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“Let their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.” -Daniel Webster

Memorial Day Ceremony



The Lynn Haven Heritage Society and the City of Lynn Haven hosted a Memorial Day ceremony at Memorial Park on May 30th, 2023. The Heritage Society holds this observance on May 30th because that was the first date given in the 1800's as Memorial Day, or Decoration Day until the date was changed to Mondays in the

1970's. Thank you to the Rich and Janet Walker for organizing this program and offering our community a moment to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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25 YEARS TREE CITY USA



Members of Xi Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. joined City Manager Vickie Gainer and Commissioner Judy Vandergrift to install a 45-gallon Live Oak tree for Arbor Day.

The City of Lynn Haven has served 25 consecutive years as a Tree City!

The Tree City USA program began identifying cities and towns across America in 1976 through the Arbor Day Foundation. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. More than 3,600 communities across the country have committed to becoming part of Tree City USA.

In the past 25 years, the city has established several tree canopies in more prominent natural areas such as the Lynn Haven Bayou Park &

Preserve, and the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. The city also actively plants a plethora of tree species including Live Oak, Crape Myrtle, Maple, Palm Trees, Southern Magnolia, and Southern Red Cedar in the local area.

Additionally, a proclamation is signed every year in honor of Arbor Day. After Hurricane Michael devastated the area, the city lost 80% of its trees. However, with the help of donations from the Lynn Haven Rotary Club, the city has been able to supply Lynn Haven residents with thousands of free trees each year. Tree giveaways are held annually in January for Florida Arbor Day and April for National Arbor Day.

Also, our municipality has achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day each year.

The City of Lynn Haven takes pride in serving as a Tree City! We are always looking for ways to expand our program and connect with the community. With a focus on growth as a Tree City, there is hope to partner with local schools, double tree distributions, and plant and maintain more trees throughout the city in the future.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Commission Meeting
June 13th, 2023 @ 9:00 AM
- Commission Meeting
June 27th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
- Commission Meeting
July 11th, 2023 @ 9:00 AM
- Commission Meeting
July 25th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

All meetings are open and available to the public to attend at the Lynn Haven Senior Activity Club located at 905 Pennsylvania Ave, Lynn Haven, FL 32444. Times, locations, & dates are subject to change. Visit the city website for the most current information, meeting locations, and agendas.



- 6/19 Juneteenth (City Offices Closed)
- 7/4 Independence Day (City Offices Closed)
- 7/4 Fourth of July Celebration
- 7/5 Fourth of July Observed (City Offices Closed)
- 8/11 Music By the Bay
- 9/4 Labor Day (City Offices Closed)
- 9/11 Ceremony
- 9/16 Fall Ball Opening Day



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

Hello Lynn Haven,

What are you doing this summer? I encourage you to take some time to enjoy the numerous outdoor recreational opportunities we offer in our great city. Here are five ideas for fun in the sun in Lynn Haven this summer.

• **The Beach on North Bay**

Porter Park, which is adjacent to the Bailey Bridge, is the home of our Beach on the Bay. My family has enjoyed time playing in the sand, splashing in the water, and eating at the pavilion. This beach is one of our best kept secrets!

• **The Leon Miller Splash Pad**

If you want to splash in the water without the beach sand, this splash pad is ideal.

Centrally located at Cain Griffin Park, this splash pad offers fun for toddlers and bigger kids too. Please check our website or Facebook page for the schedule.

• **The Playground at Sharon Sheffield Park**

Sharon Sheffield Park is probably best known for our Fall and Spring Concert Series. However, families with children play at this park all year. The playground offers equipment for children of all ages.

• **Pickleball at the Sports Complex**

Pickleball is more than a craze; it is here to stay. We have built several Pickleball courts in our community. Get your paddles ready and serve up some fun.

• **The Bayou Park and Preserve**

In June 2021, our City Manager Vickie Gainer (the best in Northwest Florida) and I had the honor of cutting the ribbon for this park. Many of our residents have told me how much fun they have walking, fishing, and running at the park.

I hope you enjoy one or all of the activities I recommended. Thank you to all the employees that make our parks the best in the bay. Now let’s have some fun in the sun! As always, God bless you and God bless Lynn Haven.

