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 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  
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 Public Works 850-265-5989  
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## Upcoming Bid Openings

\*Please visit [CityofLynnHaven.com/Bids.aspx](http://CityofLynnHaven.com/Bids.aspx) for more information.

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“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots.”

- Marcus Garvey

## Call for Spotlight Nominations!



We're celebrating the vibrant history of Lynn Haven by putting the spotlight on our oldest residents! Nominate someone you know, who is over 100 years old, for a special feature in upcoming Lynn Haven Living newsletters. Share their inspiring stories, cherished memories, and the wisdom they bring to our community. To nominate, send an email to [communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com) with their name, age, photo, and a brief description of why they deserve to be recognized!



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  
 Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

City Commission Meeting  
 Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

City Commission Meeting  
 March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## FEBRUARY 2024 VOL. 2, ISSUE 2

### Celebrate Black History Month in Lynn Haven



Banners will be displayed throughout Sharon Sheffield Park during February.

Join the City of Lynn Haven for a month of inspiring events to honor and celebrate Black history and culture. The 2024 theme is African Americans and the Arts.

We kicked off the month with a display of lightpole banners



The 5th Annual Community Health Fair will be February 15th.

to highlight prominent local and national African American leaders who influenced our nation and community. The celebration continued with an outdoor movie night event on February 2nd with the showing of Black Panther: Wakanda Forever under the stars at Sharon Sheffield Park.

We're continuing the month with family friendly entertainment that will continue to highlight the richness of Black history.

Be on the lookout for announcements on our Facebook and website for our upcoming art showcase night on February 13th. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore collections of diverse and talented artists, who contribute to the vibrant tapestry of our community.

We will wrap up Black History Month with a closing reception on February 27th, where artwork from local students will be displayed throughout the City Hall meeting chambers

The reception will be from



The city will showcase work from local artists on February 13th.

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM with light refreshments as we announce the winners of the art contest. Mark your calendars and join us for these meaningful events in Lynn Haven throughout February. Let's come together to honor the contributions of the Black community in Lynn Haven.



The Black History Month Closing reception will be February 27th.

- 2/12 Leon Miller Day
- 2/13 Art Showcase
- 2/15 Community Health Fair

- 2/17 Tree Giveaway
- 2/19 President's Day
- 2/27 Black History Month Closing Reception -



**“We are greater, together”**

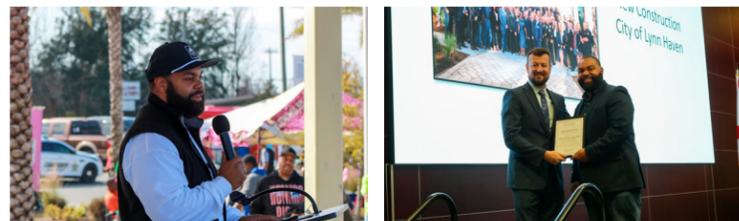
## Mayor Nelson’s Message

In addition to being Black History Month, February is also considered the month of love. So I believe it’s the perfect time to fall in love with Lynn Haven, again. So how do we #LoveLH again? Keep reading and discover a few ways you can #LoveLH again.

1. Run a New Route - Doing the same walking or running routine every day can become boring over time. So try a new route to explore a different part of the city. Rails to Trails is a great place to begin a new route. You can also walk on the Bailey Bridge for a breathtaking view of the sunrise or sunset. And don’t forget about the Bayou Park and Preserve for a nature walk or run.
2. Be A Tourist - Although we are a “big little” city, you can live like a tourist for a day or two. First, visit city hall to see the

historical highlights of our city. Then go visit the various landmarks you saw on the historical walls in city hall. For example, you can see the McMullin Library (Bay County’s First Library), the Union Soldier Memorial at Monument Park, or the stage where Hank Williams Sr. performed in Robert’s Hall. After visiting some historical sites, grab a bite to eat or a cup of coffee at one of our local restaurants or coffeehouses. And remember to take lots of pictures and include the hashtag #LoveLH when you post your pictures on social media.

3. Enjoy the Entertainment - We offer the best family-friendly entertainment and events in Bay County. Each fall and spring, we sponsor a concert series at Sharon Sheffield Park. These concerts are free to the public and offer great music with delicious food from various local vendors.



We also host the biggest Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festival, Independence Day Celebration, and Trunk or Treat in Bay County. And with Kaleidoscope Theater re-opened, more entertainment is on the way.

#LoveLH is more than a hashtag for social media or a bumper sticker. #LoveLH is a call for positivity and engagement within our city. You can engage by attending commission meetings in person or online and volunteering for a city event, board, or with a local organization. It’s a charge to fight apathy with interest, enthusiasm, concern, and passion for our beloved city. It is a challenge for us to be greater together by falling in love with Lynn Haven, again.

