

Lynnsey Gardner Baker
Director of Communication and Community Outreach
City of Forest Acres

Lynnsey Gardner Baker is an award-winning journalist and communications expert with nearly two decades of experience in journalism, government and public safety/law enforcement relations, crisis and strategic communications. She brings a deep understanding of media, messaging and community engagement to her work in the public sector.

Lynnsey recently returned to the City of Forest Acres in an expanded role as Director of Communication and Community Engagement, where she leads public outreach, media strategy and community-focused initiatives. Her return builds on her prior success as Communications Director, where she elevated the city's profile through innovative media strategies and crisis communications. Her leadership earned recognition from state municipal leaders and invitations to speak on best practices in local government communications.

Previously, Lynnsey served as a Director at NP Strategy, where she applied her investigative skills and storytelling expertise to deliver impactful results for clients across various industries.

As a nationally recognized investigative journalist, she won three national Edward R. Murrow Awards and three Emmy Awards for her work at WJXT-Jacksonville and WRDW-Augusta. One of her investigations was cited in a congressional hearing by U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and ultimately contributed to the passage of four new federal laws.

Lynnsey is a proud second-generation graduate of the University of Georgia, which honored her with the John E. Drewry Young Alumni Achievement Award for her accomplishments in broadcast journalism. She lives in Forest Acres with her husband and their three young children.