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 Development & Planning 850-248-0708  
 Economic Development 850-248-0701  
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 Human Resources 850-248-0507  
 • Risk Management 850-248-0507

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 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](http://CityofLynnHaven.com/Bids.aspx) for more information.

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“Approach the new year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day.”  
 - Michael Josephson

## 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.

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## JANUARY 2025 VOL. 3, ISSUE 1

### Chiming Through Time: Lynn Haven's Historic Clock



The clock tower is a symbolic piece of Lynn Haven's past and present.

The City of Lynn Haven is excited to welcome back the iconic clock at old City Hall, which has been fully repaired and is back in action. Last month, the city sourced the necessary materials and upgraded the sound system, and now, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., you can hear the Westminster Chimes ring every hour on the hour.

The chimes can be heard by children playing in the park and throughout nearby neighborhoods, adding charm and a sense of nostalgia to our community. We are so glad that our residents are enjoying the tunes from

the restored clock.

One local resident shared, “I’m so happy it’s finally working again. What a beautiful sound!”



The clock tower can be seen along Highway 77 in Lynn Haven.

Another remarked, “We’re excited to hear that beautiful sound once again.”

On October 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael swept through Bay County, leaving devastation in its wake, including the near-total destruction of municipal infrastructure like the Lynn Haven City Hall. Despite the challenges, city officials managed to salvage part of the old City Hall building, including the historic clock, to preserve a piece of our shared history.

When the clock was originally installed, former city employees Laurie Baker and Charlene Messer programmed the music on the old chimes. There were many songs to choose from, and they even took requests from citizens to make the experience more personal. The city plans to continue to accept song requests throughout the year from our residents.

As the clock chimes once more, it serves as a reminder of our enduring heritage and the resilient spirit that defines Lynn Haven. Its revival stands as a beacon, marking not only the passage of time but also the profound sense of community pride that brings us together.



The clock will play Westminster Chimes every hour from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## Meeting Schedule & Upcoming Events

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| <b>New Year's Day:</b> Jan. 1st (City Offices Closed)  | <b>MLK Jr. Day:</b> Jan. 20th (City Offices Closed) |
| <b>Planning Commission Meeting:</b> Jan. 7th @ 5:30 PM | <b>MLK Jr. Festival:</b> Jan. 20th @ 10:00 AM       |
| <b>City Commission Meeting:</b> Jan. 14th @ 9:00 AM    | <b>City Commission Meeting:</b> Jan. 28th @ 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

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**“We are greater, together.”**

## Mayor Nelson’s Message

### A Happy and Healthy New Year

I hope your new year has been a happy one so far!! Oftentimes the New Year is a period when we make resolutions or goals for ourselves. This year I encourage you to resolve to have a “happy and healthy new year.” To accomplish this goal, I believe you have to focus on five areas in your life. The first area is your family health. Our family (and best friends) are our closest and most stressful relationships.

So to have a happy and healthy new year we must have peace with the people we engage with the most. The second area is your finances. It’s nearly impossible to be happy and healthy when your finances are out of order. The old adage

“live within your means” is essential for a happy and healthy new year. It may be difficult, but it is necessary. The third area is mental health. Sometimes the emotional overload we receive from family, friends, work, and social media can negatively impact our mental health. So we must protect our mental health by limiting who and what we allow to enter to influence our thinking. Another area is our physical health. Did you know exercise is connected to your happiness? Yes! Your movement can affect your mood. Just a brisk 30-minute walk on our trail will turn your frown upside down. Finally, to have a happy and healthy new year you must focus on your spiritual health. Even if you are not grounded spiritually, you cannot build and sustain a happy and healthy life. I maintain my spiritual health by

spending daily time with God through prayer and Bible reading, serving my community through ministry, and being mindful to do everything for the glory of God!

So those are the five areas to focus on to have a happy and healthy new year. What are you going to do now? I encourage you to go be happy and healthy! We live in the #1 city in Northwest Florida (that should make us happy) and have the best parks and trails in Bay County (that should keep us healthy).

Wishing you happy and healthy new year,

Mayor Jesse L. Nelson  
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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Are you interested in becoming a vendor at a city event? The City of Lynn Haven hosts 15 events annually, with vendor participation growing each year. We value loyal vendors and are always looking to expand our vendor network as our events continue to thrive. Here are five frequently asked questions about vendor opportunities in the City of Lynn Haven.