#LoveLH,

Mayor Jesse Nelson

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BUSINESS COLUMN

The City of Lynn Haven’s revitalization is on the rise! Here are some new economic developments coming soon to the area.

CHECKERS

1



2803 Hwy 77S

SHERWIN WILLIAMS

2



1220 Ohio Ave

DIEGO’S

3



1809 Ohio Ave

CLIMATE CONTROLLED STORAGE

4



2510 Hammock Square

MAJOR’S SMOKEHOUSE

5



316 Pennsylvania Ave

SONNY’S

6



2240 FL-77

LYNN HAVEN SPORTS SECTION

The city would like to congratulate our Championship team winners for the Spring Ball 2023 season. Thank you to our teams, players, coaches, and sponsors for making this yet another great season. Registration for Fall Ball is now open! Please visit LynnHavenSports.com to register.

Our Lynn Haven athletes continue to impress us every day!

Have you heard? The City of Lynn Haven has established its first All-Star team since 2018! The teams, whose players are selected by coaches, will participate in the Dizzy Dean World Series at Snowden Grove Park in Southaven, Mississippi this summer. Baseball division’s 8U and 10U will play on June 26, while Softball 10U will play on July 6.



In other news, the Lynn Haven Sports Complex is almost complete! After being severely damaged by Hurricane Michael in 2018, the city worked to replan, rebuild, and restore the facility with newly refreshed amenities. In addition to the five new ball fields and two outdoor basketball courts that opened earlier this year, new amenities will include four outdoor pickleball courts, three multipurpose fields for football and soccer, five batting cages, a playground, and a gymnasium with indoor courts. The City of Lynn Haven Sports Complex originally opened in the early 2000s as the city recognized a need for a state-of-the-art recreation facility. Once opened, the Sports Complex provided recreational experiences and opportunities for residents and visitors through walking paths and various fields. We are so excited to have families and friends return to their community hub. The newly refreshed and rebuilt Sports Complex is slated to be fully open by the end of Summer 2023 under the direction of Sports and Recreation Director Justin Ward.

Come celebrate our Nation’s Independence Day with the City of Lynn Haven!

UNITED WE STAND

The City of Lynn Haven is excited to announce the schedule for our Annual Fourth of July Celebration!

The day will begin at the Senior Activity Club, where the Lynn Haven Rotary Club will host a Pancake Breakfast. Next, we will kick-off our opening ceremony at the junction between 9th Street & Ohio Ave at 8:30AM, with the United We Stand parade shortly after. Beginning at

9:00AM, many Fourth of July festivities will take place at Sharon Sheffield Park, including a rock wall, balloon artist, stilt walkers, face painting, axe throwing, a mechanical bull, Jacob’s Ladder, vendor booths, food trucks, and MORE!

Later in the day, we will have our Let Freedom Ring Finale at A.L. Kinsaul Park with a performance by Bay Kings Band. The fireworks



show will begin at 9:00PM and complete our exciting celebrations for the day!

If you would like to participate in our celebration, applications are open for parade entries, and craft vendors at www.cityoflynnhaven.com under Marketing and Communications.

CITY UPDATES

City Hall Rebuild



The new city hall rebuild has made significant progress in the past few months. Within the next couple of weeks the interior is expected to be completed, with the grand opening of city hall estimated to be in early fall.

New Gym Floors

The floors have been installed at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex, making it one step closer to being complete! The new gym will feature two multipurpose courts for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball, and a concession stand! It’s only a matter of a few weeks until the sports complex amenities are complete!



Heroic Act

On May 8, city employees witnessed a young child screaming out in the water near the swimming rope at Porter Park. The child’s guardians were on the beach yelling for the child to come back, but the child was terrified and unable to return to shore. 60-year-old Tina Brouchard, a regular park user, who was sitting on one of the pergola swings heard the child screaming and leaped into action. She immediately went under the handrail and jumped off the concrete seawall into the water to rescue the child and bring them back safely to the beach area to the child’s guardians. It was an incredibly selfless act considering she put herself in danger by jumping into the water with the barnacle-covered riprap below. On May 23, Mayor Nelson and City Manager Vickie Gainer presented Tina with a Good Samaritan plaque at the city commission meeting to honor the incredibly heroic act. Thank you, Tina! Your recognition was well-deserved.

