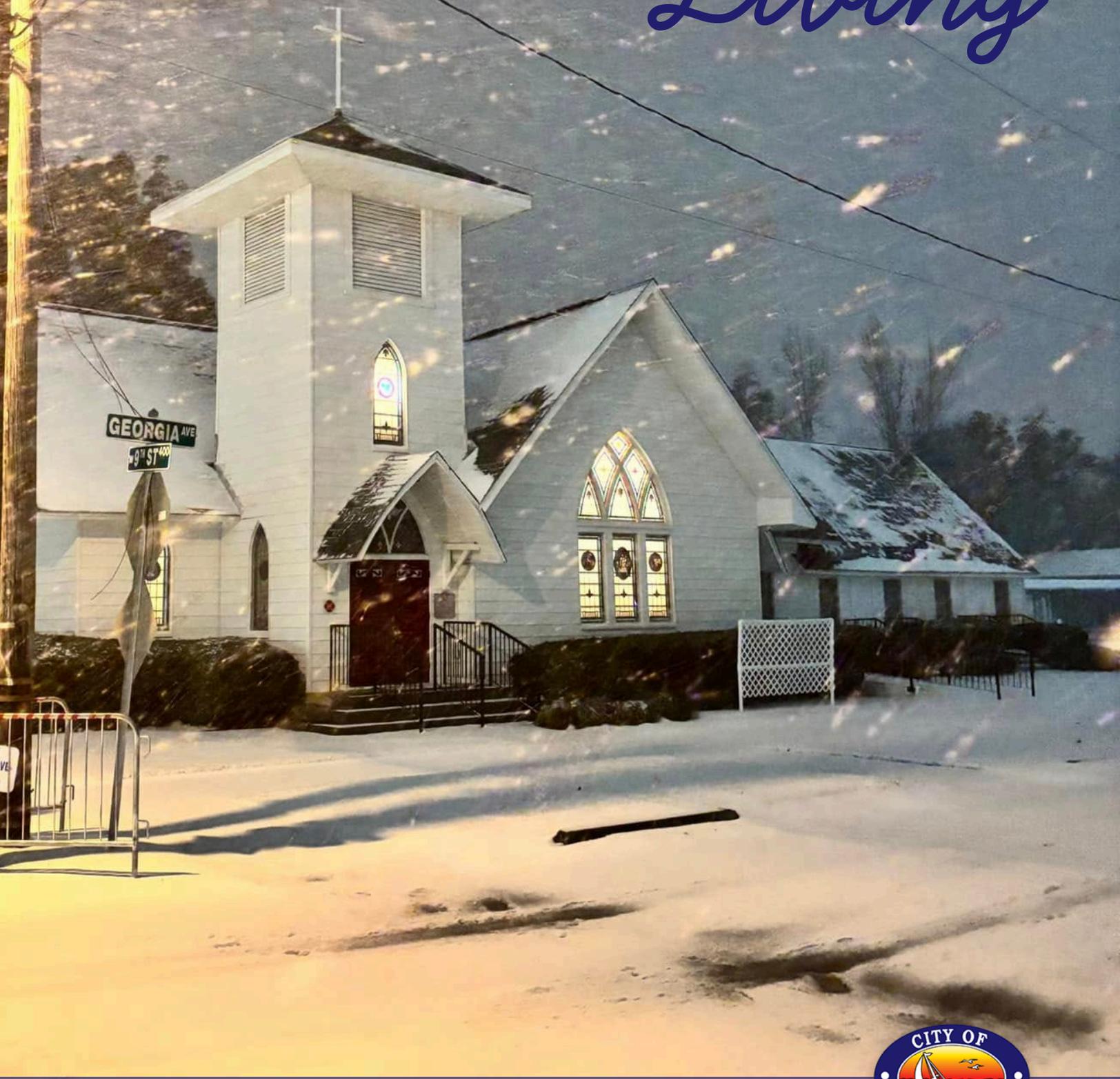


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New Years Greetings

From the City of Lynn Haven

Dear Lynn Haven Residents,

As we welcome the New Year, the City of Lynn Haven extends our heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a year filled with health, happiness, and prosperity.

