

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
November 13, 2024 6:30 PM
Graham Historical Museum

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2024
- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Old Business
 - 1. Land Acquisition - Cooke Park – Teer Property – Update on Council Action taken at the 11/12 meeting
 - 2. Land Acquisition - Graham Regional Park – Stewart Property – no updates on the private appraisal
 - 3. Accessible Parks Grant – Update on Council Action taken at the 11/12 meeting
 - 4. Graham Regional Park Master Plan – Update on Council Action taken at the 11/12 meeting
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Ramp Project at Graham-Mebane Lake
 - 2. Slip Dock Project at Graham-Mebane Lake
 - 3. Trespass Issue at Graham-Mebane Lake
- 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

September 11, 2024

GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Jay Cook, Laurie Pickard, Casey Johnson, Patrick Burnette, Madison Sykes (guest)

STAFF: Brian Faucette

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6:31 with a welcome.

MINUTES

-Chair Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pickard and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-Chair Cook introduced Patrick Burnette to the Commission. Each Commission member introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Burnette.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Mr. Faucette did not give a separate Director's Reports

OLD BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette reported the ceiling in the Director's office has been repaired from the storm damage and no damage was found to the roof of the Rec. Center.

- Mr. Faucette reported GRPD staff recently assessed the Teer property to begin developing a plan for the property.

-Mr. Faucette reported there are no updates on the Stewart Property (Graham Regional Park).

NEW BUSINESS

-Commission members offered input concerning the proposals to create a Master Plan for Graham Regional Park. The consensus is to recommend WithersRavenel as #1A, Benesch as #1B and Bolton & Menk as #3. Comments made in favor of: WithersRavenel include relatable language within the proposal, staff familiar with the project, younger staff to relate to younger families within our community, several draft plans, in-depth community engagement; Benesch include relatable language within the proposal, familiar with the department, mentions of ADA accessibility.

-Mr. Faucette reported three demo classes for a new cardio drumming program will be conducted in September.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Marketing: N/A **Sports Hall of Fame:** N/A **Lake:** N/A **Friends Group:** N/A **Parks:** N/A

Athletics: N/A **Programs:** Members asked for an update on the name of the new signature event. The name will be Arts Around the Square. **Centers:** Members asked for an update on the potential Drums Alive demonstration. The demo will be Sept. 23rd at the Recreation Center.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Faucette asked Commission members to brainstorm ideas for potential ADA projects to be funded by a grant Impact Alamance is submitting.

With all business concluded, Chair Cook made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date

Graham Recreation and Parks Commission
Director's Report for October '24

I. Present Projects

- a. Museum window replacement** - Windows are still being constructed and will be installed this winter.

II. Future Projects

a. Land Acquisition

- i. GRP** - Mr. Stewart is still waiting on an appraisal from his new firm.
- ii. Cooke** - The City Manager will submit a budget amendment request to Council in November in preparation for the property purchase in December. A grant application will be submitted next spring.

- b. Accessible Parks Grant** - The contract for the grant was received and will be sent to the Mayor for her signature in November. Coordination with contractors continues.

- c. Cabin @ Cooke Park** - No updates on options for the cabin.

III. Policies/Manuals/Plans

- a. GRP Site Master Plan** - Proposals will be considered by Council in November.

- b. Maintenance/Replacement Policy** - GRPD staff continue to record purchase and maintenance information concerning major systems (HVAC, bleachers, goals, flooring, etc.) and assets (vehicles, mowers, etc.) in order to create a maintenance and replacement policy and schedule to lead future budget requests.

- c. GIS database** - GRPD staff began working with City of Burlington Planning staff to create GIS layers identifying amenities within the Graham Parks system. No additional work has begun on this project.

- d. GRPD Personnel/Orientation Manuals** - Work on a Personnel Manual and an Orientation Manual continues.

IV. Historical Museum Attendance - 32 – October

V. Outside Committees

- a. Wellness Collaborative** - The Collaborative should find out in November if awarded a grant for ADA projects across the County. GRPD staff continues to explore projects.

- b. Friends of GRPD** - No updates

VI. Staffing

- a.** GRPD supervisors are currently advertising the following positions:

- i.** PT Athletic Facility Attendant – Rec. Div.
- ii.** PT Centers Facility Attendant – Rec. Div.
- iii.** PT Ice Rink Attendant – Rec. Div.

- b.** GRPD supervisors attended the National Recreation and Parks Association conference in Atlanta, Oct. 7-10.

- c.** GRPD staff members will begin attending the Wellness Collaborative meetings in the future.

VII. Financial Summary - Convenience fees - \$154.14-October

Recreation Division

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Open Gym/Weight Room/Pickleball | \$0.00 |
| Maple St. Center rentals | \$270.00 |
| Civic Center rentals | \$285.00 |
| Rec. Center rentals | \$70.00 |
| Staff Fee | \$520.00 |
| Park Shelters | \$450.00 |
| Field/Passive Area Rental | \$0.00 |
| Table/Chair rentals | \$0.00 |
| | |
| Youth Baseball | \$80.00 |
| Youth Basketball | \$3,703.75 |
| Adult Pickleball | \$50.00 |
| | |
| Graham Walks Sponsor | \$150.00 |
| Pumpkin Bash Food Vendor | \$800.00 |
| Donations/Misc. Sponsorships | \$60.00 |
| Total | \$6,438.75 |

Lake Division

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fishing Boat launches | \$794.00 |
| Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe) | \$205.00 |
| Ski Boat launches | \$9.00 |
| Jon Boat rentals | \$320.00 |
| Kayak/Canoe rentals | \$279.00 |
| Bank Fishing | \$648.00 |
| Bait/Supplies | \$719.00 |
| | |
| Annual Permit (motorized boats) | \$50.00 |
| Annual Permit (non-motorized boats) | \$195.00 |
| Annual Permit (bank fishing) | \$0.00 |
| | |
| Shelter Rentals | \$0.00 |
| Passive Area Rental | \$0.00 |
| | |
| Big Bass Tournament | \$0.00 |
| Catfish Tournament | \$0.00 |
| Pontoon Boat Cruises | \$400.00 |
| Paddle Tours | \$10.00 |
| Total | \$3,629.00 |

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

– *Muhammed Ali*

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

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Facilities Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
October 2024 Report

Marquis Graves
Facilities Supervisor
p. (336)570-6718
e. mgraves@cityofgraham.com



Facility Updates:

Recreation Center:

Beginning on October 16th, the Graham Recreation Center will operate as an early voting site. Roped off lines have been placed in the large gym to assist with attendance management. Due to voting taking place all gym activities (morning walking, open gym, pickleball etc. will be postponed until after voting ends on November 5th. The weight room will remain open and speech therapy classes will still take place. The Congregate Nutrition Program for Seniors meet daily will continue throughout early voting. Repairs have been made to the HVAC unit at the Recreation Center with refrigerate being added and each thermostat being labeled. On October 31st (6:00pm – 8:00pm) the Recreation Center will host a trick or treat event in which the entrance and room 1 will be decorated with fun and spooky décor. Candy, popcorn, hot dogs and drinks will be given to all who attend wearing costumes.

Civic Center:

Rentals are underway at the Civic Center. Calendar for October rentals is attached.

Maple St. Center:

The following reoccurring classes and groups utilize the center during the month of October. Shag Dancing classes at Maple St have concluded but may continue at a later date in the Calendar for October rentals at Maple St. is attached.

- Maple St. Line Dancers: Mon. & Tue. 9:00am – 11:00am Instructors: Carolyn Gantt and Frances Woodlief
- Xtreme Hip Hop : Mon. & Wed. 6:00pm – 7:00pm Instructor: Delicia White
- Mah-Jongg: Tue. 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- TOPS: Tue. 5:15pm – 6:15pm Instructor: Belinda Smith
- Troxler Ballroom Dance: Wed. 9:30am – 10:30am
- Liz and Lou Dance Practice: Wed. & Thur. 7:30pm – 8:30pm

- Beginners Yoga Class: Thur. 6:00pm – 7:00pm Instructor: Tava
- ALCO Vets: Every 3rd Monday of the month. 6:30pm – 7:30pm Contact: Bobby Chin
- Alamance arts has begun utilizing the Maple St. center for art classes beginning in October. Classes occur every 3rd Sunday.
- *A new reoccurring meeting will take place on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning in January. This meeting will be held by the Concerned Bikers of Alamance County, with their contact being Elizabeth Rocafuerte.

