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 • Utility Billing Ext. 2109
 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
 • Code Enforcement 850-265-4111
 Public Works 850-265-5989
 • Garbage Pickup 850-265-2121
 Ext. 2507
 • Cemeteries 850-265-5989
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Upcoming Bid Openings

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

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

Hurricane Preparedness

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1st through November 30th. Plan ahead this hurricane season and pick up sandbags at the concession stands at A.L. Kinsaul Park or

Cain Griffin Park. Sand to fill the bags is available to pick up behind the Lynn Haven Animal Shelter. Residents are asked to bring their driver's license and a shovel. There is a 10-bag limit per household.



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

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Annual Fourth of July Celebration

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Lynn Haven's Annual Fourth of July Celebration will be held Thursday, July 4, 2024

Join us for Lynn Haven's Fourth of July Celebration on Thursday, July 4th, 2024! This is a fantastic all-day event that the whole family can enjoy, and best of all, it's completely free!

MEETING SCHEDULE

Planning Commission Meeting
 June 4th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

City Commission Meeting
 June 11th, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

City Commission Meeting
 June 25th, 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.

want to miss the presentation of colors by the Tyndall Honor Guard, recognition of our special guests, and a live performance of the National Anthem. The parade will start at 8:45 AM and feature a lineup of spectacular floats along Highway 77. The Party in the USA Festival begins at 9:00 AM at Sharon Sheffield Park. Enjoy activities like rock climbing, axe throwing, a mechanical bull, stilt walkers, balloon artists, face painting, vendor booths, food trucks, games, and even a dunk tank!



Deana Carter will headline the Let Freedom Ring Finale Concert at 7:30 P.M.

The Let Freedom Ring Finale concert starts at 6:00 PM at A.L. Kinsaul Park and will feature a headlining performance by Nashville's own, Deana Carter. Opening for Deana Carter will be local talent, The Gr8ful Dads. We will have a variety of food trucks, vendors, yard games, and free photos at the Gypsy Belle photo bus. The grand finale of the night will be a 30-minute spectacular fireworks show, starting at 9:00 PM.



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We can't wait to welcome

- 6/16 Father's Day
- 6/19 Juneteenth (City Offices Closed)
- 7/4 Independence Day (City Offices Closed)
- 7/4 Fourth of July Celebration 9AM - 9PM
- 7/5 Independence Day Observed (City Offices Closed)
- 8/9 Music By the Bay - 12Eleven
- 9/2 Labor Day (City Offices Closed)



“We are greater, together.”

Mayor Nelson’s Message

Honoring Dads! June is often considered the month for weddings. However, just as May is for moms, June is for dads. In this article, I will share a history of Father’s Day from History.com and give a few practical suggestions to honor dads.

The nation’s first [official] Father’s Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother’s Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation’s first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December’s explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-

time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, in Spokane, Washington, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother’s Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation’s first statewide Father’s Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, DC. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father’s Day.

So that’s the history of Father’s Day in America.

Now how can we celebrate our dads? I will provide a few practical suggestions for honoring dads:

- Remember a life lesson he taught you and teach it to someone else.
- Tell someone a funny story about your dad.
- Start doing a hobby with him or in memory of him.
- Tell your Dad Thank you! Even if he has passed, you can still say Thank you.

Honoring Dads,

Mayor Jesse L. Nelson
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Mayor Nelson and City Manager Gainer meet with first Lady DeSantis.



Mayor Nelson attends the Pastors United’s Chaplain Corps Graduation Ceremony.

CITY UPDATES

Happy Retirement, Fire Chief!

After 30 years of dedicated service, Fire Chief John DeLonjay retired from the City of Lynn Haven. His commitment to keeping our community safe has been unwavering and his leadership has been nothing short of inspiring. Join us in thanking Chief DeLonjay for his three decades of service and wishing him a well-deserved retirement!



Now Open in Lynn Haven!

Congratulations to Major’s Smokehouse, a local barbecue joint, for opening their doors at a new location in Lynn Haven. The restaurant is located at 308 Ohio Ave., and offers a wide variety of BBQ favorites. Major’s operates Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to stop by for lunch or dinner soon!



Last Call: July 4th Parade Forms

Last call for all groups, businesses, organizations, and anyone interested! We are still accepting applications for parade float participation in our *America: Home of the Brave* parade. Entry into the parade is free of charge. Parade forms can be found on www.cityofflynhaven.com on the Marketing & Communications department page under the Forms and Applications tab. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 28th at 4:30 p.m. For any questions or concerns, please email the Marketing & Communications department at communications@cityofflynhaven.com.



BUSINESS COLUMN

Looking for solutions to keep your grass low and avoid getting tangled in any weeds this summer? There are plenty of lawn care services around Lynn Haven to meet your needs. Check out these seven local businesses that specialize in lawn care maintenance in the Lynn Haven area.

1 Brock Lawn and Pest Control Inc.
(850) 265-5702

2 Green Carpet Lawn Care
(850) 303-1495

3 Advanced Lawn and Landscaping
(850) 541-3299

4 GreenTree Landscapes, LLC
(850) 387-3011

5 Surfside Turf Mgmt Services
(850) 265-5702

6 Turf-MD
(850) 265-3857

7 Titus Landscaping, LLC
(850) 832-1220



LYNN HAVEN RECREATION

Our Lynn Haven athletes continue to impress us every day! The city would like to congratulate the 2024 Adult Volleyball League Champions: Zesty Buffalo. They ended the regular season with a 5-1-1 record and defeated the number one seed Hits and Giggles in a tie-breaker set during the championship game.



Congratulations to Zesty Buffalo: The 2024 Adult Volleyball League Champions!

We eagerly anticipate the gathering of families and friends to participate in our esteemed summer leagues! Join us on the ballfields this summer as we enter the adult kickball and softball seasons.

The season start for adult kickball is scheduled for the week of June 4th and will continue through July 26th. Playoffs will be held the week of July 29th. All matches will be held at Cain Griffin Park, featuring doubleheaders every Thursday from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. Also, the adult softball season runs 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. All games will be held on the ballfields at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex.

Our youth summer basketball league will have its season opener the week of June 10th at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium. This indoor league will have weekday games starting at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., and only a few games will take place on Saturdays. The season ends the week of July 22nd. Be sure to come out and support your favorite team this season!

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 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@cityofflynhaven.com or 850-788-2357.

A Sanitation Surprise

Last month, our sanitation team received a special invitation to a birthday party to surprise a huge fan of garbage trucks. They had the opportunity to spend time with the attendees and witness the joy and excitement from the smiles of children who love the show “Trash Truck”. The team allowed them to sit in the truck and watch it dump the garbage cans.

Public Works Director Chris Lightfoot said, “It was awesome to witness their excitement and we are glad we could make their birthday one to remember.”

Thank you to our sanitation team for always going above and beyond to keep our residents happy!



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