

GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
August 14, 2024 6:30 PM  
Graham Historical Museum

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2024
- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Director's Report
  1. ABSS/GRPD Joint-Use Agreements – passed by ABSS Board of Education in July
- V. Old Business
  1. Land Acquisition - Graham Regional Park – Stewart Property – no updates on the private appraisal
  2. Land Acquisition - Cooke Park – Teer Property – letter requesting waiver of retroactivity was submitted and approved. GRPD staff will submit a PARTF Grant next spring for the purchase of the property.
- VI. New Business
  1. Review proposals for Master Plan of Graham Regional Park
  2. New programming
  3. Storm damage
  4. CIP projects - Maple St. floor, wall pads @ Rec. Ctr., park signs, Museum windows, boat lift, dock
  5. ARPA project – ramp replacement @ Lake
- VII. Activity Reports
  1. Recreation Center
  2. Athletics
  3. Programs
  4. Parks
  5. Graham-Mebane Lake
  6. Marketing
  7. Hall of Fame
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjournment

**GRAHAM RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

**June 12, 2024**

**GRAHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: Chair Jay Cook, Laurie Pickard, Tim Beshel, Carmen Larrimore**

**STAFF: Brian Faucette**

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6:32 with a welcome.

**MINUTES**

-Mrs. Pickard made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beshel and unanimously approved.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

-Chair Cook reported the Hall of Fame Committee met and had a great evaluation discussion. The committee decided to maintain the two-year rotation for the induction ceremony and added three new members.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

-Mr. Faucette presented the Commission on facility updates:

1. Rec. Center HVAC unit - City Council approved a budget amendment to fund the replacement of the HVAC unit servicing Gym #2 and the work has been completed.
2. Cabin @ Cooke Park - no updates from the contractor assessing the cabin, staff is still expecting options with costs for repairs, removal, relocation, etc. to present

-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission the Council approved the Graham-Mebane Lake Site Master Plan.

-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission the ABSS/GRPD Joint-Use Agreements have been completed on the staff level and will be presented for consideration to the ABSS Board of Education in July and will be presented to the Graham City Council in August.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

-Mr. Faucette reported that GRPD staff will release a Request for Proposal for firms to complete a Master Plan for Graham Regional Park in late June.

**NEW BUSINESS**

-Mr. Faucette reported the '24-'25 Budget was passed by Council.

-Mr. Faucette informed the Commission that staff and Council have discussed options for acquiring the Teer Property adjacent to Cooke Park with staff to explore grants to assist with funding the purchase.

**ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

**Lake:** N/A **Friends Group:** The group voted to invest funds in a six-month CD and discussed accepting sponsorships to support youth athletics.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Programs:** Mrs. Pickard presented a new program opportunity to staff in May. Cardio-drumming will be explored in the new budget year and as staff has capacity to add new programs. Commission members also discussed alternative adult athletics such as adult dodge ball.

With all business concluded, Mr. Beshel made a motion to adjourn at 7:21pm, seconded by Mrs. Larrimore and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Faucette

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Jay Cook, Chair

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Date

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

- I. **Present Projects** - No active projects
- II. **Future Projects**
  - a. **Land Acquisition**
    - i. **GRP** - Mr. Stewart is still waiting on an appraisal from his new firm.
    - ii. **Cooke** - Staff has developed a letter requesting retroactivity and supporting documents to present to the PARTF Board to consider the land purchase as a future grant project. If approved, the waiver would allow the city to immediately purchase the property and apply for a grant during the regular grant cycle ending in May 2025. The waiver does not guarantee a grant will be awarded. The package is being reviewed by state staff and will be sent in early August.
  - b. **Accessible Parks Grant** - Awards will be announced on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - c. **Cabin @ Cooke Park** - GRPD staff is still exploring options for the cabin at Cooke Park.
  - d. **GRP Site Master Plan** - Bids to complete a Master Site Plan for GRP were submitted July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- III. **Policies/Manuals/Plans**
  - a. **GRPD Personnel/Orientation Manuals** - Work on a Personnel Manual and an Orientation Manual continues.
  - b. **ABSS/GRPD contracts** - The ABSS Board of Education approved the Agreements at their July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Graham City Council will consider the Agreements at their Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- IV. **Historical Museum Attendance** - 11 – July
- V. **Outside Committees**
  - a. **Graham Pedestrian Plan** - The final plan should be released in the next couple of months.
  - b. **Great Alamance Creek Steering Committee** - The plan should be finalized by late fall.
  - c. **Wellness Collaborative** - No updates
  - 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 General Maintenance Worker – Parks Div.
- VII. **Financial Summary** - Convenience fees - \$310.03-July

