

LynnHaven *Living*



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Mayor Nelson's Message

Be Safe. Be Thankful. Be Joyful.

As we prepare for Fall festivities, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, I want you to remember six words: Be Safe. Be Thankful. Be Joyful.

Be Safe. Safekids.org provides safety tips for Halloween: 1. Walk safely by putting electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street. 2. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them. 3. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers. 4. When driving, you should slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods.

Be Thankful. Although our city has been in flux the past few months, we have many reasons to be thankful. World Atlas listed us as one of the "10 Best Places to Live in Florida." We also received this honor in 2024. Be thankful for a safe community. Be thankful for your neighbors. Since you are reading this newsletter, be thankful for life!

Be Joyful. December is a joyous time for me. I love to express my joy by singing. Joy to the world is one of my favorite Christmas hymns (songs). Here is a snippet: "Joy to the world; the Lord is come; Let Earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing." These lyrics summarize Matthew 1:21, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Jesus is my reason for joy! He saved me from my sins and reconciled my relationship with God.

Let's "Keep Lynn Haven Great" during this season!! Be Safe. Be Thankful. Be Joyful.



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Featured News Push-In Ceremony

Lynn Haven Fire & Emergency Services is proud to announce the addition of a brand new engine at Station 2

The Lynn Haven Fire & Emergency Services invites residents to a time-honored tradition on Monday, October 6, 2025, as we officially place our newest apparatus into service with a ceremonial “Push-In.” Join us at Lynn Haven Fire Station #2, 1200 Mosley Drive, Lynn Haven, FL. The ceremony begins at 10:30 AM. This community celebration opens with welcoming remarks, followed by a heartfelt prayer led by retired Police Sgt. Mike Williams (LHPD). We’ll recognize special guests and hear a message from Chief Johnson before gathering for a commemorative group photo. Together, attendees and firefighters will then help push the engine into the fire bay—a symbol of teamwork, readiness, and the pride we share in protecting our community. Once secured in its new home, Engine 52 (E-52) will be officially declared “In Service.” This new addition is a 2025 Sutphen Fire Engine engineered for the demands of modern emergency response. It features a 1500 GPM pump for sustained firefighting capability, a 1000-gallon tank to support aggressive initial attack operations, and advanced rescue tools to aid rapid, life-saving interventions.

Built for speed and reliability, this apparatus enhances our ability to respond quickly, operate safely, and serve effectively in the moments that matter most. Investing in this engine is an investment in Lynn Haven’s safety. Public safety remains a top priority for the City Commission, and placing this apparatus into service is a visible, tangible expression of that commitment. With E-52 joining the fleet, our firefighters have the life-saving tools they need to face any emergency with confidence—helping protect both lives and property today and for years to come. Your presence makes this milestone more meaningful. We look forward to your attendance and appreciate your continued support at Lynn Haven Fire & Emergency Services.



Keeping You In the Know

Projects Underway

Minnesota Avenue Sidewalk Project

Work is now underway on the Minnesota Avenue Sidewalk Project, part of the CDBG-DR grant program approved in July. This project will replace sidewalks damaged by Hurricane Michael from the Rails to Trails crossing to Mosley Drive. Construction is being completed by BCL Contractors and funded through a 100% reimbursable grant. Residents are encouraged to use caution when traveling through the area.



Union Soldier Park

Meanwhile, Union Soldier Park is undergoing a series of enhancements to further enrich its role as both a historic landmark and a community gathering space. Improvements include landscaping updates, refreshed walking paths, and expanded seating areas, making the park more inviting for visitors of all ages. Together, these projects reflect the City's ongoing commitment to restoration, preservation, and creating welcoming spaces for all who call Lynn Haven home.



Park Enhancements

Beach Volleyball Court



The City of Lynn Haven is continuing to invest in recreation and sustainability with new features at our parks. At the Lynn Haven Sports Complex, a brand-new sand volleyball court is now open daily from dawn to dusk. The court will host open play, leagues, tournaments, and community events, joining the wide variety of amenities already available—including basketball courts, ballfields, pickleball courts, and playgrounds.

Water Bottle Refill Stations



New refillable bottle stations have been installed at Sheffield and Kinsaul Parks to make it easier for visitors to stay hydrated while also helping reduce plastic waste. These stations support healthier lifestyles and promote environmental responsibility by encouraging reusable bottles over single-use plastics. They are part of the City's ongoing commitment to creating welcoming, sustainable spaces for the entire community to enjoy.



Lynn Haven Sports and Recreation

The next Art in the Park event is scheduled for Monday, October 13th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., featuring pumpkin painting in Sheffield Park. This event is free of charge, and all supplies will be provided while they last. We encourage community members of all ages to join us for this creative outdoor experience.

The youth Fall Ball and Basketball seasons are currently underway. For complete schedules and current standings for all leagues, please visit 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! Register for forthcoming leagues on Community Pass at www.LynnHavenSports.com

League Registrations

Youth Volleyball

Registration opens November 6th | Season January - March

Adult Softball

Registration opens October 2nd | Season: December - mid January

NFL Youth Flag Football

Registration closes November 12th | Season: December - February

Adult Flag Football

Registration closes November 12th | Season: January - March

Youth Spring-Ball

Registration opens November 20th | Season: March - May



Upcoming Events

Art in the Park

Monday, October 13th | 4:00 to 6:00 PM | Sharon Sheffield Park

Burning up the Bases-Charity Softball Tournament

Saturday, November 1st | Lynn Haven Sports Complex

Joy to the Court-Pickleball Tournament

December 12th-14th | Lynn Haven Sports Complex

If you have questions about current or upcoming leagues, contact the Sports and Recreation Department at Sports@cityoflynnhaven.com or call 850-788-2357.

