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- Building Department 850-248-0634
- Community Services
  - Parks & Grounds 850-248-0551
  - Sports & Recreation 850-248-0171
  - Animal Ctrl./Shelter 850-265-4699
- Customer Service Center 850-265-2121
  - 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

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

# OUR CITY COMMISSIONERS



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**“You have within you, right now, everything you need to deal with whatever the world can throw at you.” -Brian Tracy**

## Waste Removal Reminder



**TRASH PICKUP**

Did you know the city provides a weekly courtesy service for the removal of yard trash? Yard trash is considered to be vegetative matter consisting of limbs, leaves, pine straw, and yard clippings. Items not picked up by the city are: land clearing & tree removal, appliances containing freon, batteries, hazardous materials, paint, refuse created by a private contractor, and tires. For more information on the disposal of hazardous waste materials, please call 850-265-5989.



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

# LYNN HAVEN LIVING

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## MEETING SCHEDULE & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Planning Commission Meeting**  
Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
  - City Commission Meeting**  
Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:00 AM
  - CRA Board Meeting**  
Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
  - City Commission Meeting**  
Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.*
- 8/9 Music By the Bay - 7PM**  
-featuring 12Eleven
  - 9/2 Labor Day**  
(City Offices Closed)
  - 9/7 Fall Ball Opening Day-9AM**
  - 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony- 9AM**
  - 9/20 Fall Concert Series - 6PM**  
- featuring String Theory

# AUGUST 2024 VOL. 2, ISSUE 8 Independence Day in Lynn Haven



Nashville country music star Deana Carter headlines the Let Freedom Ring concert on July 4th.

In case you missed it: The City of Lynn Haven held an incredible Independence Day celebration that was one to remember.

The day began with the Lynn Haven Rotary Club's pancake breakfast, followed by an opening ceremony featuring special guest singers and speakers. Our America: Home of the Brave parade included over 80 floats, decorated by local businesses, organizations, clubs, sports teams, and more! Tyndall Air Force Base conducted a flyover

with two F-35 fighter aircraft over Highway 77. The Party in the USA Festival featured vendors, entertainment, face painting, music, and food trucks - creating a festive atmosphere for everyone.

The celebration wrapped up that evening at A.L. Kinsaul Park with a phenomenal concert featuring the Gr8ful Dads and Nashville's country singer Deana Carter! The park was filled with smiles and songs as our attendees sang the night away with these incredible talents. We thank our staff, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and special guests for helping make this July 4th event the best yet.

If you haven't already, please visit the city's Facebook page to view more amazing moments captured from the day. Thank you to everyone who chose to spend their Independence Day in The City of Lynn Haven! We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating with us.



Opening Ceremony



America: Home of Brave parade



F-35 Flyover



Firework Finale

## 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

Summer break is almost over, which means school will soon be back in session. So, how can we have a great school year? I did some research and interviews to compile suggestions on having a successful school year for families and students.

The following suggestions are for families, specifically parents and guardians, from a parent:

1. Connect early with your child’s teacher to show your support. This contact will let the teacher know you are concerned about the well-being of your student.
2. Know your child’s friends and their influence. It’s important to know who is influencing your child and how they are doing it.
3. Have family dinners at least twice a week. These dinners will help your family slow down amongst the busyness of life and enjoy quality

time with one another.

4. Stay organized at home to reduce stress. Organization is key in keeping down clutter and creating a stress free environment.
5. Create a dedicated homework space and schedule. Kids will be more productive after school in a structured space.
6. Be involved at school through volunteering and attending events.
7. Listen actively to your child and engage in meaningful conversations.
8. Encourage extracurricular activities for fun and development.
9. Connect with other parents for support and information.
10. Appreciate and support teachers. Teaching is a hard job. Let teachers know you appreciate them.

The following suggestions are for students from a student:

1. Arrive on time for class.
2. Go to every class.
3. Raise your hand to speak or volunteer.
4. Follow the school’s dress code.
5. Do not cheat or copy other people’s work.
6. Complete all assignments.
7. Listen and follow the teacher’s directions and be sure to answer all the questions.
8. Respect everyone in the class.

So, those are just a few suggestions I discovered on how families and students can have a successful school year. I hope these tips help. Do you have more tips for a successful school year? Send them to me at [jnelson@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:jnelson@cityoflynnhaven.com)

God’s blessings for a great school year!

Mayor Jesse L. Nelson

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## Keeping You in the Know

### Ordinance Reminder No. 1120

It is unlawful for any person to engage in business as a peddler within The City of Lynn Haven without obtaining a permit. Applications are available at the Business Tax Office at 817 Ohio Ave. Applicants need to obtain fingerprints and a background check from the Bay County Sheriff’s Office, and provide a passport photo and driver’s license. The application, along with required documents, is reviewed by the city manager and police chief. If approved, the applicant is notified, pays the fee, and picks up the business tax receipt in person. Peddlers must wear their badge where it is plain for citizens to see. For complaints or questions about unpermitted peddlers, residents should call the non-emergency police at 850-265-4111. To verify a peddler’s business tax receipt, call the Business Tax Office at 850-265-2121 ext. 2135 with the person’s first and last name.

