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 • Code Enforcement 850-265-4111
 Public Works 850-265-5989
 • Garbage Pickup 850-265-2121
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Upcoming Bid Openings

RFQ 23.24-01 Professional Utility Engineering Services Wastewater Treatment Facilities Design

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“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”

- Vincent Van Gogh

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 the 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! For any questions or inquires, contact our Marketing & Communications Department at communications@cityoflynnhaven.com.



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
 March 12th, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

City Commission Meeting
 March 26th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

City Commission Meeting
 April 9th, 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 Avenue, 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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Spring Concert Series Returns to Lynn Haven



The 2024 Spring Concert Series kicks off on March 15th at Sharon Sheffield Park!

We are thrilled to announce the return of Lynn Haven's beloved Spring Concert Series! Mark your calendars for March 15th, as we kick off eight weeks of incredible music from local artists and bands. The concerts will be held every Friday night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Sharon



Anthony Peebles will hit the stage on April 5th.

Sheffield Park through May 10th.

Join us as we showcase the immense talents of our local bands and artists, bringing together neighbors, friends, and families for evenings filled with vibrant musical performances and memorable experiences within the Lynn Haven community.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, these concerts offer something special for everyone. The Spring Concert Series event aims to create and cultivate connections to celebrate the lively spirit of our community.

Make sure to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and an appetite because there will be different food truck options ready to serve you each week! Let's come together to create unforgettable moments and embrace the joy of community.

Be sure to follow our website or Facebook page for announcements on the full lineup of performers, food truck schedule, and exciting updates



Jack & Gin will perform on April 26th.

Spread the word, invite your friends, and let's make this year's Spring Concert Series the best one - yet. You don't want to miss it! We can't wait to see you there!



Come see Catalyst Music on April 12th.

- 3/1 International Food Truck Friday - 5PM
- 3/9 Spring Ball Opening Day - 9AM
- 3/15 Spring Concert Series - True Soul - 6PM
- 3/22 Spring Concert Series - 12Eleven - 6PM
- 3/23 Easter Egg Hunt - 9AM
- 3/29 Good Friday (City Offices Closed)



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

Since March is Women’s History Month, this Mayor’s Message will focus on eight women that have impacted our society locally and nationally. All of these women are difference makers and have called Florida home.

1. **Harriet Beecher Stowe**, the author of Uncle Tom’s Cabin, was an abolitionist whose home in Brunswick, Maine, was a station for the Underground Railroad. After the Civil War, she bought property near Jacksonville and said she never had any issues with her fellow Floridians.
2. **Sharon Sheffield** was the first Black woman to serve as a city commissioner and Lynn Haven Mayor. A city park is named in her honor.
3. **Paula Hawkins** was the first woman elected to a statewide office in Florida by serving on the Public Service Commission. In 1980, she became the first

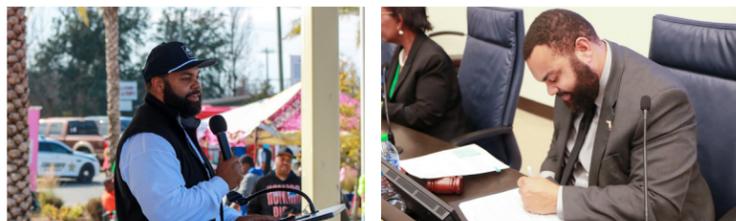
- woman elected to the US Senate.
4. **Mary McLeod Bethune** was the founder of Bethune-Cookman University, Mary McLeod Hospital and Training School for Nurses, and the National Council of Negro Women. She was a close friend of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and advisors to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.
5. **Janet Reno** was an attorney from Miami. She was the first woman to be the United States Attorney General and served from 1993 to 2001.
6. **Kim Godwin**, a native of Panama City, was named president of ABC in 2021. She was the first Black woman to be executive of a major American news network.
7. **Montel Johnson** was the first woman elected Mayor of Lynn Haven. She led our city for twelve years.
8. **Vickie Gainer** was the first woman and

Black American to be employed as Lynn Haven’s City Manager. She led the effort in rebuilding our city after Hurricane Michael and preparing us for the future.

We can learn four lessons from the life of these women. First, don’t allow people’s opinions to limit you. Second, people will notice and reward your excellence. Third, your service and sacrifice doesn’t go unnoticed. Finally, the seeds you plant today will bear fruit to feed future generations.

