

# City Contacts

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

- PE File No. 150063 Well No. 3 Raw Water Main Replacement



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## Lynn Haven's Code Enforcement



Code Enforcement is a division of the Lynn Haven Police Department .

**As of July 1, 2021, Senate Bill #60 prohibits code inspectors from initiating investigations or enforcement actions based on anonymous complaints.**

For more details, view the city ordinance codes online at Lynn Haven Code Enforcement. To report violations, you can call 850-265-4111 and ask for Code Enforcement, email the Code Enforcement team, or submit a Code Enforcement Action Request online at [www.cityoflynnhaven.com](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com).



Code enforcement in the City of Lynn Haven is primarily responsible for ensuring that properties within the city comply with local ordinances and regulations.

Their mission is to maintain the community's appearance, safety, and property values. Code Enforcement has been a division of the Lynn Haven Police Department since October 1, 2019.

**Health and Safety:**  
Addresses hazardous conditions and ensuring structures are safe.

**Nuisance Abatement:**  
Handles noise complaints, abandoned vehicles, and illegal dumping.

**Building Codes:**  
Assists in inspections to confirm construction complies with city codes. Violations typically result in notices, allowing property owners time to correct issues before further action. Officers conduct proactive inspections and respond to resident complaints.

Some key responsibilities of code enforcement in Lynn Haven include:

**Property Maintenance:**  
Ensures lawns, buildings, and debris are properly managed.



This lawn violates code. The City of Lynn Haven puts codes in place to preserve the beauty and safety of the city and to maintain property values.



Advertising signs on the right-of-way are illegal in the City of Lynn Haven..

### MEETING SCHEDULE

**City Commission Meeting**  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

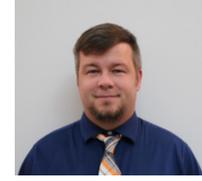
*All meetings are open and available to the public to attend at the Lynn Haven City Hall Meeting Chambers located at 825 Ohio Avenue, Lynn Haven, FL 32444. Visit the city website for the most current information, meeting locations, and agendas.*

- 11/16 Winter Wonderland - 9AM
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day (City Offices Closed)
- 11/29 Day After Thanksgiving (City Offices Closed)
- 12/3 Christmas Tree Lighting - 6PM
- 12/7 Christmas Parade - 9AM

## OUR CITY COMMISSIONERS



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"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." - Vincent Van Gogh

## Call for Spotlight Nominations!



We're celebrating the vibrant history of Lynn Haven by putting the spotlight on our oldest residents! Nominate someone you know, who is over 100 years old, for a special feature in upcoming Lynn Haven Living newsletters. Share their inspiring stories, cherished memories, and the wisdom they bring to our community. To nominate, send an email to [communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com) with their name, age, photo, and a brief description of why they deserve to be recognized!

**Go Paperless!**

Sign up for paperless billing statements today! Go to [www.CityofLynnHaven.com/paperless](http://www.CityofLynnHaven.com/paperless) to request paperless billing statements. Switching to paperless billing will not impact your automatic bill payments.



**“We are greater, together.”**

## Mayor Nelson’s Message

With Thanksgiving Day right around the corner, we have so many reasons to be thankful in the City of Lynn Haven.

I’m thankful to be in a community filled with my loving and caring family, friends, and neighbors. I’m thankful that I can rest easily at night because we live in one of the safest cities in the state of Florida. I am thankful for all the men and women that work around the clock with the Fire and Police Departments to ensure we are safe and secure. I appreciate all the employees in Parks and Recreation that work to improve our quality of life through maintaining our beautiful parks and offering sports programs for all ages, including a Boys and Girls Club. I’m thankful for our City Manager, Vickie Gainer, and all the staff and employees working in the Customer Service Center and City Hall. They meet and greet the residents of our community with a smiling face and helping hand every day. I’m grateful for our

Public Works and Utilities Departments. They make sure our roadways are safe to drive on and have won numerous awards for the best drinking water. I’m thankful for the employees at the Animal Shelter that care for the dogs and cats while the animals wait for adoption. I appreciate the Facility Maintenance and Parks and Grounds Team for keeping our facilities and parks clean every day. I am thankful to work with my fellow commissioners that are deeply committed to serving our city and citizens. I am thankful for the numerous non-profit organizations and churches that serve the needs of our citizens and residents throughout Bay County.

