

## City Contacts

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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

For more information, scan the QR code or visit:  
www.cityoflynnhaven.com/Bids.aspx



## Our City Commissioners



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“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” - John C. Maxwell

### Waste Removal Reminder

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.



**TRASH PICKUP**



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## Florida and Ohio Avenue Corridor Improvements

The Florida and Ohio Avenue Corridor Improvements project is designed to revitalize one of Lynn Haven’s designated commercial districts through comprehensive upgrades. The project area extends along Florida and Ohio Avenues, approximately from 7th Street to 12th Street, and complements the existing Lynn Haven Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Storefront Design Program.

In addition to streetscape enhancements, the project will focus on upgraded

lighting, landscape features, and architectural facade improvements, reinforcing the city’s commitment to revitalization and aesthetic appeal. These efforts are intended to work in tandem with ongoing CRA initiatives to create a cohesive and inviting commercial environment.

The city wants this project to be a team effort between city staff, the people who will use the space, and the architects and engineers

working on it. When finished, the project should be high-quality and look great, while also using energy-efficient and eco-friendly design wherever possible. It also supports the city’s long-term plans for public spaces by making the best use of space, reducing how far people need to walk to access services, and improving how easy everything is to use. Overall, the goal is to create a space that works well, looks good, and goes beyond what people expect.



Architectural Renderings from the Florida and Ohio Avenue Corridor Improvements Project

## Meetings & Events

**Planning Commission Meeting:** May 6th @ 5:30PM

**Spring Concert Series - Ben Loftin & The Family:** May 9th @ 6:00PM

**City Commission Meeting:** May 13th @ 9:00AM

**Spring Concert Series - Thomas Merritt Band:** May 16th @ 6:00PM

**Memorial Day:** May 26th (City Offices Closed)

**CRA Board Meeting:** May 27th @ 5:00PM

**City Commission Meeting:** May 27th @ 5:30PM

All meetings are open and available to the public to attend in the 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

Visit us at [CityofLynnHaven.com](http://CityofLynnHaven.com)

### Go Paperless!

Sign up for paperless billing statements today! Email 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.



# Mayor Nelson's Message

*"We are greater, together."*

A BIG THANK YOU to the Lynn Haven Police Department!!

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress established National Police Week. The following statement is from the first presidential proclamation signed by President Kennedy.

"Our law enforcement agencies play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms which have been guaranteed by the Constitution to every American citizen. It is important that people throughout our country know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their police departments and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize

their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation..."

This month during the week of May 11th-17th, communities throughout America will recognize local law enforcement officers during National Police Week. As Mayor of our great city (a top 10 safest city in the state) and a citizen of this community, I want to encourage you to join me in saying thank you to the men and women of our Lynn Haven Police Department. Not only do they work tirelessly to protect and serve us, they are faithful unto death.

So let's show them our appreciation and encourage them as we see them around the community!! However, let's

not limit our gratitude to this week or month. We can send them thank you notes, post a positive story on social media, or drop off a treat throughout the year because they protect and serve us 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are a major reason Lynn Haven is one of the best cities to live, work, and play in the state! Though we live in a great community, as a police chaplain I can attest to the dedication they have to face danger every day to ensure our safety!

Thank you to all the men and women of the Lynn Haven Police department that protect and serve us EVERY SINGLE DAY!!

I Salute You,

Mayor Jesse L. Nelson  
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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

Here are some common frequently asked questions that may be useful to you in the future.

#### 1. Where is the Lynn Haven CRA?

The CRA is about 485 acres in size and spans roughly between Illinois Ave. to the East, Tennessee Ave. to the West, 17th St. to the South, and Bailey Bridge to the North.

#### 2. Do I have to pay more property taxes for my home located in the CRA?

No, property taxes are re-allocated. The tax increment is used to fund CRA projects.

#### 3. Am I eligible for the CRA residential incentive program?

Yes, if you decide to build a new residential home (min. 1500SF of heated and cooled area) on some vacant land within the CRA.

#### 4. What is a CRA Plan?

The CRA Plan, based on the CRA's Feasibility Study, outlines overall goals and specific projects for the targeted area. The CRA is responsible for developing and implementing the plan to address the area's unique needs.

#### 5. When was the Lynn Haven CRA created and why?

Established in 2004, the CRA was created to address slum and blight conditions identified in a feasibility study, leading to a list of project recommendations.

