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 Development & Planning 850-248-0708
 Economic Development 850-248-0701
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 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
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Upcoming Bid Openings

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

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“Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress.”

- Charles Ketterin

Sponsorship Opportunities



Is your business interested in investing in the local community and maximizing exposure this year? The City of Lynn Haven offers numerous partnership opportunities for those who want to highlight their value to the community. Visit www.cityoflynnhaven.com today to find out how you can partner with the City of

Lynn Haven and sponsor a special event, sports league, and more!



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

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MEETING SCHEDULE

- City Commission Meeting
Jan. 9th, 2024 @ 9:00 AM
- City Commission Meeting
Jan. 23rd, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
- City Commission Meeting
Feb. 13th, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

All meetings are open and available to the public to attend at the Lynn Haven City Hall Meeting Chambers located at 825 Ohio 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.

JANUARY 2024 VOL. 2, ISSUE 1 Spreading Holiday Cheer in Lynn Haven



Winter Wonderland

The City of Lynn Haven kicked off the holiday season with our annual Winter Wonderland event on November 18th. More than 125 vendors from across Northwest Florida set up throughout Sheffield Park and sold a variety of goods, such as handmade crafts, jewelry, furniture, gourmet food items, wreaths, candles, oils, and so much more! This holiday spectacular event provided



Christmas Parade

locals with the opportunity to get a jumpstart on their holiday shopping while supporting small and local businesses. Winter Wonderland is known to be one of the largest holiday shopping events in Bay County!

The festivities continued with our 7th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on November 28th at Sharon Sheffield Park. WJHG News Channel 7 organized the talent for this Holiday Spectacular concert and was emceed by Neysa Wilkins! Attendees enjoyed the holiday cheer as we illuminated our nearly 40-foot Christmas Tree with a traditional countdown led by City Manager Vickie Gainer. In addition, guests enjoyed a photo opportunity with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, free hot chocolate, and free cookies. Food trucks were also on-site to provide patrons with delicious dinner options.

The season's festivities concluded with our 8th Annual Christmas Parade on December 9th. There were more than 50 parade floats that participated in this community-favorite tradition. The parade ended with a special visit from Santa.

The City of Lynn Haven would like to thank everyone who embraced the spirit of



Christmas Tree Lighting

togetherness this holiday season within our community. We cherish these moments. Please visit the City of Lynn Haven's Facebook page to see pictures from these wonderful celebrations. We hope everyone has enjoyed the lights and decorations on our new city hall building and had a joyous holiday season. Sending best wishes and blessings to all our amazing residents for 2024. Happy New Year!



Christmas Tree Lighting

- 1/1 New Year's Day (City Offices Closed)
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (City Offices Closed)
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Festival
- 2/15 Health Fair
- 2/27 Black History Month Reception



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

Hello Lynn Haven,

What are you doing this new year to ensure that you have a Happy New Year? What goals have you set for yourself so you can accomplish more in 2024?

Each year I set goals for myself in 5 areas of my life. The first area is faith. The primary goal is to grow in my relationship with God. One goal is to read and reflect on Bible Scriptures each day. The second area is family. This goal changes each year as my children grow up. One goal is to help them accomplish their goals for the year and keep them accountable for their progress. The third area is finance. I conduct an annual review of my retirement plan and household budget. I set goals for savings and

spending. The fourth area is fitness. Many people set goals for weight loss. Though weight loss is part of the goal, continuing a healthy lifestyle is the primary goal.

Each year I hope to continue my healthy habits from the previous year and add another one for the new year. The final area is fun. I have added this category in recent years because the other categories focus on working: working on faith, family, finances, and fitness. Work can be fun, but sometimes we just need fun without all the work! So this goal may include some sporting event or activity.

What are your goals for the new year? What are you going to do to make sure you have a Happy New

Year? How will you do more in 2024?