Programs/Events/Additional Info:

- The 30+ pick up basketball program occurs every 3rd Sunday of the month and will be supervised by Recreation Staff member Ja-Vontae Bryant.
- A meeting was held with Floor Designs Unlimited to discuss replacement of the floors within Maple Street Center.
- Average 1200 – 1800 people for early voting. The opening day of early voting saw 1,860 people voting at Graham Recreation Center.
- The trick or treat event had an attendance of 236.



Graham-Mebane Lake Report, October 2024

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



We had really nice weather this October – only a few days of light rain. Fishing was average, but passive visitation was very good for this late in the year. Vessel rentals, paddle tours, and lake cruises brought people out to enjoy the lake before winter sets in.

October Lake Highlights

- Our last Kayak Paddle Tour of the year was on the 20th and was well-attended.
- We had 57 passengers on eight Lake Cruises (pontoon boat) this month. Steve piloted the boat and had such a blast with the passengers that he wants to switch to that job. Cruises will continue for the first two weekends in November.
- Our Second Chance Tournament was held on the 5th. Jeremy Blackwell, of Burlington, claimed the right to join the BBT Fish-Off.
- The same Jeremy Blackwell (coming out of the Second Chance Tournament) won the BBT Fish-Off on the 12th with a 6.90-pound bass. Curtis Rippey (5.62 lbs.) and Keith Patterson (4.56 lbs.) took Second and Third.
- The lake water level ended at full pool; though we recorded little rain in the month.
- In November, we move to weekends-only, 8am-5pm, and are closed in December and January.



By the Numbers (last year in parentheses)

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Boat Launches | 307 | (342) | Customers | 1,230 | (964) |
| Motorized Boats: | 245 | (282) | All Boaters: | 444 | (478) |
| Ski Area Launches: | 1 | (1) | Motorized: | 381 | (411) |
| Non-motorized Boats: | 61 | (59) | Ski Area Users: | 1 | (5) |
| Seniors/Disabled: | 36 | (51) | Non-Motor. Boaters: | 62 | (62) |
| Using Annual Permit: | 128 | (181) | Bank Anglers: | 329 | (158) |
| Vessels Rented: | 50 | (38) | Vessel Renters | 62 | (51) |
| | | | Programs & Events: | 78 | (86) |
| | | | Passive Visitors: | 317 | (191) |

We do not have to become heroes overnight. Just a step at a time, meeting each thing that comes up, seeing it is not as dreadful as it appeared, discovering we have the strength to stare it down.

Eleanor Roosevelt, diplomat, First Lady of the United States

Steve Hadden, CPRP
Lake Warden, Graham-Mebane Lake
Marina: (919) 563-6544
shadden@cityofgraham.com



Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



October 2024

Days Open: 26

Daily Activity (POS) from Staff Reports:

| Date | Boats | Visitors | Daily User Fees: | | | | Fishing | | Vessel Rental | Fishing Tourn. | Lake Cruise | Over | | Total \$ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|------------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------|---------|------------|
| | | | Motor. | Ski Area | Non-Motor. | Bank | Bait | Supplies | | | | Other | Under | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$68.25 |
| 2 | 10 | 30 | 27.00 | | 6.00 | 17.00 | 18.25 | | | | | | | \$104.00 |
| 3 | 8 | 31 | 9.00 | | 30.00 | 24.00 | 14.00 | 2.00 | | | | 25.00 | | \$88.75 |
| 4 | 11 | 36 | 9.00 | | 9.00 | 33.00 | 35.25 | 2.50 | | | | | | \$330.25 |
| 5 | 21 | 125 | 45.00 | | 33.00 | 52.00 | 86.25 | 15.00 | 99.00 | | | | | \$281.25 |
| 6 | 16 | 58 | 26.00 | | 147.00 | 40.00 | 39.50 | 0.75 | 28.00 | | | | | \$134.75 |
| 7 | 8 | 41 | 26.00 | | 6.00 | 43.00 | 46.75 | 3.00 | 10.00 | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 12 | 35 | 13.00 | | 3.00 | 13.00 | | | 20.00 | | | | | \$49.00 |
| 10 | 10 | 33 | 31.00 | | 4.00 | 5.00 | 8.50 | | | | | | | \$48.50 |
| 11 | 10 | 41 | 45.00 | | 6.00 | 14.00 | 12.75 | | 16.00 | | | | | \$93.75 |
| 12 | 22 | 97 | 43.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 62.00 | 59.50 | 14.25 | 32.00 | | | | | \$228.75 |
| 13 | 21 | 89 | 57.00 | | 6.00 | 70.00 | 21.25 | 1.00 | 57.00 | | | | | \$212.25 |
| 14 | 5 | 26 | 17.00 | | | 19.00 | 4.25 | 6.50 | 24.00 | | | | | \$70.75 |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 6 | 21 | | | | 12.00 | | | | | | | | \$12.00 |
| 17 | 3 | 17 | | | | 18.00 | 4.25 | | 18.00 | | | | | \$40.25 |
| 18 | 8 | 37 | 31.00 | | | 16.00 | 12.75 | | 10.00 | | | | | \$69.75 |
| 19 | 17 | 73 | 149.00 | | 12.00 | 19.00 | 17.00 | 16.50 | 56.00 | | | | | \$269.50 |
| 20 | 17 | 66 | 31.00 | | 18.00 | 32.00 | 51.00 | 17.25 | 20.00 | | | | | \$169.25 |
| 21 | 10 | 48 | 31.00 | | 12.00 | 24.00 | 17.00 | 2.25 | 68.00 | | | | | \$154.25 |
| 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 22 | 43 | 75.00 | | 18.00 | 10.00 | 29.75 | 5.50 | 16.00 | | | | | \$154.25 |
| 24 | 8 | 26 | 39.00 | | 6.00 | 13.00 | 4.25 | 1.50 | | | | | | \$63.75 |
| 25 | 16 | 38 | 26.00 | | 39.00 | 17.00 | 25.50 | 3.00 | 10.00 | | | | -5.00 | \$115.50 |
| 26 | 14 | 67 | 27.00 | | 21.00 | 37.00 | 59.50 | 2.00 | 57.00 | | 20.00 | | | \$223.50 |
| 27 | 8 | 62 | 36.00 | | 6.00 | 12.00 | 17.00 | 3.50 | 20.00 | | | | | \$94.50 |
| 28 | 6 | 41 | 8.00 | | | 30.00 | 12.75 | 3.00 | | | | | | \$53.75 |
| 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | 7 | 29 | 9.00 | | 3.00 | 9.00 | | | 38.00 | | | | | \$59.00 |
| 31 | 11 | 20 | 34.00 | | 6.00 | 7.00 | 17.00 | 5.50 | | | | | | \$69.50 |
| Totals: | 307 | 1230 | \$844.00 | \$9.00 | \$400.00 | \$648.00 | \$614.00 | \$105.00 | \$599.00 | | \$20.00 | \$25.00 | -\$5.00 | \$3,259.00 |
| Total Daily User Fees: \$1,901.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Deposit Receipts:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks | \$2,177.50 |
| Community Pass: Credit Cards | \$1,081.50 |
| Community Pass: Lake Cruises | \$570.00 |
| Community Pass: Paddle Programs | \$52.00 |
| RECEIPT TOTAL: | \$3,881.00 |



