

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
September 11, 2024 6:30 PM
Graham Historical Museum

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2024
- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Old Business
 - 1. Storm damage – repairs have been made to the office ceiling at the Museum; the roof at the Rec. Center was evaluated with no damage found
 - 2. Land Acquisition - Cooke Park – Teer Property – GRPD staff walked the property to begin developing a plan for the property
 - 3. Land Acquisition - Graham Regional Park – Stewart Property – no updates on the private appraisal
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Recommendations for proposals for Graham Regional Park Master Plan
- VII. Activity Reports
 - 1. Recreation Center
 - 2. Athletics
 - 3. Programs
 - 4. Parks
 - 5. Graham-Mebane Lake
 - 6. Marketing
 - 7. Hall of Fame
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjournment

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

August 14, 2024

GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Jay Cook, Laurie Pickard, Casey Johnson, Brian Cutlip, 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 June 12, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cutlip and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-Chair Cook reported Patrick Burnette has been appointed to the Commission. He asked Mr. Faucette to forward Mr. Burnette's contact information to him.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission the ABSS/GRPD Joint-Use Agreements were approved by the ABSS Board of Education and Graham City Council in August.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Faucette reported there are no updates on the Stewart Property (Graham Regional Park).
- Mr. Faucette informed the Commission a letter requesting a waiver of retroactivity was submitted and approved. GRPD staff will submit a PARTF Grant next spring for the purchase of the Teer property.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Faucette presented the proposals for the Master Plan for Graham Regional Park. Commission members asked for the proposals to be sent digitally.
- Mr. Faucette reported three demo classes for a new cardio drumming program will be conducted in September.
- Mr. Faucette reported there were minor water issues from HVAC units in Gum #1 & #2 at the Graham Rec. Center. No damage was reported. Water issues from the upstairs HVAC unit caused damage to ceiling tiles and carpet in the Director's office at the Historical Museum. There was also a one-hour delay in the opening of day camp after the storm.
- Mr. Faucette updated the Commission on CIP projects (Maple St. floor, wall pads @ Rec. Ctr., park signs, Museum windows, boat lift, dock) which will be completed later in the budget year.
- Mr. Faucette reported the ARPA project to replace the ramp @ Lake is still scheduled late 2024.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

Programs: The new signature event will be presented to Council during the September meeting. **Athletics:** Adult Pickleball program will begin on Sept. 9th. **Parks:** Commission members gave suggestions concerning the future of the cabin at Cooke Park including asking a high school carpentry class to make repairs.

OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

With all business concluded, Chair Cook made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm, seconded by Mr. Cutlip and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date

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

I. Present Projects

- a. **Director's Office ceiling** - Water damage to the ceiling tiles and carpet was a result from high heat and humidity from T.S. Debby and non-insulated ductwork above the drop ceiling. The ductwork has since been insulated, tiles replaced, and carpet is scheduled to be cleaned.
- b. **Museum window replacement** - The Historic Resources Commission must approve the window replacement project since the Museum is in the historic district. They did not meet in August, I hope to present in September.

II. Future Projects

- a. **Land Acquisition**
 - i. **GRP** - Mr. Stewart is still waiting on an appraisal from his new firm.
 - ii. **Cooke** - The waiver request was submitted to the state and approved. A grant application for the purchase of the Teer Property will be submitted next spring.
- b. **Accessible Parks Grant** - The City of Graham was awarded \$119,437 for ADA Upgrades to the Graham Recreation Center. Work can begin after Nov. 1st. Coordination with contractors has already begun.
- c. **Cabin @ Cooke Park** - No updates on options for the cabin.
- d. **GRP Site Master Plan** - Bids are being reviewed by staff and the Recreation Commission, a recommendation will be sent to Council in October.

III. Policies/Manuals/Plans

- a. **GRPD Personnel/Orientation Manuals** - Work on a Personnel Manual and an Orientation Manual continues.
- b. **ABSS/GRPD Joint-Use Agreements** - Staff from GRPD and ABSS will meet in early September to discuss fall and winter sports.

IV. Historical Museum Attendance - 28 - August

V. Outside Committees

- a. **Graham Pedestrian Plan** - The final plan will be discussed by Council in September.
- b. **Great Alamance Creek Steering Committee** - The plan should be finalized by late fall.
- c. **Wellness Collaborative** - The Collaborative may have a grant for ADA projects in the near future. GRPD staff will prepare projects and monitor the possibility.
- d. **Friends of GRPD** - No updates

VI. Staffing - GRPD supervisors are currently advertising the following positions:

- i. PT Athletic Facility Attendant - Rec. Div.
- ii. PT Centers Facility Attendant - Rec. Div.

