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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DICKEY



Dear Residents of Graham,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your mayor, and I am truly grateful for the trust you have placed in me.

Graham is a special place — a community with deep roots, genuine pride, and so much potential. From the moment I took the oath of office, I have been energized by the people I've met and the stories I've heard. You are what makes this city great, and everything I do in this role will be guided by one question: **how do I best serve you?**

My vision for Graham is one of connection and growth. A city where neighborhoods feel safe and supported, where local businesses can thrive, and where every resident feels heard by their local government. I believe the best decisions come from listening first, and I look forward to many conversations with you in the months ahead.

There is meaningful work ahead of us, and I am excited to take it on together. I encourage you to stay engaged; attend a city council meeting, reach out to our offices, or simply say hello when you see me around town. This city belongs to all of us.

Thank you for welcoming me into this role. I won't take it for granted.

— Chelsea Dickey

MAYOR OF GRAHAM, NC

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR COMMUNITY!

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CITY OF
Graham
NORTH CAROLINA

201 South Main St. Graham, NC 27253

CITY COUNCIL



(from left to right) Council Member Bonnie Whitaker, Mayor Pro Tem Ricky Hall, Mayor Chelsea Dickey, Council Member Bobby Chin, Council Member Jim Young

CITY COUNCIL meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

4/14 • 5/12 • 6/9 • 7/14 • 8/11 • 9/8

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Meetings of the City of Graham's boards and commissions are open to the public.

APPEARANCE COMMISSION meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

4/6 • 5/4 • 6/1 • 7/6* • 8/3 • 9/7*

HISTORIC RESOURCES

COMMISSION meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

4/7 • 5/5 • 6/2 • 7/7 • 8/4 • 9/1

GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

4/28 • 5/26 • 6/23 • 7/28 • 8/25 • 9/22

PLANNING BOARD meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

4/21 • 5/19 • 6/16 • 7/21 • 8/18 • 9/15

RECREATION COMMISSION meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

4/8 • 5/13 • 6/10 • 7/8 • 8/12 • 9/9

*Meeting will be rescheduled due to holiday

For more information, visit cityofgraham.com/boards-commissions/



FIRST RESPONDER FRIDAYS

Get to know the men and women serving your community! Join the City of Graham Fire, Police, and Recreation & Parks Departments for this free, all-ages monthly event. Come explore our emergency vehicles and ask questions!

Upcoming dates:

4/17 • 5/29 • 6/19 • 7/17 • 8/14 • 9/18

Times & Locations: www.GrahamRecreationAndParks.com

Want to bring the fire engines & police cars to your street? We are looking for neighborhood partners! Apply via the Neighborhood Interest Form online.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!

As proclaimed by Governor Josh Stein, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in North Carolina. Communities across the state are raising awareness under the theme "Positive Childhoods Start With Us."

Residents are encouraged to participate by wearing blue on Friday, April 10 for National Wear Blue Day to show support for children and families.

Learn more about ways to get involved and find resources at Positive Childhood Alliance North Carolina: PositiveChildhoodAllianceNC.org/child-abuse-prevention-month.



DON'T CLOG WITH FOG

When fats, oils, and grease (FOG) go down the sink, they don't disappear — they cool, harden, and stick to pipes.

Over time, that buildup can cause backups in your home and costly sewer problems in our community. Let grease cool, pour it into a container & toss it in the trash. If you have any questions contact City of Graham Pretreatment Department at 336-570-6721
Save your pipes (and wallet) from a greasy situation!



The Graham Rec. Center Afterschool Program offers a safe, engaging, & enriching environment for children after school. Students can enjoy homework support, organized games, and a variety of activities designed to keep them active, learning, and having fun. Space is limited.

Afterschool Pick Up Locations: Andrews Elementary • Graham Middle School • Haw River Elementary • Newlin Elementary • North Graham Elementary • River Mill Academy • South Graham Elementary

Registration is underway. Scan above to learn more!



CITIZEN ALERT BY EVERBRIDGE IS HERE!

With real-time updates about weather, road closures, and emergencies delivered straight to your phone, Citizen Alert helps you stay connected to your community.

Signing up takes just a few minutes. For more information and step-by-step sign-up instructions, scan above.



