	10.50		48.00				\$142.50
4	20	48	49.00	4.00	78.00	18.00	17.50	6.00					\$172.50
5	14	55	37.00		12.00	15.00	17.50	12.75	66.00				\$160.25
6	33	101	72.00	18.00	57.00	57.00	25.50	21.25	12.00				\$262.75
7	37	109	129.00	18.00	30.00	49.00	52.50	11.00	34.00				\$323.50
8	12	30	13.00		12.00	21.00	7.00	1.25					\$54.25
9													
10	15	45	27.00		9.00	12.00	21.00	4.00	15.00				\$88.00
11	13	42	13.00	9.00	15.00	18.00	32.00	10.50	15.00				\$112.50
12	16	98	30.00		3.00	58.00	62.50	22.75	30.00				\$206.25
13	37	171	84.00	9.00	63.00	63.00	107.50	22.25	45.00	765.00	66.00	1.00	\$1,225.75
14	44	104	80.00	40.00	90.00	37.00	34.00	6.00	208.00				\$495.00
15	8	47		9.00	6.00	20.00	6.00	2.00	20.00			-1.00	\$62.00
16													
17	21	67	32.00		30.00	26.00	12.00	22.50	24.00				\$146.50
18	20	54	51.00		15.00	26.00	31.50	11.00	18.00				\$152.50
19	15	63	77.00			20.00	7.00	2.00	40.00				\$146.00
20	36	110	108.00	13.00	93.00	114.00	42.50	21.25	54.00				\$445.75
21	13	46	40.00	13.00		21.00	28.50	6.50	10.00				\$119.00
22	9	29	25.00		6.00	36.00	27.00	2.50					\$96.50
23													
24	13	54	21.00			20.00	17.50	7.25					\$65.75
25	14	38	74.00			15.00	29.00						\$118.00
26	12	90	18.00		6.00	12.00	30.50	4.00	58.00				\$128.50
27	28	90	93.00	18.00	66.00	33.00	44.00	9.25	58.00		175.00	1.50	\$497.75
28	33	172	76.00	18.00	54.00	69.00	100.00	19.75	168.00				\$504.75
29	8	36	17.00		6.00	17.00	17.50	7.50					\$65.00
30													
31	8	39	13.00			9.00	24.50		10.00				\$56.50
Totals:	501	1830	\$1,205.00	\$187.00	\$669.00	\$833.00	\$836.50	\$235.25	\$969.00	\$765.00	\$241.00	\$1.50	\$5,942.25
Total Daily User Fees: \$2,894.00													

Deposit Receipts:

	Total \$
Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks	\$4,226.75
Community Pass: Credit Cards	\$1,715.50
Community Pass: Shelter Rental	\$25.00
RECEIPT TOTAL:	\$5,967.25



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	26				169
# Boats	124	389	598	525	623	604	501				3,364
# Visitors	367	1,191	2,007	2,259	2,530	2,374	1,830				12,558

ALL REVENUE:

User Fees Total:	3,041.00	4,594.00	5,193.00	4,036.50	4,962.00	4,556.00	2,894.00				\$29,276.50
Motorized Boat	2,817.00	3,895.00	3,502.00	2,011.50	2,652.00	2,110.00	1,205.00				\$18,192.50
Ski Area Users	0.00	0.00	36.00	99.00	197.00	211.00	187.00				\$730.00
Non-Motorized Boat	105.00	129.00	498.00	657.00	753.00	930.00	669.00				\$3,741.00
Bank Fishing	119.00	570.00	1,157.00	1,269.00	1,360.00	1,305.00	833.00				\$6,613.00
Bait	3.50	262.50	546.00	1,044.00	1,384.50	1,381.00	836.50				\$5,458.00
Fishing Supplies	7.00	73.75	154.25	422.25	364.50	346.00	235.25				\$1,603.00
Vessel Rentals	15.00	139.00	860.00	1,072.00	1,536.00	1,818.00	969.00				\$6,409.00
Big Bass Tourn.	500.00	725.00	250.00	125.00	75.00	75.00	0.00				\$1,750.00
Catfish Tourn.				795.00	1,215.00	705.00	765.00				\$3,480.00
Shelter Rentals		50.00	125.00	0.00	75.00	100.00	25.00				\$375.00
Other	150.00	2,340.00	122.00	136.00	554.75	603.09	242.50				\$4,148.34
Total Revenue	\$3,716.50	\$8,184.25	\$7,250.25	\$7,630.75	\$10,166.75	\$9,584.09	\$5,967.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,499.84