**Recreation Division**

Open Gym/Weight Room/Pickleball	\$.00
Maple St. Center rentals	\$.00
Civic Center rentals	\$260.00
Rec. Center rentals	\$200.00
Staff Fee	\$200.00
Park Shelters	\$500.00
Field/Passive Area Rental	\$290.00
Table/Chair rentals	\$.00
Youth Soccer	\$4,141.25
Youth Flag Football	\$945.00
Youth Flag Football Camp	(-\$25.00)
Youth Lacrosse Camp	\$50.00
Adult Pickleball	\$980.00
Summer Day Camp	\$2,090.00
9/11 5K Run/Walk Sponsor	\$1,750.00
Donations/Misc. Sponsorships	\$3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,084.25</b>

**Lake Division**

Fishing Boat launches	\$1,395.00
Non-Motor Boat launches (Kayak/Canoe)	\$225.00
Ski Boat launches	\$111.00
Jon Boat rentals	\$576.00
Kayak/Canoe rentals	\$1,194.00
Bank Fishing	\$1,414.00
Bait/Supplies	\$1,534.25
Annual Permit (motorized boats)	\$450.00
Annual Permit (non-motorized boats)	\$225.00
Annual Permit (bank fishing)	\$70.00
Shelter Rentals	\$100.00
Big Bass Tournament	\$.00
Single Day Tournament	N/A
Catfish Tournament	\$1,347.50
Pontoon Boat Cruises	N/A
Paddle Tours	\$108.00
Introduction to Kayaking program	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,749.75</b>

*"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."  
– Margaret J. Wheatley*

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

*– Coretta Scott King*

## Facilities Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
July 2024 Report

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### **Facility Updates:**

#### **Recreation Center:**

Summer Camp is currently underway with us averaging 85 – 100 kids each week. Field trips to Graham Cinema, Putt-Putt, Maynard Aquatic Center, Buffalo Lanes and various parks are all planned for the month of July. Pickleball will now only take place in the small gym from 6:00pm – 8:00pm Monday – Friday. Open Gym will follow a similar schedule within the Big Gym. Gym Walkers are able to use the small gym from 8am – 9:30am daily. 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 July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> concerts. Rental calendar for July has also been attached.

#### **Civic Center:**

Rentals are underway at the Civic Center. Calendar for July rentals is attached. Risk Assessment meeting for the mock winter storm scenario is scheduled to take place on July 29<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be an overview of previous discussed topics as well as determining logistics for collaboration of city departments during an emergency situation.

#### **Maple St. Center:**

The following reoccurring classes and groups utilize the center during the month of July. Shag Dancing classes were added to the calendar for the month of July with classes taking place on Thursdays 7:30pm – 9:00pm. Shag classes will conclude at the end of the month in July but will revisit the possibility of returning to Maple St. in the fall. Calendar for July 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.
- \*A new reoccurring meeting will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and will be supervised by Recreation Staff member Ja-Vontae Bryant.
- The senior congregate lunch group will travel to Graham Cinema for a movie outing on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Recreation Staff will drive the group to and from the theatres.

# Marketing Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
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*"I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all."* — Simone Biles

