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- Building Department 850-248-0634
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 - Parks & Grounds 850-248-0551
 - Sports & Recreation 850-248-0171
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- 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
- Utilities Department 850-265-0087

Upcoming Bid Openings

- Disaster Debris Monitoring Services
- LH HMGP Lift Station Generators Bid
- Mill Bayou Plant and Reuse System Improvement

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



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“Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.”
 - Barack Obama

9/11 Ceremony



Everyone is welcome to join our Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony beginning at 9:00AM on Monday, September 11th, at Sharon Sheffield Park. The City of Lynn Haven will be providing a limited number of seats, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets to enjoy the ceremony. We hope to see you all out there as we honor the fallen heroes and First Responders of 9/11.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Commission Meeting
 Sept. 13th, 2023 @ 9:00AM

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

Commission Meeting
 Oct. 10th, 2023 @ 9:00AM

Commission Meeting
 Oct. 24th, 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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ORDINANCE REMINDER GOLF CARTS



We know how much our residents love to use their golf carts on a daily basis. However, we want to remind you of our recent change in laws.

Earlier this year, Gov. Ron Desantis signed a new bill into law which states that Florida teens won’t be able to drive golf carts without proper identification. The 2023 Florida Legislature amended Section 316.212 Florida Statutes to provide that a golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by an individual who is under the age of 18 years unless they possess a valid learner’s permit or driver’s license.

On June 27, 2023, the City of Lynn Haven amended section 66-6 of the city’s code of ordinances regarding golf cart operations within the city limits to create Ordinance No. 1156 and comply with Florida Statutes.



Key Points of Ordinance No 1156.

- 1.) Golf carts are permitted to operate within and upon city streets within the limited access subdivisions as established by resolution of the city commission.
- 2.) Use permitted on city streets with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or lower.
- 3.) Golf carts are NOT permitted to travel along or cross any

state highway or county road in the city unless authorized by the Bay County Board of Commissioners or the Florida Department of Transportation.

4.) It is unlawful to operate a golf cart on any street within the city limits unless a person who is under 18 years of age possesses a valid learner’s permit or valid driver license or is a person who is 18 years of age or older possessing a valid form of government-issued photographic identification.

A violation of Ordinance No. 1156 could result in a noncriminal traffic infraction, or the general penalty provided by the Lynn Haven code.

Ordinance No. 1156. will take effect October 1, 2023.



- 9/4 Labor Day (City Offices Closed)
- 9/8 Rails To Trails Grand Opening
- 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/PD/EOC Chambers Grand Opening
- 10/12 Fall Concert Series ft. Kelly & The Healers
- 10/19 Fall Concert Series ft. True Soul



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

We Will Never Forget

On September 11, 2001, I was sitting in Mrs. Hooks’ British Literature class around 8 am when Napolian Barnes ran into class yelling for us to turn on the television. For the next hour we were speechless as we repeatedly watched planes fly into the World Trade Center. All I could hear was the heavy breathing and gasps of my teacher and classmates. The rest of my day was a moment of silence. My heart was broken and my spirit grieved as we received up to the minute updates on the rescue efforts.

Later that evening President George W. Bush addressed America. Though his statement was short, it was powerful. His words provided comfort for my grief and a renewed confidence in America’s strength. Here are a few words from his statement:

“And I pray they will be comforted by

a power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.” This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day.”

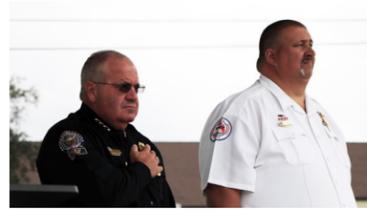
President Bush’s words still ring true, none of us will ever forget this day. Though twenty plus years have passed, I remember 9/11 like it was yesterday. Believe it or not, some Americans do not remember 9/11. For example, my children were not born. Therefore, those of us that do remember have a responsibility to teach those that do not know so America will never forget 9/11.

In addition to the tragedy, let’s never forget about the bravery of countless men and women that sacrificed their lives to save

others. Let’s never forget the families that still grieve the loss of loved ones. Let’s never forget the members of our armed forces that work tirelessly to secure and defend our freedoms daily. Let’s never forget our Lynn Haven First Responders that serve around the clock to ensure the safety and security of our community. Let’s never forget to pray in the name of Jesus and ask God to bless America and Lynn Haven.

Do you remember 9/11? Share your 9/11 stories with us on Facebook and with others so we will never forget.