2024 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 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 26 | | 222 |
| # Boats | 137 | 591 | 578 | 483 | 681 | 476 | 477 | 415 | 307 | | 4,145 |
| # Visitors | 306 | 1,607 | 1,953 | 2,380 | 2,934 | 2,075 | 1,803 | 1,843 | 1,230 | | 16,131 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL REVENUE: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| User Fees Total: | 2,055.00 | 5,721.00 | 5,075.00 | 4,832.00 | 5,718.00 | 3,881.00 | 3,581.00 | 2,704.00 | 1,901.00 | | \$35,468.00 |
| Motorized Boat | 1,829.00 | 4,572.00 | 3,276.00 | 2,558.00 | 3,118.00 | 1,836.00 | 1,933.00 | 1,532.00 | 844.00 | | \$21,498.00 |
| Ski Area Users | 0.00 | 18.00 | 27.00 | 54.00 | 189.00 | 111.00 | 72.00 | 35.00 | 9.00 | | \$515.00 |
| Non-Motorized Boat | 60.00 | 198.00 | 390.00 | 432.00 | 516.00 | 450.00 | 408.00 | 204.00 | 400.00 | | \$3,058.00 |
| Bank Fishing | 166.00 | 933.00 | 1,382.00 | 1,788.00 | 1,895.00 | 1,484.00 | 1,168.00 | 933.00 | 648.00 | | \$10,397.00 |
| Bait | 33.00 | 567.00 | 716.25 | 1,093.25 | 1,805.00 | 1,240.75 | 1,150.75 | 895.50 | 614.00 | | \$8,115.50 |
| Fishing Supplies | 5.00 | 125.75 | 178.00 | 322.00 | 456.50 | 284.50 | 209.50 | 186.00 | 105.00 | | \$1,872.25 |
| Vessel Rentals | 102.00 | 339.00 | 1,049.00 | 1,402.00 | 2,309.00 | 1,716.00 | 1,002.00 | 847.00 | 599.00 | | \$9,365.00 |
| Fishing Tourns. | 355.00 | 3,935.00 | 25.00 | 595.00 | 1,135.00 | 1,170.00 | 1,118.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | \$8,333.00 |
| Shelter Rentals | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 | 125.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 | 25.00 | | \$700.00 |
| Paddle Programs | | | | 130.00 | 198.00 | 64.00 | 76.00 | 54.00 | 52.00 | | \$574.00 |
| Lake Cruises | | | | | | | | 150.00 | 590.00 | | \$740.00 |
| Other | 0.00 | -13.00 | 0.75 | 56.50 | 137.15 | 186.50 | -21.75 | 181.25 | -5.00 | | \$522.40 |
| Total Revenue | \$2,600.00 | \$10,724.75 | \$7,094.00 | \$8,630.75 | \$11,883.65 | \$8,592.75 | \$7,165.50 | \$5,117.75 | \$3,881.00 | \$0.00 | \$65,690.15 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DAILY AVERAGES: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boats | 11 | 21 | 23 | 17 | 26 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 0 | 18 |
| Visitors | 25 | 59 | 78 | 88 | 112 | 79 | 66 | 70 | 47 | 0 | 72 |
| Revenue | \$216 | \$397 | \$283 | \$319 | \$457 | \$330 | \$265 | \$196 | \$149 | \$0 | \$295 |

Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
October 2024 Report

Emma Griffin
Program Manager
(336) 513-5510
egriffin@CityofGraham.com



Upcoming Programs

- Arts Around the Square
 - Saturday, May 17, 2025: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 - Marketing:
 - Working with Brandy to develop a logo for AATS
 - Once branding is complete, a save the date will be released
 - Vendors:
 - Application for arts vendors are planned to open in December

Current Programs

- Graham Walks
 - October 2 – November 5 (Registration: September 4 – October 9)
 - Total registered (as of 11/4): 91
 - Weekly Group Hikes (10:00 am):
 - October 9: Swepsonville Paddle Access (Rescheduled to October 11)
 - October 16: Bill Cooke Park
 - October 23: Cane Creek Natural Area
 - October 30: Saxapahaw Island Park (Thanks, Brandy for leading the hike while I was out of town!)
 - Sponsors:
 - Beshel Chiropractic
 - Calming Hands Massage and Wellness
 - Lighthouse Nutrition
 - OV Yonder
 - Shamrock Nutrition
 - Wrap Up: November 6
 - Lighthouse Nutrition (7:30 am – 9:30 am)
 - Shamrock Nutrition (11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
 - Graham Recreation Center (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
 - Grand Prize Drawing: November 12 at 10:00 am on Facebook Live

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take that away from you.”
-B.B. King

Completed Programs

- Pumpkin Bash
 - Friday, October 25: 6:00 – 9:00 pm
 - Attractions:
 - Inflatables
 - Trunk or Treat (25 booths)
 - Jeepers Creepers (Sponsored by OV Yonder)
 - Face Painting
 - Video Game Truck
 - Trackless Train Rides
 - Haunted Hayride and Trolley Rides (Sponsored by Farm Services)
 - Ghost Tours (Sponsored by Whit's)
 - Alamance Arts Witches Dance
 - Pumpkin Smash (Sponsored by Graham Fire Department)
 - Food Trucks:
 - Tacos Bros
 - Fiya Pit BBQ
 - Memory Lane Cotton Candy
 - Belle's Brew
 - Quench 305
 - Bruster's Ice Cream
 - Pelican's Shaved Ice
 - Tacos Neza
 - Post-Event Evaluation
 - Emails have been sent to all partners and vendors to garner feedback so that we can continue to improve for next year. The weather was amazing this year and we had great attendance. The Pumpkin Smash event sponsored by GFD was a fun addition. We invited members from City Council to go in the ladder truck and drop pumpkins to a target to see who can get the closest. We plan to do this again next year with more advance planning in hopes to make it some sort of fundraiser.

Professional Development

- NRPA
 - National Recreation and Parks Association Conference: Atlanta, GA (October 7-10)
 - Being able to experience my first National conference was a great experience. I was able to attend various sessions and brought back some ideas to apply to future programming. I am looking forward to being able to hopefully attend another NRPA Conference in the future.
 - Supervisors' Management School: "The premiere resource for parks and recreation professionals who want to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to lead their staff effectively. The courses cover various topics, including leadership principles and team management, as well as the most up-to-date techniques and information on leading, staffing, organizing, directing, and managing employees. With the tools and insights gained from this program, professionals will be able to oversee the day-to-day operation of their staff as they deliver programs and services to their community."
 - Year 2: October 26 – October 30
 - I completed the Supervisors' Management School two-year program this year. The courses provided by the regents were in depth and covered various topics that will help attendees hone in and improve on their supervisory skills.
 - After attending SMS through Recreation Resource Services (NC State University), I would love to explore possibilities to attend the Revenue Management and Development School to learn more about techniques to generate revenue through sponsorships, grants, etc.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take that away from you."

-B.B. King

Committees

- Safe Kids Coalition
 - Meeting: October 15 at 9:00 am
 - Discussed Fall Programs
 - Possible Car Seat Class for next year
 - Lead Agency status:
 - SafeKids Worldwide requires that an established agency be considered the lead agency for each local organization. The Alamance County Coalition was formally run by the Alamance County Health Department and Healthy Alamance, a non-profit that has since dissolved. This has created difficulties in the coalition having direct access to money that help fund events and other outreach efforts. For the past year, David Sharpe with Burlington Fire Department has been working to establish BFD as the new lead agency. Due to new leadership and various changes, we had to shift these efforts and we will now be working with Jennifer Livers with Mebane Fire Department to have them set as our lead agency. We are moving in the right direction which will allow us to better serve our community.
 - Next Meeting: No November Meeting
- Alamance County Programming Collaborative
 - Programming colleagues across the county meet monthly to discuss special events and programming. Topics include dates of events and selection, policies and procedures, difficulties and solutions, and collaborative events for the group.
 - Next Meeting: November 5 at 1:00 pm
- Executive Safety Committee
 - Next Meeting: November 6
- City of Graham Wellness Committee
 - Meeting: October 10 (Did not attend)
- Alamance County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board
 - The purpose of the advisory board is to focus on advocacy, education, and finding ways to get out to the public more.

Miscellaneous

- October 1: Social Media Reel with Brandy and Tel for Pumpkin Bash and Holiday Happenings
- October 15: Helped complete a marketing grant through the Alamance County CVB for Arts Around the Square
- October 16: Rode with Brandy to practice the bus route for Leadership Alamance
- October 18: Esperanza Evaluation Meeting via Zoom

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take that away from you.”

