

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
August 9, 2023 6:00 PM
Graham Historical Museum

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Old Business
 1. Paver program
 2. Mold issue at Graham Rec. Center
 3. ABSS contracts
 4. Graham-Mebane Lake projects
 - i. Restroom renovation
 - ii. Pontoon Boat renovation
- VI. New Business
 1. Programs
 2. Staffing
- 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

June 21, 2023

GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MINUTES

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

STAFF: Brian Faucette, Joshua Cutlip VISITOR: Ben Beushausen

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6:05 with a welcome.

MINUTES

-Mr. Cutlip made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith and unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-No report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Joshua Cutlip introduced himself to the Commission and spoke briefly about his goals for his first year.

-Mr. Faucette reported Parks Maintenance Technician Travis Harrell has resigned. June 30th will be his last day.

OLD BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette reported that work on the ramps at Graham-Mebane Lake are still scheduled for late 2024.

-Mr. Faucette reported the pontoon boat renovations are on hold based on the availability of Graham Marine to reinstall the control system. Commission members suggested the lake staff check with Brown's Marine and Pro Marine.

-Mr. Faucette updated progress on the restroom renovations. The vendor is waiting for the new door frame and doors to arrive. Once those are received, the project should be completed within several days. The restrooms are still functioning so there is no disruption in service.

NEW BUSINESS

-Mr. Faucette presented the recently approved budget and highlighted cuts that were made to the recommended budget originally presented to the Commission. Commission members' questions were addressed.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Marketing: N/A **Athletics:** N/A **Programs:** N/A **Friends Group:** N/A **Parks:** N/A **Centers:** N/A

Sports Hall of Fame: Chair Cook reported that nominations are currently being solicited and noted the approved budget amount was adequate for the 2024 Induction Ceremony.

OTHER BUSINESS

With all business concluded, Mr. Cutlip made a motion to adjourn at 6:54pm, seconded by Mr. Beshel and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Faucette

Jay Cook, Chair

Date

Graham Recreation and Parks Commission
Director's Report for July '23

I. Present Projects

- a. **Shelter #2 @ Cooke Park** - The design has been approved. The contractor will meet with the concrete sub-contractor in August to schedule the pouring of the pad. The installation and build dates will be set based on that timeframe.
- b. **200 North pocket park** - Tables and chairs should be delivered in early August.

II. Future Projects

- a. **Playground equipment at Graham Regional Park** - A formal grant request has been submitted to Impact Alamance to add playground equipment to the Inclusive Playground and Natural Playground at GRP. Impact's board will meet in mid-August to vote on the grant submissions.
- b. **Interior Painting @ Graham Rec. Center** - GRPD staff will begin finalizing colors and set a schedule to repaint the interior (meeting rooms, offices, restrooms, ceilings) at the Graham Rec. Center.
- c. **Interior Signage @ Cooke Park** - GRPD staff will begin finalizing design and location of interior signs (rules, directions, etc.) to be placed throughout Cooke Park.

III. Policies/Manuals/Plans

- a. **Graham-Mebane Lake Master Plan** - Staff continues to work with the firm to receive a finalized plan.
- b. **Sponsorship Policy** - Work on the development of a departmental sponsorship policy is progressing.
- c. **GRPD Personnel/Orientation Manuals** - Work on a Personnel Manual and an Orientation Manual continues.

IV. Historical Museum Attendance - 42 - July

V. Outside Committees

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

VI. Staffing - The Parks Maintenance Technician position was advertised for two weeks in July. Interviews will be conducted in early August.

VII. Financial Summary

Recreation Division

Open Gym/Weight Room	\$44.00
Maple St. Center rentals	\$270.00
Civic Center rentals	\$665.00
Rec. Center rentals	\$0.00
Park Shelter	\$925.00
Passive Area Facility Rental	\$175.00
Table/Chair rentals	\$0.00
Softball	\$25.00
Flag Football	\$1,238.75
Soccer	\$3,407.50
Baseball	\$25.00
Lacrosse	\$150.00
Summer Day Camp	\$1,020.00
Donations	\$72.00
Total	\$8,017.25

Lake Division

Fishing Boat launches	\$1,664.00
Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe)	\$720.00
Ski Boat launches	\$223.00
Jon Boat rentals	\$668.00
Kayak/Canoe rentals	\$834.00
Bank Fishing	\$1,400.00
Bait/Supplies	\$2,100.75
Shelter Rentals	\$75.00
Big Bass Tournament	\$60.00
Catfish Tournament	\$1,124.00
Annual Permit (motorized boats)	\$950.00
Annual Permit (non-motorized boats)	\$30.00
Annual Permit (bank fishing)	\$70.00
Event Rentals	\$0.00
Lake Cruises	N/A
Paddle Tours	\$294.00
Misc.	\$0.00
Total	\$10,212.75

"Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop."

- Dorothy Height

Facilities Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
July 2023 Report

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Facility Updates:

Recreation Center:

Summer Camp is now underway. Pickleball times has been changed to accommodate summer camp. The new times will be 6:00pm -8:00pm at the center on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays Walkers are also able to use the gym from 8am – 9am daily. Open gym is now available Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 55 must pay \$1.00 in order to use the weight room or open gym. The Congregate Nutrition Program for Seniors meet daily within room 1 of the rec center from 9am – 12pm. The Congregate Nutrition Seniors have planned a trip to the Graham Cinemas in August. I will drive them myself or designate a staff member to take them to the cinemas.

Civic Center:

Rentals are underway at the Civic Center. Calendar for July is attached. Repairs are being made to the projector equipment at the Civic Center. Currently, we are awaiting a part in order to resume and complete repairs. Routine maintenance for the HVAC units has also occurred at the Civic Center.

Maple Center:

The following reoccurring classes and groups utilize the center during the month of June. Staff has made repairs to the women's restroom toilet at Maple St. center. HVAC routine maintenance and service has also occurred at the center. A calendar for 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

Programs/Events:

- The 30+ pick up basketball program occurs every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Other programs such as Strechercise, at the Vendor Expo at the Rec Center will continue in August.

Extras:

Part-Time staff has engaged in and completed the following training modules:

- Active Shooter
- C.A.R.E. About Implicit Bias
- Dealing with Difficult Customers
- Diversity in the Workplace: Diversity for All

Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

July 2023 Report



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Upcoming Summer Programs

- Basketball Camp
 - Program Dates: 7/17-7/20
 - Ages: 8-12
 - Current Number of Registrations: 20 (FULL)
- Flag Football Camp
 - Program Dates: 7/24-7/27
 - Ages: 6-12
 - Current Number of Registrations: 20 (FULL)

Both camps went on as a success. All the kids seemed to have an enjoyable time and heard all good things from parents. The camps were based around fundamentals and teamwork. Each day they'd split up into groups and rotate through stations where they completed drills and mini-games. On the last day we had each group complete a hot shot (basketball) and punt, pass, kick (football) competition. After these concluded the kids got to play in a scrimmage type game.

With these programs now behind, us I'm beginning to think of what camps we can add for next summer.



Upcoming Fall Athletic Programs

- Soccer
 - Program Dates: 8/21-10/11
 - Age Groups: 5U (4-5), 6U (5-6), 8U (7-8), 10U (9-10), 14U (11-14)
 - Current Number of Registrations: 203

- Flag Football
 - Program Dates: 8/21-10/3
 - Age Groups: 8U (6-8), 12U (9-12)
 - Current Number of Registrations: 69

- Lacrosse
 - Program Dates: 8/21-9/30
 - Ages: 7-14
 - Current Number of Registrations: 4

Registration has closed and we've seen an increase in registrations for flag football and soccer from the previous seasons. We'll have 4 teams in each age division except for 14U soccer and 12U flag football.

I'm in the planning/setup portion of the season. Teams are being created, uniform needs are being assessed, and the schedule is being created.

Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
July 2023 Report

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Completed Programs

Current Programs

- First Responder Friday
 - General Information
 - Collaborative program with the Fire and Police Department
 - Goal: to connect and engage with the community to foster good relationships and market programs
 - July 28: South Graham Park – Super Soak Area (3:00pm-5:00pm)
 - Next Event: 3:00 – 5:00pm
 - August 25: Watercourse Apartments
 - September 29: TBD
 - October 20: TBD
- Summer Day Camp
 - Program Dates: May 30 – August 25
 - Registration:
 - February 6 (previously registered families)
 - 93 individual campers registered as of 3/3
 - March 6 (general public)
 - 171 individual campers registered as of 8/1
 - Staffing
 - Camp Director: Madison Workman
 - Assistant Directors: Amanda Aguayo and Connor Young
 - We are officially fully staffed!!!

Upcoming Programs

- 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event
 - Date: Saturday, September 16 (council approved street closure date change)
 - Timing Company is confirmed
 - DJ is confirmed
 - Registration is open
 - Sponsors:

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-Auguste Rodin

- Platinum (\$1,500)
 - GXO
 - Gold (\$1,00)
 - Calming Hands Massage and Wellness
 - Triad Homes for Heroes
 - INDULOR America, LP
 - Silver (\$500)
 - Truliant Federal Credit Union
 - Bronze (\$250)
 - Green & McClure Furniture
 - Beshel Chiropractic Center
 - AgSouth Farm Credit
 - Watercourse Apartments (swag bags only)
- Esperanza
 - Date: Saturday, September 30
 - Time:
 - 1:00pm-3:00pm: Alamance Arts
 - 3:00pm – 8:00pm: West Elm St.
 - Serving on planning committee to provide insight on logistics and procedures for the event
 - Graham Rec will utilize the Park & Play at Alamance Arts
- Pumpkin Bash
 - Date: Friday, October 27
 - Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Trunk or Treat Vendor Form will go out in September
- Hall of Fame
 - Ceremony Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024
 - Nominees will be accepted through July 31. I will work with Brandy to have a social media presence to solicit nominees. I also am exploring having the logo redesigned to order new banners for the banquet.
 - Next meet for selection: August 7 at 6:00pm.

Professional Development

- NRPA
 - Registered for Supervisor's Management School
 - November 5 - 10
- Harwood Institute:
 - I am in the Schools sub-group whose goal is to support and bring the community together for Graham Middle School.
 - Next lab is in October.

Committees

- Safe Kids
 - No July Meeting
 - Next Meeting: August 15
- Executive Safety Committee
 - Next Meeting: September 6
- Alamance County Programming Collaborative

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- Monthly Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm
- August 1: Graham Historical Museum
 - Agency updates and fall events
 - Adventure Race
 - Saturday, Sept. 30: 8am – 8pm
 - An app-based scavenger hunt with challenges to earn points. There are challenges all around the county including parks and public spaces. We are also going to recruit local business to be a stop/challenge. This event is a great way for people to discover different parts of the county and have fun in a healthy competition.
 - Kick off at Bill Cooke Park (sign in and start of race)
- Next Meeting:
 - September 5: Burlington Recreation and Parks
- Alamance County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board
 - Focus on advocacy and education.
 - Partnerships with camp in the future was discussed

Miscellaneous

- Exploring new outreach programs for 2024

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Graham-Mebane Lake Report, July 2023

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



We had a better July than expected. The not-so-scalding hot temperatures played a part. Fishing has been decent for bass, but better for catfish. Fewer trophy-sized bass were caught, but was made up for with good catches of 4 to 5 pounders.

July Lake Highlights

- We added a 2-hour Paddle Tour to our program list. Customer's were appreciative of the program, the lake scenery and cleanliness, and the Tour staff.
- A customer's pickup truck decided to go for a swim on the 10th. Alamance County Emergency Management oversaw the removal and cleanup efforts. 1,100 gallons of water was skimmed off the top to contain the fuel contamination.
- Kurt Krone, of Greensboro, won the month in the Big Bass Tournament with a 7.95 lb. largemouth bass caught at the end of the last day.
- We had 65 anglers turnout for July's Catfish Tournament. The First Place catfish weighed 4.16 lbs. and was worth \$365 to the angler.
- The Canine Rescue Unit continues to train once a month on Tuesdays.
- We rented 128 vessels to 155 customers in the Vessel Rental Program.
- A Barred Owl that fell out of its nest in the bank fishing area and taken to wildlife rehabbers this Spring, was released to the wild on the 26th. Warm fuzzies all around.
- The lake has remained at full pool.



Paddle Tour starting their adventure.

By the Numbers (2022 in parentheses)

Boat Launches	678 (604)	Customers	2,316 (2,374)
Motorized Boats:	502 (410)	All Boaters:	1,093 (993)
Ski Area Launches:	27 (24)	Motorized:	830 (735)
Non-motorized Boats:	149 (170)	Ski Area:	107 (76)
Seniors/Disability:	52 (50)	Non-Motor. Boater	156 (182)
Using Annual Permit:	289 (244)	Bank Anglers:	643 (609)
Vessels Rented:	128 (143)	Vessel Renters	152 (167)
		Passive Visitors:	363 (505)

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Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



July 2023

Days Open: 27

Daily Activity 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						Misc.	Under	
1	36	119	150.00	18.00	48.00	84.00	115.75	25.25	136.00	10.00			\$587.00	
2	35	108	134.00	22.00	42.00	58.00	84.50	16.25	76.00				\$432.75	
3	35	150	186.00		39.00	156.00	156.25	29.75	10.00	25.00		0.50	\$602.50	
4														
5	21	76	52.00	9.00	18.00	48.00	53.00	15.50	52.00				\$247.50	
6	26	100	53.00	9.00	15.00	54.00	21.25	23.00	10.00				\$185.25	
7	20	77	61.00	18.00	12.00	90.00	57.50	11.75	56.00				\$306.25	
8	32	110	85.00		63.00	82.00	47.75	16.50	96.00				\$390.25	
9	31	68	85.00		69.00	33.00	62.25	8.75	66.00				\$324.00	
10	25	75	98.00		36.00	39.00	25.25	13.25	30.00				\$241.50	
11														
12	22	63	100.00		30.00	38.00	29.50	9.00	10.00				\$216.50	
13	20	81	68.00	13.00	48.00	37.00	31.75	2.00	91.00				\$290.75	
14	6	39	79.00			36.00	42.00	6.25	10.00				\$173.25	
15	40	198	172.00	27.00	30.00	95.00	172.00	22.00	20.00	1,124.00			\$1,662.00	
16	24	40	124.00	9.00	18.00	9.00	21.25	6.00	70.00	25.00			\$282.25	
17	22	89	57.00	9.00	18.00	76.00	68.00	4.00	68.00			0.50	\$300.50	
18														
19	20	77	137.00	9.00	24.00	65.00	77.75	10.00	26.00				\$348.75	
20	18	52	36.00		18.00	36.00	57.00	13.50	42.00				\$202.50	
21	14	66	22.00		15.00	33.00	44.50	9.00	83.00				\$206.50	
22	57	140	164.00	9.00	72.00	77.00	132.50	17.00	164.00				\$635.50	
23	47	114	214.00	4.00	93.00	64.00	42.00	20.50	68.00				\$505.50	
24	12	55	27.00	4.00		18.00	49.00	4.75	10.00			0.75	\$113.50	
25														
26	21	65	49.00	9.00	12.00	30.00	42.50	8.25	30.00				\$180.75	
27	21	63	38.00	18.00	9.00	27.00	59.50	3.75	12.00				\$167.25	
28	9	37	22.00			21.00	38.00	2.00	10.00				\$93.00	
29	23	98	207.00	18.00		79.00	98.25	15.50	88.00				\$505.75	
30	22	88	151.00	9.00	18.00	37.00	48.75	19.00	146.00				\$428.75	
31	19	68	43.00	9.00	3.00	48.00	73.25	17.25	22.00			0.25	\$215.75	
Totals:	678	2316	\$2,614.00	\$223.00	\$750.00	\$1,470.00	\$1,751.00	\$349.75	\$1,502.00	\$1,184.00		\$2.00	\$9,845.75	
Total Daily User Fees: \$5,057.00														

