

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
November 9, 2022 6:30 PM  
Graham Historical Museum

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Old Business
  - 1. Graham-Mebane Lake
    - i. Operations Manual
    - ii. Ramp project
  - 2. Graham Recreation Center projects
  - 3. Graham Civic Center projects
- VI. New Business
  - 1. Maple Street Center Floor project
  - 2. Shelter #1 project
  - 3. Potential PARTF projects
- VII. Activity Reports
  - 1. Recreation Center
  - 2. Athletics
  - 3. Programs – Ice Rink volunteer opportunities
  - 4. Parks
  - 5. Graham-Mebane Lake
  - 6. Marketing
  - 7. Hall of Fame
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjournment

**GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**  
**APOLLO FIELD**

**MINUTES**

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

Prior to the meeting, the Recreation Commission visited the Graham Civic Center to view the roof/ceiling damage, the samples for the new flooring and the newly renovated sand volleyball court.

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6:55 with a welcome.

**MINUTES**

-Mr. Cutlip made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

-Chair Cook reported the Friends Group agreed to accept the donation of \$1,000 given for the renovation of the interior of the pontoon boat at Graham-Mebane Lake used for lake cruises.

-Chair Cook asked Mr. Faucette to thank Tel Fehlhafer and his staff for their hard work on making the athletic fields look great.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

-Mr. Faucette did not offer a Director's Report at this meeting in order to allow for a timely meeting after the Civic Center visit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Mr. Faucette reported City Administration recently completed a similar tour of the lake as the Commission did in Aug. Staff's concerns of trespassing and removal of vegetation by adjacent land owners was relayed during the tour. To address these concerns, Mr. Faucette asked the Commission for direction on action to be taken in the future. The Commission asked GRPD staff to consider the following:

- 1) send a letter to all adjacent land owners surrounding Graham-Mebane Lake with state regulations attached
- 2) encourage a phone call between the City Managers of Graham and Mebane to directly discuss the issues
- 3) educate the County Planning Department on the regulations governing the lake and encourage the Dept. to educate developers, real estate agents and land owners
- 4) invite adjacent land owners on a pontoon boat cruise around the lake to see firsthand the effects of vegetation removal

**NEW BUSINESS**

-Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on the anticipated timeline for the Rec. Center Gym Floor Replacement (mid-October) and the Rec. Center Gym Repainting (Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>). A new sound system was recently installed in both gyms at the Rec. Center. The new system is Bluetooth capable and can be used for various functions and activities.

-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission the City Council approved the use of ARPA funds to complete the roof repairs and installation of a new floor at the Civic Center. The roof work should begin the week of Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. The floor replacement is scheduled to begin the week of Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

-Mr. Faucette has requested a referral for an HVAC company that holds the appropriate license to install a new HVAC unit at the Rec. Center.

**ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

**Friends Group:** N/A

**Parks:** City Council approved the installation of cameras to monitor the entrances of parks across the City. IT will work to complete this project.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

-Discussion around the shared use of athletic facilities by the Alamance-Burlington School System and the GRPD centered on responsibilities for maintenance, schedules and existing contracts. Commission members were informed the GRPD maintains and prepares the facilities for ABSS and GRPD practices and games. In general, ABSS uses the facilities afterschool with GRPD using the facilities beginning at 6:00pm and on weekends. If an exception needs to be made, both parties are expected to communicate and agree to the adjusted timeline. Contracts formalizing the relationship are set to expire in 2024. Commission members encouraged Mr. Faucette to begin reviewing the contracts now ahead of the 2024 expiration.

With all business concluded, Chair Cook made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm, seconded by Mr. Cutlip and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Faucette

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Jay Cook, Chair

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Date



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

**I. Present Projects**

- a. **Cooke Park Shelter #1 Fire** - On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, Graham Fire Dept. responded to a fire at Cooke Park that resulted in two burned trashcans and damage to Shelter #1. The shelter has been closed and all reservations were refunded and relocated if possible. Repair options are being explored.
- b. **Gymnasium Floor Replacement** - Work began in mid-October. The floor in Gym #2 was completed on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to allow for set-up for early voting that began on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Floor replacement in Gym #1 was paused when moisture was found in the concrete slab. A subsurface layer was ordered and work began again on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- c. **Gymnasium Painting** - Work was completed on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Civic Center roof and floor** - City Council approved the project for ARPA funding. Delays in contractor availability due to Hurricane Ian has pushed the start date for the roof replacement into Nov. Supply issues have pushed the installation of the new floor into mid-Nov.
- e. **Shelter #2 @ Cooke Park** - I am still waiting on a quote for installation of the shelter.