Lynn Haven is more than just a place to live, it is a community defined by connection, compassion, and a shared commitment to one another. We encourage everyone to remain engaged, support our neighbors, and participate in the events and initiatives that make our city such a wonderful place to call home.

Thank you for being an essential part of our community. May the coming year bring new opportunities, continued growth, and lasting joy to every household in Lynn Haven.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
The City of Lynn Haven
City Commission & Staff



Featured News The Holidays in Lynn Haven

The City of Lynn Haven kicked off the holiday season with our Winter Wonderland Holiday Shopping event on November 16th. Over 165 vendors from across Northwest Florida set up throughout Sharon Sheffield Park and sold a variety of goods, such as handmade crafts, jewelry, furniture, gourmet food items, wreaths, candles, oils, and so much more! This spectacular holiday event provided our community with the opportunity to get a jumpstart on their holiday shopping while supporting small and local businesses.



The festivities continued with our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3rd at Sharon Sheffield Park. Attendees enjoyed the holiday cheer as we illuminated our nearly 40-foot Christmas Tree with special performances put on by our local students and organizations. In addition, guests enjoyed a photo opportunity with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, free hot chocolate, and free cookies. The City of Lynn Haven would like to thank everyone who embraced the spirit of togetherness this holiday season within our community. Although there was no Christmas Parade, we look forward to continuing this joyful tradition this year.

The City of Lynn Haven extends our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who came out to celebrate with us and embraced the spirit of community during this special time of year. We cherish these moments and the connections they create. We wish all our incredible residents a blessed and joyful 2026.



Keeping You In the Know

New Fire Engine Coming Soon

Lynn Haven Fire & Rescue will soon welcome Engine 51 to our fleet. It is currently undergoing enhancements in South Florida, where it will receive custom compartment shelving and official Lynn Haven Fire & Rescue decals. Following this final outfitting, we expect to take delivery of Engine 51 in late January 2026.



Perry Weather System

A graphic with a green and black striped border. The text reads "STAY ALERT STAY PROTECTED" in large, bold letters. Below it, "Introducing Perry Weather Alerting System" is written in a smaller font. To the right is the "perry weather" logo, which includes a lightning bolt icon.

The Perry Weather Alerting System is a professional weather monitoring system that has been installed in three of our parks around the city. These systems are located at Sheffield Park, Cain Griffin Park, and the Lynn Haven Sports Complex.

What it does? The system detects lightning within a 10 and 20-mile radius and provides an audible alert. A strobe light indicates unsafe conditions. After 30 minutes without a lightning strike, the system will trigger an “ALL CLEAR” signal with three short alerts, and the strobe light turns off.

Why this Matters? Local weather can change quickly. On-site monitoring helps staff receive timely alerts and respond when conditions may become unsafe

Looking Forward

MLK Festival 2026



The City of Lynn Haven will host the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Festival on Monday, January 19, 2026, 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. We look forward to this celebration and hope for your attendance.

Special Recall Election



The recall election will be held on January 20th, with voting hours from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Lynn Haven Senior Center, 905 Pennsylvania Avenue. Early voting will take place January 12th–16th, from 8 AM to 5 PM daily. During these periods, the Lynn Haven Senior Center will be closed to regular activities.

Health Fair 2026



Mark your calendars for the annual Community Health Fair on Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Lynn Haven Senior Activity Center. The Lynn Haven Community Health Fair is designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, preventative care, and disease management, and to help people connect with health resources. A variety of healthcare vendors, including vision, pharmacy, health insurance, fitness and wellness, will be on-site, displaying their services and distributing information to attendees.