Sincerely,  
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## CITY UPDATES

### Residential Paint Program



Did you know the Lynn Haven’s Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) has a residential paint program? This program is designed to promote the enhancement of residential buildings within the CRA. They will pay for

power washing the residence and painting materials if the homeowner agrees to paint his or her residence. The maximum amount for the above-mentioned service and material per residence is \$750. The program is being offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The CRA Board reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make any final determinations.

On January 24, 2023, the Lynn Haven City Commission passed a proclamation to declare Leon Miller Day as an annual observance held on the second Monday in February. Leon Miller was a servant leader and the first African American elected to the Lynn Haven City Commission in 1978. Mr. Miller passed away in August of 2022. He was 89 years old. Leon Miller Day will be held on February 12th this year. Please take this day to honor Leon Miller and his extraordinary legacy.

### Leon Miller Day



### Ordinance No. 1164: Board of Construction

In the January 9th Commission meeting, the city commission passed Ordinance No. 1164. This ordinance amended the city’s code of ordinances related to the Building Contractors Examining Board; renaming the board to Board of Construction; revising and limiting the duties of the board to conform with section 489.113, Florida Statutes; providing for filing fees, repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith providing for severability; and providing for codification.



## BUSINESS COLUMN

What are your goals for 2024? If one them is to be more active, then you’re in luck! There’s a handful of fitness centers and gyms around Lynn Haven to help you stay fit this year. Check out these six places that offer a space to help you stay fit this year!

- 1 **ACR Athletics**  
1721 Kentucky Avenue  
(850) 511-3459
- 2 **FITT Focus**  
1513 Tennessee Avenue  
(850) 276-5867
- 3 **Black Sheep Jiu-Jitsu**  
1800 Hwy - 77 Suite 400  
(850) 867-2604
- 4 **Pure Platinum Health & Fitness**  
3400A Hwy - 77  
(850) 867-2604
- 5 **Lynn Haven Sports Complex**  
2201 Recreation Drive  
(850) 788-2357
- 6 **Christopher Johnson’s Karate Training Center**  
806 Hwy - 390  
(850) 785-2024



## LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

Join the excitement this February with Lynn Haven Sports & Recreation! The city would like to congratulate the Adult Basketball League Champions: The Ones, for the 2023 season. Thank you to the teams, players, coaches, and sponsors for another fun season of basketball. We’re wrapping up winter sports and heading into our spring leagues. Our youth volleyball league season began in late January; most games are held on Saturday mornings in February in the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. Be sure to come out and cheer on your team! Mark your calendars for Spring Ball Opening Day on March 9, 2024, at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex ballfields. There’s a full day planned with entertainment, inflatables, food trucks, and ball games! The opening ceremony will kick off promptly at 9AM with remarks from special guest speakers. There’s so much to look forward to this year, especially our adult kickball league. It’s time to get your teams together if you are interested in competing in the adult kickball league this season. Follow registration announcements on all leagues through our Facebook page or www.LynnHavenSports.com.



Congratulations to The Ones: Lynn Haven’s Adult Basketball League Champions.

### The Land Development Code VS. The Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is required by the State and changes to the plan require State approval. All Counties and Municipalities in the State of Florida are required to have a Comprehensive Plan with the required and optional elements being in Chapter 163.3177 of the Florida Statutes. The plan must provide the principles, guidelines, standards and strategies for the orderly and balanced future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development of the area for which it pertains. These should guide future decisions in a consistent manner and contain programs and activities to ensure that the comprehensive plan is implemented. Elements contained within the plan are Future Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Coastal Management, Conservation, Recreation, Capital Improvements,

Intergovernmental Coordination, Property Rights and Concurrency Management. The principles and strategies are generally provided as goals, objectives, and policies describing how the local government’s programs, activities, and land development regulations will be initiated, modified, or continued to implement the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan should not include implementing regulations, as these will be in the Land Development Regulations. The local government is required to evaluate its Comprehensive Plan at least every seven years to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect a minimum planning period of at least 10 years or to reflect changes in State requirements since the last update. If updates are required, the government has

one year in which to make these changes and submit them to the State Land Planning Agency for approval. Within one year after adopting or revising the Comprehensive Plan, a municipality must adopt or amend and enforce Land Development Regulations that are consistent with and implement their adopted Comprehensive Plan. The City of Lynn Haven does not have a Zoning Map and so have our bulk regulation requirements in the Land Development Regulations as well as the state required content. The State Land Planning Agency may require a local government to submit one or more Land Development Regulations if it has reasonable grounds to believe that a local government has totally failed to adopt any one or more of the Land Development Regulations required by the Statutes.

### SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

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