**II. Future Projects**

- a. **200 North pocket park** - Site amenities will be explored in the spring.
- b. **Trail to Graham Regional Park** - GRPD Parks Div. is still working on a connecting trail from the Inclusive Playground to the new development across Jim Minor Rd.
- c. **Maple St. floor** - The quote to repair the existing hardwood floor is just under \$9,000. Alternative options including installation of a synthetic floor are being explored.
- d. **Historical Museum** - Staff is exploring repairs to the bay doors at the Historical Museum.

**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 Ops Manual** - Warden Hadden is reviewing the final draft for use in training employees next spring.

**IV. Historical Museum Attendance** - 26-October; 10 attended the 10/12 Lunch and Learn. 12 visitors from a local group home visited on 10/15.

**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
- d. **Training** - Fulltime staff will attend the NC Recreation and Parks Conference in October to continue training.

**VII. Financial Summary**

**Recreation Division**

Weight Room	\$0.00
Civic Center rentals	\$0.00
Maple St. Center rentals	\$210.00
Shelter rental	\$275.00
Spring Soccer	\$25.00
Fall Soccer	\$68.75
Basketball	\$3,922.50
SABGC Afterschool rental	\$0.00
Pumpkin Bash Food Vendor	\$400.00
Tree Lighting Celebration sponsor	\$100.00
Donations	\$70.00
Total	\$5,071.25

**Lake Division**

Fishing Boat launches	\$686.00
Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe)	\$174.00
Ski Boat launches	\$18.00
Jon Boat rentals	\$218.00
Kayak/Canoe rentals	\$138.00
Bank Fishing	\$339.00
Bait/Supplies	\$405.25
Shelter rental	\$0.00
Big Bass Tournament	\$0.00
Catfish Tournament	\$0.00
Annual Permit (motorized)	\$140.00
Annual Permit (non-motorized)	\$0.00
Annual Permit (bank fishing)	\$0.00
Pontoon Boat Cruise	\$560.00
Total	\$2,678.25



## Graham-Mebane Lake Report, October 2022

### Graham Recreation and Parks Department



The lake had a 'middle' October, not as busy as the two Covid Octobers, but better than the three Octobers prior to Covid. Fishing was average (would be considered poor for the spring months) but vessel rentals and lake cruises brought people out to enjoy the lake before winter sets in.

#### October Lake Highlights

- Lake Cruises continued this month. We cancelled several due to weather, but did take 57 cruisers out on 7 trips. Lake cruises will continue for the first two weekends in November.
- Our inaugural Second Chance Tournament, part of our Big Bass Tournament, was held on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Eight BBT anglers, who did not win a month in the BBT, but who caught the eight heaviest bass over the season, fished for the right to join the seven BBT monthly winners in the contest for the BBT prize money. Dustin Cobb, of Burlington, took the win with a 5.29 lb. bass.
- Curtis Rippey, of Burlington, won his fourth BBT Fish-Off on the 15<sup>th</sup> with a 7.16 lb. bass. This win moved Curtis to the top of the most BBT Fish-Off wins list. Chris Mundy, of Burlington, took Second with a 5.84 pounder, and Kurt Krone, of Greensboro, took Third with a 5.02 lb. bass.
- The lake was the venue for a wedding and reception on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Steve attended the 3-day NCRPA Conference in Greenville.
- The Shallow River Jon Boat Club held their second club tournament of the year on our lake on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The lake water level ended the month at 2 feet below full pool.
- We move to weekends-only and 8:00am-5:00pm hours in November and are closed in December and January.

