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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
- Utilities Department 850-265-0087

## Upcoming Bid Openings

- PE File No 150062 15th\_16th\_17th St Sidewalks



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## Lynn Haven's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)



The Lynn Haven CRA was established in 2004.

The Lynn Haven Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) department was established in 2004 with the goal to reduce "slum and blight conditions" in the historic part of Lynn Haven.

Its vision is "To promote a family-oriented, walkable community with a vibrant small-business-friendly downtown area that preserves our local, small-town heritage." CRAs typically have a lifespan of 30 years, meaning the Lynn Haven CRA is set to sunset in 2033. However, the City Commission has the option to extend the CRA by another 10 years.

To achieve its goals, the CRA implements various projects each year, based on the CRA Plan and approved by the CRA Board, which is composed of the City Commission members. Recently, the CRA completed several projects,



Before



After

including three blocks of sidewalk on Minnesota Ave., four blocks of sidewalk on 3rd Street near Porter Park, and 4 ½ blocks of sidewalk on West 7th Street. Additionally, the CRA installed street furniture for rails-to-trails, developed a pocket park at 17th Street, and

offered incentives throughout the CRA to encourage infill housing, home renovation, and commercial development.

The CRA Board typically meets right before the City Commission meeting on an as-needed basis, and the public is always encouraged to attend these meetings. Residents can also get involved in the CRA by serving on the CRA Advisory Board.

To learn more about the Lynn Haven CRA, visit our website. For any direct questions or inquiries, contact CRA Director Ben Janke at [bjanke@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:bjanke@cityoflynnhaven.com).



Lynn Haven's CRA set a goal to reduce "slum and bring conditions" in the historic district.

## OUR CITY COMMISSIONERS



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"The only thing standing between you and your goal is the story you keep telling yourself as to why you can't achieve it." - Jordan Belfort

## Vendor Opportunities



If you're interested in joining our upcoming events, we invite you to apply today at [www.cityoflynnhaven.com](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com). We're currently accepting applications for various events, including food trucks, trunks, and game booths for our Halloween Trunk

or Treat, food trucks and booth vendors for Winter Wonderland, food trucks for the Christmas Tree Lighting, and float participants for the Christmas Parade. Please send your completed applications or inquiries about our events to [communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com).

### MEETING SCHEDULE & UPCOMING EVENTS

- CRA Board Meeting**  
Sept. 11th, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
  - City Commission Meeting**  
Sept. 11th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
  - CRA Board Meeting**  
Sept. 24th, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
  - City Commission Meeting**  
Sept. 24th, 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. Visit the city website for the most current information, meeting locations, and agendas.*

- 9/2 Labor Day**  
(City Offices Closed)
- 9/7 Fall Ball Opening Day-9AM**
- 9/11 Ceremony- 9AM**
- 9/20 Fall Concert Series - 6PM**  
- featuring String Theory
- 9/27 Fall Concert Series - 6PM**  
- featuring The Gr8ful Dads and Foxy Vox

### Go Paperless!

Sign up for paperless billing statements today! Email [CSR@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:CSR@cityoflynnhaven.com) to request paperless billing statements. Please include your name, address, phone number, account number, and customer number in your email. Switching to paperless billing will not impact your automatic bill payments.



**“We are greater, together.”**

## Mayor Nelson’s Message

Every century of American history is marked by days we will never forget. Americans living during the latter part of the 18th Century would remember the shot heard around the world and our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. Those living during the mid-19th Century would remember the Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address. Some reading this message will remember the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the mid-20th Century. My generation will never forget 9/11...

On September 11, 2001, I was sitting in Mrs. Hooks’ British Literature class around 8 a.m. when Napolian Barnes ran into class yelling for us to turn on the television. For the next hour we were speechless as we repeatedly watched planes fly into the World Trade Center. All I could hear was the heavy breathing and gasps of my teacher and classmates. The rest of my day was a

moment of silence. My heart was broken and my spirit grieved as we received up to the minute updates on the rescue efforts.

Later that evening President George W. Bush addressed America. Though his statement was short, it was powerful. His words provided comfort for my grief and a renewed confidence in America’s strength.

“And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.” This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day.”

President Bush’s words still ring true, none of us will ever forget this day. Though twenty plus years have passed, I remember

9/11 like it was yesterday. Believe it or not, some Americans do not remember 9/11. For example, my children were not born. Therefore, those of us that do remember have a responsibility to teach those that do not know so America will never forget 9/11.

In addition to the tragedy, let’s never forget about the bravery of countless men and women that sacrificed their lives to save others. Let’s never forget the families that still grieve the loss of loved ones. Let’s never forget the members of our armed forces that work tirelessly to secure and defend our freedoms daily. Let’s never forget our Lynn Haven First Responders that serve around the clock to ensure the safety and security of our community. Let’s never forget to pray in the name of Jesus and ask God to bless America and Lynn Haven.

