

## City Contacts

Building Department.....	850-248-0634
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Parks & Grounds.....	850-248-0551
Sports & Recreation.....	850-248-0171
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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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“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” - Helen Keller

## Waste Removal Reminder



### TRASH PICKUP

The City of Lynn Haven offers a weekly courtesy pickup for yard trash—limbs, leaves, pine straw, and clippings. Items not collected include land clearing debris, appliances with freon, batteries, hazardous waste, paint, contractor waste, and tires. For hazardous waste disposal info, call the Sanitation Department at 850-265-5989.

Garbage pickup runs on schedule every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanksgiving collection will occur the following Saturday. For Christmas pickup details, contact the Sanitation Department. When in doubt, put it out! View the garbage route map online at [www.cityoflynnhaven.com/174/garbage-trash](http://www.cityoflynnhaven.com/174/garbage-trash).

## 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.



## Protecting Our Local Bays

Exciting changes are coming to Lynn Haven’s stormwater system! The city will soon be implementing Enviropod LittaTraps, innovative devices that capture litter and debris before it flows into local waterways. This effort is part of the “Safeguarding Bays: A Joint Effort to Reduce Debris with Municipalities” project, led by the St. Andrew and St. Joseph Bays Estuary Program (SASJBEP).

Backed by a \$677,000 grant from the NOAA Marine Debris Program and funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this regional initiative aims to reduce pollution in our bays, which continue to suffer from debris buildup, especially following Hurricane

Michael’s destruction of local tree cover. Up to 60 LittaTraps will help protect vital ecosystems like seagrass beds and wetlands by intercepting trash at the storm drain level.

The City of Lynn Haven is proud to adopt this smart, innovative solution! This project also includes educational outreach with materials in English and Spanish, public cleanups, and up to 28 artist-designed murals near storm drains. These colorful artworks will raise awareness and remind residents and visitors that storm drains lead directly to our bays.

This initiative highlights the power of collaboration between municipalities,

and environmental groups while working together to keep our waterways clean, healthy, and resilient for future generations. This turns our environmental challenges into opportunities, proving that small changes in infrastructure and public awareness can make a big impact on the future of our waterways.

As this initiative rolls out, residents are encouraged to get involved—whether by joining a cleanup, spreading awareness, or simply staying mindful of what goes down our drains. Together, we can safeguard our bays, support local wildlife, and build a cleaner, more resilient coastal community.



## Meetings & Events

**Independence Day:** July 4th (City Offices Closed)

**Fourth of July Celebration:** July 4th

**Independence Day Observed:** July 7th (City Offices Closed)

**City Commission Meeting:** July 9th @ 9:00AM

**Strategic Plan Workshop:** July 9th @ 11:00AM

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

**Planning Commission Meeting:** August 1st @ 5:30PM

**City Commission Meeting:** August 12th @ 9:00AM

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)*



## Mayor Nelson's Message "We are greater, together."

One of the first patriotic songs I learned was penned by Irving Berlin during World War I and revised during World War II. The lyrics are as follows:

God bless America, Land that I love  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans, White with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home

A poem has been added as a prelude to the song, which has a stanza that reads: "As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer." As we celebrate our nation's independence, let us also pray for our nation and ask God to bless America. The following prayer is adapted from the prayers of the late Evangelist Billy Graham.

Our Father and Our God,  
We praise You for Your goodness to our

nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve.

Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many problems we face.

Father, you warned us in the Scriptures, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" As George Washington reminded us in his farewell address, morality and faith are the pillars of our society. We confess these pillars are being eroded in an increasingly materialistic and permissive society. The whole world is watching to see if the faith of our fathers will stand the trials and tests of the hour. Too long we have neglected Your word and ignored Your laws. Too long we have tried to solve our problems without reference to You. Too long we have tried to live by bread alone. We have sown to the wind and are now reaping a whirlwind of crime, division, and rebellion.

And now with the wages of our sins

staring us in the face, we remember Your words, "If my people who are called by my Name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace. We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it.

You have said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May this be a new era for America, as we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord. This we pray in Your holy name, Amen.

God bless Lynn Haven,  
God bless America,

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Lynn Haven Fire & Emergency Services

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

#### 1. How do I become a firefighter?

An individual can become a firefighter by having a high school diploma or GED and apply at a local college that offers a fire academy.