VII. Financial Summary - Convenience fees - \$237.22-August

Recreation Division

Open Gym/Weight Room/Pickleball	\$0.00
Maple St. Center rentals	\$45.00
Civic Center rentals	\$535.00
Rec. Center rentals	\$0.00
Staff Fee	\$420.00
Park Shelters	\$1,450.00
Field/Passive Area Rental	\$0.00
Table/Chair rentals	\$0.00
Youth Soccer	\$692.50
Youth Flag Football	\$210.00
Youth Basketball	\$40.00
Adult Pickleball	\$250.00
Summer Day Camp	\$2,233.00
9/11 5K Run/Walk Sponsor	\$1,750.00
Donations/Misc. Sponsorships	\$6.00
Total	\$7,581.50

Lake Division

Fishing Boat launches	\$1,302.00
Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe)	\$363.00
Ski Boat launches	\$72.00
Jon Boat rentals	\$296.00
Kayak/Canoe rentals	\$706.00
Bank Fishing	\$1,127.00
Bait/Supplies	\$1,361.00
Annual Permit (motorized boats)	\$640.00
Annual Permit (non-motorized boats)	\$45.00
Annual Permit (bank fishing)	\$50.00
Shelter Rentals	\$150.00
Big Bass Tournament	\$0.00
Catfish Tournament	\$1,118.00
Pontoon Boat Cruises	\$430.00
Paddle Tours	\$96.00
Total	\$7,756.00

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

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us."

- Flora Edwards

Facilities Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
August 2024 Report

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Facility Updates:

Recreation Center:

Summer Camp will end on August 23rd. Field trips to Putt-Putt, Maynard Aquatic Center, Mebane Splash Pad, Buffalo Lanes and Burlington City Park are all planned for August. Pickleball will now only take place in the small gym from 6:00pm – 8:00pm Monday – Friday. We are in preliminary talks with an instructor to hold pickleball classes at the Graham Recreation Center. A meeting was held with Steve Carr as the instructor. Open Gym will move to 12:00pm – 8:00pm Monday – Friday after the following week after summer camp ends. Gym Walkers are able to use the small gym from 8am – 9:30am 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 also a rain location for the Musical Chairs concert series on August 2nd and August 22nd. Rental calendar for August has also been attached.

Civic Center:

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

Maple St. Center:

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



Graham-Mebane Lake Report, August 2024

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



We had a good August, similar to the last few years in numbers of boats launched and visitors, but set an August record for revenue. Fishing was normal for the heat of the summer – meaning the big bass have gone Run Silent, Run Deep but have been replaced by good catches of 3 and 4 pounders. Catfishing from the bank area was good.

August Lake Highlights

- Todd Wilson, of Graham, won August in the Big Bass Tournament with a 7.15 lb. bass.
- We had a nice turnout (66 entrants) in our fourth and final Catfish Tournament of the year. The First-Place catfish weighed 3 lbs. and was worth \$371 to the angler.
- An algacide application around the Water Plant intake was made on the 21st.
- Jackie Adams did an interview with WXII on lake cruises and paddle programs at the lake.
- Steve attended a stress management Lunch and Learn.
- The lake water level started its late summer drop, but TS Debby kept the lake near full by month's end.



Todd Wilson with his BBT month winning 7-pounder.

By the Numbers (2023 in parentheses)

Boat Launches	477	(512)
Motorized Boats:	389	(393)
Ski Area Launches:	8	(23)
Non-motorized Boats:	88	(96)
Seniors/Disability:	49	(60)
Using Annual Permit:	211	(248)
Vessels Rented:	80	(78)

Customers	1,803	(1,789)
All Boaters:	728	(827)
Motorized:	627	(652)
Ski Area:	13	(76)
Non-Motor. Boater	88	(99)
Bank Anglers:	529	(488)
Vessel Renters	97	(95)
Passive Visitors:	378	(334)

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Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