## Lynn Haven Recreation

Spring Ball is in full swing, and the regular season will run through late May, with games held at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex and Cain Griffin Park throughout the week.

Get those teams together! We eagerly anticipate the gathering of families and friends to participate in our adult summer leagues! Registration for the Adult Kickball League remains open until May 16th. The season start is slated for the second week of June 4th and will extend through late July. All kickball matches will be held at Cain Griffin Park.

Registration for Adult Softball concludes on June 9th, and the season runs through late July. Men's league fixtures are scheduled for each Wednesday, whereas co-ed league matches are slated for every Friday, from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m., held on the ballfields at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex. Don't wait until it's too late! Join in on the fun and sign your teams up today!

Be sure to follow the City of Lynn Haven on Facebook and check the website frequently for updates and announcements about the 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.

**CITY OF LYNN HAVEN ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE**

**REGISTRATION**  
Opens: March 28, 2025  
Closes: May 16, 2025

**GAMES**  
Played at Cain Griffin Park  
616 E. 17th Street  
Tuesday Nights | 10 Game Minimum  
Modified Waka Rules

16+ Years Old  
\$500 Per Team  
9 TEAM MAX  
Co-ed and Company Teams  
Minimum of 2 Females per Team

Register at: [Lynnhavensports.com](http://Lynnhavensports.com) More info: [sports@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:sports@cityoflynnhaven.com)

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**CITY OF LYNN HAVEN ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
Registration Opens: March 24, 2025  
Registrations Closes: June 9, 2025  
League Starts: June 11, 2025

**LEAGUE INFORMATION**  
Register at: [Lynnhavensports.com](http://Lynnhavensports.com)

**Co-ed League**  
League: 10 Teams Max  
Games: Friday Nights

**Men's League**  
League: 10 Teams Max  
Games: Wednesday Nights

\$500 Per Team

More Information Contact: [Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com)  
[MinorLeague@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:MinorLeague@cityoflynnhaven.com)

## Keeping You in the Know

### July 4th Applications Now Open



Calling all groups, businesses, organizations, and anyone interested! We are gearing up for our largest event of the year and accepting applications for parade floats, sponsors, food trucks, and booth vendors to be a part of our Annual Fourth of July Celebration! The celebration will

be held on Friday, July 4th at Sharon Sheffield Park and A.L. Kinsaul Park. Apply online today at [www.cityoflynnhaven.com/events](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com/events). For any questions, contact the Marketing & Communications department at [communications@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:communications@cityoflynnhaven.com).

### Sign up for City Alerts



Did you know you can sign up to receive alerts for new meetings, events, or agendas added to the City of Lynn Haven's website? To stay informed, visit the How Do I... tab and select Sign Up for Notifications. Enter your

email address to receive email alerts, and if you'd like text notifications, simply add your phone number. From there, you can customize which updates you receive and how you receive them via text, email, or both! Don't miss out on the latest city updates—get notified today!

### Radio Reads

The city is upgrading all touch-read water meters to an AMI system that uses radio frequencies for real-time, accurate readings. This reduces costs by eliminating manual meter readings and improves customer service by alerting homeowners to potential leaks, helping them avoid high bills and property damage. Currently, approximately 5,000 meters are on the system, with full implementation expected in 24 months. On the billing side, customer service will work closely with Utilities during this transition. Meter readers used to have to collect data manually, but with AMI, readings can be accessed remotely, speeding up billing and providing real-time consumption data. The system also detects continuous water flow, allowing early leak detection. Once fully implemented, an online portal will let residents monitor their water usage in real time.



## Hometown Heroes Banners

Lynn Haven proudly pays tribute to our Hometown Heroes through a special banner program, a tradition initiated in 2023 and aims at celebrating both veterans and active-duty military members who have lived or currently live in Lynn Haven. These banners prominently feature a photograph, name, rank, and branch of service of each honored individual. Eligibility for inclusion in the program is reserved for those who have served or currently serve in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, or Space Force. The anticipated display period will vary but is expected to be during a portion of the year between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, on poles located in Sheffield Park and throughout City Hall grounds. Given the limited availability of poles, the Hometown Heroes Banners Program can accommodate a maximum of 120 banners.

**HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM**

The City of Lynn Haven is proud to offer this program to honor residents of Lynn Haven who have served or are currently serving in our military.

**HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE**



Sample Banner

Feedback on this issue of Lynn Haven Living? We would love to hear from you!

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