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the residents of  
Lighthouse Point



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR, OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Mayor. As 2005 begins, and my first term as your Mayor draws to a close, I want to review what we have accomplished and tell you what we are looking forward to this coming year.

Most important to me, our City is in excellent financial health and all of our past legal issues have been resolved. Tax rates for the fourth year in a row have been lowered. During 2004 the City received commitments of over \$1,000,000 in grants earmarked for projects to improve our stormwater drainage, beautify our City, and upgrade our infrastructure.

I am very proud of the fact that we began work on eight major projects all scheduled for completion this year – a record number of accomplishments for

our City. The North Broward Prep School recently relocated to Coconut Creek, and the City purchased the property which is located next to City Hall. The southernmost building on the school property will be transformed into a new Police Station. The Building, Zoning, and Code Enforcement Departments will be relocated to the building between the new Police Station and the existing City Hall. Our Fire Station will be remodeled to improve safety and functionality. Our Library will be expanding thanks to the generosity of numerous residents and a grant from the State of Florida. This expansion project is estimated at a cost of \$600,000, none of which comes from your annual property taxes. Our goal is to make it more convenient to transact business in the City, as well as provide additional parking spaces.

We have begun planning for construction of a new bridge on Lighthouse Drive at 44th Street that we anticipate will be completed this year. In addition, repairs and repaving will be completed on the rough portion of roadway located north of 39th Street. All of the existing drinking water supply lines in the City have been replaced,

allowing for completion of road paving. This year you will see the transformation of DeGroff Park into an environmental preserve, something dear to nature lovers' hearts.

I would be remiss if I did  
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not take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and committed staff: from the Police Officers and Firefighters who keep our City safe, to the Public Works employees who keep our City sparkling, not to mention our staff in City Hall – they're all valuable. A special thanks to the City Commission members who serve tirelessly and do their homework on City issues. We may not agree on every issue (and that's not bad) but each one of them is dedicated to making Lighthouse Point a better place. Special appreciation goes to all of our volunteers including those in the Library, our all important Citizen Observer Patrol, and our tireless Committee and Board members.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your encouraging words and support which have been a constant source of inspiration to me. Our City's future is exciting and the best is yet to come. I look forward to working with City staff and the City Commission so we can continue to bring forth and pass legislation in order to ensure progressive and beneficial projects which will improve our community. I am confident that together we can all continue to make a positive difference in Lighthouse Point.

Respectfully,  
Mayor Fred Schorr

## DOG DAY IN THE PARK

The City of Lighthouse Point is pleased to invite your dog and you to join us at Dan Witt Park for the Third Annual "DOG DAY IN THE PARK." Mark your calendar for noon on Sunday, March 6, 2005.



All proceeds will benefit the Florida Humane Society.

Every dog entering the park must have a current rabies vaccination, be non-aggressive, and be on a leash.

ALL dogs must be registered at the front gate and will be given a Dog Day in the Park wristband to be attached to either their collar or leash.

For more information or to volunteer for this event contact Recreation Director John Trudel at [jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com](mailto:jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com), or City Clerk Carol Landau at [clandau@lighthousepoint.com](mailto:clandau@lighthousepoint.com), or call 954-943-6500.

**THIS IS AN EVENT  
YOUR DOG AND YOU  
WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!**

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#### City Clerk

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#### Code Enforcement

2200 N.E. 38 Street . .954-784-3409

#### Finance

2200 N.E. 38 Street . .954-784-3432

#### Fire

3740 N.E. 22 Avenue .954-941-2624

#### Library

2200 N.E. 38 Street. .954-946-6398

#### Police

3760 N.E. 22 Avenue .954-942-8080

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4730 N.E. 21 Terrace . .954-946-7386

#### Recreation

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## IMPORTANT FLOOD INSURANCE INFORMATION - SAVING LIVES, PROPERTY, AND MONEY

Every year, flooding causes hundreds of millions of dollars worth of damage to homes and businesses around the country. Standard homeowners and commercial property policies do not cover flood losses. So to meet the need for this vital coverage, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP offers reasonably priced flood insurance in communities that comply with minimum standards for floodplain management. It's federally backed and easy to get through your own insurance agent. To learn more about the National Flood Insurance Program, call your local insurance agent. There is normally a 5-day waiting period before a new policy is issued.

Most homes in Lighthouse Point are located in a flood hazard zone. Elevation certificates are available in the Building Department, for some residential units and commercial buildings, upon request. Also, flood zone maps and map reading assistance are available in the Building Department, which is located in City Hall, 2200 NE 38th Street.

We want to encourage everyone to secure adequate flood insurance protection. Flood

insurance coverage is available to protect both structures and their contents. Renters may obtain flood insurance coverage to insure their personal property. All flood insurance policies for properties located within our City limits continue to receive a 10% premium reduction. This discount is due to the City's participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS program recognizes cities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, that educate their residents about local flood hazards and regulations, that establish flood preparedness and warning programs, and that regulate development in flood-prone areas.

