

# GRAHAM RECREATION & PARKS 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



In 2022, the GRPD team continued needed park improvements, enhanced facilities with new additions, and created new community programs.

## GRAHAM-MEBANE LAKE

- Participated in the NC Wildlife Cut & Cable program
- Added ADA sidewalks to boat docks
- Assembled & placed artificial fish structure
- Built and installed 3 wood duck boxes
- Hosted Lake Cruises on the Pontoon Boat
- Offered a Single Day Bass Tournament
- Hosted a Cub Scout Fishing Event
- Hosted a Wedding
- Second Chance Big Bass Tournament was Added



## PARKS & ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- Added a retaining wall by Field #3 at Bill Cooke Park
- Built & installed a Little Free Library at South Graham Park
- Replaced basketball backboards at Bill Cooke Park & South Graham Park
- Basketball lines added to the courts at South Graham Park
- Renovated Volleyball Court at the Graham Civic Center
- Three memorial benches installed at South Graham Park
- Created connecting trail to new neighborhood at Graham Regional Park
- Artists David Nance & Beth O'Bryant created & installed a mural at the 200 North Main Street Pocket Park
- Partnered with Alamance Soil & Water Conservation to plant a Sunflower Pollinator Plot & Crimson Clover Cover Crop at Graham Regional Park



## CENTERS & FACILITIES

- Painted walls in Gym #1 & #2
- Installed new flooring in Gym #1 & #2
- Installed new flooring at the Graham Civic Center
- Installed LED display screens in Scoreboard
- Installed a slate mantle from the L. Banks Holt house in the Historical Museum



## PROGRAMMING

- First Responder Fridays reached out into the communities
- Presented Arbor Day in Graham activities in collaboration with the Appearance Commission & Tree Board
- The Musical Chairs Concert Series in Graham expanded from only 5th Fridays to 1st & 5th Fridays at Bill Cooke Park



## ATHLETICS

- Offered over 10 various youth sports programs, including Youth Sports Camps, that served over 854 participants
- Partnered with the local organization The Dream Center for a Summer Sports Camp. These various youth sports programs are aimed at providing the youth with a safe and fun environment to learn the fundamentals of each sport while also crafting friendships and creating lasting memories.





## PARTNERSHIPS

- Alamance Arts
- Alamance-Burlington School System
- Alamance Community College
- Alamance County Public Libraries
- Alamance County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Alamance Kennel Club
- Burlington Animal Services
- City of Graham Departments
- Friends of Graham Recreation & Parks
- Haw River Trail
- Impact Alamance
- Little Alamance Creek Healthy Streams Cooperative
- Local Businesses
- Local Recreation & Parks Departments
- Piedmont Triad Regional Council's Stormwater SMART
- Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Alamance County
- NC Wildlife Resources Commission



## MORE ADDITIONS IN 2022

- Graham Historical Museum offered additional exhibits and educational programming throughout the year
- Graham-Mebane Lake was approved as Graham's second ecoEXPLORE HotSpot location
- Graham-Mebane "Lake Cruises on the Pontoon Boat" were such a hit, offerings were expanded with cruises throughout the upcoming seasons
- The GRPD staff and the Graham Recreation Commission developed an inclusion policy entitled playUNITED. The Graham City Council adopted the policy that will now be used to guide the GRPD when developing facilities and programs and establishing supporting practices to ensure everyone has access to the benefits of quality parks and recreation.



## MARKETING

- A Special Events Survey was created for on-site & ongoing community input of GRPD's Special Events
- Collaborated with Alamance Community College (ACC) for a Summer Day Camp and Summer Sports Camp participant t-shirt design
- Museum Collector Cards were created and are available for museum visitors
- School flyers were distributed in the Spring & Fall promoting programs
- "Telf the Elf" on social media was once again a big hit advertising Holiday Happenings in Graham



## VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

**Our Vision:** Strengthening our community by connecting people through parks & programs.

**Our Mission:** To enrich lives by providing engaging, innovative, & diverse recreational & cultural experiences through our parks, programs, & staff.