-B.B. King

Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
October 2024 Report



Contact: Brandy McCandless
Title: Marketing Supervisor
Phone: (336) 513-5510
Email: bmccandless@CityofGraham.com

"We don't need more people putting out fires every day at work. We need people on fire and fired up for the day." – Jesse Cole, Owner of Savannah Bananas, Author of Fans First & Find Your Yellow Tux

Project & Program Updates

- Created a social media [reel](#) with Tel & Emma to promote the upcoming Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash event (10/01)
- Met with Dr. Mark Cryan, Elon University Professor of Sport Management, to discuss a new Graham Historical Museum exhibit: Baseball in Alamance County, as well as partnership opportunities with Elon University and an upcoming Lunch-and-Learn program for 2025 (10/02)
- The Thursdays at Seven Concert Series with the Mason Lovette Band was rescheduled from September 26 to October 3 due to the rain forecast for that evening. The rescheduled concert had great weather and a large attendance. (10/03)
- The Graham Fire, Police, and Recreation & Parks departments have partnered with Children of Fallen Heroes to help collect critical supplies for those in need who were impacted by Hurricane Helene. Supplies were collected at the October concert and continued to be collected at Fire.
- Attended the 2024 NRPA Annual Conference October 7 - 10 in Atlanta, Georgia. The GRPD team had an inside look at the latest products and services in the interactive Exhibit Hall, the chance to connect with colleagues and experts in the field from across the nation, and access to hundreds of educational sessions about best practices and innovative programming. (10/07-10/10)
- The monthly Hikes with Hounds program was held at Guilford Mackintosh Park & Marina with 3 dogs (Baxter, Busch, & Chance) and 10 volunteers. I was unable to attend the month's hike, but 3 staff were present from Burlington Animal Services and Burlington Recreation & Parks. (10/11)
- Worked with Brian and Emma to apply for the Alamance County Visitors Bureau Quarterly Tourism Reimbursement Grant for the marketing of the Arts Around the Square event (10/15)
- Met with Dig Local App creators, Impact Alamance, and the countywide recreation & parks departments to discuss the possibility of utilizing an app for upcoming programs and events, as well as to highlight parks and facilities. (10/15)
- Lunch-and-Learn with the Graham Historical Museum presented local historian Russell Compton with the topic "The Founding of Alamance County & Graham and the People Who Made It Happen," with approx. 5 visitors attending (10/16)
- Drove the bus for Leadership Alamance participants for their Agribusiness Day (10/17)

- Ice skates have been taken to the Greensboro Ice House to be sharpened for the upcoming Ice Skating Rink season (10/23)
- Assisted Emma with loading, set up, and promotional photos for the Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash (10/25)
- Summer flowers were replaced at the Mobile Parklet (currently located at Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream in Graham) and the Museum courtyard with cold-tolerant pansies (10/29)
- Led the Graham Walks Weekly Group Hike at Saxapahaw Island Park with 5 participants while Emma was at the NRPA Supervisors' Management School (10/30)
- Ordered GRPD promotional items, including sunglasses, magnetic chip clips, and pens (10/30)
- Planning for the Downtown Graham's Ice Skating Rink on Synthetic Ice and City of Graham's Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration events (planning currently underway)



Ongoing Projects

- Coordinating new Park Signage with Syntech for Bill Cooke Park and South Graham Park
 - Up Next: wayfinding, walking track/trail length, additional rules/hours
 - Future Goal: entryway sign for Graham Regional Park
- 200 North Main Street Pocket Park Project - exploring lighting options to purchase with possible community partners/sponsors
- 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.

Current & Upcoming Programming

- **Sunflower/Crimson Clover Project at Graham Regional Park**
 - Sunflower Field planted in May 2024, flowers peaked in mid-July
 - Crimson Clover Field was planted at the end of September, with flowers in April 2025
 - A GRPD Parks & Athletic Facilities Team, City of Graham Public Works, and the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District Project
- **Hikes with Hounds**
 - Year-round, one Friday each month
 - Partnership with the City of Burlington Animal Services and Recreation & Parks
 - 2024 Locations (weather & trail conditions permitting)
 - October Burlington - Guilford Mackintosh Park & Marina (2 miles)
 - November Burlington - Willowbrook Park (2 miles)
 - December Graham - Graham Regional Park (1-2 miles)

- **Graham Historical Museum**
 - Exhibits
 - TBD
 - Programs
 - Lunch-and-Learn at the Museum
 - Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 • Times: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
 - Topic: The Establishment of the County of Alamance and the Founding of the Town of Graham • Speaker: Russell Compton, local historian
- **Thursdays at Seven Concert Series in Downtown Graham**
- **Downtown Graham’s Ice Skating Rink on Synthetic Ice**
 - 2024 Dates: November 22 – December 15, 2024 (3 weeks – closed for Thanksgiving 11/28) *(weather & staff permitting)*
 - Times: (see website for details)
 - Location: Downtown at Alamance Arts
- **City of Graham’s Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration**
 - 2024 Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024 (no rain date)
 - Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm
 - Tree Lighting Ceremony: 6:30pm, fireworks will follow the lighting of the tree
 - Location: Front Lawn of the City of Graham Municipal Building (City Hall)

Volunteering

- NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteer – help with workdays, outreach, and managing the social media account “Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Alamance County”

Social Media

Facebook Followers: 10,287 (increased 109)

Instagram Followers: 2,542 (increased 22)

Twitter Followers: 274 (decreased 1)

Website

Top 10 Most Viewed City of Graham Website Pages for October 2 – October 31, 2024:

Top Posts/Pages



| | | |
|-----|---|-------|
| 1. | HOME - City of Graham, NC | 4,179 |
| 2. | (not set) | 2,490 |
| 3. | Water & Sewer Billing - City of Graham, NC | 2,176 |
| 4. | Recreation & Parks - City of Graham, NC | 1,672 |
| 5. | GRPD Special Pumpkin Bash - City of Graham, NC | 1,397 |
| 6. | Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash - City of Graham, NC | 1,255 |
| 7. | GRPD Athletics - City of Graham, NC | 821 |
| 8. | GRPD Basketball - City of Graham, NC | 791 |
| 9. | Police - City of Graham, NC | 773 |
| 10. | GRPD Lake - City of Graham, NC | 600 |

Reviews & Comments

Thursdays at Seven Concert Series

Mason Lovette Band (Matt Lovette): "Thank you for having us Brandy. Y'all always do a great job."

Bill Cooke Park



Lynne Wheeley

Local Guide • 5 reviews • 2 photos



6 days ago

NEW

Has nice playground for children. Clear trail to walk or hike. Picnic tables and grill. Clean and always OPEN to public restrooms It's also a nice place to bring your dog to play in the dog park. Best of all are the abundance of shade trees feels very cool at the picnic shelters ... 🍌👍 nice



Kent Thompson 🇺🇸 recommends **Graham Recreation and Parks Department.**

4h • 🌐

Visited Bill Cooke Park for the first time in a couple of years...impressed with the way Graham keeps their parks....2 mile walk was wonderful!!

Graham-Mebane Lake



Marion Czaja

Local Guide • 12 reviews • 43 photos



3 days ago

NEW

Good fishing. Great to explore all parts.

↩ Reply



Terrell Brewington (Porky)

Local Guide • 31 reviews • 6 photos



1 week ago

NEW

My family and I went fishing here this past Saturday. Though we arrived late (around 4 p.m.), we were able to pay and get out on the dock pretty quickly. The lady in the office was extremely nice. She gave me the rundown and worms almost at the same time. since we were kinda of late, we didn't have time for a boat, but had time for a quick chat. The guy in the office was cool, too. Even the people that were fishing were super chill. Not too crowded, in fact, very few people. No bathrooms, just port-a-pottys. There is a good-sized shelter to eat under if you want. No playground (but my kids were having way too much fun playing with worms to care) parking right in front of the dock (Don't park on the grass). I am really looking forward to going back. Next time, I'll get there when they open so I can get a boat. They open at 8 AM- close at 6 pm, so they sound the alarm at 5:45 pm. GATES CLOSE AT 6PM! Oh, lol. I almost forgot the most important part. YES! The fish were biting.

Graham Regional Park

Graham Regional Park

1575 N Jim Minor Rd, Haw River, NC

Get more reviews

4.8 ★★★★★ 669 reviews ⓘ

↩ Reply



Muhammad Hasan Feroze

Local Guide · 89 reviews · 474 photos

★★★★★ 2 days ago **NEW**

Wonderful place for kids they love to go there and play. Clean and well maintained.



↩ Reply 👍 Like



Widemond 'Windy' Lafond

Local Guide · 99 reviews · 998 photos

★★★★★ a week ago **NEW**

If you're looking for a nice, peaceful park to take the kids or enjoy some quiet time, Graham Regional Park is the perfect spot. The park is nicely spaced out, scenic, and truly peaceful. The only sounds you'll hear are the laughter of children playing in the playground and dog lovers enjoying time with their pets. It's a wonderful place to relax and unwind. Highly recommend it!

