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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

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

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“As this new year approaches, find inspiration around you and motivation within you to be all that you can see.”

## Sponsorship Opportunities



Is your business interested in investing in the local community and maximizing exposure in 2025? The City of Lynn Haven offers numerous partnership opportunities for those who want to highlight their value to the community. Visit [www.cityoflynnhaven.com](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com) to

find out how you can partner with the City of Lynn Haven and sponsor a special event, sports league, and more! For any questions or inquiries, contact our Marketing & Communications department at [communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com).



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

# LYNN HAVEN LIVING

## DECEMBER 2024 VOL. 2, ISSUE 12

### Celebrating Christmas in Lynn Haven

The City of Lynn Haven joyfully kicked off the 2024 holiday season with our annual Winter Wonderland event on November 16th. More than 140 vendors from across Northwest Florida gathered in Sheffield Park, offering an incredible selection of handmade crafts, jewelry, furniture, gourmet food, wreaths, candles, oils, and so much more! This beloved holiday shopping event gave locals the perfect opportunity to get a head start on their gift shopping while supporting small and local businesses. Winter Wonderland remains one of the largest holiday shopping events in Bay County.



Winter Wonderland



Christmas Tree Lighting

The celebrations continued with our 8th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3rd at Sharon Sheffield Park. WJHG News Channel 7 organized the entertainment for this Holiday Spectacular concert and our attendees experienced the joy of the season as we lit up our nearly 40-foot Christmas Tree with a countdown led by City Manager Vickie Gainer. Families also enjoyed photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus, free hot chocolate and cookies, and dinner options from local food trucks.

The festivities will wrap up with our 9th

Annual Christmas Parade on December 7th. Last year, more than 70 creative and festive parade floats brought the streets to life, ending with a special appearance by Santa himself.

The City of Lynn Haven extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated and attended in these joyous events, embracing the spirit of togetherness within our community. Please visit the City of Lynn Haven's Facebook page to view pictures from these memorable celebrations. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas!



Christmas Parade

## Meeting Schedule & Upcoming Events

**City Commission Meeting:** Dec. 10th @ 9:00 AM  
**Christmas Parade:** Dec. 7th @ 9:00 AM  
**Christmas Eve:** Dec. 24th (City Offices Closed)  
**Christmas Day:** Dec. 25th (City Offices Closed)

**Day After Christmas:** Dec. 26th (City Offices Closed)  
**New Year's Day:** Jan. 1st (City Offices Closed)  
**City Commission Meeting:** Jan. 14th @ 9:00 AM  
**MLK Jr. Festival:** Jan. 20th @ 10:00 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

### 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

“Jingle bells, jingle bells jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh!”

I’m sure we will hear this Christmas favorite blasting over the speaker systems as we complete our Christmas shopping. Unfortunately, because of our climate in Northwest Florida, we probably will not see much or any snow this Christmas. However, the absence of snow does not dampen the Christmas spirit in my home. For us, Christmas is not about snow but the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This is a short story of Christ’s birth. His mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, but before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to

break the engagement quietly, but an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. When the baby was born, Joseph named him Jesus. That’s the Christmas Story: Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit to save us from our sins.

Celebrating Christmas may be different for other families; however, Christmas should be a season of caring and sharing. We should be caring for those that cannot care for themselves. Of course we should do this throughout the year, but Christmas cannot be the most wonderful time of the year if we are not caring for those that cannot care for themselves. This group includes

children and seniors. So how can you care for a child or senior this Christmas? Our community offers numerous caring and sharing opportunities. For example, you can care and share through toy drives, Angel Trees, Anchorage Children’s Home, the Salvation Army, and assisted living and nursing home facilities. For the past couple of years, I have organized Santa for Seniors which provides Christmas gifts for Seniors in the community. I look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas by caring for Seniors in our community. I hope you will be an elf this year and help with Santa for Seniors. You can text me for more information on donating to Santa for Seniors. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sharing the Joy of Christmas.  
Mayor Jesse L. Nelson  
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## BUSINESS COLUMN

Lynn Haven is home to a variety of health and wellness businesses dedicated to helping our community stay active, healthy, and happy. Whether you’re looking to achieve fitness goals, prioritize self-care, or enhance your overall well-being, here are six local health and wellness businesses to check out around Lynn Haven.