#### **By the Numbers** (2021 in parentheses)

Boat Launches	261	(368)
Motorized Boats:	211	(324)
Ski Area Launches:	2	(5)
Non-motorized Boats:	48	(39)
Seniors/Disabled:	23	(59)
Using Annual Permit:	119	(134)
Vessels Rented:	29	(23)

Customers	899	(1,110)
All Boaters:	407	(559)
Motorized:	355	(497)
Ski Area Users:	2	(21)
Non-Motor. Boaters:	50	(41)
Bank Anglers:	192	(237)
Vessel Renters	41	(31)
Passive Visitors:	259	(283)

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# Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



October 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	2	15	18.00			21.00	12.50	2.00					\$53.50
2	7	31	18.00		6.00	3.00	10.50		20.00				\$57.50
3	1	14	4.00			6.00	10.50						\$20.50
4													
5	10	38	26.00			13.00	14.00	4.00	15.00				\$72.00
6	16	38	22.00		6.00	9.00			22.00				\$59.00
7	19	39	40.00		18.00	2.00	19.00		26.00				\$105.00
8	17	91	18.00	18.00	6.00	39.00	22.00	5.50					\$108.50
9	10	47	167.00			36.00	23.00	4.25	32.00				\$262.25
10	10	26	30.00			8.00	19.50	2.00	40.00				\$99.50
11													
12	8	22	22.00		6.00	11.00	14.50	4.00					\$57.50
13	7	19	18.00			6.00							\$24.00
14	10	32	22.00			15.00	7.00	2.00					\$46.00
15	27	71	63.00		18.00	6.00	25.00	6.00	36.00				\$154.00
16	17	58	99.00		12.00	28.00	23.00	4.75	43.00				\$209.75
17	6	30	39.00			24.00	20.00	4.50					\$87.50
18													
19	1	2											0.00
20	4	20	13.00			8.00			10.00				\$31.00
21	14	28	40.00		18.00	8.00	3.50						\$69.50
22	12	50	18.00		24.00	7.00	15.50	2.00	26.00				\$92.50
23	16	73	43.00		24.00	35.00	37.00	3.75	36.00				\$178.75
24	9	31	18.00		12.00	2.00			24.00				\$56.00
25													
26	6	20	8.00				3.50						\$11.50
27	10	32	31.00			13.00	10.50						\$54.50
28	5	10			6.00								\$6.00
29	5	21	18.00		6.00	21.00	28.00	6.00					\$79.00
30	8	29	27.00		12.00	15.00	31.50	4.50	10.00				\$100.00
31	4	12	4.00			3.00			16.00				\$23.00
Totals:	261	899	\$826.00	\$18.00	\$174.00	\$339.00	\$350.00	\$55.25	\$356.00				\$2,118.25
Total Daily User Fees: \$1,357.00													

## Deposit Receipts:

Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks	\$1,392.75
Community Pass: POS Credit Cards	\$725.50
Community Pass: Lake Cruises	\$580.00
<b>RECEIPT TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,698.25</b>



# 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	26	27		222
# Boats	124	389	598	525	623	604	501	420	261		4,045
# Visitors	367	1,191	2,007	2,259	2,530	2,374	1,830	1,630	899		15,087

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	2,413.00	1,357.00		\$33,046.50
Motorized Boat	2,817.00	3,895.00	3,502.00	2,011.50	2,652.00	2,110.00	1,205.00	1,242.00	826.00		\$20,260.50
Ski Area Users	0.00	0.00	36.00	99.00	197.00	211.00	187.00	94.00	18.00		\$842.00
Non-Motorized Boat	105.00	129.00	498.00	657.00	753.00	930.00	669.00	387.00	174.00		\$4,302.00
Bank Fishing	119.00	570.00	1,157.00	1,269.00	1,360.00	1,305.00	833.00	690.00	339.00		\$7,642.00
Bait	3.50	262.50	546.00	1,044.00	1,384.50	1,381.00	836.50	755.00	350.00		\$6,563.00
Fishing Supplies	7.00	73.75	154.25	422.25	364.50	346.00	235.25	279.50	55.25		\$1,937.75
Vessel Rentals	15.00	139.00	860.00	1,072.00	1,536.00	1,818.00	969.00	710.00	356.00		\$7,475.00
Big Bass Tourn.	500.00	725.00	250.00	125.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	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	50.00			\$425.00
Other	150.00	2,340.00	122.00	136.00	554.75	603.09	242.50	705.25	580.00		\$5,433.59
Total Revenue	\$3,716.50	\$8,184.25	\$7,250.25	\$7,630.75	\$10,166.75	\$9,584.09	\$5,967.25	\$4,912.75	\$2,698.25	\$0.00	\$60,110.84

