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 Development & Planning 850-248-0708
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 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
 • Code Enforcement 850-265-4111
 Public Works 850-265-5989
 • Garbage Pickup 850-265-2121
 Ext. 2507
 • Cemeteries 850-265-5989
 Utilities Department 850-265-0087

Upcoming Bid Openings

- RFQ 23.24-03 Tennessee Avenue Sidewalk Project Design Engineering Services
- PE File No 150050 8th Street Sidewalk Improvements

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PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN, MAKE SURE ONLY RAIN GOES DOWN THE STREET DRAINS.

July 4th Applications Now Open!

Calling all groups, businesses, organizations, and anyone interested! We are now accepting applications for parade floats, sponsors, food trucks, and booth vendors to be a part of our Annual Fourth of July Celebration! The celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4th at Sharon Sheffield Park and A.L. Kinsaul Park. For any questions or concerns, please email the Marketing & Communications department at communications@cityoflynnhaven.com.

JOIN OUR PARADE!
 APPLY ONLINE
CITYOFFLYNNHAVEN.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
 May 14th, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

Beautification Board Meeting
 May 15th, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

City Commission Meeting
 May 28th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

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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The Revival of Lynn Haven's Historic Clock



The clock tower is a symbolic piece of Lynn Haven's past and present.

As the heart of Lynn Haven beats with history, there's a beloved icon that stands tall, echoing the rhythm of time itself. The historic clock tower that adorned the old City Hall building has long been a cherished symbol of our community's past and present.

On October 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael swept through Bay County, leaving devastation in its wake, including the near-total destruction of our municipal infrastructures like the Lynn Haven City Hall. Yet, amidst the rubble from the demolition project in May 2021, city officials were

able to salvage part of the old city hall building to rejuvenate a historic piece of the city. Now, we're thrilled to announce that this cherished timepiece is undergoing rejuvenation, a labor of love to restore its former glory. The restoration will not only bring back its timeless elegance but also introduce a delightful



Lynn Haven City Hall prior to Hurricane Michael.

addition of music that will resonate through the streets at each passing hour, a harmonious celebration of time and tradition.

With an anticipated completion date in Fall 2024, this refurbishment marks a significant milestone in our city's journey. As the clock chimes again, it will serve as a reminder of our shared heritage and the vibrant spirit that defines Lynn Haven. City Manager Gainer listened to numerous



The restoration of the clock tower is expected to be complete by Fall 2024.

residents expressing their concerns about the restoration of the clock, assuring those who reached out to her that the clock would be restored, and that the melodious chimes would once again grace the city from the clock tower. We extend a cordial invitation to all to partake in the anticipation of the return of this iconic landmark. Its revival stands as a beacon, illuminating not only the passage of time but also the profound sense of community pride that resonates within our town.



The clock tower can be seen along Highway 77 in Lynn Haven.

- 5/3 Spring Concert Series - Chris Godber 6PM
- 5/10 Spring Concert Series - Will Thompson 6PM
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/27 Memorial Day (City Offices Closed)
- 6/16 Father's Day
- 6/19 Juneteenth (City Offices Closed)



“We are greater, together”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

May is for Moms! In this article, I will share a history of Mother’s Day from Britannica.com and a few practical suggestions to honor moms.

Mother’s Day, a holiday in honor of mothers that is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In its modern form the holiday originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday in May. Many other countries also celebrate the holiday on this date, while some mark the observance at other times of the year. During the Middle Ages, the custom developed of allowing those who had moved away to visit their home parishes and their mothers on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. This became Mothering Sunday in Britain, where it continued into modern times, although it has largely been replaced by Mother’s Day. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women’s groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother’s

Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother’s church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one’s mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honor became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being.

So that’s the history of Mother’s Day in



America? Now how can we celebrate our moms? I will provide a few practical suggestions for honoring moms. Some of the suggestions can still work even if your mom is not here.

- M-** Make your Mom’s favorite meal or dessert.
- O-** Openly declare your love and appreciation for your mom.
- T-** Thank God for your mom.
- H-** Help your mom or another senior lady with a home project.
- E-** Encourage your friends to honor their moms.
- R-** Remember a happy moment from childhood and share it with your mom or someone else.