Deposit Receipts:

Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks	\$5,961.25
Community Pass: Credit Cards	\$3,884.50
Community Pass: Shelter Rental	\$75.00
Community Pass: Paddle Programs	\$294.00
RECEIPT TOTAL:	\$10,214.75



2023 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	26	26	26	27					144
# Boats	151	477	539	565	751	678					3,161
# Visitors	381	1,290	1,980	2,494	2,919	2,316					11,380

ALL REVENUE:

User Fees Total:	2,304.00	4,648.00	5,573.00	4,790.00	6,036.00	5,057.00					\$28,408.00
Motorized Boat	1,939.00	3,715.00	3,418.00	2,634.00	2,823.00	2,614.00					\$17,143.00
Ski Area Users	9.00	0.00	27.00	49.00	193.00	223.00					\$501.00
Non-Motorized Boat	216.00	330.00	552.00	465.00	1,110.00	750.00					\$3,423.00
Bank Fishing	140.00	603.00	1,576.00	1,642.00	1,910.00	1,470.00					\$7,341.00
Bait	54.50	403.75	989.75	1,473.50	1,682.75	1,751.00					\$6,355.25
Fishing Supplies	11.50	58.75	309.25	356.75	328.50	349.75					\$1,414.50
Vessel Rentals	86.00	156.00	677.00	1,573.00	1,424.00	1,502.00					\$5,418.00
Fishing Tourns.	445.00	2,785.00	320.00	1,252.00	1,629.00	1,184.00					\$7,615.00
Lake Cruises											\$0.00
Shelter Rentals		100.00	50.00	175.00	0.00	75.00					\$400.00
Other	-10.00	-5.00	2.00	158.25	-6.25	296.00					\$435.00
Total Revenue	\$2,891.00	\$8,146.50	\$7,921.00	\$9,778.50	\$11,094.00	\$10,214.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,045.75

DAILY AVERAGES:

Boats	12	17	20	21	28	25	0	0	0	0	21
Visitors	31	47	76	95	112	85	0	0	0	0	79
Revenue	\$240	\$301	\$304	\$376	\$426	\$378	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$347

Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
July 2023 Report



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"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 Updates

- (4) New Skate Helpers were delivered, GRPD decals added, and (2) have been added to the Skate Hut for this upcoming season based on requests through the 2022 Special Events Survey. The other (2) will be on standby based on rink attendance and space. (07/06)
- The 2023 Musical Chairs Outdoor Concert Series presented Jukebox Rehab (Country/Pop) at the Graham Recreation Center due to rain showers moving through the area. Approximately 50 attendees. (07/07)
- Summer Sports Camps, Summer Day Camp, and GRPD Staff Shirts were ordered and distributed to participants and staff (07/13)
- Sponsorship Opportunities for the 9/11 Commemorative 5K Run/Walk Event were sent out to sponsors. The webpage was updated with this information and registration is now open. (07/14)
- The sunflowers at Graham Regional Park have already peaked for the season, but are still a wonderful sight to see! In 2023, we continued a great partnership with the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District...year 3 of the Sunflower Project!
- "A Discussion on the American Civil War in Alamance County with Mr. John W. Guss" was held at the Graham Civic Center. (07/24)
- Graham Recreation & Parks and CLAWS, Inc. presented an Owl Release at Graham Regional Park. Approximately 40 GRPD Summer Day Camp Children and 40 Public Participants attended; all ages. Steve Hadden, Lake Warden, released the owl at the event. (07/26)
- The Thursdays at Seven Concert Series presented the Special Occasion Band in the streets of downtown Graham with another good attendance despite the hot weather. Temperatures cooled off with a nice breeze for the event with a great sunset for the evening. (07/27)
- Since the weather was a little too hot & humid for the morning's Hikes with Hounds program...we spent our time helping at Burlington Animal Services! 4 out of the 7 registered volunteer hikers assisted the shelter staff with setting up foster kit supplies, cuddled with kitties, and spent time in the play yard with a few young doggos needing to get their zoomies out. (07/28)



Ongoing Projects

- Athletics Promotional Video footage is now underway with Titania Productions and will be ongoing throughout 2023 to capture all sports (completed: basketball, soccer, baseball, t-ball)
- Coordinating new Park Signage with Syntech for Bill Cooke Park & South Graham Park: rules/hours, wayfinding signage, trail distance, tennis/pickleball court rules
- 200 North Main Street Pocket Park Project - exploring seating & lighting options to purchase with possible community partners/sponsors
- Updating Sponsorship Opportunities & Information
- Pursuing the NC Environmental Education (NCEE) Certification. The goals of the NCEE Certification Program are to increase environmental literacy, provide practice in environmental education teaching methods, and foster community leadership.
- Attending the NRPA & IFEA Event Management School at Oglebay for the Certified Festival & Event Associate (CFEA) Certification on January 14-19, 2024 for Year 2

Current & Upcoming Programming

- **Sunflower/Crimson Clover Project at Graham Regional Park**
 - Sunflowers Project: A seed mix consisting of soybeans, iron clay peas, buckwheat, sorghum, and black oil sunflowers was planted in May (05/10)
 - A GRPD Parks & Athletic Facilities Team, City of Graham Public Works, and the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District project
- **Graham Historical Museum**
 - 2023 Exhibits
 - April – June: Vintage Quilts Exhibit - Quilts Handcrafted Over 50 Years Ago
 - July – September: Jeanne Swanner Robertson in honor of her 80th birthday which would have been in September 2023
 - October – December: 100 years of the Graham Courthouse (cornerstone laid in November 1923)
 - Lunch-and-Learn at the Museum (Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm)
 - Wednesday, September 20 - Speaker: John Guss, Alamance Parks Historic Properties Superintendent • Topic: Celebrating 100 years of Burlington Industries
 - Wednesday, October 18 - Speaker: Russell Compton, Graham Historical Museum Board Member & Local Historian • Topic: Alamance County Historical Courthouse

- A Discussion on the American Civil War in Alamance County with Mr. John W. Guss – Monday, July 24 • 6:30pm • Location: Graham Civic Center
- Downtown Graham Architectural Tours - Saturday, August 5 • 8:00am
- Jeannie Swanner Robertson Birthday Party – Sunday, September 24 • Time: TBD
- Cemetery Tour - October Date: TBD

- **Hikes with Hounds**
 - Year-Round, one Friday each month
 - Partnership with the City of Burlington Animal Services and Recreation & Parks
 - January Burlington - Burlington City Park (2 miles)
 - February Graham - Bill Cooke Park (2 miles)
 - March Burlington – Springwood Park (2 miles)
 - April Haw River Trail - Shallow Ford Natural Area (2-3 miles)
 - May Haw River Trail - SAX Island (2-3 miles)
 - June Haw River Trail - Longmeadow Trailhead (3 miles)
 - July Haw River Trail – Glencoe Paddle Access (2 miles)
 - August Haw River Trail – Swepsonville River Park (2 miles)
 - September Alamance Parks - Cedarrock Park (2-3 miles)
 - October Burlington - Guilford Mack Park & Marina (2 miles)
 - November Burlington – Willowbrook Park (2 miles)
 - December Graham – Graham Regional Park (1-2 miles)

- **Arbor Day in Graham Activities**
 - During the month of April (programs & social media tree education)
 - Collaboration with the City of Graham Appearance Commission & Tree Board