Remembering 9/11,

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## Keeping You in the Know

### National Preparedness Month



September is National Preparedness Month! This is recognized to help keep our community safe and aware during cases of a national emergency. As a government-approved holiday, National Preparedness Month helps people prepare by giving them the tools and resources they need, so that when a disaster comes around, people can be assured and know where to go to keep themselves and their families safe. The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs through November 30. Be prepared ahead of any natural disaster and have your supplies ready to minimize preparation and avoid crowds.

### 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Everyone is welcome to join our annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony beginning on Wednesday, September 11th, at 9:00 a.m. Sharon Sheffield Park. The City of Lynn Haven will be providing a limited number of seats, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to view the ceremony. We hope to see you there as we honor the fallen heroes and First Responders of September 11, 2001.



### Lynn Haven Named Most Affordable Town To Retire in Florida

Worldatlas.com has recognized Lynn Haven, Florida as one of the most affordable towns to retire in Florida. The article highlights Lynn Haven to have its average cost of living, rated 4.6% lower than the country average and 7.5% lower than the state average. Since Lynn Haven is further away from the state’s larger cities, it makes it the ideal choice for seniors looking to enjoy the peace and quiet of small-town living.

Golf lovers can enjoy the outdoors at the Nature Walk Golf Club, while the town is dotted with picturesque parks. Leslie Porter Wayside Park offers beautiful waterfront greenery, and Sharon J. Sheffield Park is a favorite for its amphitheater, paved walking trails, and picnic areas.



## BUSINESS COLUMN

## Lynn Haven Recreation

Lynn Haven offers a variety of storage unit facilities that cater to both residents and businesses, providing options in various sizes, including climate-controlled units to protect belongings from Florida’s heat and humidity. Check out these seven local storage unit businesses that can help meet your needs .

- The Storage Inn**  
 (850) 399-6769  
 3000 Highway 77
- Horizon Self Storage**  
 (850) 867-6235  
 1503 Florida Avenue
- Southern Self Storage**  
 (850) 920-8505  
 4617 Highway 389
- Avid Storage**  
 (850) 787-0073  
 2150 Hammock Sq. Drive
- Chavers Storage & Rentals**  
 (850) 265-1382  
 2511 Highway 77
- Bay Mini Warehouse & Storage**  
 (850) 265-3580  
 900 W 10th Street
- Best American Storage**  
 (850) 785-1300  
 3004 Minnesota Avenue



As we enter a new season of sports, there’s a lot to look forward to this fall. But first, we’d like to congratulate our adult summer league champions for the kickball, co-ed softball, and men’s softball leagues. Kickball team Beef O’ Brady’s took home the first-place trophy and finished the season with an undefeated record. Team BD, men’s adult softball champions, closed out the season on top with a 12-2 record. Lastly, the co-ed softball champions are the Grinches finishing out their season with a 9-3 record. Congratulations!



Lynn Haven’s first-ever indoor pickleball league runs through September 23rd.

We’re already in the groove of fall sports as opening day kicked off the start of the new fall ball season. Registration is also now open for youth fall basketball through September 25th and the season begins October 26th. All games will be held at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium and players are only allowed to play one division.

The city is excited to announce the first-ever indoor pickleball league is in full swing! Matches are held Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium. The season runs through September 23rd. Come out and support your favorite team!

Stay up-to-date with the latest information for all leagues through our Facebook page or www.LynnHavenSports.com. Remember that tentative schedules, game results, and team rankings for each league can be found on www.LeagueLobster.com. More updates, schedules, and announcements will become available as we embrace the fall season of sports and recreational activities throughout The City of Lynn Haven. For any questions, comments, or concerns regarding current or upcoming sports leagues, contact Sports@cityofflynnhaven.com or 850-788-2357.

## Fall Concert Series

Who’s ready for another season of concerts in the park?! Our Fall Concert Series is returning to September 20th through October 25th in Sharon Sheffield Park.

Mark your calendars for every Friday night to enjoy a free concert each week along with yard games, and many meal and treat options from some delicious food vendors. Don’t forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket and please remember that there

is no alcohol or smoking permitted in our parks.

We have an incredible lineup that features local and regional talents, and we are excited to welcome them to Lynn Haven. Let’s get ready to jam out to some great music this fall!

For the latest updates and announcements of our Fall Concert Series, visit or Facebook page.

### Check out the line up!

- 9/20:** String Theory (Classic Rock)
- 9/27:** The Gr8ful Dads & Foxy Vox
- 10/4:** Cadillac Willy (Classic Rock)
- 10/11:** The Thomas Merritt Band (Alternative, Southern Rock)
- 10/18:** Scratch 2020 (Variety)
- 10/25:** True Soul (R&B,

## Share Your Feedback

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