August 2024

Days Open: 27

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	26	66	39.00		21.00	9.00	17.00	2.00	60.00					\$148.00
2	11	61	9.00		18.00	48.00	40.25	4.75	44.00					\$164.00
3	16	73	67.00			45.00	39.25	9.75	69.00					\$230.00
4	31	102	71.00	18.00	54.00	42.00	72.00	10.25				0.75		\$268.00
5	10	42	39.00			38.00	21.25							\$98.25
6														
7	7	35	36.00			29.00	34.00	4.25						\$103.25
8		8				3.00	8.50							\$11.50
9	10	42	22.00		12.00	57.00	25.50	6.25						\$122.75
10	22	154	196.00	9.00	18.00	62.00	162.75	10.00	42.00	1,118.00				\$1,617.75
11	17	85	136.00		24.00	81.00	36.50	15.25	73.00					\$365.75
12	15	59	8.00			53.00	11.00	4.50	12.00					\$88.50
13														
14	20	60	58.00		3.00	35.00	5.50	4.00	10.00					\$115.50
15	14	37	88.00	9.00	6.00	21.00	10.50	2.50	56.00					\$193.00
16	14	58	49.00		45.00	30.00	63.25	6.75	36.00			-14.50		\$215.50
17	19	60	146.00		12.00	33.00	35.75	2.75	62.00					\$291.50
18	32	109	154.00		54.00	63.00	62.50	26.25	90.00					\$449.75
19	17	68	135.00		9.00	39.00	53.00	7.75	10.00					\$253.75
20														
21	22	68	47.00		6.00	40.00	48.75		26.00					\$167.75
22	10	52	49.00			66.00	52.25	15.75	36.00					\$219.00
23	20	93	39.00	9.00	12.00	29.00	32.00	12.25	12.00					\$145.25
24	36	114	173.00	18.00	63.00	97.00	78.25	19.00	167.00					\$615.25
25	34	109	182.00		30.00	76.00	65.75	14.25	103.00					\$471.00
26	10	36	35.00		6.00	16.00	25.50	2.50	36.00					\$121.00
27														
28	19	47	40.00			59.00	27.50	8.75						\$135.25
29	7	23			12.00	18.00	8.50	2.00						\$40.50
30	12	33	13.00	9.00		9.00	8.50	8.00	12.00					\$59.50
31	26	109	102.00		3.00	70.00	105.25	10.00	46.00			-8.00		\$328.25
Totals:	477	1803	\$1,933.00	\$72.00	\$408.00	\$1,168.00	\$1,150.75	\$209.50	\$1,002.00	\$1,118.00			-\$21.75	\$7,039.50
Total Daily User Fees: \$3,581.00														

Deposit Receipts:

Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks	\$4,269.75
Community Pass: Credit Cards	\$2,769.75
Community Pass: Shelter Rental	\$50.00
Community Pass: Paddle Programs	\$76.00
RECEIPT TOTAL:	\$7,165.50



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				170
# Boats	137	591	578	483	681	476	477				3,423
# Visitors	306	1,607	1,953	2,380	2,934	2,075	1,803				13,058

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				\$30,863.00
Motorized Boat	1,829.00	4,572.00	3,276.00	2,558.00	3,118.00	1,836.00	1,933.00				\$19,122.00
Ski Area Users	0.00	18.00	27.00	54.00	189.00	111.00	72.00				\$471.00
Non-Motorized Boat	60.00	198.00	390.00	432.00	516.00	450.00	408.00				\$2,454.00
Bank Fishing	166.00	933.00	1,382.00	1,788.00	1,895.00	1,484.00	1,168.00				\$8,816.00
Bait	33.00	567.00	716.25	1,093.25	1,805.00	1,240.75	1,150.75				\$6,606.00
Fishing Supplies	5.00	125.75	178.00	322.00	456.50	284.50	209.50				\$1,581.25
Vessel Rentals	102.00	339.00	1,049.00	1,402.00	2,309.00	1,716.00	1,002.00				\$7,919.00
Fishing Tours.	355.00	3,935.00	25.00	595.00	1,135.00	1,170.00	1,118.00				\$8,333.00
Shelter Rentals	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00	125.00	50.00	50.00				\$575.00
Paddle Programs				130.00	198.00	64.00	76.00				\$468.00
Lake Cruises											\$0.00
Other	0.00	-13.00	0.75	56.50	137.15	186.50	-21.75				\$346.15
Total Revenue	\$2,600.00	\$10,724.75	\$7,094.00	\$8,630.75	\$11,883.65	\$8,592.75	\$7,165.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,691.40

DAILY AVERAGES:

Boats	11	21	23	17	26	18	17	0	0	0	20
Visitors	25	59	78	88	112	79	66	0	0	0	76
Revenue	\$216	\$397	\$283	\$319	\$457	\$330	\$265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333

Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

August 2024 Report



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Fall Programs

Fall athletics is underway with soccer and flag football already practicing! Each age division is into their final week of practices before we begin games September 9th. 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've had to assist in coaching two 5U teams and a 12U flag football team. For the two 5U teams I ran the practices and will let the parents handle the games. In 12U flag football I have a young adult helping so I've assisted him during practices but will let him fully take over for games.