## Project & Program Updates

- Assisted the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) with Graham-Mebane Lake's Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project in planting water willow sites around the lake, as well as gathered photos and video of the project. The [reel of the highlights](#) was also shared on the NCWRC Facebook page. (07/02)
- GRPD (shout out to Brian, Joshua, & Tel!) and Graham Fire & Police, created a [reel](#) to promote the new Adult Pickleball League, as well as our ongoing partnerships between the departments (07/03)
- The Musical Chairs Outdoor Concert Series presented The Phoebes Band (rock/blues/pop/country) at Bill Cooke Park. High temperatures and summer storms rolling in kept the crowd attendance low, but those attending seemed to have a great time and the band was awesome! Approximately 50+ attendees. (07/05)
- Summer Day Camp, Summer Sports Camps, and GRPD Staff/Volunteer Shirts were distributed (07/11)
- VACATION WEEK: July 15 – 19
- The Summer Chill & Thrill: Summer Park Pop-Up was canceled due to rain and rescheduled for Monday, August 5 (07/22)
- The sunflowers at Graham Regional Park peaked for the season! In 2024, we continued a great partnership with the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District...year 4 of the Sunflower Project. (07/23)
- Met with Alamance Arts to discuss and plan Downtown Graham's Ice Skating Rink and City of Graham Tree Lighting Celebration events (07/25)
- The Thursdays at Seven Concert Series presented the Blackwater Band in the streets of downtown Graham with a good attendance despite the rainy forecast earlier in the day (07/25)
- The monthly [Hikes with Hounds](#) program was moved from Haw River Trail's Glencoe Paddle Access to Bill Cooke Park in Graham due to muddy trail conditions and high-water level on the river with 3 shelter dogs (Lady, Maddie, Flash) and 8 volunteers (07/26)
- Stopped by South Graham Park for pictures of Water Day to celebrate Fire & Life Safety Week at Summer Day Camp (07/26)
- Park & Play Mobile Recreation Van (Emma & I) are joining the fun of National Night Out (08/06) with the Graham Police Department and will be at the Thompson Road & Palmer Drive location on the evening of the event with games, activities, and more



## 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
  - A GRPD Parks & Athletic Facilities Team, City of Graham Public Works, and the Alamance County Soil and Water Conservation District Project
- **Hikes with Hounds**
  - Year-round, one Friday each month
  - Partnership with the City of Burlington Animal Services and Recreation & Parks
  - 2024 Locations (weather & trail conditions permitting)
    - January            Burlington - Burlington City Park (2 miles)
    - February            Graham - Bill Cooke Park (2 miles)
    - March            Alamance Parks - Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area (2 miles)
    - April            Haw River Trail - Shallow Ford Natural Area (2-3 miles)
    - May            Haw River Trail - Burlington Animal Services Trail (2 miles)
    - June            Haw River Trail - Longmeadow Trailhead (3 miles)
    - July            Haw River Trail - Glencoe Paddle Access (2 miles)
    - August            Haw River Trail - SAX Island (2 miles)
    - September            Alamance Parks - Cedarock Park (2-3 miles)
    - October            Burlington - Guilford Mackintosh Park & Marina (2 miles)
    - November            Burlington - Willowbrook Park (2 miles)
    - December            Graham - Graham Regional Park (1-2 miles)

- **Graham Historical Museum**
  - Exhibits
    - July - December: Funeral Homes & Furniture Stores (*tentative*)
  - Programs
    - TBD
  
- **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 Phoebes 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
  
- **Summer Chill & Thrill: Summer Park Pop-Ups**
  - Dates: Mondays, June 24, July 22, August 5 & 19 (possibly more dates to come!)
  - Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon
  - Location: Graham Regional Park • 1575 North Jim Minor Road, Haw River, NC 27258

## 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: 9,993 (increased 49)

Instagram Followers: 2,485 (increased 13)

Twitter Followers: 268 (increased 4)



## Website

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

### Top Posts/Pages



1. HOME - City of Graham, NC	4,428
2. Water & Sewer Billing - City of Graham, NC	2,350
3. Trash and Recycling - City of Graham, NC	1,198
4. Recreation & Parks - City of Graham, NC	1,133
5. GRPD Lake - City of Graham, NC	904
6. Water & Sewer - City of Graham, NC	703
7. Police - City of Graham, NC	680
8. GRPD Parks & Facilities - City of Graham, NC	641
9. GRPD Lake Hours & Fees - City of Graham, NC	549
10. Events - City of Graham, NC	471

## GRPD Reviews & Comments



**Gerald Wilkie**

12 reviews • 6 photos



★★★★★ 4 weeks ago **NEW**

I have been fishing all my life never found a lake like this. Staff are excellent the fishing is the best I have ever seen. So glade that I found Graham Mebane lake. Gerald B. Wilkie

### Graham-Mebane Lake:

**From Danica Heflin, Stormwater Smart Environmental Coordinator:** “Melissa (with Burlington Recreation & Parks) & Brandy, I just saw this news item and had to send this to you in case you hadn’t already seen it. Kenna won the National Award from Girl Scouts for her Gold Award Project in Little Alamance Creek! Thank you so much for helping mentor her through her cleanups with her peers in Little Alamance Creek in South Graham Municipal Park and City Park. You are always both so helpful and amazing at your jobs; it makes such a difference! Thank you!”