### Traffic Signal Override

The CRA Department has collaborated with the Fire Department to install a traffic light override system at the intersection of Highway 77 and 390. During an emergency, this system allows the Fire Department to control the traffic signal, turning it red for east, west, and southbound traffic, while turning it green for northbound traffic. This clears the entire intersection, enabling emergency responders to exit the fire station quickly and without obstruction. This system is expected to significantly reduce emergency response times.



### Lynn Haven CRA Commercial Incentive

The Lynn Haven Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Commercial Incentive Program is designed to promote the development of unimproved and improved commercial properties within the Lynn Haven CRA. They will pay a pre-determined amount to the property and/or business owner if he or she builds a new commercial building or increases the size of an existing commercial building by at least 500 SF. The project construction cost (material and labor) must be at least \$20,000. The program is offered to for-profit enterprises on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the CRA Commercial Incentive Program, contact CRA Director Ben Janke at 850-248-0701 or [bjanke@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:bjanke@cityoflynnhaven.com).



## BUSINESS

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Lynn Haven offers a variety of excellent banking options to meet your needs. Whether you’re looking for personal banking, business accounts, loans, or investment services, you’ll find trusted institutions ready to serve you. Here are nine banking options you can find around our community.

### 1 Hello Credit Union

(850) 785-6103  
1302 Ohio Avenue

### 2 Tyndall Federal Credit Union

(850) 769-9999  
1601 Highway 77

### 3 Panhandle Credit Union

(850) 271-1711  
1912 Highway 77

### 4 PeopleSouth Bank

(850) 265-1967  
603 Ohio Avenue

### 5 Trustmark Bank

(850) 265-2021  
2315 Highway 77

### 6 Hancock Whitney Bank

(850) 441-5020  
2105 Highway 77

### 7 Ameris Bank

(850) 763-2171  
2606 Highway 77

### 8 Regions Bank

(850) 589-7820  
2320 S. Highway 77

### 9 Innovations Financial Credit Union

(850) 233-4400  
2250 Highway 77



## Lynn Haven Recreation

We’re wrapping up summer sports and we’ve had an active season with our athletes! Congratulations to the Lynn Haven All Stars 8U - BLUE team who placed 3rd out of 20 teams in the Dizzy Dean World Series at Snowden Grove Park in Southaven, Mississippi, in late June. The team also had three players nominated to the all-tournament team. Let’s give it up for our all-stars! Our athletes gave their all on the fields this summer and we are incredibly proud of their dedication!



Congratulations to the Lynn Haven All Stars 8U - BLUE team who took home 3rd place at the Dizzy Dean World Series.

Don’t forget that registration is currently open for the fall ball season! Sign up today on Community Pass at [LynnHavenSports.com](http://LynnHavenSports.com). Registration closes on August 4th, so there’s still time to register for the upcoming season. Fall ball opening day and league photos will be held on September 7th at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. Find out more information at [www.LynnHavenSports.com](http://www.LynnHavenSports.com).

The afterschool program at the Lynn Haven Boys & Girls Club resumes on August 12th, 2024. This program serves students Monday through Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex, providing students with homework help, health & wellness education, arts & crafts, games & sports, and mentorship. For registration information, visit the sports complex at 2201 Recreation Drive, Lynn Haven, FL 32444, or call 850-866-2195.

Remember that tentative schedules for each league are available online at [www.LeagueLobster.com](http://www.LeagueLobster.com). Stay tuned for updates, schedules, and announcements as we transition into the fall 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](http://www.LynnHavenSports.com). For any questions, comments, or concerns regarding

## Music By The Bay

Our Music by the Bay event will be on Friday, August 9th, from 7-9 p.m. at Leslie Porter Park, 200 Michigan Avenue, featuring an exciting performance by 12Eleven!

12Eleven is a radiant, energetic, and dynamic pop/R&B band with a vast range of cathartic and dance-worthy songs that could please any crowd. The main ingredients to 12Eleven’s vibe are their warm vocals, infectious groove, and

fresh sound. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and listen from the beach or pull their boat in from North Bay and listen from the water. This will be an evening of music, dancing, community, and fun. Food vendors will also be on-site for our visitors to grab something to eat. The boat ramp access at Leslie Porter Park will be closed and barricaded on Friday, August 9th, so boaters should make appropriate arrangements

for launching and docking their boats. We encourage concertgoers to utilize golf carts, carpooling, walking, or boating – as parking is limited at Leslie Porter Park.



12Eleven will take the stage for Music By the Bay on August 9th at Porter Park.

## 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).