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• Animal Ctrl./Shelter	850-265-4699
Customer Service Center	850-265-2121
• Utility Billing	Ext. 2109
Development & Planning	850-248-0708
Economic Development	850-248-0701
Facility Maintenance	850-248-0636
Fire Department	850-265-7335
Human Resources	850-248-0507
• Risk Management	850-248-0507
Police (non-emergency)	850-265-4111
• Code Enforcement	850-265-4111
Public Works	850-265-5989
• Garbage Pickup	850-265-2121 Ext. 2507
• Cemeteries	850-265-5989
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Upcoming Bid Openings

Please visit CityofLynnHaven.com/Bids.aspx for more information.

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“When one neighbor helps another, we strengthen our communities” -Jennifer Pahlka

Thank you, Barbara Sielke!



The city would like to thank one of our outstanding volunteers: Ms. Barbara Ann Sielke. Ms. Barbara is always eager to offer an extra hand when it comes to city events. We were able to capture moments of Ms. Barbara volunteering during our Easter Egg Hunt event and Fourth of July pancake breakfast. We are very appreciative of our volunteers and hope we continue to build a great relationship with our community. Thanks for all you do!



Progressively enriching our community's quality of life by providing consistent and transparent customer service to our residents.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Commission Meeting
Aug. 8th, 2023 @ 9:00AM

Commission Meeting
Aug. 22nd, 2023 @ 5:30PM

Commission Meeting
Sept. 13th, 2023 @ 5:30PM

Commission Meeting
Sept. 26th, 2023 @ 5:30PM

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.

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ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION



Our Annual Fourth of July Celebration was one for the books!

We had over 80 participants in our United We Stand parade to create the largest Lynn Haven parade yet. Special thanks goes to our City Manager, Vickie Gainer, for coordinating the incredible flyover, which featured two F-22 aircraft over Highway 77 conducted by the 43rd Fighter Squadron from Eglin Air Force Base.

After a huge thunderstorm passed over Lynn Haven, many vendors, residents, and volunteers continued with

celebrations at Sharon Sheffield Park with the Party in the USA festivities. The park was filled with excitement for the whole family, from a rock wall to the dunking booth. It was a great time in our community. We wrapped up our celebration at A.L. Kinsaul Park with a groovy concert from the Bay Kings Band and spectacular fireworks show. The park was filled with families and employees enjoying each other and our vendors' delicious meal and treat options. We thank our staff, volunteers, and special guests for helping make this a great event.

Shout out to the Lynn Haven Fire Department for securing the American flag over Highway 77 and to the Lynn Haven Police Department for efficiently directing traffic after the fireworks show.

Thank you for choosing to spend your Independence Day with the City of Lynn Haven! We hope everyone had a wonderful time!

Opening Ceremony



United We Stand parade

F-22 Flyover



Party in the USA Festivities

Bay Kings Band Concert



Let Freedom Ring Finale

- 8/11 Music By the Bay
- 9/4 Labor Day (City Offices Closed)
- 9/11 Ceremony
- 9/16 Fall Ball Opening Day

- 9/21 Fall Concert Series ft. Mind Plays
- 9/28 Fall Concert Series ft. Cadillac Willy
- 10/5 Fall Concert Series ft. Luke & Kaylee
- 10/10 City Hall and Police EOC Grand Opening



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

Hello Lynn Haven,

Get ready, get ready, get ready! With so many beaches and bays within a 15-30 minute drive of Lynn Haven, including our Beach on the Bay in Porter Park, we truly live in a paradise. However, living in this paradise does have its challenges. One challenge we face each year is hurricane season. The “Atlantic hurricane season” is from June 1st to Nov 30th. When most people hear about a hurricane, we want three questions answered: where is the storm, where is it going, and what do we need to do? The remainder of my message will answer the last question: what do we need to do? The short answer is simple! We need to be prepared. Although hurricane season has started, it is not too late to prepare for it. Here are five (5) suggestions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regarding hurricane preparedness.

First, develop an evacuation plan. We all hope for the best when we hear about a storm. However, one lesson we learned from Hurricane Michael is that we have to be prepared to leave at a moment’s notice. Determine where you are going and plan several routes to get to your destination.

Second, assemble disaster relief kits. Your kit can include water for drinking and sanitation, non-perishable food, battery powered weather radio, flashlight, first aid kit, dust mask, plastic sheeting, duct tape, moist towelettes, garbage bags, plastic ties, manual can opener, cell phone chargers, and a whistle to call for help.

Third, review your insurance policy and document your possessions. You might call your insurance agent to ensure you have enough coverage. Secure and take photos of your important documents and possessions.

Fourth, develop a communication plan. Write down your hurricane plan and share with family and friends. Include evacuation locations, emergency contacts, utility companies, and other services.