Learn more about Kenna's Girl Scout Gold Award project at

<https://blog.girlscoutsp2p.org/2024/06/25/local-girl-scout-earns-national-scholarship/>.

# PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

July 2024

“If you’re having fun, that’s when the best memories are built.” - Simone Biles



## Bill Cooke Park

**Athletic Fields** – Spot sprayed nutsedge in outfields.

Tennis court nets were adjusted for the start of Southeast Alamance tennis season.

Number signs were added to the tennis court fence.

Fixed a crack in the tennis court surface.

**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.

We have had several issues with the sewer within the park. Those issues have been addressed.

Sprayed weeds on gravel walking track.

Sanded the walls in the men’s lower bathroom as prep for painting project.

Fix a spot in the dog park fence.

Cleaned park grills.

## South Graham Park

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

Sprayed weeds around playground perimeter.

Addressed a Let Us Know concern about hornets on the nature trail.

Cleaned park grills.

## **Graham Regional Park**

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

Sprayed weeds in the inclusive playground and natural playground area.

Installed flagstone pavers to the flagstone walkway.

Cleaned park grills.

## **Apollo/Goley**

**Apollo** – Fertilizer application was applied to the field.

Field was sprayed for weeds.

Unclogged the AC unit drain and changed the filter in the press box.

**Goley** – Walking track was sprayed for weeds.

Weeds were removed from infield.

Spot sprayed nutsedge in the outfield.

Removed dugout covers.

## **Johnson Ave**

**General Maintenance** – No report.

## **Lake**

**General Maintenance** – No report.

## **Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds**

**Greenway** – Playground inspection completed. An issue was found with the small slide. It has been removed for safety.

**Harmon Park** – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

**Civic Center** – Playground inspection completed with no issues found.

Replaced light bulbs on exterior of the building.

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.

Repaired an issue with the gutter on the front of the building.

Pruned crape myrtle suckers.

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

**Maple St.** – Turf was sprayed for weeds.

Fertilizer and pre-emergent application was applied to turf.

**Hwy 54 Access** – No report.

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

**Museum** – Sprayed weeds in courtyard.

## **Miscellaneous**

Hung banner for the Thursday concert.

Replaced mower blades on two mowers.

Replaced a broken weedeater head.

## **Continued Education & Community Involvement**

No report.

# Athletics Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

July 2024 Report



Joshua Cutlip

Athletic Supervisor

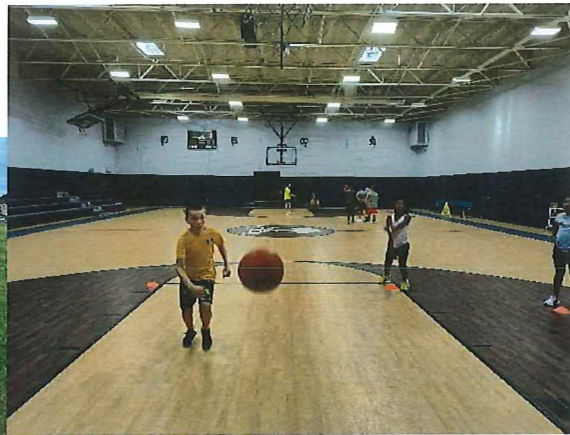
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## Summer Programs

- Summer Lacrosse Camp: July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>
  - 11 participants
  - The camp went great with a good turnout for the number of coaches we had. We had two volunteers along with staff that assisted the participants throughout the week. Only one of the participants had any lacrosse experience previously which made it fun to see the players improve throughout the week. The only problem we had throughout the week was the heat; it was routinely over 90 degrees. To help with the heat we did drills and mini-games without helmets and pads, along with a Shamrock Nutrition hydration station.
  - Hopefully we can use this camp to jump-start our lacrosse program in the Spring.
- Summer Basketball Camp: July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
  - 20 participants
  - Camp went good with no issues. All the kids had a blast and left with plenty of smiles.
- Summer Flag Football Camp: July 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
  - 20 participants

- Flag football week was cursed by the weather as it rained on and off all week. The rain forced us to move day one inside and cancel the final day. Aside from the weather the camp went seamlessly. Most of the kids had a fun time and we had a successful camp.
- Post-Camp Surveys
  - We sent a survey out at the conclusion of the lacrosse and basketball camps. We've only gotten six responses total (three for each camp) with all the responses being positive. The only "complaint" we had was about the heat.



