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Upcoming Bid Openings

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

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“Remember fallen U.S. veterans; honor those who serve; and teach your children the value of freedom.”

Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America is on December 16, 2023. Sponsor a wreath to not only honor an American Hero, but help Wreaths Across America support thousands of veteran organizations, scouting troops, and civic groups across the country. Sign up today at www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Wreaths

Across America will be placing Remembrance Wreaths on deceased Veteran’s gravesites at Mount Hope Cemetery and Lynn Haven Community Cemetery. Stay up to date with more information in the next issue of Lynn Haven Living.



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



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MEETING SCHEDULE

Planning Commission Meeting
 Nov. 7th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

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

Planning Commission Meeting
 Dec. 5th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Commission Meeting
 Dec. 12th, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

All meetings are open and available to the public to attend at the Lynn Haven City Hall 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.

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Grand Opening Celebration of City Hall/PD/EOC/Chamber



On October 10, 2018, Category 5 Hurricane Michael made a direct impact on Bay County – destroying nearly everything in its path, including many government buildings within the city. On October 10, 2023, exactly five years later, The City of Lynn Haven celebrated the grand opening of its new government building which includes a state-of-the-art City Hall, Chamber, Police Department, and an



Emergency Operations Center. The celebration featured an opening ceremony in the garden plaza beginning with the presentation of colors from the Bay County Sheriff’s Office Color Guard, singing of the National Anthem by local singer Britt Reynolds, the blessing of the buildings from local pastors, greetings and history from Lynn Haven City Manager Vickie Gainer and Mayor Jesse Nelson, remarks from local and statewide government officials, and a ribbon-cutting event with the Bay County and Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce. The closing reception included open tours of the new building given by city staff and Hors d’oeuvres served by Vittles Catering.

This was a momentous day for the City of Lynn Haven as we showed resiliency five years after our area was affected by Hurricane Michael. We could not be more grateful for our supportive community, incredible staff, and hardworking builders who helped make this day possible. Lastly, thank you to everyone who joined us, we

hope you enjoyed the event!

The City of Lynn Haven celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony that commenced the project’s construction on May 19, 2021. The new two-story building is approximately 42,228 -gross sq. ft. In addition,



the circa 1928 two-story historic City Hall portion (approx. 5,600 – gross sq. ft.) has been refurbished and will include an historic memorial of Lynn Haven and small outdoor botanical garden for all citizens to enjoy.



- 11/10 Veterans Day Observed (City Offices Closed)
- 11/18 Winter Wonderland
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Day (City Offices Closed)
- 11/24 Friday after Thanksgiving (City Offices Closed)
- 11/28 Christmas Tree Lighting
- 12/2 Christmas Parade
- 12/15 Art in the Park
- 12/22 Christmas Eve (City Offices Closed)
- 12/25 Christmas Day (City Offices Closed)
- 12/26 Day after Christmas (City Offices Closed)



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

Hello Lynn Haven,

With Thanksgiving Day right around the corner, we have so many reasons to be thankful in the City of Lynn Haven.

I’m thankful to be in a community filled with loving and caring family, friends, and neighbors. I’m thankful that I can rest easy at night because we live in one of the safest cities in the state of Florida, 14th overall and 2nd based on our population. I am thankful for all the men and women that work around the clock with the Fire and Police Departments to ensure we are safe and secure. I appreciate all the employees in Parks and Recreation that work to improve our quality of life through maintaining our beautiful parks and offering sports programs for all ages, including a new Boys and Girls Club. I’m thankful for our City

Manager, Vickie Gainer, and all the staff and employees working in the Customer Service Center and New City Hall. They meet and greet the residents of our community with a smiling face and helping hand everyday. I’m grateful for our Public Works and Utilities Departments. They make sure our roadways are safe to drive upon and have won numerous awards for the best drinking water. I’m thankful for the employees at the Animal Shelter that care for the dogs and cats while the animals wait for adoption. I am thankful for our building department for keeping our facilities and parks clean everyday. I am thankful for the numerous non-profit organizations and churches that serve the needs of our citizens and residents throughout Bay County.

I appreciate all the businesses that choose to establish themselves in Lynn

Haven. I’m grateful for all the veterans and active duty military that live in our community. I’m thankful to live in the paradise of North Bay. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as Mayor of the best city to live in Bay County. We continue to show Bay County and the state of Florida that “we are greater, together.”

