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 Facility Maintenance 850-248-0636
 Fire Department 850-265-7335
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Police (non-emergency) 850-265-4111
 • Code Enforcement 850-265-4111
 Public Works 850-265-5989
 • Garbage Pickup 850-265-2121
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 • Cemeteries 850-265-5989
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Upcoming Bid Openings

- Information Technology Services
- Please visit CityofLynnHaven.com/Bids.aspx for more information.

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

- Corretta Scott King

9/11: We Will Never Forget



On September 11th, the City of Lynn Haven held a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to commemorate the 22nd Anniversary of an historic day the country will never forget. The community came out as the city honored our first responders and remembered the lives lost on September 11, 2001. The program included an opening ceremony, first responder’s remembrance drive, a moment of silence, and the playing of taps at Sharon Sheffield Park.



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
 Oct. 10th, 2023 @ 9:00AM

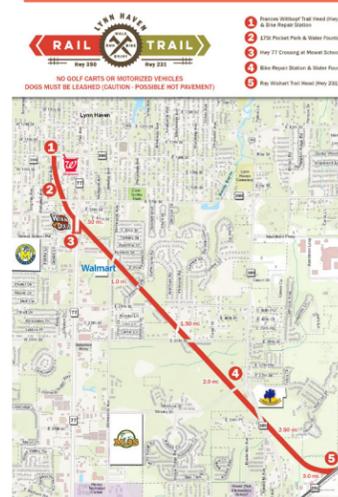
Commission Meeting
 Oct. 24th, 2023 @ 5:30PM

Commission Meeting
 Nov. 14th, 2023 @ 9:00AM

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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Grand Opening Celebration of RAILS to TRAILS



On September 8th, the City of Lynn Haven held a grand opening ceremony to celebrate a milestone completion for the city: RAILS to TRAILS.

The Lynn Haven RAILS to TRAILS project, in collaboration with FDOT’s SUN Trail Program, and local non-profit Friends of Bay County Trails, created a multi-use public trail along former railroad corridors in the



city. The trail extends over three miles along the old railroad tracks from SR-390 and Georgia Avenue to U.S. Highway 231, providing pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles with a smooth 12-foot-wide asphalt path. The goal for this project was to tie into the statewide, shared use, nonmotorized SUN Trails Program. That program aims to connect trails across the state of Florida.

Along the path are amenities such as benches, multi-station fountains, bicycle repair stations, and lighting poles. They are available to anyone using the trail. The trail operates seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

Located at each entrance, the trailheads are dedicated to honorary Lynn Haven citizens: Frances Wittkopf and Ray Wishart.

Former Lynn Haven Commissioner Frances Wittkopf originally envisioned bringing the RAILS to TRAILS concept to Lynn Haven. She received much support

from former commissioners. Approval to name a trailhead in her honor was motioned and approved at a commission meeting in March 2019. A dedication ceremony was held in July 2019 at the trailhead entrance on the southeast corner of SR-390 and Georgia Avenue.



Along Highway 231, after a left turn from East Avenue, sits another trailhead, which is dedicated and named after longtime Lynn Haven resident and Mosley High School teacher Ray Wishart. Wishart was a frequent cyclist who was struck by a semi-truck in 2016 that ended his life. In May 2023, Lynn Haven City Commission approved naming the second trailhead in his honor. A dedication ceremony was held during the grand opening celebration.

- 10/5 Fall Concert Series - Luke & Kaylee
- 10/10 City Hall/PD/EOC Chambers Grand Opening
- 10/12 Fall Concert Series - Kelly & The Healers
- 10/16 Florida City Government Week
- 10/19 Fall Concert Series - True Soul
- 10/26 Fall Concert Series - Dion Jones & Neon Tears
- 10/31 Halloween Carnival
- 11/10 Veterans Day Observed (City Offices Closed)
- 11/18 Winter Wonderland
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Day (City Offices Closed)



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

This month’s Mayor’s Message will be excerpts from a sermon delivered by the mayor, Dr. Jesse L. Nelson, on October 14th, 2018. This sermon and other stories are published in We Survived Hurricane Michael: Stories and Sermons of God’s Protection, Provision, and Power.

According to Acts 27:42-44,

“The soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners to make sure they didn’t swim ashore and escape. But the commanding officer wanted to spare Paul, so he didn’t let them carry out their plan. Then he ordered all who could swim to jump overboard first and make for land. The others held on to planks or debris from the broken ship. So everyone escaped safely to shore (NLT).”

So, what can the Spirit of the Lord say to us to comfort us and encourage us after this natural disaster? The Spirit of the Lord

impressed these two words upon my heart: WE SURVIVED! Acts 27 is a reminder and a parallel of a biblical story that would be similar to what we have experienced.

The first parallel is in verse 42. When I look at this verse, my first thought is that Satan is the soldier that tried to kill us. When we wonder why was this storm so devastating? Satan wanted to destroy us.

But then I look at verse 43, and I find a little hope. Satan is the soldier with some authority, but the one who is in charge of Satan, Jesus Christ, He is the Centurion in this story. Jesus said to Satan, “you might cause some havoc, but I will not allow your purpose and plan to be complete.”

