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 Customer Service Center.....850-265-2121  
 Utility Billing.....850-265-2121 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.....850-265-5989 Ext. 2507  
 Cemeteries.....850-265-5989

## Upcoming Bid Openings

<https://www.cityoflynnhaven.com/Bids.aspx>



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

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## Celebrating Arbor Day in Lynn Haven

Observed on the last Friday in April, Arbor Day encourages everyone to plant and care for trees, promoting environmental conservation. First celebrated in 19th-century Nebraska, this tradition has now spread across the U.S. and worldwide. Communities typically mark the day with tree planting ceremonies, educational activities, and conservation efforts. You can join in by planting a tree, volunteering for local projects, or

organizing a community event. Did you know Lynn Haven has been recognized as a Tree City for nearly 30 consecutive years? The Tree City USA program supports communities in managing and growing their public trees. Over the years, Lynn Haven has established beautiful tree canopies and planted a variety of species, including Live Oak, Crape Myrtle, River Birch, Winged Elm, Maple,

Bottlebrush, Blueberry, Palm, Southern Magnolia, and Southern Red Cedar. The city also hosts tree giveaways for Lynn Haven residents, with the help of generous donations from the Tree City USA program and local organizations.

National Arbor Day will be on Friday, April 25th this year. We hope you celebrate this year so we can continue helping restore Lynn Haven's Tree Canopy! .

## OUR CITY COMMISSIONERS



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## Vendor Applications How To Apply

The City of Lynn Haven hosts several events throughout the year, providing food trucks, retail vendors, and local organizations with the opportunity to participate in events that draw large crowds. Whether it's a parade, festival, or concert, there's a chance for everyone to be part of our exciting events. All vendor applications must be submitted online. To be considered for participation, applicants can apply at [www.cityoflynnhaven.com/events](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com/events).



Tree Giveaway, March 2024



Tree Planting Ceremony, April 2023



Children's Tree Giveaway 2024

## Meeting Schedule & Upcoming Events

**City Commission Meeting:** April 8th @ 9:00 AM

**Spring Concert Series - Taste of Spice:** April 11th @ 6:00PM

**Easter Egg Hunt:** April 12th @ 9:00 AM

**Good Friday:** April 18th (City Offices Closed)

**CRA Board Meeting:** April 22nd @ 5:00PM

**City Commission Meeting:** April 22nd @ 5:30PM

**Spring Concert Series - The Kricketts:** April 25th @ 6:00PM

**Tree Giveaway:** April 26th

All meetings are open and available to the public to attend at the Lynn Haven City Hall Walter T. Kelley 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

Enjoying the Fruits (or vegetables) of Your Labor!

\*Please note: the information I share in this message is taken from the University of Florida-IFAS Extension website.\*

April is a great month to begin a vegetable garden in Lynn Haven. They say the best tasting vegetables and fruit are the ones from your own garden! The following questions and answers will help you get started!

What do you like eating? You’re not likely to take care of, or eat, things you don’t like. So don’t waste your time or money planting them in the garden.

What fruits and vegetables are the most expensive to buy? To save money, grow more expensive items, like tomatoes and melons, or large quantities of vegetables that you purchase regularly. Consider

vegetables like beans, beets, onions, spinach, broccoli, peppers, carrots, summer squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, peas, and Swiss chard. These vegetables provide the biggest returns on your investment of space and time in the garden.

Which vegetables can be easily stored or preserved? Selecting vegetables that have a long storage life or that can easily be canned or frozen is a great way to stretch a dollar. Potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, and winter squash can be stored for several months when stored at the appropriate temperature. Other vegetables, like beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, beets, and sweet corn can be preserved by canning or freezing. Preserving vegetables is a great way to enjoy the extra produce later in the year. How much time are you willing to spend? Vegetable gardening takes a commitment of time and energy. Daily

and weekly maintenance tasks will be required to get the return on your dollar investment. A smaller garden will require less maintenance, as will certain plants.

How much space can you devote to an edible garden? Make sure you put your garden in a place that isn’t highly used by children or pets as a play area. If you can’t plant in ground, consider using a box.

If you start today, you can enjoy the fruits (or vegetables) of your labor by the Summer.Now, let’s get to planting!

Best Wishes,

Mayor Jesse L. Nelson  
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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Want to know more about our animal shelter, adoptions, volunteering, or how you can help? Here are some common frequently asked questions that may be useful to you in the future.