- **Musical Chairs Countywide Outdoor Concert Series at Bill Cooke Park**
 - 2023 Band Lineup
 - May 5 – Kimber & Kompany – R&B/Pop
 - June 2 – Oscar’s Latin Band – Latin
 - July 7 – Jukebox Rehab – Country/Pop
 - August 4 – Grizzly Goat – Americana Folk Rock
 - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253

- **Alamance Creek Week**
 - 2023 Dates: May 13 – 21
 - Collaborating with Graham-Mebane Lake and StormwaterSMART for activities

- **Thursdays at Seven Concert Series in Downtown Graham**
 - 2023 Band Lineup
 - May 25 – The Holiday Band
 - June 22 (29) – The Main Event Band
 - July 27 – Special Occasion Band

- August 24 – The Sand Band
 - September 14 – The Magnificents Band
 - September 28 – The Mason Lovette Band
 - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Location: Downtown Graham • West Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253
- **National Night Out**
 - Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023
 - Coordination of the event is underway with Graham Police for National Night Out (NNO) and GRPD being a part of the event. GRPD currently plans to bring out the minibus with activities/games, as well as help promote the event.
- **Movies in the Park**
 - Every Saturday in September
 - September 2 – Soul
 - September 9 – TBD
 - September 16 – TBD
 - September 23 – TBD
 - September 30 – TBD
 - Time: the movie begins around 7:30pm (pending sunset time)
 - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
 - A survey was sent out on social media and available on the website for movie suggestions
 - Mike’s Icys will be a new addition to this year’s movies
- **Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz**
 - September 2023
 - The Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz is an online event where community members work with park staff to create a snapshot of the variety of wildlife that can be found in Alamance County.
- **Alamance Adventure Race**
 - Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023
 - Time: 8:00am – 8:00pm
 - The Alamance Adventure Race is back this year...a county-wide event that takes place over a 12-hour period. Using an app, teams will go to hundreds of checkpoints around the county to complete different and unique challenges. Challenges will 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. In the past, 26 teams totaled around 100 people participating. This year Recreation & Parks departments across the county have teamed up and we are hoping for an even larger turnout!

- **Downtown Graham's Ice Skating Rink on Synthetic Ice**
 - 2023 Dates: November 24 - December 17 (3 weeks) (*tentative dates*)
 - Times: (see website for details)
 - Location: Downtown at Alamance Arts
- **City of Graham's Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration**
 - 2023 Date: Sunday, December 3 (rain date: December 10)
 - 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

Social Media

Facebook Followers: 8,978 (increased 50)

Instagram Followers: 2,326 (increased 23)

Twitter Followers: 240 (decreased 3)

Website

Top 10 Most Viewed City of Graham Website Pages for July 2023: *Not Available Website Error (07/05)*

PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

July 2023



Bill Cooke Park

Athletic Fields – Low spots from soccer wear have been filled and leveled with sand.

Infield arc on C1 was edged.

Fields 1 & 2 have been included in the field watering rotation.

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

Gravel walk track was sprayed for weeds.

Tennis court fence line was sprayed for weeds.

Repaired the dog park rail and fence that was damaged by a fallen tree.

Removed a tree that had fallen in the dog park unrelated to the fence issue.

Sprayed weeds in the dog park.

South Graham Park

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

Sprayed weeds in sidewalks within park and from top of hill to bridge.

Limbed up trees on long parking spaces.

Hung a new rec logo banner on the tennis court fence.

Sprayed edges of walking track.

Graham Regional Park

General Maintenance – Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Fixed an issue with the swing set in the inclusive playground.

Repaired and replaced the tri-runner play component.

Removed a fallen tree and sprayed weeds on the connector trail to GRP.

Sprayed weeds within the natural playground area.

Apollo/Goley

Apollo – Sprayed weeds in the spectator areas and along fence lines.

Field was included in the weekly watering rotation.

Goley – Infield arc was edged and cleaned up in preparation for upcoming GMS SB season.

Johnson Ave

General Maintenance – Weeds sprayed in dugout areas.

Lake

General Maintenance – Sprayed weeds along bank fishing area.

Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds

Greenway – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Sprayed weeds in playground.

Harmon Park – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Civic Center – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Sprayed weeds in the sand volleyball court.

Marshall St – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Recreation Center – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Sprayed weeds in landscape beds, sidewalks, and playground area.

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

Maple St. – Landscape beds sprayed for weeds.

Removed dead bush along parking lot.

Hwy 54 Access – No Report

200 N. Main – Landscape bed was sprayed for weeds. Plants were edged back that were impeding the walkway.

Miscellaneous

Field layout was painted for flag football camp.

Hung and removed concert banner per Brandy's request.

Continued Education & Community Involvement

Tel took and passed his recertification exam for his CPSI license.

Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
June 2023 Report

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Completed Programs

- Slice of Summer
 - Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023 (4:00pm – 8:00pm) – no rain date
 - Food trucks:
 - Quench 305
 - Pelican’s SnoBalls
 - Bruster’s Ice Cream
 - Recreation Station
 - Park n Play
 - Music
 - Fire Department Soak Zone
 - West Elm St
 - Alamance Arts
 - 2 craft stations
 - Safe Kids Coalition Hot Car display
 - A special thank you to our Water Department, Kenny Hill and his team, for the extra work they put in to make this event possible for our community.
 - Thank you to all staff for your hard work during this event! We had a great turn out and perfect weather for this event.

Current Programs

- First Responder Friday
 - General Information
 - Collaborative program with the Fire and Police Department
 - Goal: to connect and engage with the community to foster good relationships and market programs
 - June 30: Graham Regional Park (3:00pm-5:00pm)
 - Next Event: 3:00 – 5:00pm
 - July 28: South Graham Park
 - August 25: TBD

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- September 29: TBD
 - October 20: TBD
- Summer Day Camp
 - Program Dates: May 30 – August 25
 - Registration:
 - February 6 (previously registered families)
 - 93 individual campers registered as of 3/3
 - March 6 (general public)
 - 169 individual campers registered as of 6/30
 - Staffing
 - Camp Director: Madison Workman
 - Assistant Directors: Amanda Aguayo and Connor Young
 - One more full time counselor is needed

Upcoming Programs

- 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event
 - Date: Saturday, September 16 (council approved street closure date change)
 - Timing Company is confirmed
 - DJ is confirmed
 - Registration is slated to open in July
- Pumpkin Bash
 - Date: Friday, October 27
 - Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Hall of Fame
 - Ceremony Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024
 - Nominees will be accepted through July 31. I will work with Brandy to have a social media presence to solicit nominees. I also am exploring having the logo redesigned to order new banners for the banquet.
 - Next meet for selection: August 7 at 6:00pm.

Professional Development

- NRPA
 - Cancelled due to COVID-19: NRPA Event Management School January 16-21, 2022
 - Planning to attend Supervisor's Management School in 2023. Registration has not yet opened but I have emailed to get a timeline.
- Leadership Alamance
 - Selected as part of the Class of 2023 for Leadership Alamance. Leadership Alamance, a nine-month program, educates current and emerging leaders about Alamance County – its infrastructure, resources and challenges. During monthly field days, students become familiar with local history, government, educational institutions, criminal justice and public safety systems, health & human services, recreation and cultural arts programs, and our economic base.
 - June 1: GRADUATION
 - I am very appreciative of our department for supporting and encouraging me to participate in this program. The knowledge I

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gained about our community and various services available is insurmountable. I look forward to applying this in my job each day!

- Harwood Institute:
 - I am in the Schools sub-group whose goal is to support and bring the community together for Graham Middle School.
 - Next lab is July 12.