Remembering 9/11,
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BUSINESS COLUMN

Need a good manicure or pedicure or maybe even a massage? There’s a variety of options around Lynn Haven to fulfill your needs of keeping your nails looking fresh! Here are eight nail salons and spas to explore around the city.

1 Natural Nails II
1219 Ohio Ave

2 Blossom Nails
1106 Ohio Ave

3 Eight50 Nail Lounge
2105 HWY 77 S

4 Abbey Nails & Spa
1812 SR-77 Suite 109

5 Florida Nail Spa
2310 SR-77

6 Perfectly Polished
1521 Tennessee Ave

7 Color Nails & Spa
2403 Lynn Haven Parkway

8 Bellissimo Salon Suites
1120 Mississippi Ave



LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

The City of Lynn Haven is excited to announce the grand opening of Rails to Trails will be held Friday, September 8, at 10 AM at the Ray Wishart trailhead located on U.S. Highway 231. The trail extends over three miles along the old railroad tracks from SR-390 and Georgia Avenue to U.S. Highway 231 and allows non-motorized vehicles on a smooth 12-foot wide asphalt path.

As summer recreation comes to an end, there is so much to look forward to as we enter the fall season. The Lynn Haven Sports & Recreation department is getting ready for another season of Fall Baseball. Please remember that Opening Day will be held on September 16 at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex ballfields.

Don’t miss out! Registration is now open for youth and adult basketball leagues through September 16th. Registration fees for the youth division are \$70.00 per player; while registration fees for the adult leagues are \$600 per team. All games will be held at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. The season will begin on October 28th. To sign up or get more information, visit www.LynnHavenSports.com.

The Lynn Haven Recreation department will host a Junior Golf Tour on September 23rd at the Nature Walk Golf Club. This tour is for boys and girls under the age of 18 and the entry fee is \$12 per player. To sign up or get more information, call or text Lee Anderson at 850-319-6773.

We are excited to swing into fall with the many recreational opportunities the city has to offer. Stay up to date with the latest sports information on our Facebook page or www.LynnHavenSports.com.

Swing into Fall Sports & Recreation with the City of Lynn Haven!



The Grand Opening of Rails-to-Trails will be Sept. 8, 2023.

CITY UPDATES

Brick Paver Project



The city has announced a brick paver project to commemorate the city’s resiliency after the devastating Hurricane Michael. We invite the community to participate in this permanent and engraved paver program. Participants will have the

opportunity to personalize a paver with their choice of a phrase or dedication to a person, family, or business on a 12 X 12 paver for \$150. A limited number pavers will be engraved and installed in the garden plaza for the new city hall, so reserve yours today! For more details, visit www.CityofLynnHaven.com.

Re-Grand Opening

The City of Lynn Haven celebrated the re-grand opening of the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex last month. This milestone marks the completion of Phase 2 for the Lynn Haven Sports Complex as it continues to rebuild

after Hurricane Michael. The new gym features volleyball, basketball, and pickleball courts, a concession stand, and Lynn Haven’s first-ever Boys and Girls Club. We are so excited to have the community rejoice in this amazing milestone.



Save the Date

On October 10, 2023, exactly five years after Hurricane Michael, a Grand Opening Celebration will be held for the New City Hall/PD/EOC/Chambers. The community is invited to join the city to help celebrate this momentous day in Lynn Haven. During the celebration, a continuous slideshow will show the devastation and growth of the city after Hurricane Michael’s impact. If you have any photos for the presentation, please email them to photos@cityoflynnhaven.com.



Fall Concert Series

Who’s ready for more live music in the park every week? That’s right! Our Fall Concert Series is returning September 21st through October 26th at Sharon Sheffield Park.

Come out every Thursday night from 6-8 PM to enjoy a FREE concert each week along with yard games, and many meal and treat options from some delicious food vendors! Don’t forget to bring

a lawn chair or blanket and please remember that no alcohol is permitted in our parks.

We have an incredible lineup that includes local, regional, and national talents, so mark your calendars and let’s get ready to rock out this Fall!

To stay up to date on our Fall Concert Series, visit our Facebook page, or website at www.cityoflynnhaven.com.

Check out the line up!

Sept. 21: Mind Plays (Pop, Rock)

Sept. 28: Cadillac Willy (Classic Rock)

Oct. 5: Luke & Kaylee (Country)

Oct. 12: Kelly & The Healers (Blues)

Oct. 19: True Soul (R&B, Soul)

Oct. 26: Dion Jones & The Neon Tears (Southern Rock)

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

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