- 1 Elevation Health & Wellness**  
(850) 890-1408  
3000 Hwy 77, Suite B
- 2 Faith Family Wellness**  
(850) 788-3120  
207 Aberdeen Parkway
- 3 Hope & Faith Wellness**  
(855) 262-9597  
3477 Highway 77
- 4 Prime Aesthetics & Wellness**  
(850) 248-0370  
2211 Highway 77
- 5 Emerald Coast Aesthetics**  
(850) 276-1705  
3003 Hwy 77, Suite D
- 6 Evoked Aesthetics**  
(850) 610-3936  
1515 Tennessee Avenue



## Lynn Haven Recreation

We are thrilled to share that our recent Art in the Parkevent was a huge success! Residents gathered in Sharon Sheffield Park for an afternoon of canvas painting and creativity. The next Art in the Park event is planned for the spring.



The latest Art in the Park event was a huge success!

As winter approaches, there’s plenty to look forward to in our sports and recreation programs. The adult Softball League is now underway, with the season running through late January. Youth Flag Football kicks off on December 16th, with all games held at A.L. Kinsaul Park. Don’t miss your chance to register for Youth Volleyball—registration closes on December 15th. Come out and cheer on your favorite teams and players! Registration for all leagues is available now on Community Pass at [www.LynnHavenSports.com](http://www.LynnHavenSports.com).

We’re also seeking dedicated youth volleyball coaches to make a positive impact on the courts. Divisions include 9U, 12U, and 16U, and all leagues are co-ed. The season runs through late February, with playoffs scheduled for early March. If you’re interested in coaching, please sign up on Community Pass at [www.LynnHavenSports.com](http://www.LynnHavenSports.com) before the deadline.

Stay updated on all league schedules, scores, and announcements this winter by visiting [www.LeagueLobster.com](http://www.LeagueLobster.com). For any questions or concerns about our current or upcoming sports leagues, reach out to us at [Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com) or call 850-788-2357. We look forward to seeing you on the field, court, or at our next community event!

## MLK Jr. Festival 2025

The City of Lynn Haven is excited to announce that the next Martin Luther King Jr. Festival will be held on January 20, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Sharon Sheffield Park in Lynn Haven.



We are honored to continue the tradition for our partners at A-CURE. This family-friendly festival will feature live entertainment, food, arts & crafts, and guest speakers to help us honor and remember the late Martin Luther King Jr. Interested in being part of this event? Email [communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com) if you would like to participate as a food vendor, booth vendor, or entertainment program. The deadline to apply is December 20, 2024. We look forward to this celebration and hope for your attendance. Watch for updates via email, on our Facebook page, or city website at [www.cityoflynnhaven.com](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com). For any questions, comments, or concerns, please email [communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com).



## Keeping You in the Know

### Walmart Grand Reopening

Last month, the Walmart Supercenter in Lynn Haven celebrated its Grand Reopening, for its store remodel. The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony conducted by the Bay County Chamber of Commerce and remarks from City of Lynn Haven Mayor Jesse Nelson and Store Manager Belinda Williams. During the celebration, donation checks were presented to several local organizations, including the Gulf Coast Children’s Advocacy Center, Operation Thankful to Bay County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO), Warrior Beach Retreat, Inc., Stuff The Bus, and The United Hands Project. If you haven’t already, we encourage you to visit and explore the beautifully remodeled store!



### New Parking Lot Complete

The City of Lynn Haven is excited to announce the completion of a new parking lot at Cain Griffin Park. This new lot adds about 40 new parking spaces to the park, providing a safer and convenient access for all visitors. Be sure to check out the new lot at Cain Griffin Park!



### Giving Back In Lynn Haven

Here in Lynn Haven, we are proud to live, work, and play in a community where people truly care about our quality of life. We extend a heartfelt appreciation to Buddy Boykin of Structure Painting and Dean Jackson of Old Glory Washing Solutions for their generosity in volunteering to clean and repaint the six small concrete pavilions at Porter Park. This initiative, provided at no cost, is their way of giving back to the community they love.



## 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).