### DAILY AVERAGES:

Boats	10	14	23	20	23	22	19	16	9	0	18
Visitors	30	45	77	86	97	87	70	62	33	0	67
Revenue	\$309	\$314	\$278	\$293	\$391	\$354	\$229	\$188	\$99	\$0	\$270

# Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
October 2022 Report

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## Completed Programs

- Pumpkin Bash
  - General Information
    - Friday, October 28: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
    - Street Closures approved by City Council and NCDOT
      - East and West Elm Street closed at 3:00pm
        - 1 hour later than last year. Many cars were still on the street and the vendor was not able to begin set up until almost 4:00pm.
      - North and South Main Street closed at 4:00pm
  - Attractions
    - Inflateables and games
    - Video Game truck
    - Face Painters (2)
    - Food Vendors
      - Kona Ice
      - Bruster's Real Ice Cream
      - Burrito Bistro NC
      - Over the Rainbow Kettle Corn
      - The raccoon grill llc
      - The Heights Dominican Kitchen
    - Trunk or Treat Vendors (huge thanks to the following!):
      - Agape Touch Therapeutic Massage & Wellness
      - Alamance Arts
      - Alamance Community College - Agriculture Sciences
      - Alamance County Public Libraries

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- Burn Boot Camp
- Centre of Performing Arts
- Community Baptist Church
- Cox Toyota
- Dubey's pet world
- Elevate Textiles
- EM Holt Fire Department
- Full Gospel Tabernacle
- Graham Bible Methodist Church
- Graham Middle School
- Great Clips
- LifePoint Church
- Moore Law Group
- Paws4ever
- Rose Family Dentistry
- Seniors Medical Supply, Inc.
- Skillz 4 Kidz
- Southeastern Healthcare of NC
- The Carpenter's Shop Ministries
- William Snyder Insurance
- Zaxbys
- Thank you to all staff who assisted in the success of this event!
  - Brian Faucette, Tel Fehlhafer, Steve Hadden, Travis Harrell, Brandy McCandless, Evan Workman, Jackie Adams, and Makenzie Davis.
- Estimated attendance: 4,000.

## 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
  - October 21: Elevate 54 Apartments, 2:30pm-4:30pm
  - Next Event:
    - November 18: South Graham Park, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Graham Walks – Fall 2022
  - Dates:
    - Registration: September 14 – October 19 (72 participants registered)
    - Program Dates: October 12 – November 16

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- 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
  - Triad Foot and Ankle
  - Shamrock Nutrition
  - Beshel Chiropractic
  - Calming Hands Massage and Wellness

## Professional Development

- NRPA
  - Cancelled due to COVID-19: NRPA Event Management School January 16-21, 2022
  - Planning to attend in 2023
- NCRPA
  - Attended the Annual NCRPA State Conference in Greenville, NC on October 17 – 19.
  - Presented 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.
    - October 20: Agriculture Day
      - We visited local farms in southern Alamance county, learned about obstacles many are facing, and how we can be and advocate moving forward.
    - Upcoming Date:
      - November 10: Health & Human Services

## Committees

- Safe Kids
  - October meeting occurred while we were at state conference.
  - Training:
    - Certified Car Seat Technician: November 15-18

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- I plan to offer to check car seats at First Responder Fridays and set up times to assist people as needed
- NCRPA
  - Served on the planning committee for the Annual State Conference in Greenville, NC (October 17 – 19). I specifically served on the education subcommittee and will assist with session selection.