Honoring Moms,
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CITY UPDATES

Golf Cart Reminder

A friendly reminder to residents that there are only two dedicated golf cart crossings in Lynn Haven, the first being on 9th Street & Ohio Avenue and the other on Illinois Avenue & Highway 389 (12th Street). If you have any enforcement concerns, contact the Lynn Haven Police Department at 850-265-4111.



Thank you, volunteers!

The City of Lynn Haven would like to thank Sea Sound Apartments of Panama City Beach for volunteering to help out Lynn Haven Animal Shelter. They assist with walking dogs and other duties around the shelter and have even made some adoptions! Thank you so much for your support and what you are doing for our furry friends!



7 Second Rule

Summertime is just around the corner, so please be aware of the potential for injury to your pets’ paws when walking on asphalt. Asphalt can be 40-60 degrees hotter than the surrounding air temperature on a bright sunny day. Some good tips could be scheduling walks for earlier in the morning or later in the evening to minimize the chance of injury. A quick way to test if it is too hot is to stick to the **7 SECOND RULE**. Place the back of your hand on the pavement surface for 7 seconds. If it’s too hot for your hand, it’s too hot for their paws!



BUSINESS COLUMN

May is National Walking Month and a great opportunity to locally get your steps in! The City of Lynn Haven values outdoor activity which is why there are many safe and enjoyable ways to get moving right in the comfort of your town! Here are seven areas in Lynn Haven to get your daily cardio fix.

- 1 Sharon Sheffield Park**
901 Ohio Avenue
- 2 Rails To Trails**
3017 US-231
CR 390 & Georgia Avenue
- 3 Cain Griffin Park**
616 E. 17th Street
- 4 Lynn Haven Bayou Park & Preserve**
4800 CR-2321
- 5 A.L. Kinsaul Park**
1146 W. 5th Street
- 6 Lynn Haven Sports Complex**
2201 Recreation Drive
- 7 Leslie Porter Park**
200 Michigan Avenue



LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

As we delve into the spring sports, a flurry of activity envelops Lynn Haven. Our Adult Volleyball League playoffs are scheduled for May 10th at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium, while Spring Ball playoffs commence on May 18th.

We eagerly anticipate the gathering of families and friends to participate in our esteemed summer leagues!

Registration for the Adult Kickball League remains open until May 28th. The season start is slated for the week of June 4th and will extend through July 26th. All matches will be held at Cain Griffin Park, featuring doubleheaders every Thursday from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Also, registration for Adult Softball concludes on June 5th, with the season running from June 10th to July 26th. Men’s league fixtures are scheduled for each Monday, whereas co-ed league matches are slated for every Tuesday, from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m., held on the ballfields at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. Don’t wait until it’s too late! Join in on the fun and sign your teams up today!

Don’t forget that tentative schedules for each league are available to view on www.leaguelobster.com. Stay tuned for updates, schedules, and announcements as we transition into the forthcoming summer season of sports and recreational activities throughout the City of Lynn Haven. Stay up to date with the latest information for all leagues through our Facebook page or www.LynnHavenSports.com. For any questions, comments, or concerns regarding current or upcoming sports leagues, contact Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com. or 850-788-2357.

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



Don’t forget to cheer on your favorite team this spring ball season!

Lynn Haven Named Top 10 Places to Live in Florida for 2024

The City of Lynn Haven is honored to be recognized as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Live in Florida for 2024!

According to an article from worldatlas.com, Lynn Haven, Florida snagged a spot on the “10 Best Places to Live in Florida in 2024” list. The article recognizes Lynn Haven as “an excellent atmosphere for raising young children,” and addresses the low

crime rate, along with high-rated educational programs within the city. The article also mentions the countless scenic opportunities and outdoor attractions to keep the community engaged every day through the beauty of its parks and family-friendly events. This recognition reflects the outstanding qualities and amenities that make Lynn Haven a desirable community for both residents and visitors.



SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

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