### 1. How can I apply to be a vendor at an event?

All applications and event forms are available at [www.cityoflynnhaven.com/events](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com/events). Visit the page, select your desired event, and follow the instructions to apply.

### 2. Can I be selected for multiple events?

Yes. All forms and applications are reviewed based on variety, event type, and available space at the venue. Vendors are selected upon these criteria.

### 3. How much is the vendor fee?

Vendor fees vary depending on the event and range from \$50 to \$100. Parade entries, however, are free of charge.

### 4. Are there restrictions on booth setups?

Vendors are responsible for providing their out setup equipments, including tables, chairs, tents, electricity and water.

### 5. I’ve applied to the event, now what?

All forms and applications are considered AFTER the deadline has passed. Applicants will receive an update within the week after the deadline.

## Lynn Haven Recreation

The Sports and Recreation Department hosted two “Toys for Kids” Christmas tournaments to give back to children in our community and make their holiday season extra special. Each player’s entry into the tournament required an unwrapped toy, resulting in over 200 toys collected for local kids.



Over 200 toys were collected for kids during the Toys for Kids Christmas Tournaments.

The “Dink the Halls” pickleball tournament was held on November 30, with 16 teams competing. PickleWall claimed the first-place trophy, while Patrick’s Paddle Pals took second place. Sixteen teams also participated in the adult softball tournament on December 7. Hammer Down of Tallahassee earned first place, and PNS of Panama City finished as the runner-up.

Youth basketball concluded in December, and we’re thrilled to announce this season’s champions! In the 6U division, Team Magic claimed the first-place trophy. The Bandits were victorious in the 9U division, while the 76ers secured the top spot for 12U. In the 16U division, Team Storm took home first place. Congratulations to all the winners!

Lynn Haven Sports and Recreation is excited to kick off 2025 with several leagues in full swing! Don’t forget—spring ball registration is open through January 24 on Community Pass at [www.LynnHavenSports.com](http://www.LynnHavenSports.com). If you’re interested in coaching, please register on Community Pass before the deadline. You can find schedules and standings for all leagues on [www.LeagueLobster.com](http://www.LeagueLobster.com).

If you have questions about current or upcoming sports leagues, reach out to the Sports and Recreation Department 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

CELEBRATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



January 20, 2025 | 10 AM - 4 PM

Sharon Sheffield Park

Entertainment, Guest Speakers, Food, Booths & More



The City of Lynn Haven will host the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Festival on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Sharon Sheffield Park from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This family-friendly festival will feature live entertainment, diverse performances by youth groups and organizations, food, arts & crafts, and guest speakers to help us honor and remember the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is the second year the city has hosted the event, and we are honored to continue the tradition that A-CURE hosted for decades.

T-shirts will be available to purchase at the city booth during the event. 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).

## Keeping You in the Know

### Now Open in Lynn Haven

Congratulations to Techpresso, a local coffee shop, on the opening of their doors at a second location in Lynn Haven. The restaurant is located at 3115 Highway 77 and offers a wide variety of coffee favorites to enjoy. The Techpresso in Lynn Haven location operates Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Be sure to stop by and grab a refreshing beverage!



### LHPD’s Reaccreditation



Chief Ricky Ramie and the Lynn Haven Police Department were pleased with the outcome of the accreditation team that traveled from South Florida to audit the department over a three-day period. The LHPD will be recommended for full accreditation to the Accreditation Commission, based on accreditation team inspection of our agency. The accreditation auditors were very pleased and overwhelmed by the agency’s professional, recording keeping and efficiency. Chief Ramie stated, “I am forever grateful to our officers and staff for accomplishing our reaccreditation.” Representatives from the city will travel to St. Augustine in February and go before the Commission for final approval.

### Naming of the Chamber

On October 8, 2024, the commission approved to name the City Hall Chambers after former Mayor Walter T. Kelley. A dedication ceremony to unveil the newly named chambers will be held on January 10, 2025, at 12 noon Mayor Kelley served as the Mayor of Lynn Haven from 1998 to 2015. His leadership and dedication have left an enduring impact on our community. We are excited to celebrate this milestone in the city’s history. This event is open to the public.



## Share Your Feedback

Have feedback on this issue of Lynn Haven Living? We would love to hear from you: [Emailcommunications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:Emailcommunications@cityoflynnhaven.com).