### 1. How do I get an update on a dog or cat I dropped off?

Call during business hours and provide details like the Animal ID and the name of the person who dropped off the dog or cat.

### 2. What can a neighbor do about a barking dog?

Try talking to the owner first, connect with neighbors who share the issue, and keep a written log before contacting Animal Control.

### 3. What can be done about stray dogs and cats coming onto my property?

Report to Animal Control during business hours with an accurate description and location of the animal.

### 4. What are the adoption fees and what’s included?

Male dogs and cats are \$75 and female dogs and cats are \$85. All animals are neutered/spayed and given proper shots before being placed in a home.

### 5. Do we accept donations?

Yes! We gratefully accept linens, newspapers, certain pet foods, and pet toys. Donations can be dropped off at the Animal Control office.

## Lynn Haven Recreation

The city would like to thank all the parents, players, coaches, and staff for helping celebrate the opening season for our youth baseball and softball leagues! We had an exciting day filled with entertainment, special guest speakers, food vendors, and ball games throughout the day. The spring ball season will run through late May, and games will be held at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex and Cain Griffin Park. Stay up to date on the latest scores on [www.LeagueLobster.com](http://www.LeagueLobster.com). We look forward to another fun season on the ball fields.

The Adult Volleyball League is in full swing, and the competition is hot this year! Be sure to come out and cheer on your favorite players or teams. Games are held every Tuesday and Thursday night at the Charlie James Smith Gymnasium. Full game schedules are found on [www.LeagueLobster.com](http://www.LeagueLobster.com).

Be sure to follow The City of Lynn Haven on Facebook and check the website frequently for updates and announcements about upcoming spring and summer sports leagues. If you’re interested in competing, now’s the time to gather your team! You can find schedules and standings for all leagues at [www.LeagueLobster.com](http://www.LeagueLobster.com). If you have questions about current or upcoming sports leagues, contact the Sports and Recreation Department at [Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com) or call 850-788-2357.



Photos from Spring Ball Opening Day

## Keeping You in the Know

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We are excited to announce that Lynn Haven’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00 AM to Noon at A.L. Kinsaul Park. The egg hunt will start promptly at 10:00 AM. We will have food vendors, entertainment, photo opportunities, face painters, and more! The age groups range from 3 and under, 4 to 6 yrs. old, 7 to 9 yrs. old, and 10 and older. We ask that families bring their own Easter basket; however, the city will provide plastic Easter bags for those who cannot bring their own.



### Municipal Elections



It’s municipal election season in Bay County! Election Day is on April 22, 2025, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Early voting will take place from April 14 to April 18, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day. Lynn Haven’s designated voting site is the Lynn Haven Senior Activity Club at 905 Pennsylvania Avenue. City Commissioner Seats 3 and 4 are up for election. For more information about the candidates, visit [www.BayVotesFL.gov](http://www.BayVotesFL.gov). Make sure to get out and vote!

### New Drop Box Location

We have relocated the payment drop box to the right lane of the drive-thru area at the Customer Service Center. Currently, it’s in the left lane, which can cause delays when customers are using the drive-thru for other business. This adjustment will make it easier for you to quickly drop off your payments without waiting. We’ll have clear signage in place to help guide you to the new location. Keep an eye out for the new setup, and thank you for your cooperation as we work to improve your experience!

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**NEW**  
DROP BOX  
LOCATION  
817 OHIO AVE

## 2025 Spring Concert Series

CITY OF LYNN HAVEN  
**Spring Concert Series**  
FRIDAYS 6-8PM

MAR 28	PCB ECLIPSE
APR 4	CADILLAC WILLY
APR 11	TASTE OF SPICE
APR 25	THE KRICKETS
MAY 2	SCRATCH 2020
MAY 9	BEN LOFTIN & THE FAMILY
MAY 16	THOMAS MERRITT BAND

Music \* Food Trucks \* Games \* Fun  
SHARON SHEFFIELD PARK  
[communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com)

The Spring Concert Series has returned to the beautiful Sharon Sheffield Park! Join us every Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM through May 16th (except Good Friday, April 18th) for incredible music from local artists and bands. We love bringing together neighbors, friends, and families for evenings filled with vibrant musical performances and memorable experiences within the Lynn Haven community! Come out and enjoy good music, food trucks, and fun, and don’t forget your blankets and chairs.



## 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).

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