### **Upcoming Fall Programs**

Registration for our youth athletic programs closed on August 1<sup>st</sup> with an uptick in numbers for both flag football and soccer from last fall. Adult Pickleball registration is open until September 1<sup>st</sup>.

We're still searching for soccer and flag football coaches, we're short nine with most being in the 5U and 6U soccer age division. The goal is to find parents to fill these spots so I can focus on the games without having to coach.

- Fall Soccer (ages 4-14)
  - 5U: 30 participants (4 teams) (3 coaches needed)
  - 6U: 38 participants (4 teams) (3 coaches needed)
  - 8U: 60 participants (5 teams)
  - 10U 52 participants (4 teams) (1 coach needed)
  - 14U 62 participants (5 teams)
  - Total: 242 participants
- Flag Football (ages 6-12)
  - 8U: 40 participants (4 teams) (1 coach needed)
  - 12U: 40 participants (4 teams) (1 coach needed)
  - Total: 81
- Adult Pickleball
  - Currently we have 15 teams registered; this leaves 1 spot open for the program.

# Programs & Events Report

GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
July 2024 Report

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## Upcoming Programs

- 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event
  - Saturday, September 7, 2024: 7:00 – 11:00 am
  - Sponsors:
    - Platinum (\$1,500):
      - GXO Logistics
    - Gold (\$1,000)
      - Triad Heroes
      - Fedrigoni Adhesives
      - FireStationFurniture.com
    - Silver (\$500)
      - Things Above
      - Truliant Federal Credit Union
      - Burlington Pediatrics
    - Bronze (\$250)
      - The Verdict
      - Beshel Chiropractic Center
      - AgSouth Farm Credit
  - Timing Company: Booked
  - Registration: July 1 – September 1 (day of registration available)
    - 70 Participants (as of 8/4)
  - T-shirts
    - T-shirts will be ordered on August 20 for those who registered and made a minimum \$10 donation
    - The Graham Fire Department is also selling t-shirts through August 16 to help raise money.
  - Opening Ceremony:
    - Honor Guard confirmed by Capt. Sisk
- Esperanza: Hispanic Heritage Festival
  - Sunday, September 22
  - Graham Recreation and Parks will partner with the Esperanza committee to provide a festival honoring Hispanic Heritage during Hispanic Heritage Month. The festival includes stage performances, info tables, craft vendors, food vendors, and kids activities.

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- Next Meeting: August 20 at 3:00 pm
- Alamance Adventure Race
  - Saturday, September 28: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
  - An app-based scavenger hunt with different challenges hidden all over the county planned by the Alamance County Programming Collaborative.
  - The Kick-off event will be at 7:00 am at Bill Cooke Park.
- Pumpkin Bash
  - Friday, October 25: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

## Current Programs

- First Responder Friday
  - Join members from the City of Graham Fire, Police, and Recreation & Parks Departments on the third Friday of each month (April – September) to connect, ask questions, and learn more about those serving you. This opportunity is open to all ages and free of charge. Southern Alamance Family Empowerment (S.A.F.E.) Food Ministry will also join us with information about their opportunities and programs for the community.
  - July 19: Watercourse Apartments

## Completed Programs

## Professional Development

- NRPA
  - Supervisors' Management School: "The premiere resource for parks and recreation professionals who want to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to lead their staff effectively. The courses cover various topics, including leadership principles and team management, as well as the most up-to-date techniques and information on leading, staffing, organizing, directing, and managing employees. With the tools and insights gained from this program, professionals will be able to oversee the day-to-day operation of their staff as they deliver programs and services to their community."
    - I have registered for Year 2 and the course will be from October 26 – October 30
- Harwood Institute
  - "The Harwood Institute equips people, organizations, communities, and networks with the tools to bridge divides, build capacity, and tackle shared challenges. By Turning Outward, we enable communities to become a collective force for change." Alamance County is bringing key leaders together to impact and unite the community through conversations.