## Miscellaneous

- Presented on a panel of professionals at UNC-Greensboro in their Introduction to Recreation class on Monday, October 24.
- 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.
  - Downtown Music/Arts Festival
    - Beginning a program plan to develop a budget request for an event of this type

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# Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
October 2022 Report

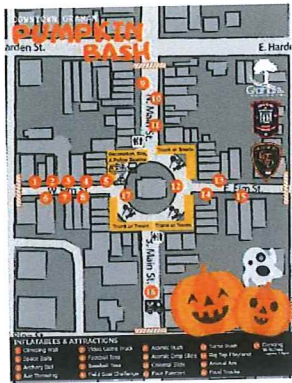


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*"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." — George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright*

## Projects Completed

- Special thank you to the Parks & Athletic Facilities team for amending the soil (with soil test recommendations for fertilizer and lime) and planting the Crimson Clover Field at Graham Regional Park (10/04)
- The part-time/seasonal Ice Rink Attendant position was posted and promoted on social media (10/05)
- Met with the Graham Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair to discuss future Graham Historical Museum marketing (10/06)
- Pruned/weeded the museum courtyard and 200 North Alleyway flower areas. Annual violas were planted at the museum. (10/07)
- The Graham Historical Cemetery Tour was held by the Graham Historical Museum and led by Russell Compton (10/08)
- A "City of Graham Volunteer Liability Waiver and Photo Likeness Voice Release Form - 2022" was updated and approved by the City of Graham legal/insurance for future City volunteering opportunities
- 2023 Thursdays at Seven Concert Series bands are currently being explored and contacted
- Moving forward with the South Graham Park entryway sign
- GRPD Staff Hoodies were ordered for the upcoming fall/winter programming season (10/11)
- The Lunch-and-Learn Series was held at the Graham Historical Museum featuring guest speaker Gail Knauff, former Haw River Museum Director, on the topic "How Graham Helped A Haw River Person Become an Inventor". (10/12)
- Brian, Steve, and I met to discuss moving forward with new Graham-Mebane Lake marketing (10/12)
- Met with the Hikes with Hounds team to plan the 2023 hike locations and winter/spring dates (10/14)
- Attended the NCRPA Annual Conference in Greenville, NC October 17-19
- The monthly Hikes with Hounds program explored the Guilford Mackintosh Park & Marina trails with three shelter dogs (Waffles, Davis, & Godiva) and 8 volunteers (10/21)
- Created heavy social media push for the Pumpkin Bash event with information about street closures, event map, vendors, and overall event reminders to prepare patrons for the event
- The GRPD Christmas Card team creation is underway!
- Sent out sneak peeks of Telf the Elf with a popular social media meme and a glimpse of Telf in the Pumpkin Bash video with Emma (10/27)



## Projects Currently Underway

- Programs & events being promoted during October: Youth Athletics Fall/Winter Registration, Graham Historical Museum & Programs, First Responder Fridays, Hiring, Lake Info & Opportunities, Center Updates/Renovations, Hikes with Hounds, Shelter Reservations, ecoEXPLORE HotSpots, Parks, Volunteering, Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash, Graham Walks Fall 2022, Fall Lake Cruises on the Pontoon, & more!
- Working with the Graham Historical Museum Advisory Board to create 2023 Collector Cards
- Talking with WBAG about opportunities to promote GRPD & Museum happenings on the air
- Beginning the conversation for a new promotional video, possibly for athletics
- 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 former City of Graham's Downtown Development Coordinator - exploring seating & lighting options to purchase/lease
- 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 NRPA Event Management School for the Certified Festival & Event Associate (CFEA) Certification on January 15-20, 2023 (rescheduled due to Covid-19)