I appreciate all the businesses that choose to establish themselves in Lynn Haven. I’m grateful for all the veterans and active-duty military that live in our community. I’m thankful to live in the paradise of North Bay. I am thankful for the opportunity to

serve as Mayor of the best city to live in Bay County. We continue to show Bay County and the state of Florida that “we are greater, together.”

Most of all, I’m thankful that God has kept his hand of protection and provision on our community. Without his blessings of grace and mercy, we would not be the best city in the Bay to live, work, and play.

I’m very thankful for Lynn Haven! What about you? Share your comments via email: [jnelson@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:jnelson@cityoflynnhaven.com)

Thanking God,

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## BUSINESS COLUMN

Lynn Haven provides easy access to grocery shopping with five top stores offering everything from fresh and organic produce to budget-friendly options and specialty health items. Explore these five grocery stores in Lynn Haven to find all your essentials.

### 1 Grocery Outlet

(850) 248-0617  
902 Ohio Avenue

### 2 Publix Super Market

(850) 271-6180  
2310 Highway 77

### 3 ALDI

(855) 955-2534  
2260 Highway 77

### 4 Walmart Supercenter

(850) 265-2626  
2101 Highway 77

### 5 Winn Dixie

(850) 271-0066  
1812 Highway 77



## Lynn Haven Recreation

We are excited to announce that Lynn Haven’s first-ever pickleball league was a huge success! We had more than 20 teams participate in the upper and lower division and compete at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium. Congratulations to the champions of the lower division: Dink Responsibly and upper division: Passion002. Stay tuned for announcements for the upcoming “Dink The Halls” Pickleball Tournament!



*Passion002 are the champions for Lynn Haven’s first-ever pickleball league.*

It’s been a busy fall season for Lynn Haven Sports and Recreation; however, there’s still a lot to look forward to in the coming months. The sports department is gearing up for its winter leagues: youth flag football, adult co-ed and men’s softball, youth volleyball, and adult volleyball. Registration for all leagues is currently open on Community Pass at [www.LynnHavenSports.com](http://www.LynnHavenSports.com).

All league updates, schedules, and announcements will become available as we enter the winter season of sports and recreational activities throughout The City of Lynn Haven. For any questions, comments, or concerns regarding current or upcoming leagues, contact [Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com) or 850-788-2357.

## Christmas in Lynn Haven

As we enter the Christmas season, the City of Lynn Haven would like to remind you of the upcoming events we are hosting to spread holiday cheer.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sharon Sheffield Park. This event will feature a holiday concert hosted by WJHG News Channel 7, free hot chocolate, cookies, photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a countdown to light up the 34-foot Christmas tree in the park.

This season’s festivities will conclude with our 9th annual Christmas Parade on December 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parade is a community-favorite and always brings joy and cheer for the holiday season.

We are excited to embrace the spirit of togetherness with our community. Mark your calendars for these

upcoming holiday events that you don’t want to miss. Be sure to follow our website and Facebook page for updates and announcements.



*The 8th annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be Dec.3rd.*



*The 9th annual Christmas Parade will be Dec.7th.*

## Keeping You in the Know

### Bird House Installations



Riley, a local Girl Scout from Lynn Haven’s Troop 321, has made a special impact on her community through her recent service project. She built and placed 15 Blue Jay birdhouses along the scenic Rail Trail, creating a safe haven

for local wildlife. The project was a true team effort, with fellow members of Troop 321 lending their creativity to help paint the birdhouses before they were set up. Together, these young leaders are brightening both the environment and their community.



### Now Open in Lynn Haven

The City of Lynn Haven would like to give a warm welcome to Diego’s Burrito Factory in Lynn Haven. The newest local restaurant held its grand opening on Friday, September 27th, inviting the community to its newest location in Bay County. Diego’s is located at 1809 Ohio Avenue and operates daily from 11:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m. Be sure to stop by and check them out!



### Operation Homefront: Storm Relief Donation

Thank you to the Lynn Haven Fire and Emergency Services team for their incredible effort in supporting our neighbors after Hurricane Milton! Partnering with iHeart Media, they organized a community donation drive at the Lynn Haven Walmart to collect essential items like non-perishable food, water, hygiene products, and baby supplies. It’s heartwarming to see the community come together, and every contribution truly makes a difference for families impacted by the storm. We appreciate their dedication to showing up and demonstrating the power of unity during tough times. Kudos!



## 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).