## Committees

- Safe Kids Coalition
  - Meeting: no July meeting
  - Next Meeting: August 20 at 9:00am
- Alamance County Programming Collaborative
  - Programming colleagues across the county meet monthly to discuss special events and programming. Topics include dates of events and selection, policies and procedures, difficulties and solutions, and collaborative events for the group.
  - Meeting: no July meeting
  - Next Meeting: August 6 at 1:00 pm
- Executive Safety Committee
  - Next Meeting: August 7
- City of Graham Wellness Committee

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- Meeting: July 11
  - Discussed the upcoming stress management lunch and learn and health fair
  - Stress Management Lunch & Learn: August 22
  - Health Fair: September 18
- Next Meeting: August 8
- Alamance County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board
  - The purpose of the advisory board is to focus on advocacy, education, and finding ways to get out to the public more.
  - Next Meeting: August 20

## Miscellaneous

- July 8 – 12: VACATION
- July 17: Drove Summer Day Camp to Wet n Wild
- July 22: Our Summer Chill & Thrill Park Pop Up was rescheduled to August 5 due to rain.
- July 23 & 25: Assisted in coordinating Fire & Life Safety Week with the Graham Fire Department for Summer Day Camp.
- July 24: Attended the City of Graham Employee ice cream social, made ice cream, and helped serve.
- July 25: Worked the Thursdays at Seven Concert with Brandy
- July 26: Met with Captain Jason Moore (GFD) to canvas Downtown Businesses for support for the 9/11 Commemorative 5K Event. We were able to make a connection with the Founder of The Commissary and Charlie Mike to have them set up at the event on September 7. Charlie Mike is a non-profit that pairs veterans and first responders with dogs that have been trained as support animals.
- July 26: Drove Summer Day Camp to South Graham Park for Water Day with GFD
- July 30: Met with members of the Esperanza planning committee to help with the layout for the event.



# Graham-Mebane Lake Report, July 2024

## Graham Recreation and Parks Department



We had a slower July than usual. The heat, the rain, and then the heat again knocked back public use. Bass fishing was good the first week (lots of 6 and 7 pounders), but just fair afterwards. Catfishing was good the whole month.

### July Lake Highlights

- NC Wildlife was out 5 days in the month to continue the habitat enhancement project. They constructed 20 new enclosures and planted 3,000 plants. One of those days was an angler work day where about 8 anglers came out to assist.
- Dustin Cobb, of Burlington, won the month in the Big Bass Tournament with a 7.27 lb. largemouth bass caught at the end of the last day.
- We had 78 anglers turnout for July’s Catfish Tournament. The First-Place catfish weighed 3.61 lbs. and was worth \$438 to the winning angler.
- The lake was down one foot on the 5<sup>th</sup> but went back to full pool by the 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Angler work day.



One of those nice 6 pounders.

### By the Numbers (2023 in parentheses)

Boat Launches	476 (678)	Customers	2,075 (2,316)
Motorized Boats:	399 (502)	All Boaters:	805 (1,093)
Ski Area Launches:	14 (27)	Motorized:	690 (830)
Non-motorized Boats:	63 (149)	Ski Area:	49 (107)
Seniors/Disability:	41 (52)	Non-Motor. Boater	66 (156)
Using Annual Permit:	219 (289)	Bank Anglers:	673 (643)
Vessels Rented:	130 (128)	Vessel Renters	163 (152)
		Passive Visitors:	348 (363)

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# Graham-Mebane Lake Monthly Financial Report

## Graham Recreation and Parks Department



July 2024

# Days Open: 26

Daily Activity (POS) from Staff Reports:

Date	Boats	Visitors	Daily User Fees:				Bait	Fishing Supplies	Vessel Rental	Fishing Tourn.	Lake Cruise	Over		Total \$	
			Motor.	Ski Area	Non-Motor.	Bank						Other	Under		
1	25	104	75.00	4.00	18.00	74.00	63.25	18.75	44.00					\$297.00	
2															
3	31	88	39.00	18.00	12.00	95.00	35.75	6.50	36.00					\$242.25	
4	24	145	155.00	9.00	102.00	114.00	89.25	23.75	108.00					\$601.00	
5	8	71	68.00			71.00	60.50	2.00	82.00					\$283.50	
6	24	158	94.00		24.00	112.00	122.50	20.25	216.00					\$588.75	
7	19	75	130.00			57.00	42.50	8.50	70.00					\$308.00	
8	18	60	53.00			28.00	42.50	9.50	18.00					\$151.00	
9															
10	22	82	39.00	18.00	12.00	35.00	17.00	4.00	34.00					\$159.00	
11	11	52	22.00		96.00	55.00	31.75	4.75	10.00					\$219.50	
12	5	38	27.00			41.00	8.25	6.00	160.00					\$242.25	
13	29	188	75.00		27.00	91.00	86.00	8.00	78.00	1,170.00		177.50		\$1,712.50	
14	27	119	269.00		30.00	89.00	59.50	17.50	160.00					\$625.00	
15	7	36	27.00			18.00	42.50	2.00	28.00					\$117.50	
16															
17	23	66	105.00		12.00	46.00	34.00	20.25	40.00					\$257.25	
18	4	22	9.00			17.00	30.75	10.50	18.00					\$85.25	
19	20	64	52.00			40.00	31.75	8.75	10.00					\$142.50	
20	26	146	90.00	31.00		97.00	55.00	4.00	96.00					\$373.00	
21	38	108	115.00	9.00	33.00	124.00	93.50	17.25	105.00					\$496.75	
22	8	31	8.00	9.00		7.00	21.25	43.00	27.00					\$115.25	
23															
24	19	76	66.00	4.00		52.00	39.25	5.25	10.00				9.00	\$185.50	
25	3	9	13.00			10.00	8.50							\$31.50	
26	9	35	27.00			14.00	25.50	4.25	28.00					\$98.75	
27	28	117	172.00	9.00	54.00	94.00	76.00	8.00	148.00					\$561.00	
28	29	111	80.00		30.00	69.00	97.25	17.25	170.00					\$463.50	
29	8	34	22.00			16.00	4.25	14.50	20.00					\$76.75	
30															
31	11	40	4.00			18.00	22.50							\$44.50	
<b>Totals:</b>	476	2075	\$1,836.00	\$111.00	\$450.00	\$1,484.00	\$1,240.75	\$284.50	\$1,716.00	\$1,170.00		\$177.50	\$9.00	\$8,478.75	
			Total Daily User Fees: \$3,881.00												

**Deposit Receipts:**

Lake Deposits: Cash/Checks	\$4,893.25
Community Pass: Credit Cards	\$3,585.50
Community Pass: Shelter Rental	\$50.00
Community Pass: Paddle Programs	\$64.00
<b>RECEIPT TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,592.75</b>



# 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					143
Boats	137	591	578	483	681	476					2,946
Visitors	306	1,607	1,953	2,380	2,934	2,075					11,255
<b>ALL REVENUE:</b>											
User Fees Total:	2,055.00	5,721.00	5,075.00	4,832.00	5,718.00	3,881.00					\$27,282.00
Motorized Boat	1,829.00	4,572.00	3,276.00	2,558.00	3,118.00	1,836.00					\$17,189.00
Ski Area Users	0.00	18.00	27.00	54.00	189.00	111.00					\$399.00
Non-Motorized Boat	60.00	198.00	390.00	432.00	516.00	450.00					\$2,046.00
Bank Fishing	166.00	933.00	1,382.00	1,788.00	1,895.00	1,484.00					\$7,648.00
Bait	33.00	567.00	716.25	1,093.25	1,805.00	1,240.75					\$5,455.25
Fishing Supplies	5.00	125.75	178.00	322.00	456.50	284.50					\$1,371.75
Boat Rentals	102.00	339.00	1,049.00	1,402.00	2,309.00	1,716.00					\$6,917.00
Fishing Tours.	355.00	3,935.00	25.00	595.00	1,135.00	1,170.00					\$7,215.00
Shelter Rentals	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00	125.00	50.00					\$525.00
Boat Programs				130.00	198.00	64.00					\$392.00
Lake Cruises											\$0.00
Other	0.00	-13.00	0.75	56.50	137.15	186.50					\$367.90
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$10,724.75</b>	<b>\$7,094.00</b>	<b>\$8,630.75</b>	<b>\$11,883.65</b>	<b>\$8,592.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$49,525.90</b>
<b>DAILY AVERAGES:</b>											
Boats	11	21	23	17	26	18	0	0	0	0	20
Visitors	25	59	78	88	112	79	0	0	0	0	78
Revenue	\$216	\$397	\$283	\$319	\$457	\$330	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$346