## Current & Upcoming Programming

- **Sunflower/Crimson Clover Project at Graham Regional Park**
  - Summer & Fall 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 this Fall 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.
- **Graham Historical Museum**
  - Lunch-and-Learn Series
    - 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
  - Artists & Writers of Graham Exhibit
    - Dates: October 1 – December 31, 2022)
  - Museum Collector Cards for October - December: Fire Truck, Elmhurst, Jeanne Swanner, Lacy Holt Jugs
- **Hikes with Hounds**
  - Year-Round, one Friday each month
  - Partnership with the City of Burlington Animal Services and Recreation & Parks
    - October 21 • Guilford Mackintosh Park & Marina (2 miles)
    - Upcoming Hike: November 4 – Willowbrook Park (2 miles)
- **Musical Chairs Countywide Outdoor Concert Series in Graham**
  - 2023 Band Lineup – Exploring Bands (tentative dates)
    - May 5 – TBD
    - June 2 – TBD
    - June 30 – (TENTATIVE)
    - July 7 – TBD
    - August 4 – TBD
  - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
  - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
- **Thursdays at Seven Concert Series**
  - 2023 Band Lineup – Planning Underway (tentative dates)
    - May 25 – TBD
    - June 22 – TBD
    - July 27 – TBD
    - August 24 – TBD
    - September 14 – TBD
    - September 28 – TBD
  - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
  - Location: Downtown Graham • West Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253



- **Movies in the Park**
  - Every Saturday in September (Returning 2023)
  - Time: the movie begins around 7:30pm (pending sunset time)
  - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
- **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
  - Planning is underway!
- **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)
  - Planning is underway!

## Volunteering

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

## Social Media

Facebook Followers: 8,177 (increased 108)

Instagram Followers: 2,136 (increased 31)

Twitter Followers: 227 (increased 1)

## Website

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

Top Posts/Pages	
1. City of Graham, NC	3,866
2. GRPD Special Pumpkin Bash – City of Graham, NC	1,806
3. Water & Sewer Billing – City of Graham, NC	1,238
4. Recreation & Parks – City of Graham, NC	1,152
5. GRPD Basketball – City of Graham, NC	638
6. Police – City of Graham, NC	620
7. Trash and Recycling – City of Graham, NC	616
8. GRPD Parks & Facilities – City of Graham, NC	566
9. GRPD Athletics – City of Graham, NC	541
10. Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash – City of Graham, NC	532

# **PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

## **October 2022**



**“A Leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” – John Maxwell**

### **Bill Cooke Park**

**Athletic Fields** – All fields have been aerated.

Crabgrass pre-emergent was applied to fields 1 & 2.

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

Closed water fountains in dog park for the season.

Cleaned up damaged trees from hurricane Ian.

Prepared site by field 1 for Special Olympics.

### **South Graham Park**

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

Cleaned up two trees that were damaged during hurricane Ian on the nature trail. Pruned trees throughout the park

Replaced memorial tree near the stone marker and bench.

Built and installed a little library near Shelter A.

Replaced broken fence ties on tennis court.

### **Graham Regional Park**

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

Aerated, added lime & fertilizer along with crimson clover seed to the sunflower field.

Aerated and seeded thin turf areas.

Closed water fountains for the season.

## **Apollo/Goley**

**Apollo** – Aerated field.

*Replaced lightbulbs in concession stand.*

**Goley** – Aerated field

*Replaced broken fence ties on outfield fence.*

*Cleared tree that was damaged during hurricane Ian.*

## **Johnson Ave**

**General Maintenance** - Aerated field

## **Lake**

**General Maintenance** – treated fire ant mounds.

## **Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds**

**Greenway** – No Report.

**Harmon Park** – No Report.

**Civic Center** – No Report.

**Marshall St** – No Report.

**Recreation Center** – Pruned trees around facility.

*Assisted with the cleanup from a broken water line in the building.*

**Oakley St.** – No Report.

**Maple St.** – No Report

**Hwy 54 Access** – No Report.

**200 N. Main** – Sprayed weeds in landscape beds and walkway.

## **Miscellaneous**

*Finished work on mantle to be displayed at the museum.*

*Rebuilt scores table for the upcoming basketball season.*



*Pumpkin Bash banners were hung and removed per request.*

*Put plastic over sky lights for early voting.*

### **Continued Education & Community Involvement**

*Tel attended the NCRPA annual conference.*

*Tel gave a presentation to the ACC Turfgrass class on turf management.*

*Tel & Travis started training videos assigned to us through NeoGov.*