Community Engagement

Bucket Bay at Porter Park

Girl Scout Troop 10105 unveiled their Silver Award project, Bucket Bay — a community station filled with shovels, buckets, and beach toys for kids to borrow while enjoying the bay. The new addition is located at Porter Park. With support from the Lynn Haven Parks & Grounds Department and donated supplies from Home Depot and Lowe's, the Scouts spent six months bringing their vision to life. Next time you visit Porter Park, be sure to check out Bucket Bay!



October is Fire Prevention Month

This year's Fire Prevention Month is all about keeping your home safe when using Lithium-Ion batteries. Our Lynn Haven Fire and Emergency Services team will be sharing helpful tips and info all month long. Be sure to follow them on Facebook to see everything they've got planned!



Emergency Preparedness



As hurricane season continues, the City of Lynn Haven reminds residents to review their emergency plans and supplies. Families are encouraged to keep an emergency kit with food, water, medications, and essential documents, and to stay informed through official weather updates and city alerts. Preparedness is key to keeping our community safe.



Department FAQs Parks and Grounds

Can I have a birthday party in the park?

Yes! All Lynn Haven parks except Bayou Park & Preserve allow small gatherings. Tables and pavilions are first-come, first-served. No confetti, balloons, glitter, or smoke bombs.

Are dogs allowed in the park?

Yes! Lynn Haven's parks are dog-friendly. Dogs must stay leashed (6 ft. max). Please clean up and be mindful of others.

How do I report a piece of broken or damaged equipment at a park?

Call (850) 265-2121 ext. 2151 or email tfarris@cityoflynnhaven.com. For urgent issues, call or text (850) 774-3402.

We want to hold a gender reveal at the park; do I have to have a reservation?

Picnic tables and pavilions are first-come, first-served. Decorations, confetti, glitter, smoke bombs, or other items that create trash or damage are not allowed.

Can we have an event (Wedding, Birthday Party, Church event, etc.) at the Lynn Haven Bayou Park & Preserve?

Due to grant restrictions, the park may only host educational activities (e.g., school field trips, nature programs). Small family picnics are allowed.

Meetings and Events

- 10/03** Fall concert Series: Chandler Flint | 6-8 PM
- 10/07** Planning Commission Meeting | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 10/08** CRA Advisory Board Meeting | 3:00-5:00 PM
- 10/10** Fall Concert Series: Boukou Groove | 6-8 PM
- 10/13** Art In the Park 4-6 PM
- 10/14** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 10/17** Fall Concert Series: PCB Eclipse | 6-8 PM
- 10/20-10/24** Florida City Government Week
- 10/24** Fall Concert Series: The Gr8ful Dads| 6-8 PM
- 10/28** Student Art Show Awards 4 PM
- 10/28** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 11/01** Burning up the Bases: Charity Softball Tournament
- 11/04** Planning Commission Meeting | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 11/11** Veterans Day: All City Offices Closed
- 11/12** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 11/15** Winter Wonderland 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 11/27-11/28** Thanksgiving Holiday-All City Offices Closed
- 12/02** Planning Commission Meeting | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 12/02** Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30-8 PM
- 12/06** Christmas Parade 9-11 AM
- 12/09** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 12/12-12/14** Joy to the Court-Pickleball Tournament
- 12/24-12/26** Christmas Holiday: All City Offices Closed

OCTOBER

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			1	2	3 Fall Concert Series: Chandler Flint	4
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19	20-21 FLORIDA CITY WEEK Florida City Government Week		22 FLORIDA CITY WEEK	23	24 Fall Concert Series: The Gr8ful Dads & the Foxy Vox	25
26	27 City Commission Meeting	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	

NOVEMBER

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						1 Burning up the Bases: Charity Softball Tournament
2	3	4 Planning Commission Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day All City Offices Closed	12 City Commission Meeting	13	14	15 Winter Wonderland: Holiday Market
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23	24	25	26	27 HAPPY Thanksgiving All City Offices Closed	28	29
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DECEMBER

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	1 Planning Commission Meeting	2 Christmas Tree Lighting	3	4	5	6 Christmas Parade
7	8 City Commission Meeting	9	10	11	12 Joy to the Court: Pickleball	13
14 Tournament	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 + merry + Christmas	25 All City Offices Closed	26 All City Offices Closed	27
28	29	30	31			

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Parks & Grounds	850-248-0551
Sports & Recreation	850-788-2357
Animal Control/Shelter	850-265-4699
Customer Service Center	850-265-2121
Utility Billing	850-265-2121 Ext. 0
Development & Planning	850-248-0708
Economic Development	850-248-0701
Facility Maintenance	850-248-0636
Fire Department	850-265-7335
Human Resources	850-788-9112
Risk Management	850-788-9112
Police (non-emergency)	850-265-4111
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Public Works	850-265-5989
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City of Lynn Haven Current Bid Openings

For more information, click the button below or visit: cityoflynnhaven.com/Bids.aspx
Submit your proposal today to be part of the city's growth and development.

[Current Bids](#)

Event Applications & Sponsorship Opportunities

Interested in being a vendor at one of our events or becoming a sponsor? The City of Lynn Haven welcomes community partnerships that bring exciting and family-friendly experiences to our residents. Whether you'd like to apply as a vendor or support one through sponsorship, we'd love to work with you! For details and applications, please click the button or email communications@cityoflynnhaven.com.

[Events](#)

Stay Connected

Be the first to know what's happening in our community! Follow us on Facebook and check our website regularly for the latest news, updates, and event information. If plans or schedules change, that's where you'll see it first.



[City Website](#)