Playground: Clean

Dog-friendliness: Friendly

Picnic area: Clean

Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

October 2024 Report

Joshua Cutlip
Athletic Supervisor
(336) 570-4023
jcutlip@CityofGraham.com



Fall Programs

Fall athletics came to a conclusion in late October with our tournaments and playoffs. In soccer we had an exhilarating 10U Championship game between the Jaguars (1 Seed) and Hawks (3 Seed). The game went scoreless throughout regular and extra time leading to a penalty shoot-out. In the shoot-out the underdog Hawks got the winning kick during the 7th round. The 14U Championship game saw another upset with the Cheetahs (3 Seed) defeating the NC Red Bulls (1 Seed) 3-1 with goals flying in from outside the box. The 8U age division was more straightforward as Morros FC (1 Seed) defeated the Hot Shots (2 Seed) 4-1.

Flag Football came to an end with the Vipers defeating the Ravens in our 12U Championship. The game ended in a blowout but it was a competitive 1st half with the halftime score 18-12; the final was 35-12.

Our inaugural pickleball program wrapped up with our Championship Tournament and League 1 Promotion Playoff. The Dink Lobbers took home the Championship in a match over Rock-n-Witch that nearly went into a 3rd game. Even though the Dink Lobbers won the match 2-0 both games were tightly contested with Rock-n-Witch losing by a couple points.

Surveys will be sent out for each program for evaluation in the coming week.

- Fall Soccer (ages 4-14)
 - 5U: 33 participants (4 teams)
 - 6U: 39 participants (4 teams)
 - 8U: 60 participants (5 teams)
 - 10U 53 participants (4 teams)
 - 14U 64 participants (5 teams)
 - Total: 249 participants (up from 205 last fall)
- Flag Football (ages 6-12)
 - 8U: 41 participants (4 teams)
 - 12U: 44 participants (4 teams)

- Total: 85 (up from 67 last fall)
- Adult Pickleball
 - Championship Division: 8 teams
 - League 1: 8 teams



Upcoming Winter Programs

Registration for basketball closed on October 26th. Registration ended with 361 kids registered; up from 321 last season. The biggest jump we saw was in 8U and 12U boys age divisions. We do have a number of kids on the wait-list but we're near capacity for what we can offer having access to two facilities. The best news from basketball is that each team has a coach for the season!

Winter Basketball (ages 4-14)

- 5U: 51 participants (5 teams)
- 6U: 61 participants (5 teams)
- 8U Boys: 70 participants (7 teams)
- 8U Girls: 18 participants (2 teams)
- 10U Boys: 70 participants (7 teams)
- 10U Girls: 22 participants (2 teams)
- 12U Boys: 50 participants (5 teams)
- 13U Girls: 10 participants (1 team)
- 14U: 21 participants (2 teams)

PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

October 2024



Bill Cooke Park

Athletic Fields – All goals and benches were removed at the end of the soccer season. We are waiting for it to rain so we can do the final aeration of the season.

Sprayed weeds along the infield fence lines.

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

Leaves are being mulched in the park as needed.

Graded area around shelter 2 and reseeded.

Fixed a washout spot along the walking trail.

Replaced the lock on a stall in the lower women's restroom.

Reset the breaker for the street lights in the park. Found an issue with one of the light poles and fixed that issue.

Installed handicap parking signs and adjusted current signs to meet compliance standards.

Had the grinder pump in the lower bathroom replaced.

Closed the lower bathrooms for the season.

Moved 3 tier bleachers to field 3.

South Graham Park

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

Replaced missing hand crank on play panel.

Installed handicap parking signs and adjusted current signs to meet compliance standards.

Leaves are being mulched as needed.

Attached loose tennis windscreen back to the fence.

Cut down and removed dead ash tree.

Graham Regional Park

General Maintenance – Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Soil was added to washouts and low spots. Those locations have been seeded and strawed.

Removed leaves from the natural playground.

Fixed an issue with one of the bathroom doors.

Installed missing bolt in merry-go-all.

Handicap parking signs were added to meet compliance standards.

Apollo/Goley

Apollo – No report.

Goley – No report.

Johnson Ave

General Maintenance – Soccer goals were removed at the end of the soccer season.

Lake

General Maintenance – Removed a hornet's nest near the bank fishing area.

Mulched leaves.

Sprayed the bank fishing area for weeds.

Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds

Greenway – No report.

Harmon Park – No report.

Civic Center – No report.

Marshall St – Replaced a cut swing seat.

Recreation Center – No report.

Oakley St. – Sprayed walking track for weeds.

Fixed washouts on the walking track

Maple St. – No report.

Hwy 54 Access – Overseeded the hill by the bathroom

Cleaned the ramp of debris.

200 N. Main – No report.

Museum – Removed leaves from courtyard area.

Miscellaneous

Hung/removed banners for the Pumpkin Bash.

Tel participated in a marketing video.

Tel, James, & Derrick all worked the Pumpkin Bash.

Help Brandy take the ice skates to Greensboro to be sharpened.

Help Brandy plant parklet and museum flowers.

Continued Education & Community Involvement

Tel attended the 2024 NRPA annual conference in Atlanta.

Graham Recreation and Parks Commission
Director's Report for September '24

I. Present Projects

- a. Museum window replacement** - The Historic Resources Commission approved the window replacement project at their Sept. meeting. Windows are currently being constructed and will be installed this winter.

II. Future Projects

a. Land Acquisition

- i. GRP** - Mr. Stewart is still waiting on an appraisal from his new firm.
ii. Cooke - The City Manager will submit a budget amendment request to Council in November in preparation for the property purchase in December. A grant application will be submitted next spring.

- b. Accessible Parks Grant** - The contract for the grant is expected to be received in early October with a goal to have it signed in November. Coordination with contractors continues.

- c. Cabin @ Cooke Park** - No updates on options for the cabin.

III. Policies/Manuals/Plans

- a. GRP Site Master Plan** - Proposals will be considered by Council in November.

- b. Maintenance/Replacement Policy** - GRPD staff are recording purchase and maintenance information concerning major systems (HVAC, bleachers, goals, flooring, etc.) and assets (vehicles, mowers, etc.) in order to create a maintenance and replacement policy and schedule to lead future budget requests.

- c. GIS database** - GRPD staff began working with City of Burlington Planning staff to create GIS layers identifying amenities within the Graham Parks system.

- d. GRPD Personnel/Orientation Manuals** - Work on a Personnel Manual and an Orientation Manual continues.

IV. Historical Museum Attendance - 53 – September

V. Outside Committees

- a. Great Alamance Creek Steering Committee** - The plan has been adopted and will now guide future development of the Great Alamance Creek section of the Haw River Trail.

- b. Wellness Collaborative** - The Collaborative is still working to secure a grant for ADA projects across the County. GRPD staff continues to explore projects.

- c. Friends of GRPD** - No updates

VI. Staffing

- a.** GRPD supervisors are currently advertising the following positions:

- i.** PT Athletic Facility Attendant – Rec. Div.
ii. PT Centers Facility Attendant – Rec. Div.
iii. PT Ice Rink Attendant – Rec. Div.

- b.** GRPD supervisors will attend the National Recreation and Parks Association conference in Atlanta, Oct. 7-10.

VII. Financial Summary - Convenience fees - \$267.03-September

Recreation Division

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Open Gym/Weight Room/Pickleball | \$0.00 |
| Maple St. Center rentals | \$245.00 |
| Civic Center rentals | \$190.00 |
| Rec. Center rentals | \$240.00 |
| Staff Fee | \$600.00 |
| Park Shelters | \$870.00 |
| Field/Passive Area Rental | \$60.00 |
| Table/Chair rentals | \$0.00 |
| | |
| Youth Soccer | \$50.00 |
| Youth Flag Football | \$71.25 |
| Youth Baseball | \$25.00 |
| Youth Basketball | \$6,906.25 |
| Adult Pickleball | \$100.00 |
| | |
| Concessions - Movies in the Park | \$362.07 |
| Summer Day Camp | \$168.00 |
| 9/11 5K Run/Walk Sponsor | \$1,080.00 |
| Donations/Misc. Sponsorships | \$90.00 |
| Total | \$11,057.57 |

Lake Division

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fishing Boat launches | \$1,276.00 |
| Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe) | \$204.00 |
| Ski Boat launches | \$35.00 |
| Jon Boat rentals | \$453.00 |
| Kayak/Canoe rentals | \$394.00 |
| Bank Fishing | \$933.00 |
| Bait/Supplies | \$1,089.75 |
| | |
| Annual Permit (motorized boats) | \$260.00 |
| Annual Permit (non-motorized boats) | \$0.00 |
| Annual Permit (bank fishing) | \$0.00 |
| | |
| Shelter Rentals | \$25.00 |
| Passive Area Rental | \$175.00 |
| | |
| Big Bass Tournament | \$0.00 |
| Catfish Tournament | \$0.00 |
| Pontoon Boat Cruises | \$160.00 |
| Paddle Tours | \$7.00 |
| Total | \$5,011.75 |



Graham-Mebane Lake Report

September 2024

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



Lake use continues its slow decline from its peak in June. We had a good month, keeping in line with the good Septembers since the Covid boost. Fishing was fair, which is normal for September.