Adult pickleball will begin on September 9th with our Championship Division kicking off the first matches. Response for our new program has been great; registration was full within a month and currently 5 teams are on the wait-list. Everyone seems enthusiastic and excited for the program to start. Hopefully we'll be able to grow and add more divisions in the coming seasons.

- 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 opened on September 1st with a decent response. Currently we have 41 kids and 6 coaches registered. I'm expecting a jump in registration numbers since both Burlington and Alamance County have done away with "traditional" basketball programs. I've already heard from a few coaches and parents who are interested in joining our program.

Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
August 2024 Report



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"I don't run away from a challenge because I am afraid. Instead, I run toward it because the only way to escape fear is to trample it beneath your feet." - Nadia Comăneci, Romanian gymnast

Project & Program Updates

- Dani Kerr & the Skeleton Krew (southern rock/country/Americana) performed on the WGHP FOX8 Morning News' [Live Music Thursday](#) to promote the upcoming Musical Chairs Concert on August 2 (08/01)
- A [Facebook page](#) was activated for the Graham Historical Museum (08/01)
- 2024 National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) Annual Conference Registration & Hotels were booked for Atlanta, Georgia coming up October 8 - 10, 2024 (08/02)
- The Musical Chairs Outdoor Concert Series presented [Dani Kerr & the Skeleton Krew](#) (southern rock/country/Americana) at the Graham Recreation Center. The concert was moved indoors from Bill Cooke Park due to storms and downpours in the area. Approximately 50 attendees. Special thanks to Connor and Emma for helping staff the concert. (08/02)
- Emma and I held the Summer Chill & Thrill: [Summer Park Pop-Ups](#) at Graham Regional Park with 50+ park visitors attending each program during the two programs in August (08/05 & 08/19)
- The Park & Play Mobile Recreation Van (Emma & I) joined the fun of National Night Out (08/06) with the Graham Police Department and was set up at the Thompson Road & Palmer Drive location on the evening of the event with games, activities, and more (08/06)
- Teamed up with Graham Fire to create a [reel](#) promoting registration for the upcoming 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event (08/13)
- A special thanks to Graham-Mebane Lake team member, Jackie Adams, for the invite to our GRPD supervisors to experience the kayak "Paddle Tour on the Lake" on a beautiful day...and for being an awesome paddle guide! It was a great team-building activity (and photo opportunity) for National Relaxation Day. (08/15)
- The monthly [Hikes with Hounds](#) program enjoyed an adventure at the Saxapahaw Island Park, along the Haw River Trail with 3 dogs (Hunter, Ira, and Coco) and 6 volunteers (08/16)
- Connected WXII News 12 with Paddle Programs Instructor, Jackie Adams, for a Zoom interview on The Local Vibe news segment to highlight the Graham-Mebane Lake Fall Lake Cruises on the Pontoon. She did a great job highlighting the programs and the lake overall! [Watch Online](#)
- The Thursdays at Seven Concert Series presented the Part Time Party Time Band in the streets of downtown Graham with the biggest attendance of the season and perfect concert weather. Special

thanks to Brian and Emma for helping staff the concert. (08/22)

- Met with and assisted the Town of Morrisville's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources youth program and centers team with exploring possible opportunities for programming for pre-k through teen ages within their division (08/29)



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 is planned to be planted at the beginning of October
 - Benefits: Cover crops improve soil quality and weed suppression alongside other uses. Crimson clover (nitrogen fixer) gives your garden a green boost and is great for our pollinators.
 - 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 - Cedarrock 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
 - September – December 2024: Funeral Homes & Furniture Stores
- 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

- **Summer Chill & Thrill: Summer Park Pop-Ups**

- Dates: Mondays, June 24, July 22, August 5 & 19
- Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon
- Location: Graham Regional Park • 1575 North Jim Minor Road, Haw River, NC 27258