Committees

- Safe Kids
 - Meeting on June 20
 - I was able to connect our PD and FD to this committee and had members from both departments attend.
 - Hot Car displays:
 - First Fridays around Burlington
 - Discussed summer initiatives such as water and firework safety.
 - Next Meeting: No July Meeting
- Executive Safety Committee
 - Meeting: June 28
 - Things to note:
 - Since we onboard a lot of part time staff in our department, we should try to do group trainings relative to job duties utilizing NeoGov modules.
- Alamance County Programming Collaborative
 - Monthly Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm
 - June 6: Cedarrock Park
 - Agency updates and summer events
 - Adventure Race
 - Saturday, Sept. 30: 8am – 8pm
 - An app-based scavenger hunt with challenges to earn points. There are challenges all around the county including parks and public spaces. We are also going to recruit local business to be a stop/challenge. This event is a great way for people to discover different parts of the county and have fun in a healthy competition.
 - Kick off at Bill Cooke Park (sign in and start of race)
 - Next Meeting:
 - August 2: Graham Historical Museum
 - Focus discussions on the Adventure Race
- Alamance County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board
 - Focus on advocacy and education.
 - Partnerships with camp in the future was discussed

Miscellaneous

- Assisted in planning, loading supplies, and working at Family Day at the Lake on June 3rd.
- Assisted in program plan and confirming participation by the Library and Fire Department for the Juneteenth Celebration on June 18.

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Graham-Mebane Lake Report, June 2023

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



We've had a very good June at the Lake. Fishing has been good for bass, good for catfish, and crappie anglers still don't talk about what they catch. Boat launchings (2nd highest ever) and visitation numbers were fantastic and 'non-traditional' use remains high. Revenue-wise, we bested last June's 'best month ever' record by \$1,000.

If we ignore the Covid years of 2020-22, then just the first half of 2023 would be the fourth-best YEAR on record.

June Lake Highlights

- Family Day at the Lake (June 3rd) had a low turnout – about 50 attendees, though we did move back to our original first Saturday in June date. We'll review this program and decide how to best move forward.
- We had great weather for our June Catfish Tournament (17th). 79 entrants came out to enjoy the cool evening temperatures. A 4-pound catfish was the big fish of the evening.
- The new types of Annual User Permits continue to be popular. We've sold 153 permits (motorized boat, non-motorized boat, and bank fishing) this year and they've been used over 1,300 times.
- Mark Martin, of Graham, won June in the Big Bass Tournament with a 7.02 lb. bass. We have 62 entrants in the BBT, with 45 signed up for the Second Chance Tournament.
- NC Wildlife spent 4 days on the lake installing fish structures, constructing enclosures, and planting aquatic plants as part of the Habitat Restoration Project.
- The Alamance Co. Canine Rescue Unit was out on the 29th training for finding submerged bodies.
- The NC Dept. of Environmental Quality performed a water quality survey on the 26th.
- An algaecide spraying (to reduce algae that clog the water plant's intake filters) was performed on June 28th.
- The lake had just begun its summer-time drop when a week of rain lifted it back over full pool.



NC Wildlife and volunteers planting aquatic vegetation.

By the Numbers (2022 in parentheses)

Boat Launches	751 (623)	Customers	2,919 (2,530)
Motorized Boats:	562 (482)	All Boaters:	1,280 (1,031)
Ski Area Launches:	22 (23)	Motorized:	1,018 (853)
Non-motorized Boats:	167 (118)	Ski Area:	76 (56)
Seniors/Disability:	82 (71)	Non-Motor. Boater	186 (122)
Using Annual Permit:	346 (270)	Bank Anglers:	844 (617)
Vessels Rented:	113 (125)	Vessel Renters	148 (144)
		Passive Visitors:	568 (657)

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Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

Graham Recreation and Parks Department



June 2023

Days Open: 26

Daily Activity from Staff Reports:

Date	Boats	Visitors	Daily User Fees:				Fishing Bait	Fishing Supplies	Vessel Rental	Fishing Tourn.	Lake Cruise	Over		Total \$
			Motor.	Ski Area	Non-Motor.	Bank						Misc.	Under	
1	23	68	18.00		12.00	40.00	73.25	16.00	35.00	70.00			\$264.25	
2	18	71	49.00		108.00	37.00	67.25	9.00	64.00				\$334.25	
3	51	214	312.00	18.00	72.00	95.00	146.25	29.25	54.00	35.00			\$761.50	
4	49	191	247.00		30.00	164.00	93.25	24.50	42.00			1.00	\$601.75	
5	21	99	43.00		51.00	30.00	35.25	7.50	158.00				\$324.75	
6														
7	21	77	101.00			39.00	25.50	13.00					\$178.50	
8	29	127	83.00		126.00	78.00	77.50	8.75	40.00				\$413.25	
9	32	91	78.00	18.00	18.00	49.00	45.75	6.50		25.00			\$240.25	
10	41	158	93.00		162.00	125.00	217.50	44.50	179.00			1.00	\$822.00	
11	79	215	287.00	18.00	123.00	114.00	86.00	15.25	68.00	35.00			\$746.25	
12	9	76	27.00		6.00	81.00	26.50	12.25					\$152.75	
13														
14	24	100	113.00	9.00	12.00	88.00	4.00	30.50	20.00	35.00			\$311.50	
15	20	78	72.00		18.00	43.00	6.25	4.50	10.00				\$153.75	
16	29	79	136.00	13.00	48.00	89.00	53.50	13.00	48.00				\$400.50	
17	48	249	278.00		90.00	84.00	169.75	14.25	143.00	1,384.00			\$2,163.00	
18	42	177	238.00	18.00	93.00	190.00	112.50	6.00	203.00				\$860.50	
19	22	52	126.00		48.00	33.00	10.50	4.00	20.00	10.00			\$251.50	
20														
21	8	37	13.00	9.00		18.00	4.25	4.00				1.00	\$49.25	
22	3	17	9.00			6.00	4.00	14.00					\$33.00	
23	12	56	18.00		6.00	44.00	28.50	8.75	18.00				\$123.25	
24	30	139	90.00	18.00	24.00	127.00	91.00	8.50	41.00				\$399.50	
25	40	157	181.00	27.00	30.00	107.00	128.00	11.50	167.00				\$651.50	
26	17	74	31.00		6.00	54.00	17.00	6.75	10.00			-10.00	\$114.75	
27														
28	30	120	55.00	9.00	12.00	76.00	64.75	1.75	25.00			0.75	\$244.25	
29	34	119	89.00	18.00	3.00	56.00	33.00	2.00	40.00				\$241.00	
30	19	78	36.00	18.00	12.00	43.00	61.75	12.50	39.00	35.00			\$257.25	
Totals:	751	2919	\$2,823.00	\$193.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,910.00	\$1,682.75	\$328.50	\$1,424.00	\$1,629.00			-\$6.25	\$11,094.00
Total Daily User Fees: \$6,036.00														

Deposit Receipts:

	Total \$
Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks	\$6,756.25
Community Pass: Credit Cards	\$4,337.75
RECEIPT TOTAL:	\$11,094.00



2023 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	26	26	26						117
# Boats	151	477	539	565	751						2,483
# Visitors	381	1,290	1,980	2,494	2,919						9,064

ALL REVENUE:

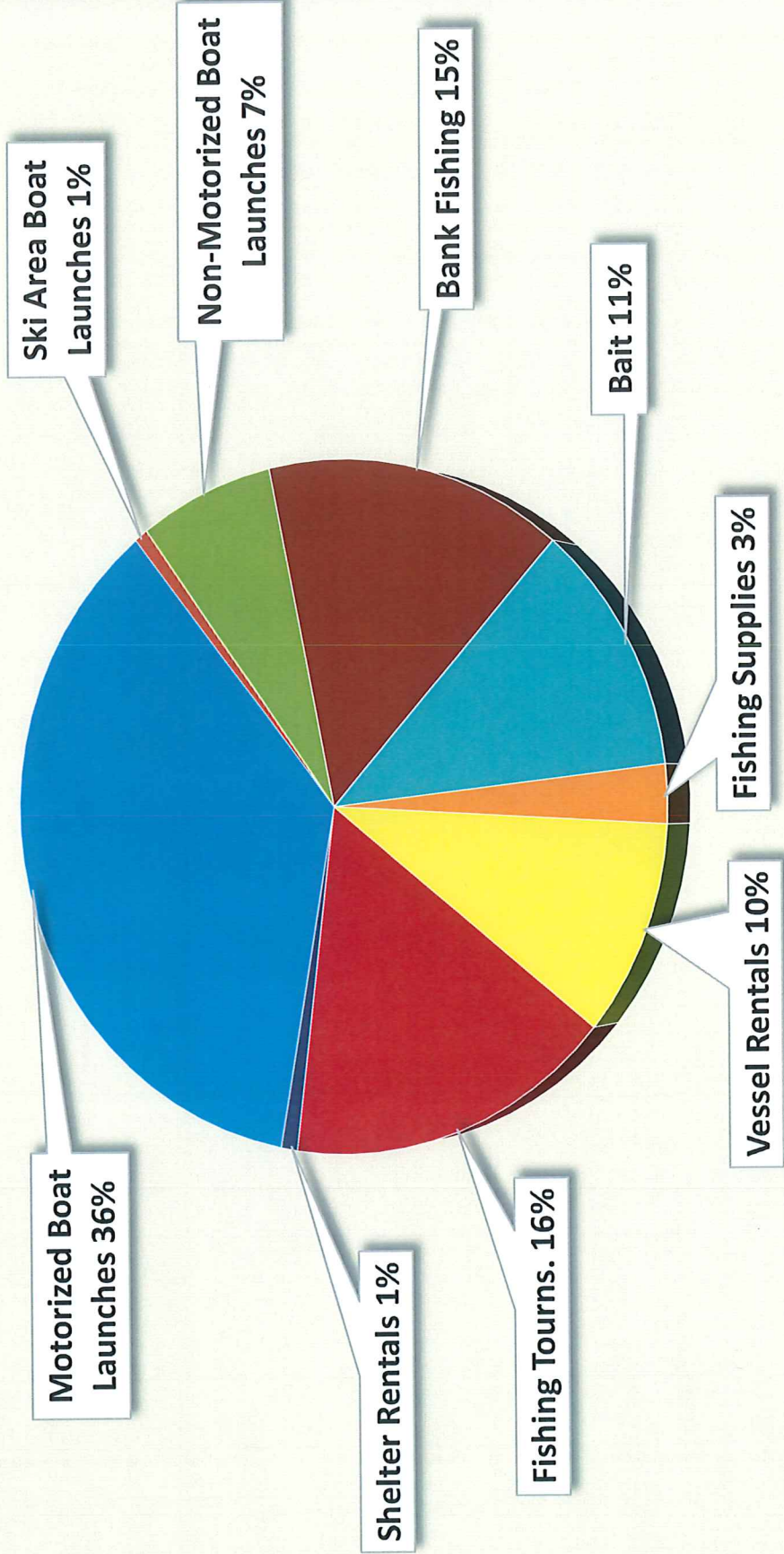
User Fees Total:	2,304.00	4,648.00	5,573.00	4,790.00	6,036.00						\$23,351.00
Motorized Boat	1,939.00	3,715.00	3,418.00	2,634.00	2,823.00						\$14,529.00
Ski Area Users	9.00	0.00	27.00	49.00	193.00						\$278.00
Non-Motorized Boat	216.00	330.00	552.00	465.00	1,110.00						\$2,673.00
Bank Fishing	140.00	603.00	1,576.00	1,642.00	1,910.00						\$5,871.00
Bait	54.50	403.75	989.75	1,473.50	1,682.75						\$4,604.25
Fishing Supplies	11.50	58.75	309.25	356.75	328.50						\$1,064.75
Vessel Rentals	86.00	156.00	677.00	1,573.00	1,424.00						\$3,916.00
Fishing Tourns.	445.00	2,785.00	320.00	1,252.00	1,629.00						\$6,431.00
Lake Cruises											\$0.00
Shelter Rentals		100.00	50.00	175.00	0.00						\$325.00
Other	-10.00	-5.00	2.00	158.25	-6.25						\$139.00
Total Revenue	\$2,891.00	\$8,146.50	\$7,921.00	\$9,778.50	\$11,094.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,831.00

DAILY AVERAGES:

Boats	12	17	20	21	28	0	0	0	0	0	21
Visitors	31	47	76	95	112	0	0	0	0	0	77
Revenue	\$240	\$301	\$304	\$376	\$426	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$340

This month's Big Ol' Chart...

Gross Revenue Sources for Graham-Mebane Lake February-June, 2023



Graham Recreation and Parks Commission
Director's Report for June '23

I. Present Projects

- a. **Shelter #2 @ Cooke Park** - All design requests have been submitted to begin the engineering process followed by the construction of the structure. Delivery of the structure will be based on the install contractor's schedule.
- b. **200 North pocket park** - Tables and chairs are being purchased by the Graham Rotary Club.

II. Future Projects

- a. **Playground equipment at Graham Regional Park** - Staff will be preparing a request to Impact Alamance to be considered for an equipment grant to add playground equipment to the Inclusive Playground and Natural Playground at GRP. The initial request will be made in July.

III. Policies/Manuals/Plans

- a. **Graham-Mebane Lake Master Plan** - Staff continues to work with the firm to receive a finalized plan.
- b. **Sponsorship Policy** - Work on the development of a departmental sponsorship policy is progressing.
- c. **GRPD Personnel/Orientation Manuals** - Work on a Personnel Manual and an Orientation Manual continues.

IV. Historical Museum Attendance - 33-June

V. Outside Committees

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

VI. Staffing - Travis Harrell left the Department on June 30th. We have not received approval to advertise the open position so the Parks Division is short staffed.

VII. Financial Summary

Recreation Division

Open Gym/Weight Room	\$14.00
Maple St. Center rentals	\$412.50
Civic Center rentals	\$530.00
Rec. Center rentals	\$0.00
Park Shelter	\$600.00
Passive Area Facility Rental	\$425.00
Table/Chair rentals	\$18.00
Basketball	\$40.00
Flag Football	\$700.00
Soccer	\$1,938.75
Basketball Camp	\$500.00
Flag Football Camp	\$475.00
T-Ball	(\$40.00)
Summer Day Camp	\$5,911.00
Graham Walks Sponsor	\$150.00
Donations	\$25.00
Total	\$11,699.25

Lake Division

Fishing Boat launches	\$1,763.00
Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe)	\$720.00
Ski Boat launches	\$193.00
Jon Boat rentals	\$626.00
Kayak/Canoe rentals	\$798.00
Bank Fishing	\$1,810.00
Bait/Supplies	\$2,011.25
Shelter Rentals	\$0.00
Big Bass Tournament	\$280.00
Catfish Tournament	\$1,349.00
Annual Permit (motorized boats)	\$1,060.00
Annual Permit (non-motorized boats)	\$390.00
Annual Permit (bank fishing)	\$100.00
Event Rentals	\$0.00
Lake Cruises	N/A
Misc.	\$0.00
Total	\$11,100.25

"Recreation's purpose is not to kill time, but to make life, not to keep a person occupied, but to keep them refreshed; not to offer an escape from life, but to provide a discovery of life."

- Anonymous

Facilities Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
June 2023 Report

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Facility Updates:

Recreation Center:

Summer Camp is now underway. Pickleball times has been changed to accommodate summer camp. The new times will be 6:00pm -8:00pm at the center on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays Walkers are also able to use the gym from 8am – 9am daily. Open gym is now available Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 55 must pay \$1.00 in order to use the weight room or open gym. The Congregate Nutrition Program for Seniors meet daily within room 1 of the rec center from 9am – 12pm.