September Lake Highlights

- We had a good Labor Day weekend turnout – just under 100 boats and 350 visitors for the three-day holiday.
- Brian, Brandy, and Steve joined our fisheries biologists for a survey of the growth and survival of the habitat restoration plantings from the last two summers. The concern last year was low water, this year it was high water, but growth and survival remain about 50%.
- Steve met with a representative of Alumadock Marine Structures to discuss a new slip dock in 2025.
- The Old North State Cub Scouts (packs from five area counties) held a Fishing Day event on the 21st. Total attendance was over 175 Scouts, parents, and leaders.
- Curtis Rippey, of Burlington, won September in the Big Bass Tournament with a 6.80 lb. largemouth bass. The Second Chance Tournament is Saturday Oct. 5th, the BBT Fish-Off Tournament is Saturday Oct. 12th.
- The lake level stayed at or near full pool for the month. Frequent rain occasionally raised the water over the seawall.



Another beautiful day on the lake.

By the Numbers (2023 in parentheses)

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Boat Launches | 415 (474) |
| Motorized Boats: | 351 (381) |
| Ski Area Launches: | 5 (7) |
| Non-motorized Boats: | 59 (86) |
| Seniors/Disability: | 48 (62) |
| Using Annual Permit: | 196 (203) |
| Vessels Rented: | 75 (82) |

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Customers | 1,843 (1,600) |
| All Boaters: | 650 (743) |
| Motorized: | 579 (616) |
| Ski Area Users: | 9 (32) |
| Non-Motor. Boaters: | 62 (95) |
| Bank Anglers: | 464 (334) |
| Vessel Renters: | 90 (127) |
| Programs and Events: | 230 (-) |
| Passive Visitors: | 409 (396) |

Steve Hadden, CPRP
Lake Warden, Graham-Mebane Lake
Marina: (919) 563-6544
shadden@cityofgraham.com



Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



September 2024

Days Open: 26

Daily Activity (POS) from Staff Reports:

| Date | Boats | Visitors | Daily User Fees: | | | | Bait | Fishing Supplies | Vessel Rental | Fishing Tourn. | Lake Cruise | Over | | Total \$ |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | | | Motor. | Ski Area | Non-Motor. | Bank | | | | | | Other | Under | |
| 1 | 24 | 88 | 76.00 | 18.00 | 12.00 | 51.00 | 37.25 | 2.00 | 82.00 | | | | 4.00 | \$282.25 |
| 2 | 44 | 166 | 189.00 | 4.00 | 21.00 | 80.00 | 76.25 | 29.25 | 56.00 | | | | | \$455.50 |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 15 | 46 | 35.00 | | | 28.00 | 36.00 | 6.00 | 10.00 | | | | | \$115.00 |
| 5 | 23 | 53 | 47.00 | | 6.00 | 20.00 | 8.50 | 7.25 | | | | | | \$88.75 |
| 6 | 17 | 52 | 39.00 | | 3.00 | 13.00 | 21.25 | 6.50 | 18.00 | | | | | \$100.75 |
| 7 | 30 | 127 | 151.00 | | 6.00 | 77.00 | 115.00 | 12.75 | 67.00 | | | | | \$428.75 |
| 8 | 26 | 116 | 94.00 | 4.00 | 24.00 | 67.00 | 84.75 | 12.00 | 125.00 | | | | | \$410.75 |
| 9 | 13 | 48 | 35.00 | | 9.00 | 28.00 | 17.00 | 16.25 | 62.00 | | | | | \$167.25 |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 20 | 74 | 34.00 | | 6.00 | 15.00 | 9.75 | 9.50 | 38.00 | | | | | \$112.25 |
| 12 | 11 | 53 | 21.00 | | | 64.00 | 50.50 | 13.00 | 11.00 | | | 0.50 | | \$160.00 |
| 13 | 1 | 14 | | | | 12.00 | 6.25 | 9.50 | | | | | | \$27.75 |
| 14 | 23 | 97 | 84.00 | | 6.00 | 56.00 | 50.25 | 12.75 | 115.00 | | | | | \$324.00 |
| 15 | 11 | 71 | 49.00 | | | 40.00 | 57.25 | 8.50 | 40.00 | | | | | \$194.75 |
| 16 | | 9 | | | | | 10.25 | 2.00 | 10.00 | | | | | \$22.25 |
| 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 14 | 60 | 36.00 | | 6.00 | 16.00 | 25.50 | | 10.00 | | | | | \$93.50 |
| 19 | 10 | 44 | 9.00 | 9.00 | | 22.00 | 8.50 | | 12.00 | | | 175.00 | | \$235.50 |
| 20 | 17 | 42 | 22.00 | | 6.00 | 32.00 | 33.75 | 7.00 | | | | 1.00 | | \$101.75 |
| 21 | 18 | 263 | 54.00 | | 12.00 | 34.00 | 17.00 | 9.00 | 56.00 | | | | | \$182.00 |
| 22 | 30 | 82 | 282.00 | | 18.00 | 46.00 | 42.00 | | 63.00 | | | | | \$451.00 |
| 23 | 13 | 51 | 25.00 | | 12.00 | 32.00 | 51.00 | 2.00 | 16.00 | | | | | \$138.00 |
| 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 12 | 33 | 16.00 | | 9.00 | 18.00 | 12.75 | 2.50 | | | | | | \$58.25 |
| 26 | 1 | 14 | | | 6.00 | 16.00 | 12.75 | 1.75 | 10.00 | | | | | \$46.50 |
| 27 | | 28 | | | | 34.00 | 25.50 | 3.50 | | | | | | \$63.00 |
| 28 | 13 | 105 | 52.00 | | 18.00 | 70.00 | 46.50 | 9.00 | 46.00 | | 20.00 | 0.75 | | \$262.25 |
| 29 | 19 | 80 | 146.00 | | 18.00 | 43.00 | 33.75 | 4.00 | | | | | | \$244.75 |
| 30 | 10 | 27 | 36.00 | | 6.00 | 19.00 | 6.25 | | | | | | | \$67.25 |
| Totals: | 415 | 1843 | \$1,532.00 | \$35.00 | \$204.00 | \$933.00 | \$895.50 | \$186.00 | \$847.00 | | \$20.00 | \$175.00 | \$6.25 | \$4,833.75 |
| Total Daily User Fees: \$2,704.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Deposit Receipts:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks | \$2,814.25 |
| Community Pass: Credit Cards | \$2,019.50 |
| Community Pass: Shelter Rental | \$100.00 |
| Community Pass: Lake Cruises | \$130.00 |
| Community Pass: Paddle Programs | \$54.00 |
| RECEIPT TOTAL: | \$5,117.75 |