Upcoming Tree Giveaway



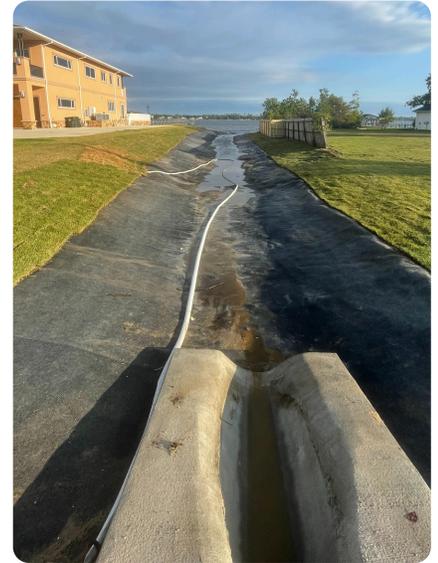
The next Tree Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2026, at A.L. Kinsaul Park from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, or until all trees are distributed. To participate, you must be a resident of Lynn Haven, so please bring your ID. Attendance is required to receive a tree, and there is a limit of one tree per household to ensure everyone has a chance to participate. Don't forget to check our Facebook page for further updates!

Project Updates Stormwater Outfall Project

This stormwater outfall project was successfully completed through a Legislative Appropriation and is fully reimbursable. The improvements enhance stormwater flow and help reduce flooding and standing water in the area. While many outfalls still need attention, we're proud to mark another one complete as we continue building a stronger, more resilient infrastructure for Lynn Haven.



Before



After

Cain Griffin Park Playground

Big changes are coming to Cain-Griffin Park! Our playground is getting a full refresh, for a safer more fun place to play. Construction begins in January, and when it's done, families can look forward to a bright, joyful, all-new playground. We can't wait to share the new playground with you.



Community Engagement

City Government Week Art Show

Students from Deer Point Elementary School and Mowat Middle School submitted artwork for our City Week 2025 Art Showcase, which featured all of their amazing work and ended with an award ceremony. A huge thank-you goes out to all the talented students who participated, the supportive parents, and the dedicated teachers who guided them!



Coming Soon to Lynn Haven



Ice Machine and vending at 601 Ohio Ave



Expansion at 520 & 530 Ohio Ave and 527 Florida Ave



7 Brew Drive Thru Coffee at 1420 Ohio Ave



Department FAQs Economic Development

What are the responsibilities of the Economic Development Director?

An Economic Development Professional focuses on three main areas; bringing new businesses to your community, keeping the existing ones, and helping them grow.

What is Economic Development on a city level?

City economic development focuses on strategies and initiatives aimed at creating a thriving and sustainable local economy, fostering job growth, attracting investment, and improving the overall quality of life for residents.

Does the city offer any incentives to commercial?

A tax abatement (property tax break) is offered to specific industry categories such as manufacturing, industrial, advanced technology, etc. The City Commission can approve this incentive if a business decides to expand its workforce by at least 10 full-time positions.

Do I have to get a business license when my company is located in Lynn Haven?

Yes. You can obtain your local business license at the City's Building Department. Lynn Haven also honors business licenses that were issued by the County or other local municipalities.

Does the city have any property for sale?

No. The city is not in the real estate business. On rare occasions, a city property may be classified as surplus. The sale of this property will then be advertised and sold to the highest bidder.

Service

In our community

Wreaths Across America

The Wreaths Across America ceremony took place on December 13th. This meaningful event is a powerful reminder of our community's dedication to remembering and honoring the bravery, sacrifice, and service of our nation's heroes. By placing wreaths on veterans' graves, Lynn Haven reaffirms its commitment to never forget those who gave so much for our freedom.



Donuts with Dogs

We had yet another successful Donuts with Dogs adoption and donation event at the Lynn Haven Animal Shelter. A huge thank you to the incredible students of the North Bay Haven Beta Club for putting in the hard work and compassion to make a real difference in the lives of our furry friends!