Civic Center:

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

Maple Center:

The following reoccurring classes and groups utilize the center during the month of June. A calendar for 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

Programs/Events:

Programs at the Rec Center will continue in August.

Extras:

A new part-time staffer Jessica Parker has been hired for the Graham Recreation Center staff. She will be scheduled to work at the Rec Center Monday – Friday 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

"A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever."
- Mary Lou Retton

"The future of every community lies in capturing the passion, imagination, and resources of its people."
- Ernesto Sinolli

Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
June 2021 Report



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Programming:

- Summer 2021 Athletic Programs:
 - Athletic programs for the summer will consist of 2 sports camps:
 - Basketball Camp
 - 3 day camp
 - July 14, 15 & 16
 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm each day
 - Cost is \$15
 - Maximum Capacity 20 participants
 - Currently 15 participants have registered
 - Flag Football Camp
 - 3 day camp
 - July 28, 29, 30
 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm each day
 - Maximum Capacity 20 participants
 - Currently 8 participants have registered
- Fall 2021 Athletic Programs:
 - Registration is currently open for Fall Soccer, Fall Instructional Lacrosse & Flag Football.
 - Fall Sports will see a return to traditional format with practices and games.

Safety Measures:

- For COVID safety measures, guidelines from NCDHHS will be given to parents of participants.
- Parents must also read and sign off on the Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19 upon registering their child for any athletic program. The waiver can be found [here](#)

https://register.capturepoint.com/reg_adm/view_policy.cfm?s=le9MCvvRzcw%3D&t=21227281&policy_version_id=4227

Additional Notes:

- ❖ An excel sheet detailing the Fall 2021 Athletic Statistics as they stand today has been attached to the athletics commission report email.

Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

June 2023 Report



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Spring Athletic Programs

- Baseball
 - Program Dates: 5/1-6/15
 - Age Groups: 6U (5-6), 8U (7-8), 10U (9-10), 13U (11-13)
 - Total Participants: 78

Baseball season in Graham came to an end on June 15th. The season concluded with the 13U championship game; Graham Yankees defeated Graham Smokehouse 11 to 3. A week after the conclusion of the season I sent a survey out to all the coaches and participants families.

- T-Ball
 - Program Dates: 5/19-6/16
 - Ages 5U (4-5)
 - Total Participants: 49

The T-Ball season finished up seamlessly; the season wrapped up on June 16th. Following the season, a survey was sent to the coaches and player's families. For T-Ball we had Paradise Ice come out to our last

two game nights. They got decent business and voiced interest in coming back for fall sports.

Upcoming Summer Programs

- Basketball Camp
 - Program Dates: 7/17-7/20
 - Ages: 8-12
 - Current Number of Registrations: 20 (FULL)
- Flag Football Camp
 - Program Dates: 7/24-7/27
 - Ages: 6-12
 - Current Number of Registrations: 20 (FULL)

Registration for both these camps opened on June 1st.

Upcoming Fall Athletic Programs

- Soccer
 - Program Dates: 8/21-10/11
 - Age Groups: 5U (4-5), 6U (5-6), 8U (7-8), 10U (9-10), 14U (11-14)
 - Current Number of Registrations: 74

Registration for fall soccer program opened on June 1st.

- Flag Football
 - Program Dates: 8/21-10/3
 - Age Groups: 6U (5-6), 8U (7-8), 10U (9-10), 12U (11-12)
 - Current Number of Registrations: 25

Registration for flag football program opened on June 1st.

- Lacrosse
 - Program Dates: 8/21-9/30
 - Ages: 7-14
 - Current Number of Registrations: 0

Registration for lacrosse opened on July 1st.

Messages were sent out to all former athletics participants from the last season on July 1st as a registration reminder.

For flag-football and soccer I have began reaching out to parents who have expressed interest in coaching.

Part-time Employees

- Interviews for part-time employees began the week of July 3rd. I'll be looking to add a few new people to our team. We have a couple of applicants that I believe have real good potential and could help our athletic department grow.

Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
June 2023 Report



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"A goal is a dream with its work boots on." — Rachel Hollis, author of "Girl, Stop Apologizing"

Project Updates

- Submitted requested edits for the Relocation Magazine bi-annual magazine highlighting Graham to the Alamance County Visitors Bureau (06/01)
- The Graham Police Department and Graham Recreation & Parks have launched a campaign to remind residents & park visitors: to lock their vehicles and take any valuables with them. If unable to take valuables along with you, then make sure they are hidden and completely out of sight. Coroplast signage has been placed by parking areas in parks and at the centers. (06/02)
- Discussions have started with Graham Police for National Night Out (NNO) and GRPD being a part of the event on August 1, 2023. GRPD currently plans to bring out the minibus with activities/games, as well as help promote the event. (06/02)
- The 2023 Musical Chairs Outdoor Concert Series presented Oscar's Latin Band (Latin) at Bill Cooke Park (06/02)
- Athletics Promotional Video footage with Titania Productions continued with Spring Youth T-Ball highlights and will be ongoing throughout 2023 to capture all sports (06/03)
- Assisted the lake team at the Family Day at the Lake event by providing family activities at the Park & Play Mobile Recreation Van (06/03)
- Attended the Alamance County Programming Collaborative meeting at Cedarrock Park (06/06)
- Assisted Emma with the Slice of Summer poster distribution and Load Up of the Park & Play Mobile Recreation Van (06/08)
- Worked the Slice of Summer event and oversaw the Park & Play Mobile Recreation Area / Info Area while grabbing video/pictures throughout the event (06/10)
- A binder was created for the Graham Recreation Center staff to keep press releases and other helpful information in one place as a quick resource (06/12)
- Created a "Graham-Mebane Lake Tournaments & Events webpage" to make the site more user-friendly with less scrolling (06/15)
- Updated the 2022 GRPD Highlights infographic, now available on the [City's Website](#) (06/15)
- Ongoing email sign-up list for the Graham Historical Museum was created as a [Google Doc](#). Link available on the museum's webpage and added to social media posts. (06/15)
- The monthly Hikes with Hounds program explored Haw River Trail's Longmeadow Trailhead in Graham with three shelter dogs (Huckleberry, Megan, and Piper) and 8 volunteers (06/17)

- The Lunch-and-Learn presentation, "Haw River Trail" with Brian Baker, Assistant Alamance County Manager, was held at the Graham Historical Museum with 11 attendees (06/21)
- "A Discussion on the American Civil War in Alamance County with Mr. John W. Guss" was rescheduled due to inclement weather to 07/24. (06/26)
- The Thursdays at Seven Concert Series presented The Main Event Band in the streets of downtown Graham with another great attendance! Rescheduled from 06/22 due to inclement weather. (06/29)
- Movies in the Park planning is underway for September. A survey was sent out on social media and available on the website for movie suggestions from the community. (06/30)



Ongoing Projects

- Athletics Promotional Video footage is now underway with Titania Productions and will be ongoing throughout 2023 to capture all sports (completed: basketball, soccer, baseball, t-ball)
- Coordinating new Park Signage with Syntech for Bill Cooke Park & South Graham Park: rules/hours, wayfinding signage, trail distance, tennis/pickleball court rules
- 200 North Main Street Pocket Park Project - exploring seating & lighting options to purchase with possible community partners/sponsors
- Updating Sponsorship Opportunities & Information
- Pursuing the NC Environmental Education (NCEE) Certification. The goals of the NCEE Certification Program are to increase environmental literacy, provide practice in environmental education teaching methods, and foster community leadership.
- Attending the NRPA & IFEA Event Management School at Oglebay for the Certified Festival & Event Associate (CFEA) Certification on January 14-19, 2024 for Year 2