2024 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 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 26 | | | 196 |
| # Boats | 137 | 591 | 578 | 483 | 681 | 476 | 477 | 415 | | | 3,838 |
| # Visitors | 306 | 1,607 | 1,953 | 2,380 | 2,934 | 2,075 | 1,803 | 1,843 | | | 14,901 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL REVENUE: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| User Fees Total: | 2,055.00 | 5,721.00 | 5,075.00 | 4,832.00 | 5,718.00 | 3,881.00 | 3,581.00 | 2,704.00 | | | \$33,567.00 |
| Motorized Boat | 1,829.00 | 4,572.00 | 3,276.00 | 2,558.00 | 3,118.00 | 1,836.00 | 1,933.00 | 1,532.00 | | | \$20,654.00 |
| Ski Area Users | 0.00 | 18.00 | 27.00 | 54.00 | 189.00 | 111.00 | 72.00 | 35.00 | | | \$506.00 |
| Non-Motorized Boat | 60.00 | 198.00 | 390.00 | 432.00 | 516.00 | 450.00 | 408.00 | 204.00 | | | \$2,658.00 |
| Bank Fishing | 166.00 | 933.00 | 1,382.00 | 1,788.00 | 1,895.00 | 1,484.00 | 1,168.00 | 933.00 | | | \$9,749.00 |
| Bait | 33.00 | 567.00 | 716.25 | 1,093.25 | 1,805.00 | 1,240.75 | 1,150.75 | 895.50 | | | \$7,501.50 |
| Fishing Supplies | 5.00 | 125.75 | 178.00 | 322.00 | 456.50 | 284.50 | 209.50 | 186.00 | | | \$1,767.25 |
| Vessel Rentals | 102.00 | 339.00 | 1,049.00 | 1,402.00 | 2,309.00 | 1,716.00 | 1,002.00 | 847.00 | | | \$8,766.00 |
| Fishing Tourns. | 355.00 | 3,935.00 | 25.00 | 595.00 | 1,135.00 | 1,170.00 | 1,118.00 | 0.00 | | | \$8,333.00 |
| Shelter Rentals | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 | 125.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 | | | \$675.00 |
| Paddle Programs | | | | 130.00 | 198.00 | 64.00 | 76.00 | 54.00 | | | \$522.00 |
| Lake Cruises | | | | | | | | 150.00 | | | \$150.00 |
| Other | 0.00 | -13.00 | 0.75 | 56.50 | 137.15 | 186.50 | -21.75 | 181.25 | | | \$527.40 |
| Total Revenue | \$2,600.00 | \$10,724.75 | \$7,094.00 | \$8,630.75 | \$11,883.65 | \$8,592.75 | \$7,165.50 | \$5,117.75 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$61,809.15 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DAILY AVERAGES: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boats | 11 | 21 | 23 | 17 | 26 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Visitors | 25 | 59 | 78 | 88 | 112 | 79 | 66 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 76 |
| Revenue | \$216 | \$397 | \$283 | \$319 | \$457 | \$330 | \$265 | \$196 | \$0 | \$0 | \$315 |

Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

September 2024 Report



Joshua Cutlip

Athletic Supervisor

(336) 570-4023

jcutlip@CityofGraham.com

Fall Programs

Fall athletics is underway with soccer and flag football season in full swing. We saw an increase overall in registration numbers from last fall; though 5U and 6U soccer decreased. The age divisions we saw the biggest jumps were 8U (flag football and soccer) and 14U soccer. 14U soccer was the biggest jump going from 3 teams to 5 teams this fall.

We ended 3 coaches short so I had to assist in coaching two 5U teams and a 12U flag football team. For the two 5U teams I ran the practices and had a parent take over for games. In 12U flag football I had a young adult helping so I assisted him during practices and let him fully take over for games.

Adult pickleball is underway and has had a wonderful start. Response for our new program has been great; registration was full and people are already asking when registration will be open for the next season. My favorite part about the pickleball program is that we don't have any weather delays. Any days with a chance of weather is simply moved to the Graham Recreation Center.

The weather for the past two weeks has pushed back our seasons and made scheduling a headache. We're at the point where if we have any other delays, we may not be able to make-up the games.

- Fall Soccer (ages 4-14)
 - 5U: 33 participants (4 teams)
 - 6U: 39 participants (4 teams)
 - 8U: 60 participants (5 teams)
 - 10U 53 participants (4 teams)
 - 14U 64 participants (5 teams)
 - Total: 249 participants (up from 205 last fall)
- Flag Football (ages 6-12)
 - 8U: 41 participants (4 teams)
 - 12U: 44 participants (4 teams)
 - Total: 85 (up from 67 last fall)
- Adult Pickleball
 - Championship Division: 8 teams
 - League 1: 8 teams



Upcoming Winter Programs

Registration for basketball is ongoing; it opened on September 1st. Currently we have 248 kids and 24 coaches registered. I'm expecting a jump in registration numbers since both Burlington and Alamance County have done away with "traditional" basketball programs. The biggest problem I'll have at first is getting people coming over from other municipalities and counties is that we don't take whole team registration. Even though I explain to everyone they can't pick their coach there will those that complain when they don't get their way.

- Winter Basketball (ages 4-14)
 - 5U: 27 players; 4 coaches
 - 6U: 32 players; 1 coach
 - 8U Boys: 53 players; 5 coaches
 - 8U Girls: 12 players; 2 coaches
 - 10U Boys: 58 players; 5 coaches
 - 10U Girls: 10 players; 1 coach
 - 12U Boys: 35 players; 4 coaches
 - 13U Girls: 6 players; 1 coach
 - 14U: 10 players; 2 coaches

"Don't ever forget that you're a citizen of this world, and there are things you can do to lift the human spirit – things that are easy, things that are free, things that you can do every day: Civility, respect, kindness, character."

– Aaron Sorkin

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting."

– Brian Tracy

Facilities Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
September 2024 Report

Marquis Graves

Facilities Supervisor

p. (336)570-6718

e. mgraves@cityofgraham.com

Facility Updates:

Recreation Center:

City Health Fair will take place at the Recreation Center on September 18th. Set up for the event begin on the 17th. Pickleball will now only take place in the small gym from 12:00pm – 8:00pm Monday – Friday. An instructional Pickleball Class led by Steve Carr will commence their first of three sessions on September 28th. Open Gym will move to 12:00pm – 8:00pm Monday – Friday. Gym Walkers are able to use the small gym from 8am – 12:00pm daily. This will change to 8am – 12pm in both the small and large gym after summer camp ends. The Congregate Nutrition Program for Seniors meet daily within room 1 of the rec center from 9am – 12pm. Graham Recreation Center is a rain location for the Movies in the Park series on September 7th, September 14th, September 21st and September 28th. The Recreation Center is also a rain location for the Thursdays at Seven Concert Series on September 12th and September 26th. A new program with have a Demo Day at the center on September 23rd. The program is titled Drums Alive and pairs rhythmic music and sounds with aerobics. The program is led by Randi Lee. More information regarding the program can be found in the attached flyer. Rental calendar for September has also been attached.

Civic Center:

New equipment (TV, sound bar & subwoofer) will be installed at the Civic Center on 9/23 Rentals are underway at the Civic Center. Calendar for September rentals is attached.

Maple St. Center:

The following reoccurring classes and groups utilize the center during the month of September Shag Dancing classes at Maple St have concluded but may continue at a later date in the Calendar for September rentals at Maple St. is attached.



- Maple St. Line Dancers: Mon. & Tue. 9:00am – 11:00am Instructors: Carolyn Gantt and Frances Woodlief
- Xtreme Hip Hop : Mon. & Wed. 6:00pm – 7:00pm Instructor: Delicia White
- Mah-Jongg: Tue. 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- TOPS: Tue. 5:15pm – 6:15pm Instructor: Belinda Smith
- Troxler Ballroom Dance: Wed. 9:30am – 10:30am
- Liz and Lou Dance Practice: Wed. & Thur. 7:30pm – 8:30pm
- Beginners Yoga Class: Thur. 6:00pm – 7:00pm Instructor: Tava
- ALCO Vets: Every 3rd Monday of the month. 6:30pm – 7:30pm Contact: Bobby Chin
- Alamance arts has begun utilizing the Maple St. center for art classes beginning in October. Classes occur every 3rd Sunday.
- * A new reoccurring meeting will take place on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning in January. This meeting will be held by the Concerned Bikers of Alamance County, with their contact being Elizabeth Rocafuerte.

Programs/Events/Additional Info:

- The 30+ pick up basketball program occurs every 3rd Sunday of the month and will be supervised by Recreation Staff member Ja-Vontae Bryant.

Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
September 2024 Report



Contact: Brandy McCandless
Title: Marketing Supervisor
Phone: (336) 513-5510
Email: bmccandless@CityofGraham.com

"It's pointless for a human to paint scenes of nature when they can go outside and stand in it." - Ron Swanson, Director of Pawnee Parks & Recreation Department

Project & Program Updates

- Attended the Alamance County Programming Collaborative meeting to discuss countywide 2024 fall/winter events and the upcoming Alamance Adventure Race (09/03)
- CITYgram information for Fall/Winter was submitted to City Hall (09/06)
- Attended the 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event to take photos and video (09/07)
- Movies in the Park kicked off with beautiful weather and a nice turnout (approx. 75-100 in attendance) for the movie Migration (09/07)
- Attended the Alamance Adventure Race planning meeting to begin plugging in challenges for the event (09/10)
- Set up a GRPD Information Booth at the Alexander Wilson Activity Fair for families to learn about the many programs and events coming up in Graham. The evening's event had a nice turnout. (09/11)
- The Thursdays at Seven Concert Series presented The Mighty Saints of Soul band in the streets of downtown Graham with a great crowd and concert weather. Special thanks to Tel (set-up) and Harrison for helping staff the concert. (09/12)
- Movies in the Park continued with good weather and turnout (approx. 75-150 in attendance at each) for the movie Wonka (09/14), Wish (09/21), and Trolls Band Together (09/28)
- Joined the NC Wildlife Commission at Graham-Mebane Lake as they monitored vegetation within the Aquatic Habitat Enhancement (09/19)
- The field at Graham Regional Park was planted with a cover crop of Crimson Clover (a nitrogen fixer). The benefits of cover crops improve soil quality and weed suppression alongside other uses. Special THANK YOU to our Parks & Athletic Maintenance team for preparing and planting the field and to Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District for this great partnership. (09/25)
- The Thursdays at Seven Concert Series with the Mason Lovette Band was rescheduled from September 26 to October 3 due to the rain forecast for that evening. (09/26)
- The monthly Hikes with Hounds program scheduled for Cedarrock Park was canceled for September due to Hurricane Helene's forecast (09/27)
- Assisted at the Alamance Adventure Race Headquarters at the Mebane Arts Center to approve challenges as the event teams submitted their completed challenges (09/28)



Ongoing Projects

- Coordinating new Park Signage with Syntech for Bill Cooke Park and South Graham Park
 - Up Next: wayfinding, walking track/trail length, additional rules/hours
 - Future Goal: entryway sign for Graham Regional Park
- 200 North Main Street Pocket Park Project - exploring lighting options to purchase with possible community partners/sponsors
- 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.

Current & Upcoming Programming

- **Sunflower/Crimson Clover Project at Graham Regional Park**
 - Sunflower Field planted in May 2024, flowers peaked in mid-July
 - Crimson Clover Field was planted at the end of September, with flowers in April 2025
 - A GRPD Parks & Athletic Facilities Team, City of Graham Public Works, and the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District Project
- **Hikes with Hounds**
 - Year-round, one Friday each month
 - Partnership with the City of Burlington Animal Services and Recreation & Parks
 - 2024 Locations (weather & trail conditions permitting)

| | |
|-------------|--|
| ▪ January | Burlington - Burlington City Park (2 miles) |
| ▪ February | Graham - Bill Cooke Park (2 miles) |
| ▪ March | Alamance Parks - Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area (2 miles) |
| ▪ April | Haw River Trail - Shallow Ford Natural Area (2-3 miles) |
| ▪ May | Haw River Trail - Burlington Animal Services Trail (2 miles) |
| ▪ June | Haw River Trail - Longmeadow Trailhead (3 miles) |
| ▪ July | Haw River Trail - Glencoe Paddle Access (2 miles) |
| ▪ August | Haw River Trail - SAX Island (2 miles) |
| ▪ September | Alamance Parks - Cedarock Park (2-3 miles) |
| ▪ October | Burlington - Guilford Mackintosh Park & Marina (2 miles) |
| ▪ November | Burlington - Willowbrook Park (2 miles) |
| ▪ December | Graham - Graham Regional Park (1-2 miles) |

- **Graham Historical Museum**
 - Exhibits
 - August – September 2024: School Days in Graham
 - Programs
 - Lunch-and-Learn at the Museum
 - Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024
 - Times: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
 - Speaker: Jay Cook & Bill Joye
 - Topic: Graham Sports History
 - Lunch-and-Learn at the Museum
 - Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024
 - Times: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
 - Speaker: Russell Compton, local historian
 - Topic: The Establishment of the County of Alamance and the Founding of the Town of Graham
- **Thursdays at Seven Concert Series in Downtown Graham**
 - 2024 Band Lineup
 - May 23 – The Holiday Band (*moved indoors to the Graham Recreation Center due to inclement weather*)
 - June 27 – Cat5
 - July 25 – Blackwater
 - August 22 – Part Time Party Time Band
 - September 12 – The Mighty Saints of Soul
 - September 26 (*rescheduled to October 3 due to rain forecast*) – The Mason Lovette Band
 - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Location: Downtown Graham • West Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253
- **Movies in the Park**
 - Saturdays in September
 - The movie begins around 7:30pm (pending sunset time)
 - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
 - 2024 Movie Lineup
 - September 7 – Migration
 - September 14 – Wonka
 - September 21 – Wish
 - September 28 – Trolls Band Together
- **Alamance Adventure Race**
 - Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024
 - Time: 8:00am – 8:00pm
 - The Alamance Adventure Race is back this year...a county-wide event that takes place over 12 hours. Using an app, teams will go to checkpoints around the county to

complete different and unique challenges. Challenges have varying point values based on location, challenge level, and incentive. The team that finishes the event with the most points wins. Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams. Recreation & Parks Departments across the county team up for this event!

Volunteering

- NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteer – help with workdays, outreach, and managing the social media account “Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Alamance County”

Social Media

Facebook Followers: 10,178 (increased 110)

Instagram Followers: 2,520 (increased 13)

Twitter Followers: 275 (increased 2)

Website

Top 10 Most Viewed City of Graham Website Pages for September 2 – October 1, 2024:

| Top Posts/Pages ① | |
|---|-------|
| 1. HOME - City of Graham, NC | 4,719 |
| 2. (not set) | 2,940 |
| 3. Water & Sewer Billing - City of Graham, NC | 2,429 |
| 4. Recreation & Parks - City of Graham, NC | 1,435 |
| 5. Esperanza Festival 2024 - City of Graham, NC | 1,088 |
| 6. GRPD Parks & Facilities - City of Graham, NC | 743 |
| 7. Events - City of Graham, NC | 718 |
| 8. Trash and Recycling - City of Graham, NC | 679 |
| 9. Water & Sewer - City of Graham, NC | 641 |
| 10. GRPD Lake - City of Graham, NC | 602 |

PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

September 2024



Bill Cooke Park

***Athletic Fields** – Weeds sprayed along outfield fences.*

***General Maintenance** – Monthly playground inspections were completed. An issue was found with one of the spring rocking horses. Parts have been ordered to fix the issue.*

Fixed a broken step on the scorer's booth on field 1.

Cut up and removed tree that had fallen near the tennis court.

Cut back edges on the gravel section of the walking track.

Sprayed weeds on the tennis court fence lines.

South Graham Park

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

Cut in new ditches around the walking track to help with water removal.

Cut edges back on walking track to help shed water and prevent rutting of walking surface.

Discovered an old pipe in the back field behind the shop. We are working to pump out the water that is in the pipe so we can better understand what it is and how to fix the issue.

Reset the storm drain cover near the tennis court that had been knocked off its supports.

Fixed the shop door hinges.

Rerouted the nature trail due to safety concerns and erosion of the trail.

Graham Regional Park

***General Maintenance** – Monthly playground inspections were completed. An issue was found with the Tri-runner. All of the ropes/seats have been removed for safety.*

Crimson clover field was seeded.

Cut back limbs on the connector trail.

Treated fire ant mounds on the connector trail and in the inclusive playground.

Apollo/Goley

***Apollo** – Field was treated for fire ants.*

Goley – No report.

Johnson Ave

General Maintenance – Field was sprayed for goosegrass.

Fire ant mounds were treated.

Lake

General Maintenance – Washout in the parking lot was fixed.

Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds

Greenway – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Sprayed tree rings.

Harmon Park – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Civic Center – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Marshall St – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Sprayed weeds in the playground and tree rings.

Recreation Center – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Two oak trees behind the building were removed.

Oakley St. – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Maple St. – No report.

Hwy 54 Access – No report.

200 N. Main – Sprayed turf for nutsedge and broadleaf weeds.

Museum – Removed leaves from courtyard area.

Miscellaneous

Hung banner for the Thursday concert series.

Tel helped work the 9.14 movie in the park.

Continued Education & Community Involvement

No report.