#### 2. Does the fire department come and visit schools?

Yes, if a school calls and needs us to visit, they can call and schedule it.

#### 3. If I need a fire inspection for my business, what do I do?

Call the fire department and schedule one with our fire prevention division.

#### 4. Why does the fire engine follow the rescue truck?

This is done due to the nature of the call or if the call requires more firefighters.

#### 5. What is the most rewarding aspect of being a firefighter?

Helping citizens at a time when they need help.

## Lynn Haven Recreation

Congratulations to our spring ball league champions for the 2025 season! Our young athletes gave their all on the fields this spring, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication!

- 6U Baseball: Chillers
- 8U Baseball: Dingers
- 10U Baseball: Braves
- 12U Baseball: Giants
- 6U Softball: Lady Birds
- 8U Softball: Lady Braves
- 10U Softball: Lady Hurricanes
- 12U Softball: Comets

We hope you enjoyed being back on the field. Registration is now open for the fall ball season. Sign up today on Community Pass at [LynnHavenSports.com](http://LynnHavenSports.com).

We are cheering on the Lynn Haven All Stars Teams who participated in the Dizzy Dean World Series at Snowden Grove Park in Southaven, Mississippi, in late June. It is with great pride that we sent off 8U, 10U, and 14U softball teams and the 12U and 16U baseball teams. Let's give it up for our All-Star athletes!

Be sure to come out and cheer on your favorite team this summer! The adult kickball season will continue through July 30th; there are nine teams competing head-to-head on the fields at Cain Griffin Park, featuring doubleheaders every Tuesday from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. Also, the adult softball season runs through early August. 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. All games will be held on the ball fields at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex.

Remember that tentative schedules for all leagues are available to view online at [www.LeagueLobster.com](http://www.LeagueLobster.com). Stay tuned for updates, schedules, and announcements as we transition into the fall season of sports and recreational activities throughout the City of Lynn Haven. Stay up to date with the latest information for all leagues and sports news through our Facebook page or [www.LynnHavenSports.com](http://www.LynnHavenSports.com). For any questions, comments, or concerns regarding current or upcoming sports leagues, contact [Sports@cityofflynnhaven.com](mailto:Sports@cityofflynnhaven.com) or 850-788-2357.

## Municipal Election Results

Congratulations to Commissioner Jamie Warrick and Commissioner Judy Tinder who were elected in the 2025 Municipal Elections held in April and May. Warrick was re-elected in the April election and Tinder won the run-off race in May. They were both sworn into the Lynn Haven Board of Commission and returned to their seats and will serve our city for the next four years. Thank you for your dedication to our city and residents. We look forward to your service to the community!



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

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## Keeping You in the Know

### New Training Tower



Lynn Haven Fire and Emergency Services is proud to announce the completion of its new Fire Department Training Tower. This multi-story structure provides realistic, hands-on training for fire drills, rescues, ladder operations, and more to enhance firefighter safety and readiness.

The tower will also support police training and joint exercises with other local agencies, so residents may notice more activity at the site. Thank you for supporting your local first responders as we continue working toward a safer Lynn Haven.

### New Park Enhancements



The City of Lynn Haven is pleased to announce the installation of new landscaping beds near the small pavilions at Porter Park. This improvement enhances the park's overall appearance and provides a more inviting atmosphere

for visitors. The addition reflects the city's ongoing commitment to maintaining and beautifying public spaces. We encourage our residents to visit Porter Park and enjoy the updated park.

### Ordinance Reminder No. 1120

It is unlawful for any person to engage in business as a peddler within The City of Lynn Haven without obtaining a permit. Applications are available at the Business Tax Office at 817 Ohio Ave. Applicants need to obtain fingerprints and a background check from the Bay County Sheriff's Office and provide a passport photo and driver's license. The application, along with required documents, is reviewed by the city manager and police chief. If approved, the applicant is notified, pays the fee, and picks up the business tax receipt in person. For complaints or questions about unpermitted peddlers, residents should call the non-emergency police at 850-265-4111. To verify a peddler's business tax receipt, call the Business Tax Office at 850-265-2121 ext. 2135 with the person's first and last name.