I hope that we can continue to follow the example these women have set because they exemplify what it means to be “greater together! Honoring Women of the Past, Present, and Future,

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CITY UPDATES

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



We are excited to announce that Lynn Haven’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 AM–Noon at A.L. Kinsaul Park. The egg hunt will start promptly at 10:00 AM. We will have food vendors, entertainment,

photo opportunities, face painters, and more! The age groups range from 3 and under, 4 to 6 years, 7 to 9 years, and 10 and older. We ask that families bring their own Easter basket; however, the city will provide plastic Easter bags for those who cannot bring their own.

CRA District versus the 1911 Plat

The “1911 plat area” is the first recorded plat of Lynn Haven. It outlines the street grid and lot layout in the historic part of town. This program is designed to promote the development of unimproved lots within the City of Lynn Haven 1911 Plat. This financial incentive is designed to encourage especially individual infill housing projects. The CRA is located within Lynn Haven’s 1911 plat area. It was formed in 2003 to improve slum and blight conditions within that area.



Ordinance Reminder: No. 1163

In December, the city commission passed Ordinance No. 1163. The ordinance provides for the adoption pursuant to chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes of a land use change from low density residential to public institutional for an approximate 0.688 +/- acres of property

located on the corner of 16th Street and Iowa Avenue in Lynn Haven, Florida.



BUSINESS COLUMN

Looking for a reliable car and automotive services in Lynn Haven? Look no further! Whether you need an oil change, tire rotation, brake inspection, diagnostic, or car detail, here are eight local businesses around Lynn Haven to help fulfill the needs of your vehicle!

1 Tuffy Tire & Auto Service

2406 S. Hwy 77
(850) 265-0058

2 Grease Pro Inc.

3136 Hwy 77
(850) 784-4433

3 Tire Kingdom

2112 Hwy 77
(850) 213-8121

4 PCR Automotive

1502 Ohio Avenue
(850) 571-3009

5 Road Mart Tire Pros

2413 Lynn Haven Pkwy
(850) 265-9401

6 Take 5 Oil Change

2401B Hwy 77
(850) 394-9315

7 CRH Auto Repair

6606 Hwy 77
(850) 277-0888

8 Pro Clean Auto Detailing

1509 Florida Ave Ste. 106
(850) 248-2270



LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

There’s a lot to come in Lynn Haven’s Sports & Recreation! As we transition into a new season, the Lynn Haven Sports & Recreation Department is gearing up for another exciting season of spring sports.

Our 2024 Spring Ball Opening Day will be Saturday, March 9th at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex ballfields. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 AM with remarks from special guest speakers and games will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. Join us for a full day of entertainment, inflatables, food trucks, and ball games! Be sure to come out and support your favorite teams.

The City of Lynn Haven is excited to host its first-ever Turbo Pixel Tournament (eSports) on Saturday, March 16th at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium.

Registration closes on March 15th with the Juniors (ages 7-10) and Seniors (ages 11-13) competing head-to-head in Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros Ultimate tournament on the Nintendo Switch. Sign up to play today!

Get those teams together! Registration for the Adult Volleyball League is currently open through March 15th. Teams are required to have a minimum of 10 players and a max of 12 players. Be on the lookout for registration dates in our future issues for the Adult Kickball and Adult Co-ed Softball Leagues in early April.

It’s time to leave the jackets at home and bring out the sunglasses. We invite the community to join us in supporting our spring sports teams as they strive for excellence on and off the field. Whether it’s cheering from the sidelines or volunteering behind the scenes, your involvement makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our athletes. Stay tuned for updates, schedules, and highlights as we embark on this new season of sports and recreation. Be sure to follow registration announcements for all leagues through our Facebook page or www.LynnHavenSports.com. For any questions, comments, or concerns about our upcoming sports leagues, contact Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com.

Spring into Sports & Recreation with the City of Lynn Haven!



Congratulations to Team BD: Lynn Haven’s Adult Co-ed Softball League Champions.

History of Leslie Porter Park

The City of Lynn Haven is full of rich history. As many know, several of our landmarks, buildings, parks, and even ball fields are named after Lynn Haven greats who played a key role in getting Lynn Haven to where it is today. So, who is Leslie Porter Park named after?

William Leslie Porter was a lifelong resident of Lynn Haven and was the owner of an automotive parts store. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a former city commissioner who spent many

active years in service to his city. Mr. Porter died on July 3, 1968. His legacy carries on through the beautiful Leslie Porter Park that sits next to the Bailey Bridge.

The park boasts several amenities including a waterfront beach area, walking bridge, boat ramp, two playgrounds, covered pavilions, grills, and bathrooms. Leslie Porter Park is also home to our annual Music by the Bay event which is held each summer.



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