- **Musical Chairs Countywide Outdoor Concert Series at Bill Cooke Park**

- 2024 Band Lineup
 - May 3 – Mel Melton & The Wicked Mojos (zydeco/blues)
 - June 7 – Sahara Reggae Band (reggae)
 - July 5 – The Phobes Band (rock/blues/pop/country)
 - August 2 – Dani Kerr & the Skeleton Krew (southern rock/country/Americana)
- Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253

- **Thursdays at Seven Concert Series in Downtown Graham**

- 2024 Band Lineup
 - May 23 – The Holiday Band
 - June 27 – Cat5
 - July 25 – Blackwater
 - August 22 – Part Time Party Time Band
 - September 12 – The Mighty Saints of Soul
 - September 26 – 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

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: 10,068 (increased 75)

Instagram Followers: 2,507 (increased 22)

Twitter Followers: 273 (increased 5)

Website

Top 10 Most Viewed City of Graham Website Pages for August 4 – September 2, 2024:

Top Posts/Pages ⓘ	
1. HOME - City of Graham, NC	4,396
2. Water & Sewer Billing - City of Graham, NC	1,799
3. Recreation & Parks - City of Graham, NC	1,231
4. GRPD Lake - City of Graham, NC	891
5. Trash and Recycling - City of Graham, NC	710
6. GRPD Parks & Facilities - City of Graham, NC	683
7. Tax Division - City of Graham, NC	609
8. GRPD Athletics - City of Graham, NC	559
9. Water & Sewer - City of Graham, NC	531
10. GRPD Lake Hours & Fees - City of Graham, NC	518

PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

August 2024



Bill Cooke Park

Athletic Fields – All soccer fields were painted. Benches and goals move to appropriate fields for the rec soccer season.

Fertilizer & pre-emergent application was made to the outfields.

Spot sprayed C3 outfield for goosegrass.

General Maintenance – Monthly playground inspections were completed. An issue was found with the seesaw and it has been removed for safety until we receive replacement parts.

Sprayed weeds in the dog park.

Removed tree and stump that had fallen during tropical storm Debby. The hole from the stump was filled in and seeded.

We started working on removing the brush pile next to the shop.

Yellow bell bushes at the front of the park were trimmed.

Pruned crape myrtle suckers.

Used the bush hog to mow around the dog park.

Parking lot weeds were sprayed.

South Graham Park

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

Installed a new speed bump at the park entrance.

Cut a path on the nature trail with help from Brandy to get around a washed-out area.

Walking track was sprayed for weeds.

Track was graded to fill in ruts.

Pruned suckers on crape myrtle trees.

Graham Regional Park

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

Sprayed weeds in the inclusive playground and natural playground area.

Used the bush hog to mow the sunflower field area.

Treated fire ant mounds in the inclusive playground.

Apollo/Goley

Apollo – Football field and soccer field painted for GMS and Graham Rec.

Spectator area was sprayed for weeds.

Repaired a hole in the roof of the rec storage building.

Track was sprayed for weeds.

Field was sprayed for goosegrass.

Goley – Walking track was sprayed for weeds.

Sprayed infield for weeds.

Track was graded to remove ruts.

Johnson Ave

General Maintenance – Soccer field was painted. Benches and goals move to the field for start of soccer.

Lake

General Maintenance – Bank fishing area was sprayed for weeds.

Trimmed trees off the fence line.

Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds

Greenway – *Sprayed weeds along the playground perimeter.*

Harmon Park – *Cut down and removed three dead trees from the wooded area.*

Sprayed weeds along the playground perimeter.

Civic Center – *Fixed an issue with the water fountains leaking.*

Repaired the gate on the dumpster surround.

Marshall St – *No report.*

Recreation Center – *No report.*

Oakley St. – *Used the bush hog to mow the hill.*

Walking track was sprayed for weeds.

Maple St. – *No report.*

Hwy 54 Access – *Flood debris was removed from access ramp.*

200 N. Main – *Landscape beds sprayed for weeds.*

Museum – *Sprayed weeds in courtyard.*

Pruned crape myrtle trees.

Miscellaneous

Hung banner for the Thursday concert.

Several of the items sold on the online auction were picked up by the purchaser.

Continued Education & Community Involvement

Tel & James attended the NC State Turfgrass Field Day.