I encourage you to set goals, work towards those goals, and celebrate your accomplishments. May God bless you and Lynn Haven to have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mayor Jesse L. Nelson

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CITY UPDATES

Apple of the Eye Award



The City of Lynn Haven was honored to receive the Apple of The Eye Award from the Bay County Chamber of Commerce during their First Friday event on Friday, December 1st, 2023, at the Florida State University - Panama City Holley Center. Lynn Haven was recognized for the construction of our new City Hall, Police Department, EOC, and Commission Chambers, which opened on October 10th, 2023, in Bay County. We’d like to thank the Bay County Chamber for this honorable recognition.

Now Open in Lynn Haven

The City of Lynn Haven would like to give a warm welcome to Gingham + Gifts Boutique. The new boutique held its grand opening celebrations, inviting the community to the new venue with food trucks, entertainment, face painting, and shopping! Locally



owned, Gingham + Gifts Boutique is located at 1106 Ohio Avenue Suite 5 in Lynn Haven, and offers apparel and unique gifts in sizes small through 3X. Be sure to stop by and check them out!



Ordinance Reminder: No. 1156

Golf carts are NOT permitted to travel on state highway or county roads in the city, they are not allowed to exceed a speed limit of 25 MPH, and it is unlawful for persons under the age of 18 to operate a golf cart without a valid learners permit or driver’s license. A violation of Ordinance No. 1156 could result in a non-criminal traffic infraction or the general penalty provided by the Lynn Haven code. To read the full ordinance code, visit www.cityoflynnhaven.com/176/City-Ordinances.

BUSINESS COLUMN

The Lynn Haven Shopping Center is located at 1812 Highway 77 South; this shopping center features many options whether it’s eating a nice lunch, picking up groceries, or handling business. Check out all the stores included in the Lynn Haven Shopping Center!

- 1 **Winn Dixie**
Grocery Store
- 2 **Smart Fix**
Computer & Cell Phone Repair
- 3 **Old Mexico**
Mexican Restaurant
- 4 **Jackson Hewitt**
Tax Service
- 5 **SoCo Scrubs**
Medical Accessories
- 6 **Kara’s Family**
Hair Salon
- 7 **Posh & Posies**
Boutique
- 8 **Dollar Tree**
Discount Store
- 9 **Abbey Nails**
Nail Salon
- 10 **Chop Sticks**
Chinese Restaurant
- 11 **Meraki**
Solar Company
- 12 **Fashion Mart**
Hair & Beauty Supply
- 13 **Kidz Kloset**
Consignment Shop
- 14 **Pizza Hut**
Pizza Joint
- 15 **Fast Signs**
Sign Shop

LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

We’ve had yet another GREAT season for our youth and adult basketball league. We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our players, coaches, and supporters. Your dedication, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm have made this season unforgettable. We are already looking forward to next year! If you have not already, visit our Facebook page to view the champions of the 2023 season.

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



The Lynn Haven Adult and Youth Basketball leagues started playoffs the week of December 11th.

In other news, the Lynn Haven sports department is gearing up for the winter leagues: Youth Flag Football, Adult Co-ed Softball, Youth Volleyball, and Adult Volleyball.

For flag football, games are currently held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at A.L. Kinsaul Park.

For Adult Co-ed Softball, the season runs through late January with double header games held on Tuesday or Thursday nights. For Youth Volleyball, the league runs through Feb. 24th with games held on Mondays and Saturdays, and for Adult Volleyball the season will begin in late January.

There’s so much to look forward to this year, especially our spring ball league and adult kickball league. Be sure to get your teams together if you are interested in competing this season and follow registration announcements on all leagues through our Facebook page or www.LynnHavenSports.com.

Martin Luther King Jr. Festival

After more than three decades of the Advisory Committee for Urban Revitalization Equity (A-CURE) hosting the Martin Luther King Jr. Festival for our community, the City of Lynn Haven is honored to continue the tradition for our partners at A-CURE. We are excited to announce that the next MLK Jr. Festival will be held on January 15, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Sharon Sheffield Park in Lynn Haven. This family-friend-

ly festival will feature live entertainment, food, arts & crafts, and guest speakers to help us honor and remember the late Martin Luther King Jr. We look forward to this celebration and hope for your attendance. Watch for updates via email, on our Facebook page, or city website at www.cityoflynnhaven.com. For any questions, comments, or concerns, please email communications@cityoflynnhaven.com.



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