SPRING INTO SAFETY: REMINDERS FROM THE GRAHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring is here, and the City of Graham Fire Department encourages residents to keep safety in mind this season.

Follow these *hot* tips to keep your home and family safe:

Spring Forward with Smoke Alarms:

When adjusting your clocks for Daylight Saving Time, take a moment to check your life-saving devices.

- **Test It:** Push the test button on every alarm to ensure they are functioning.
- **Check the Date:** Smoke alarms expire! If yours are over 10 years old, they should be replaced entirely.

Master the Grill:

Before your first backyard cookout, inspect your grill.

- **Degrease:** Remove leftover grease or fat buildup from the grates and trays to prevent flare-ups.
- **Check for Leaks:** For propane grills, inspect the gas tank hose for leaks or brittleness before the first use.
- **Safe Placement:** Always grill outdoors, keeping the unit a safe distance from vinyl siding, deck railings, and overhanging branches.

Clear the Way:

Spring landscaping can help prevent fires.

- **Remove Fuel:** Clear dead leaves, twigs, and debris from around your home's foundation.
- **Visibility Matters:** Ensure your house number is clearly visible from the street so emergency responders can find you without delay. If you need a new reflective address sign visit our neighbors at Alamance County Rescue.

ARBOR DAY IN GRAHAM

Did you know that Graham is recognized as a Tree City USA community? Join the City of Graham Appearance Commission & Tree Board during April to celebrate Graham's trees and Arbor Day with engaging opportunities and information to spark your curiosity and enhance your knowledge about trees! #ArborDayInGraham

ARTS AROUND THE SQUARE

Sat., May 16 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m. • All Ages • Cost: Free
Location: Downtown Graham Around Court Square



Graham Recreation & Parks is excited to bring back the cherished signature event, Arts Around the Square, to Downtown Graham. Join us downtown for the return of Arts Around the Square, a vibrant celebration featuring artisan and craft vendors, live art demonstrations, stages of music and performing arts, engaging activities for kids, and participation from community partners. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience the arts in the heart of Graham!

JUNETEENTH IN GRAHAM

Sat., June 20 • 2-5 p.m. • All Ages • Cost: Free
Location: Graham Recreation Center (311 College Street)

Come out to the Graham Recreation Center for food trucks, visit with community groups, enjoy family activities and games, and experience stage performances.

SLICE OF SUMMER

Sat., June 27 • 3-7 p.m. • All Ages • Cost: Free
Location: Downtown Graham

Join us for Slice of Summer, brought to you by Graham Recreation & Parks! Slice of Summer is a water-based festival held in downtown Graham. This is a free, family-friendly event. Enjoy food trucks, lots of fun splashing in the streets, and inflatable water slides and attractions! Patrons should wear appropriate clothing for getting wet!



9/11 COMMEMORATIVE 5K EVENT

Sat., Sept. 12 • 7-11 a.m. • All Ages • Cost: Free
Location: Graham City Hall Campus (201 S Main St)

The City of Graham presents the annual 9/11 Commemorative 5K Run/Walk Event. In addition to the 5K, the event features a non-competitive run, community organization booths, a Kid's Zone, a blood drive, and a DJ. This is a community event and is open to all to participate!



ATHLETICS



YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS Registration Dates: May 1 - June 30

Lacrosse Camp • June 29 - July 2
6-7:30 p.m. • Bill Cooke Park
Ages: 6-12

Basketball Camp • July 13 - 16
6-7:30 p.m. • Graham Rec Center
Ages: 8-12

Flag Football Camp • July 20 - 23
6-7:30 p.m. • Bill Cooke Park
Ages: 6-12

YOUTH FALL ATHLETICS

Fall Soccer (Ages: 4-14)
Registration Dates: June 1 - August 1

Fall Flag Football (Ages: 6-12)
Registration Dates: June 1 - August 1

ADULT ATHLETICS (18+)

Spring Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball
Registration Dates: March 2 - May 11

Fall Pickleball
Registration Dates: June 1 - August 31

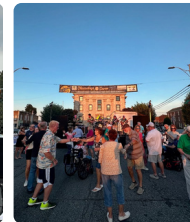
OUTDOOR CONCERTS

THURSDAYS AT SEVEN

4th Thursdays (May - September)
Downtown Graham • 7-9 p.m.
Cost: Free

MUSICAL CHAIRS

1st Fridays (May - August) - *no concert*
July 3
Bill Cooke Park • 7-9 p.m.
Cost: Free



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Good Friday / Easter – Fri., April 3 / Sun., April 5
Friday's route will be collected on Mon., April 6.
No bulk pick-up on Monday, April 6.