DAILY AVERAGES:

Boats	10	14	23	20	23	22	19	0	0	0	19
Visitors	30	45	77	86	97	87	70	0	0	0	74
Revenue	\$309	\$314	\$278	\$293	\$391	\$354	\$229	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$310

Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

August 2022 Report

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"I think you have to have enthusiasm for life. You have to have a dream, a goal. And you have to be willing to work for it." — Jim Valvano, American college basketball player, coach, and broadcaster

Projects Completed

- Attended the online "NC Women in Recreation" monthly meeting, with speaker Dale Smith (08/01)
- The Musical Chairs Concert Series in Graham featured with Back Porch Orchestra (Variety of Modern Music with Acoustics) at Bill Cooke Park (08/05). Brian filled in for me for this event.
- Movies in the Park movie lineup was announced to the community
- Met with Steve to brainstorm marketing opportunities for Graham-Mebane Lake (08/11)
- 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event print materials were designed and sent to the printers, including the day of event signage, posters were distributed and posted around downtown and the community, as well as delivered to sponsors, participant t-shirts were ordered, and an 8x8 backdrop was ordered with a frame. The frame will be used for a photo booth backdrop/opportunity at our signature events.
- Downtown Graham's Ice Skating Rink planning is underway
- City of Graham's Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration planning is underway
- School flyers were created and will be sent to ABSS & River Mill for approval before printing
- Thursdays at Seven Concert Series was held at the Graham Recreation Center with The Konnection. Great crowd in downtown Graham! (08/25)
 - Special thanks to Tel & Travis for hanging the event/sponsorship street banner!
- Cleaned the concession stand and set up for the Movies in the Park event (08/29)
- Attended a tour and training at the Arboretum at Willowbrook Park in Burlington with the Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Alamance County (08/31)
- Movies in the Park at Bill Cooke Park presented Encanto with approx. 100 in attendance (09/03)
- Museum: July - September set of the Museum Collector Cards 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 August: Youth Athletics Fall/Winter Registration, Graham Historical Museum & Programs, First Responder Fridays, Hiring, Lake Info, Catfish Tournaments, Center Updates, Hikes with Hounds, Shelter Reservations, ecoEXPLORE HotSpots, Parks, Thursdays at Seven Concert Series, Musical Chairs Concert Series, Dog Park, Summer Day Camp, Sunflowers, 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event, Movies in the Park, Volunteering, & more!
- 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 (September/October)
- 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
 - August 19 • Haw River Trail - Swepsonville River Park (2 miles)
 - Upcoming Hike: September 16 • Alamance Parks - Cedarrock Park (2-3 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) – held at Bill Cooke Park
- Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
- Added 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 – held in Downtown Graham
 - 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
 - Date: Saturday, August 6
 - Lunch-and-Learn Series
 - Date: Wednesday, September 21 • Speaker: Dr. Nettie N. Baldwin • Topic: “Connecting to My Hometown, Graham, North Carolina”
 - Date: 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
 - Date: Saturday, October 8
- **Sunflower Project at Graham Regional Park**
 - Summer 2022
 - Special thanks to the GRPD Parks & Athletic Team, City of Graham Public Works, and the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District...year 2 of the Sunflower Project!
 - Planning to partner again with Alamance Soil & Water Conservation to plant a Crimson Clover Field at Graham Regional Park.
 - 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.
- **Movies in the Park**
 - Every Saturday in September
 - September 3 – Encanto
 - September 10 – Soul
 - September 17 – Clifford the Big Red Dog
 - September 24 – Sing 2
 - Time: the movie begins around 7:30pm (pending sunset time)
 - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
- **Take A Child Outside Week (TACO Week)**
 - September 24 - 30 annually
- **Downtown Graham’s Ice Skating Rink on Synthetic Ice**
 - 2022 Dates: November 25 - December 18 (3 weeks)
 - Location: Downtown at Alamance Arts
 - Skates sharpened for the upcoming 2022 event at the Greensboro Ice House
- **City of Graham’s Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration**
 - 2022 Date: Sunday, December 4
 - Location: Front Lawn of the City of Graham Municipal Building (City Hall)