New Valve Machine

Our Public Works/Utilities team completed training on the new valve exercise machine. This equipment will allow staff to implement a comprehensive valve-exercising program throughout the city's utility system and assist with trouble valves during watermain or forcemain breaks when shutting off flow is necessary for repairs. This upgrade will help ensure faster, safer, and more efficient service for our residents



17th Street Pocket Park Swing

We want to extend a huge shout-out to our CRA Volunteer, Lloyd Keel, for successfully installing a new swing at the 17th Street Pocket Park! We truly appreciate their dedication and support for our CRA.





Lynn Haven Sports and Recreation

Lynn Haven Sports and Recreation is excited to kick off 2026 with several leagues in full swing! Don't miss out on the chance to get involved in the vibrant community of the world of sports in Lynn Haven. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just looking to have fun and stay active, there's something for both youth and adults.

In addition to league play, keep an eye out for special events and tournaments throughout the year. These events are a fantastic way to meet new friends, challenge your skills, and enjoy the camaraderie that sports brings. Stay connected with us and make sports a part of your 2026 journey!

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! Remember, volunteering as a coach or assistant is a rewarding way to contribute to the community and inspire young athletes. No prior experience is necessary—just a passion for the game and a willingness to mentor. Register for upcoming leagues on Community Pass at www.LynnHavenSports.com.

League Registrations

Youth Summer Basketball

Registration opens March 6th | Season: June - early August

Adult Volleyball

Registration opens January 28th | Season: April - late May

Adult Softball

Registration opens March 27th | Season: June - mid August

Upcoming Events

Volleyball Jamboree

Saturday, January 17th | 9:00 AM Charlie Smith Gym

Spring Ball Opening Day

Saturday, March 7th | 9:00 AM | Lynn Haven Sports Complex

Art in the Park

Friday, March 20th | 4:00 PM | Sharon Sheffield Park

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

Meetings and Events

- 01/01-01/02** Happy New Year!
All City Offices Closed
- 01/06** Planning Commission Meeting | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 01/07** Charter Review Committee Meeting | 8-10 AM
- 01/13** CRA Board Meeting 5-5:30 PM
- 01/13** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 01/13** Volleyball Jamboree 9 AM
- 01/19** MLK Festival | 10 AM - 4 PM
All City Offices Closed
- 01/20** Finance Review Committee Meeting | 8-10 AM
- 01/27** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 02/03** Planning Commission Meeting | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 02/09** Leon Miller Day
- 02/10** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 02/19** Community Health Fair 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 02/24** Student Art Awards 4:00 PM
- 02/24** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 03/03** Planning Commission Meeting | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 03/07** Spring Ball Opening Day 9:00 AM
- 03/10** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM
- 03/20** Art in the Park at Sheffield Park | 4-6 PM
- 03/21** Tree Giveaway at Kinsaul Park | 8-10 AM
- 03/24** City Commission Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM

JANUARY

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <i>Happy New Year</i> All City Offices Closed	2	3
4	5	6 Planning Commission Meeting	7 Charter Review Committee Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13 CRA Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Volleyball Jamboree
18	19 MLK Festival All City Offices Closed	20 City Commission Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 City Commission Meeting	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Planning Commission Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9 Leon Miller Day	10 City Commission Meeting	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15	16	17	18	19 Community Health Fair	20	21
22	23	24 Student Art Awards	25	26	27	28

MARCH

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Planning Commission Meeting	4	5	6	7 Spring Ball Opening Day!
8	9	10 City Commission Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>*ST. PATRICK'S DAY*</i>	18	19	20 <i>HELLO Spring</i> Art in the Park	21 Tree Giveaway
22	23	24 City Commission Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Department Contacts

Building Department	850-248-0634
Community Services	850-248-0551
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
Code Enforcement	850-265-4111
Public Works	850-265-5989
Garbage Pickup	850-265-5989 Ext. 2507
Cemeteries	850-265-5989

Commission Contacts

Question, comments or ideas?

Click the link or visit our website for the City Commission Contact Information page for phone numbers and email addresses. We encourage residents to stay connected and reach out.



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.



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.



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.



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