Memorial Day – Mon., May 25
Garbage collection will follow the regular schedule.
No bulk pick-up on Mon., May 25.

Independence Day – Sat., July 4
Garbage collection will follow the regular schedule.
No bulk pick-up on Mon., July 6.

Labor Day – Mon., September 7
Garbage collection will follow the regular schedule.
No bulk pick-up on Mon., September 7.



REPUBLIC SERVICES RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES



	Tuesday <i>North of interstate I-85</i>	Wednesday <i>South of interstate I-85</i>
April	14 th & 28 th	1 st , 15 th & 29 th
May	12 th & 26 th	13 th & 27 th
June	9 th & 23 rd	10 th & 24 th
July	7 th & 21 st	8 th & 22 nd
August	4 th & 18 th	5 th & 19 th
September	1 st , 15 th & 29 th	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th

Visit www.RepublicServices.com for more information.

CONTAINER PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

To ensure timely and efficient collection service, please follow these guidelines on your scheduled collection day:

- Place containers at the curb by 7 a.m.
- Leave at least 5 feet of space between your cart and other objects (mailboxes, vehicles, or other carts)
- Position the cart with the wheels facing your house
- Ensure the lid is completely closed
- Do not place loose trash around the container

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

Yard waste must be placed in containers no larger than 32 gallons and under 50 pounds. Limbs must be under 6 feet and neatly stacked at the curb. Loads over 3 cubic yards incur a \$16 per bite fee. No plastic bags or contractor-cut waste.

CONVENIENT WAYS TO PAY YOUR TAXES

PAY BY PHONE:

- Call 336-570-6700
- Choose option 9

PAY ONLINE:

- Visit www.cityofgraham.com
- Scroll down to Quick Links
- Select PAY TAXES
- Register or log in

Note: A convenience fee of 2.95% will be charged when using a debit or credit card.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 4/3 - Good Friday*
- 4/11 - 2026 Graham Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, 6 p.m.
- 4/16 - Blood Drive @ the Civic Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 4/17 - First Responder Friday
- 4/24 - Arbor Day in Graham's Tree Planting Ceremony, 10 a.m.

MAY

- 5/1 - Musical Chairs Concert, 7 p.m.
- 5/9 - Youth Fishing Day
- 5/25 - Memorial Day*
- 5/16 - Arts Around the Square, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 5/28 - Thursdays at Seven Concert, 7 p.m.
- 5/29 - First Responder Friday

JUNE

- 6/5 - Musical Chairs Concert, 7 p.m.
- 6/19 - First Responder Friday
- 6/20 - Alamance County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 6/20 - Juneteenth in Graham, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
- 6/25 - Thursdays at Seven Concert, 7 p.m.
- 6/27 - Slice of Summer, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

JULY

- 7/6 - Independence Day (*observed*)*
- 7/17 - First Responder Friday
- 7/23 - Thursdays at Seven Concert, 7 p.m.

AUGUST

- 8/4 - National Night Out
- 8/7 - Musical Chairs Concert, 7 p.m.
- 8/14 - First Responder Friday
- 8/27 - Thursday at Seven Concert, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 9/7 - Labor Day*
- 9/10 - Thursdays at Seven Concert
- 9/12 - 9/11 Commemorative 5K, 7-11 a.m.
- 9/18 - First Responder Friday
- 9/24 - Thursdays at Seven Concert, 7 p.m.
- 9/26 - Alamance Adventure Race Day, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

*City of Graham offices closed

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The CITYgram provides residents with information related to City happenings. Comments or questions may be sent to the Public Relations Specialist at 336-570-6700 x 3111 or kgorham@cityofgraham.com