In verse 44, I see survival. How did we survive? I believe those of us that were able to evacuate are like the ones the Centurion told to jump overboard and

swim. Some of us survived because we left. Some of us had to survive by holding on to the broken pieces that were left. But, in the end, all of us, not some of us, all of us made it safely to dry land.

WE SURVIVED!

Five years after Bay County’s worst hurricane, Lynn Haven is thriving. We are the premier city in Northwest Florida. Our progress is a testament to God’s favor, the city’s leadership, and the community’s strength and fortitude. We have become a city on a hill and beacon of hope because we are greater together!

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BUSINESS COLUMN

Keep that fresh look for the fall with a clean haircut or new hair-do! There’s numerous options of hair salons and barbershops around Lynn Haven to fulfill your needs. Here are ten hair salons and barbershops to explore around the city.

- 1 Dumani’s Barbershop**
1800 SR-77 Suite 200
- 2 Tommy’s Lynn Haven Barbershop**
820 Ohio Ave
- 3 Fanatics Salon & Spa**
401 W. 14th Street
- 4 Sport Clips Haircuts of Lynn Haven**
2105 SR-77 Suite 2
- 5 Edge Up Barber & Style Shop**
3117 SR-77
- 6 Virgie’s Perfect Cuts**
1812 SR-77
- 7 Supercuts - Lynn Haven**
2310 SR-77 Suite 160
- 8 Diamond Cuts Barbershop**
3000 SR-77
- 9 Ben’s Barbershop**
1120 Mississippi Ave.
- 10 The Groom Room**
1120 Mississippi Ave.



LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

Have you heard? The Charlie James Smith Gymnasium is officially open! Grab a friend or family member, put those game faces on, and come check out the newest hub for recreation at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. The new gym features two multipurpose courts for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball for anyone to enjoy. View the complete gymnasium schedule online at www.LynnHavenSports.com.

Fall Ball season is in full swing! The Lynn Haven Sports & Recreation Department kicked off the season on Sept. 9th for Fall Ball Opening Day. Age divisions range from Wee-Ball to 14U and games are held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 PM on the ball fields at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex and Cain Griffin Park. Stay up to date with the latest scores on www.LeagueLobster.com. Be sure to come out this season to support your favorite team!

The city will host a baseball and softball camp at Cain Griffin Park and the Lynn Haven Sports Complex on Oct. 16th and 17th. Baseball and softball players from Gulf Coast State College will run the camp on both days. This camp is free to the public and open to anyone, ages 5 and up. Online registration will be open through Oct. 13 on Community Pass. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to enhance players’ skills in baseball or softball.

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

Fall into sports & recreation with the City of Lynn Haven!



Fall Ball Opening Day was held September 9th, 2023.

CITY UPDATES

Grand Opening Celebration



Join the City of Lynn Haven for the Grand Opening Celebration of the new City Hall/PD/EOC/Chambers on October 10, 2023 at 10AM. The community is invited to help celebrate this momentous day in Lynn Haven which commemorates the fifth anniversary of the devastating Hurricane Michael. This is an important day for Lynn Haven and will be a testament to our resiliency as a community, city, and family. We are greater, together!

Sandbags Available

As we approach the middle of the Atlantic Hurricane season, this is a reminder that sand and sandbags are available to our residents YEAR-ROUND. For those who are interested, sandbags are available to pick up at Cain-Griffin and Kinsaul parks under the pavilion. Sand to fill the bags can be found at the northwest corner of the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. Sand and sandbags are FREE to Lynn Haven residents with a limit of up to 10 bags per household. Let’s continue to stay prepared as we round off another hurricane season.



Florida City Government Week

The City of Lynn Haven will be joining cities throughout the state in celebrating Florida City Government Week during October 16-20. Florida City Government Week is a celebration that raises awareness about the importance of municipal government and its daily impact on residents. Join us as we celebrate the City of Lynn Haven throughout the week of October 16th. Stay up to date on our Facebook or the city’s website for announcements on the full schedule of events taking place throughout the week.



Upcoming Vendor Opportunities

Are you a food or craft vendor that is interested in participating in a city event? Our Halloween Carnival and Winter Wonderland is just around the corner and we’d love to have YOU participate!

Our Halloween Carnival will be Tuesday, Oct. 31 at Sharon Sheffield Park from 5:30-8PM. Various trunks from around Bay County will be lined up on the outskirts of Sharon Sheffield Park to offer

children a safe place to trick-or-treat. Sign up today to be a vendor for trunk-or-treat.

The Winter Wonderland event is the premier holiday shopping spectacular in Bay County and will be Nov. 18 from 9AM - 3PM. During this event, craft vendors will sell items such as clothes, arts and crafts, jewelry, furniture, holiday décor, and more. This event allows a great opportunity for anyone

to complete a one-stop shopping trip ahead of the holiday season and support the small and local businesses in our area.

Apply today to be a vendor for our upcoming events! Interested vendors can find an application on our website at www.cityoflynnhaven.com. under the Marketing & Communications department tab and located in forms and applications.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

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