Volunteering

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

Social Media

Instagram Followers: 2,073 (increased 16)

Twitter Followers: 224 (increased 2)

Facebook Followers: 7,935 (increased 92)

Website

Top 10 Most Viewed City of Graham Website Pages for August 7 – September 5, 2022:

Top Posts/Pages



1. City of Graham, NC	3,469
2. (not set)	1,600
3. Water & Sewer Billing – City of Graham, NC	1,328
4. Recreation & Parks – City of Graham, NC	1,143
5. GRPD Parks & Facilities – City of Graham, NC	1,068
6. GRPD Lake – City of Graham, NC	853
7. Trash and Recycling – City of Graham, NC	741
8. Police – City of Graham, NC	703
9. Tax Division – City of Graham, NC	641
10. 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event – City of Graham, NC	638

Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
August 2022 Report

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Completed Programs

- Summer Day Camp
 - General Information
 - Dates: May 31 – August 26
 - 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
 - Total Participants: 151

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
 - August 26: Oakley Street Park, 9:00am – 11:00am
 - Next Event:
 - September 23: Graham Regional Park. 3:00pm – 5:00pm

"Success is following the pattern of life one enjoys most."

-Al Capp

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
 - Food trucks continue to be difficult to book:
 - Gussy's will serve 10am – 12pm
 - Sponsors (still recruiting)
 - Platinum
 - Wilson Tire Pros & Automotive
 - GXO
 - Gold
 - Adam's Towing
 - Acutote Inc
 - U.S. Army
 - Silver
 - Truliant Federal Credit Union
 - Cone Health Triad Food & Ankle
 - Things Above
 - Bronze
 - Carolina Farm Credit
 - Watercourse Apartments
 - Volunteer
 - Cardinal Chiropractic and Sports Recovery
 - Participants
 - 119 registered for 5K
 - 52 registered for 1 mile
 - 4 First Responder Teams
 - Donations: \$820 from participants so far
 - 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
 - Inflateables and games
 - Booked a video game truck
 - Food Vendor form has been sent out and responses received.
 - Trunk or Treat form has been released
- "Success is following the pattern of life one enjoys most."

- Booking Face Painters from Painted Grape
 - Still interested in adding more interactive attractions
- Graham Walks – Fall 2022
 - Dates:
 - Registration: September 14 – October 19
 - Program Dates: October 12 – November 16
 - Kick off Day: Wednesday, October 12
 - 11:00am – 1:00pm: Shamrock Nutrition
 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm: Graham Historical Museum
 - Wrap up Day: Wednesday, November 16
 - 11:00am – 1:00pm: Shamrock Nutrition
 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm: Graham Historical Museum
 - Sponsors (confirmed)
 - Triad Foot and Ankle
 - Shamrock Nutrition
 - Beshel Chiropractic
 - Calming Hands Massage and Wellness
 -still recruiting

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.
 - Assisting in presenting two sessions (Volunteerism 101 and Meaningful Senior Programming)
- Leadership Alamance
 - Selected as part of the Class of 2023 for Leadership Alamance. Leadership Alamance, a nine-month program, educates current and emerging leaders about Alamance County – its infrastructure, resources and challenges. During monthly field days, students become familiar with local history, government, educational institutions, criminal justice and public safety systems, health & human services, recreation and cultural arts programs, and our economic base.
 - Upcoming Dates:
 - September 1: Meet and Greet
 - September 8-9: Retreat
 - September 15: History Day

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Committees

- Safe Kids
 - August 23 Meeting:
 - Discussed fall events
 - Training opportunities:
 - Car Seat Safety Course
- 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.