Current & Upcoming Programming

- **Sunflower/Crimson Clover Project at Graham Regional Park**
 - A seed mix consisting of soybeans, iron clay peas, buckwheat, sorghum, and black oil sunflowers was planted in May (05/10)
 - A GRPD Parks & Athletic Facilities Team, City of Graham Public Works, and the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District Project
- **Graham Historical Museum**
 - 2023 Exhibits
 - April – June: Vintage Quilts Exhibit - Quilts Handcrafted Over 50 Years Ago
 - July – September: Jeannie Swanner Robertson in honor of her 80th birthday which would have been in September 2023

- October – December: 100 years of the Graham Courthouse (cornerstone laid in November 1923)
 - Lunch-and-Learn at the Museum (Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm)
 - Wednesday, June 21 - Speaker: Brian Baker, Assistant Alamance County Manager • Topic: Haw River Trail (2023 is the Year of the Trail)
 - Wednesday, September 20 - Speaker: John Guss, Alamance Parks Historic Properties Superintendent • Topic: Celebrating 100 years of Burlington Industries
 - Wednesday, October 18 - Speaker: Russell Compton, Graham Historical Museum Board Member & Local Historian • Topic: Alamance County Historical Courthouse
 - A Discussion on the American Civil War in Alamance County with Mr. John W. Guss – Monday, July 24 • 6:30pm • Location: Graham Civic Center
 - Downtown Graham Architectural Tours - Saturday, August 5 • 8:00am
 - Jeannie Swanner Robertson Birthday Party - Saturday, September 23 • 10am – 2pm
 - Cemetery Tour - October Date: TBD
- **Hikes with Hounds**
 - Year-Round, one Friday each month
 - Partnership with the City of Burlington Animal Services and Recreation & Parks
 - January Burlington - Burlington City Park (2 miles)
 - February Graham - Bill Cooke Park (2 miles)
 - March Burlington – Springwood Park (2 miles)
 - April Haw River Trail - Shallow Ford Natural Area (2-3 miles)
 - May Haw River Trail - SAX Island (2-3 miles)
 - June Haw River Trail - Longmeadow Trailhead (3 miles)
 - July Haw River Trail – Glencoe Paddle Access (2 miles)
 - August Haw River Trail – Swepsonville River Park (2 miles)
 - September Alamance Parks - Cedarrock Park (2-3 miles)
 - October Burlington - Guilford Mack Park & Marina (2 miles)
 - November Burlington – Willowbrook Park (2 miles)
 - December Graham – Graham Regional Park (1-2 miles)
- **Arbor Day in Graham Activities**
 - During the month of April (programs & social media tree education)
 - Collaboration with the City of Graham Appearance Commission & Tree Board
- **Musical Chairs Countywide Outdoor Concert Series at Bill Cooke Park**
 - 2023 Band Lineup
 - May 5 – Kimber & Kompany – R&B/Pop
 - June 2 – Oscar’s Latin Band – Latin
 - July 7 – Jukebox Rehab – Country/Pop
 - August 4 – Grizzly Goat – Americana Folk Rock
 - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

- Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
- **Alamance Creek Week**
 - 2023 Dates: May 13 – 21
 - Collaborating with Graham-Mebane Lake and StormwaterSMART for activities
- **Thursdays at Seven Concert Series in Downtown Graham**
 - 2023 Band Lineup
 - May 25 – The Holiday Band
 - June 22 (29) – The Main Event Band
 - July 27 – Special Occasion Band
 - August 24 – The Sand Band
 - September 14 – The Magnificents Band
 - September 28 – The Mason Lovette Band
 - Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
 - Location: Downtown Graham • West Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253
- **National Night Out**
 - Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023
 - Discussions have started with Graham Police for National Night Out (NNO) and GRPD being a part of the event. GRPD currently plans to bring out the minibus with activities/games, as well as help promote the event.
- **Movies in the Park**
 - Every Saturday in September
 - September 2 – Soul
 - September 9 – TBD
 - September 16 – TBD
 - September 23 – TBD
 - September 30 – TBD
 - Time: the movie begins around 7:30pm (pending sunset time)
 - Location: Bill Cooke Park • 1010 Townbranch Road, Graham, NC 27253
 - A survey was sent out on social media and available on the website for movie suggestions.
 - Mike's Icys will be a new addition to this year's movies.
- **Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz**
 - September 2023
 - The Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz is an online event where community members work with park staff to create a snapshot of the variety of wildlife that can be found in Alamance County.
- **Alamance Adventure Race**
 - Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023

- Time: 8:00am – 8:00pm
- The Alamance Adventure Race is back this year...a county-wide event that takes place over a 12-hour period. Using an app, teams will go to hundreds of checkpoints around the county to complete different and unique challenges. Challenges will 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. In the past, 26 teams totaled around 100 people participating. This year Recreation & Parks departments across the county have teamed up and we are hoping for an even larger turnout!
- **Downtown Graham's Ice Skating Rink on Synthetic Ice**
 - 2023 Dates: November 24 - December 17 (3 weeks) *(tentative dates)*
 - Times: (see website for details)
 - Location: Downtown at Alamance Arts
- **City of Graham's Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration**
 - 2023 Date: Sunday, December 3 (rain date: December 10)
 - 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

Social Media

Facebook Followers: 8,928 (increased 199)

Instagram Followers: 2,303 (increased 39)

Twitter Followers: 243 (increased 2)

Website

Top 10 Most Viewed City of Graham Website Pages for June 2023: *Not Available Website Error (07/05)*

PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

June 2023



Bill Cooke Park

Athletic Fields – Outfields were fertilized.

Infield fence lines were sprayed for weeds.

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

Entry sign sprayed for weeds and mulched.

Concert area around concession stand was fertilized.

Crape myrtle trees near shelter were pruned.

Replaced lightbulbs in the men's lower restroom.

Removed a tree that fell on the dog park fence. Currently the large dog side of the dog park is closed. The parts needed to fix the dog park have been ordered.

Weeds in dog park were sprayed.

South Graham Park

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

Tennis court color and lining project was completed. We now have 2 tennis courts and 2 pickleball courts at this facility.

Duke power was out to fix an issue with the power to our shop building.

Walking track was regraded to fix washouts and then sprayed for weeds.

Replaced a soap dispenser that was vandalized.

Graham Regional Park

General Maintenance – Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Reinstalled the leg extension in the fitness equipment pod.

Sprayed the turf area of the inclusive playground for weeds.

Concrete was poured in the old sandbox.

Rose bushes at entry sign were trimmed.

Sprayed weeds in natural playground area.

Repainted walls in one of the inclusive park bathrooms to cover up graffiti.

Apollo/Goley

Apollo – Weeds on field spot sprayed.

Field was aerated and fertilized.

Goley – Spot sprayed weeds on infield and outfield.

Outfield was aerated and fertilized.

Walking track was regraded to fix washouts and sprayed for weeds.

Johnson Ave

General Maintenance – Field was aerated and fertilized.

Lake

General Maintenance – Limbed trees and sprayed bank fishing area.

Reupholstered seats for the pontoon boat.

Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds

Greenway – No Report.

Harmon Park – Limbed trees and sprayed the wooded area for weeds.

Playground was sprayed for weeds.

Civic Center – No Report.

Marshall St – Playground was sprayed for weeds.

Recreation Center – No Report

Oakley St. – Walking track was regraded to fix washouts. Track was also sprayed for weeds. Playground was sprayed for weeds along boarder.

Maple St. – Landscape beds sprayed for weeds.

Hwy 54 Access – Ramp was cleared. Entry road was regraded to fix washouts.

200 N. Main – Landscape beds and turf sprayed for weeds. Fertilized turf.

Miscellaneous

Hung and removed Slice of Summer banner.

Hung and removed concert banner.

Reset outlets at GRP for the IT department.

Tel worked the Slice of Summer event.

Picked up some museum pieces with the help of Brian.

Travis Harrell's last day was June 30th. He will be missed.

Continued Education & Community Involvement

No Report.