Most of all, I’m thankful that God has kept His hand of protection and provision on our community. Without His blessings of grace and mercy, we would not be the best of the Bay to live, work, and play.

Thanking God,

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BUSINESS COLUMN

Stay in style for the holidays! The City of Lynn Haven is filled with fashion from local businesses throughout the area. Be sure to check them out! Here are seven boutiques for kids and adults to explore around the city.

1 Gingham & Gifts

1106 Ohio Avenue

2 Posh & Posies

1812 SR-77 Suite 129

3 The She Shack Boutique

529A Ohio Avenue

4 Sugar Bean Boutique

1525 Tennessee Avenue

5 Last Love Co.

1316 Illinois Avenue

6 J Kelley Designs

1812 SR-77 Suite 101

7 Kidz Kloset

1812 SR-77 Suite 160



LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

The Lynn Haven Sports & Recreation Department recently introduced a new activity for the community: Art in the Park. The inaugural family-friendly event took place at Sharon Sheffield Park, and featured canvas painting for both kids and adults, along with delicious food trucks, music, and yard games. We had a great turnout of approximately three hundred attendees! If you missed out, don’t worry! The next Art in the Park is scheduled for Friday, December 15th. Be sure to follow our Facebook Page or website for announcements with additional details.



The next Art in the Park will be Friday, December 15, 2023 at Sharon Sheffield Park.

It has been a busy fall season for Lynn Haven Sports & Recreation; however, there’s still a lot to look forward to in the coming months.

Our Youth and Adult Fall Basketball League began October 28th, and games are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between 5:30PM and 9PM at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium in the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. To view the season’s schedule, visit www.LeagueLobster.com and search “Lynn Haven.”

Also, the sports department is preparing for two upcoming winter leagues: Youth Flag Football and Adult Co-ed Softball. For flag football, registration is open until November 26th and games will begin in early January on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at A.L. Kinsaul Park. For Adult Softball, registration is open until November 17th. The season begins in early January, so be sure to get your team together if you are interested in competing. Registration for both leagues can be found on the city’s website. 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.

CITY UPDATES

Yard of the Month



The Lynn Haven Garden Club has selected the City of Lynn Haven for the October Yard of the Month. In a recent post, the Garden Club states, “Riding through Lynn Haven is a beautiful site from one city limit sign to the exit of the city limits. Sharon Sheffield Park

is just one example of the hard work from city employees. The lawn is edged and manicured; it shows the pride that goes into making our town beautiful.” We are so grateful for this acknowledgment and thankful that we have amazing employees to help maintain the city’s landscape on a daily basis.

Brick Paver Project

The garden plaza at City Hall is almost complete and all of the brick pavers have been installed around the flagpole. If you ordered a paver, be sure to take some time out of your day to find yours! This



project commemorates the City of Lynn Haven’s resiliency after the devastating Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018. We will never forget the struggles and obstacles from the storm, and continue to look forward to a bright future for the city.

Lynn Haven Legacy

Lynn Haven history runs deep and is on display through a wall mural in the lobby of our new city hall. Brent Rocher, who is a supervisor in our grounds department, comes from a family, who for generations, have worked for the city. His grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-uncle were all firefighters and are featured in a photo on the mural. The public is encouraged to visit the city hall lobby and view this historical presentation.



Spend the Holidays with the City of Lynn Haven!

It’s officially the holiday season and there are many opportunities in the City of Lynn Haven to spread the holiday cheer!

Join us for our Winter Wonderland event on Saturday, November 18th from 9AM – 3PM at Sharon Sheffield Park. During this event, local booth vendors will sell items such as clothes, arts and crafts, jewelry, furniture, holiday décor, and more. This event is the perfect opportunity for a one-stop shopping trip to get any gifts

you may need for Christmas from small and local businesses in our area.

Our Christmas Tree Lighting event will be Tuesday, Nov. 28th from 6PM – 8PM at Sharon Sheffield Park. Hosted by our partner, WJHG News Channel 7, there will be plenty of entertainment, food vendors, hot chocolate, photo opportunities with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, live music, and more! Join us for the countdown to light up the 34-foot Christmas tree at the park!

Our Christmas Parade is a community-favorite! Our 8th Annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9AM – 11 AM and always brings in joy and cheer for the holiday season! Hundreds of people line along Florida Avenue and 5th Street to watch as the 80+ floats pass by with candy and toys for all.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming holiday events that you don’t want to miss! The City of Lynn Haven would love to have YOU join us!

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

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