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
 - Provides Snack and Supper as supported by The YMCA
 - Began August 29
- 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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PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

August 2022



Bill Cooke Park

Athletic Fields – All outfields were put back on a water rotation due to dry weather.

All fields were set up for the Rec soccer season.

Cleaned up the arc on field 3.

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

Sprayed weeds in and around tennis court complex.

South Graham Park

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

Sprayed weeds in sand volleyball court.

Trimmed suckers on Crape Myrtle trees and cut low limbs on several other trees.

Spot sprayed weeds in and around the playground.

New playground mulch was added to the playground.

Sprayed walking track for weeds.

Graham Regional Park

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

Spot sprayed weeds in natural playground area.

Spot sprayed for fire ants throughout the park facility.

Apollo/Goley

Apollo – Spot sprayed field for crabgrass and fire ants.

Track and spectator areas were sprayed for weeds

Goley – Spot sprayed outfield for crabgrass.

Sprayed walking track for weeds.

Johnson Ave

General Maintenance - Edged curb.

Lake

General Maintenance – Sprayed weeds along bank edge and parking lot.

Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds

Greenway – Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch.

Harmon Park – Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch and in the wooded area.

Civic Center – Removed and installed new sand and sand volleyball poles and net.

Marshall St – Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch.

Recreation Center – Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch.

Oakley St. – Weeds spot sprayed in playground mulch and on walking track.

Maple St. – Spot sprayed weeds in landscape beds and parking lot.

Hwy 54 Access – Met with Associated Plumbing to discuss an issue with the toilet.

200 N. Main – Sprayed turf and landscape area for weeds.

Miscellaneous

Tel & Travis attended the NC State Turfgrass Field day held at the Lake Wheeler research facility.

Put up and took down concert banner.

Continued Education & Community Involvement

Tel watched the following TedTalks: *Belonging*, *A Critical Piece of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion* and *On Diversity: Access Ain't Inclusion*.

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them and it will change your life"

- Amy Poehler

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

- Suzanne La Follette

Athletics Report

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August 2022 Report

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Programming:

- Fall Athletic Programs:
 - Youth Soccer:
 - Youth Soccer consist of players from age 4 – 12.
 - Registration opened on July 1st.
 - Soccer practices begin in August with games taking place in September.
 - Soccer is divided into the following age groups:
 - 5U; 45 players, 5 teams
 - 6U; 17 players, 2 teams
 - 8U; 35 players, 4 teams
 - 12U; 65 players, 4 teams
 - Each team will practice 2 times a week, either on Tuesdays & Thursdays or Mondays & Wednesdays.
 - Practices are set in 2 time slots. 6:00pm – 7:00pm and/or 7:00pm – 8:00pm.
 - All practices are held at Bill Cooke Park.
 - Youth Flag Football:
 - Youth Flag Football consist of players from ages 6 – 12.
 - Graham Recreation & Parks partners with Burlington Recreation & Parks for this program.
 - Flag Football teams are divided into the following groups:
 - 6U; 13 players, 1 team
 - 8U; 23 players, 2 teams
 - 12U; 21 players, 2 teams
 - Practices will begin in August and games will take place the first week of September.

- All practices, except 6U, will take place at Johnson Ave Field.
- Games will take place at Apollo Field (Graham Middle School Field) and Burlington City Park Fields 4 & 5.

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.