Finally, protect your home. You can protect your home by trimming trees, installing shutters, sealing openings, and securing other vulnerable parts of the home.

No one likes hurricanes; however, it’s a way of life when living in this paradise. We cannot stop hurricanes from coming to us, but we can be prepared when they do. So get ready, get ready, get ready!

#LoveLH,
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BUSINESS COLUMN

The 800 block of Florida Avenue is what makes up Lynn Haven’s lively downtown! From a coffee shop to a dance studio each of these businesses add value to Lynn Haven’s historic downtown district.

- 1 Williams Pet Parlor**
Pet Groomer
832 Florida Ave
- 2 Wild Root Coffee & Tea**
Coffee Shop
830 Florida Ave
- 3 Victoria’s Last Bite**
American Restaurant
827 Florida Ave
- 4 Primary Care Center**
Medical Group Practice
825 Florida Ave
- 5 Roberts Hall**
Event Venue
831 Florida Ave
- 6 Lighting by Lavonne**
Lighting Store
809 Florida Ave
- 7 Audience of One**
Dance Studio
801 Florida Ave
- 8 Stylist Haven**
Beauty Salon
810-A Florida Ave
- 9 Edward Jones Investments**
Insurance Agency
810-B Florida Ave



LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

Are you familiar with all the recreational activities the City of Lynn Haven has to offer? There are many physical activities around the city and much to look forward to now and in the coming months.

It starts at our beautiful parks. Enjoy the view of nature while strolling through the Lynn Haven Bayou Park & Preserve. The nearly 100-acre preserve features a variety of opportunities for passive recreation in Bay County. Amenities include a kayak launch, outdoor classrooms, a natural play area, picnic pavilions, fitness trails, an 18-hole disc golf course, and scenic overlooks for the perfect bayou views.

As we approach the completion of the Lynn Haven Sports Complex, we are elated to bring more opportunities for hundreds to enjoy every day! The Sports Complex is now in its last phase of construction, which includes the soccer and football fields towards the back of the venue. Already open are four outdoor pickleball courts, five batting cages and fields, and two outdoor basketball courts.

Stay tuned! The Charlie James Smith Gymnasium is expected to open in Fall 2023. A plan for a grand reopening celebration is in the works to introduce the newly remodeled gymnasium which will include indoor basketball, pickleball, and volleyball courts as well as Lynn Haven’s first-ever Boys & Girls Club. We are very excited to rejoice in this important milestone as we continue to rebuild from Hurricane Michael.

Stay up to date with the latest information on sports at LynnHavenSports.com.

Lynn Haven offers many recreational opportunities that cater to all residents.



Aerial view of Lynn Haven Bayou Park & Preserve.

CITY UPDATES

Waste Removal Reminder



TRASH PICKUP

Did you know the city provides a weekly courtesy service for the removal of yard trash? Trash is considered to be vegetative matter consisting of limbs, leaves, pine straw, and yard clippings. Items not picked up by the city are: land clearing & tree removal, appliances containing freon, batteries, hazardous materials, paint, refuse created by a private contractor, and tires. For more information on the disposal of hazardous waste materials, please call 850-265-5989.

Lids4Kids

Kudos to the Lynn Haven Fire Department who donated their “out of service” helmets to Lids4Kids, a non-profit organization that honors children fighting against medical disabilities. Since the program began in 2014, this was the largest donation of helmets the organization has ever seen. These helmets are used as a memento to recognize these fighters as honorary firefighters for their strength and courage.



Save the Date

The announcement we’ve all been waiting for! A grand opening date has been set to celebrate the new Lynn Haven City Hall, Police EOC, and Chambers. Save the date for October 10, 2023, at 10 AM to join us as we celebrate this historic milestone for the City of Lynn Haven. This grand opening comes exactly five years after Hurricane Michael devastated our area. We are so excited to have the community join on this important day. If you would like to share any photos from the storm to be featured in a presentation, please email them to communications@cityoflynnhaven.com.



Music By the Bay

The City of Lynn Haven is pleased to announce that the annual Music By the Bay event will feature local talent Will Thompson Band.

The concert will be Friday, August 11th, from 6-9 PM at Leslie Porter Park, located at 200 Michigan Ave., Lynn Haven, FL.

This summer concert is next to the scenic Bailey

Bridge and is a free, family-oriented event. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to listen from the beach or pull their boat in from North Bay.

This will be an evening of dancing, community, and fun. In addition, there will be various food vendors on site to grab a bite while enjoying the evening listening to the Will Thompson Band!

For more information or updates on Music By the Bay, visit our Facebook page, or view our website at www.cityoflynnhaven.com.



Will Thompson Band performing during Spring Concert Series on May 19, 2023.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Have feedback on this issue of Lynn Haven Living? We would love to hear from you, email communications@cityoflynnhaven.com.