To find out more, contact the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (NFIP/CRS). CRS General Information: Mr. William Trakimas, ISO, Inc., 2033 Hamilton Lane, Carmel, IN 46032, phone 317-848-2898, fax 317-848-3578, E-mail [WTrakimas@iso.com](mailto:WTrakimas@iso.com); National Flood Insurance Program information: Ms. Susan W. Wilson, CFM, Natural Hazards Program Specialist, DHS/FEMA Region IV, Mitigation Division, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, phone 770-220-5414, fax 770-220-5440, [susan.wilson@dhs.gov](mailto:susan.wilson@dhs.gov).

You may also check our City website, [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com), and click on the Flood Insurance button for more information and links to FEMA and other insurance-related sources.

## SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

If you're looking for an opportunity to earn extra money, and learn about the election process while you're at it, then you should contact the Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office at 954-459-9911 and ask how to become a Pollworker. The pay per election is between \$100.00-\$135.00. If you prefer, you may go to their website at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org) and fill out the application form.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Acheson Challenge Grant goal met.** The Friends of the Library are pleased to report that the Fall Fund Raising Event "Endless Summer" did meet the \$150,000 Acheson Challenge. This \$300,000 plus will be used for constructing nearly 3,000 square feet of additional library space, renovating existing City offices into the Library facility, and remodeling the existing Library. Over \$170,000 was received from private individuals and local corporations along with the proceeds of the silent and live auctions on October 22nd. Construction will begin upon the completion of the new police facility on the former North Broward

Preparatory School campus. A most heartfelt thank you to all donors!

**Senior Center Activities Calendar** has a full schedule. Senior Center computer classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday in the Library's computer center. Pre-registration is required, please call Cathy at 954-946-6398 for the class schedule and registration. The senior informational programs on Thursdays include Conversational Spanish, Financial Planning, a twice-monthly book discussion, exercise, home improvement, and special programs as announced. Calendars are available each month in the Library, the Senior Center, area churches, and

on the Lighthouse Point Tender. The senior programs are funded under the auspices of the Community Block Development Grant, and are free for the participants.

**Spring Book Sale** is scheduled for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 10th-12th, during regular library hours. We sell hardbacks, paperbacks, puzzles, games, software, videos, and audiocassettes at bargain prices. Donations of materials will be accepted for this sale until Wednesday, March 9th.

**Summer Library Programs** and registration dates will be announced in the local newspapers.



# LIGHTHOUSE POINT POLICE

## Police Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Officer Dan Gillings, who has been selected as the "Officer of the Year" for 2004. During the past year, Officer Gillings played an instrumental role in the

handling of many high profile cases, and personally contributed to the investigation and arrest of multiple offenders for crimes that include armed robbery, aggravated assault, embezzlement, grand theft, and possession of crack cocaine.

Dan was also directly responsible for the recovery of thousands of dollars of stolen money, and received multiple letters of appreciation from citizens for his professionalism, care, and compassion in dealing with crisis situations.



## A SPECIAL THANKS

Frank McDonough Park was the scene of a winter wonderland December 8th when the 2nd Annual Lighthouse A'Glow festivities kicked off the season with the lighting of the City Christmas tree, Menorah, and Manger, donated by Campbell & Rosemurgy Real Estate. A heartfelt thanks to them and all of our sponsors and Committee Members.



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Angie Wich

## CITY BOARD OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a City Board (appointed by the City Commission) or Advisory Committee (appointed annually by the Mayor), application forms are available online on our **City website** which is [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com). Click on the Handbooks link, and scroll down to the Boards and Committees Handbook section to download and print the form. Application forms are available also in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, or you may call us at 954-943-6500, and we will be happy to mail the application to you.

### While you're online, check out our Handbooks:

- Resident's Guide - Contains general information relating to City, County, and State matters, including telephone numbers and addresses for agencies.
- Elected Officials Handbook - Contains information relating to State, Federal, and local officials serving Lighthouse Point.
- Boards and Committees Handbook - Contains information on the City's boards and committees, Government in the Sunshine Law, and information pertaining to the legislative and administrative structure and responsibilities.

There are many ways you can contribute your time and talents to your City and we would love to have you join us.



## LIGHTHOUSE POINT FIRE RESCUE

### LIGHTHOUSE POINT FIRE RESCUE TO KICK OFF NEW FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department in 2005 will launch A Fire Safety Campaign for People 50-Plus to educate the community's older citizens about prevention of injury due to fire-related incidents. The Fire Rescue Department is conducting the campaign in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Each year, approximately 1,100 Americans who are 65 years of age and older die in home fires, and another 3,000 Americans are injured. Additionally, they are three times as likely to die in a residential fire as compared to the rest of the population. Careless smoking, cooking, and heating practices are the top three causes of fire deaths for people in this age group.

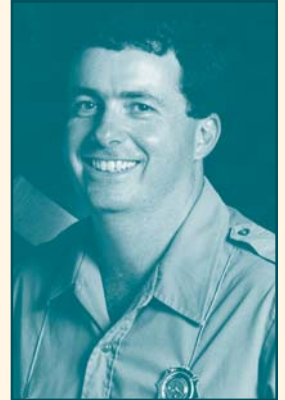
"Our firefighters will teach seniors simple steps about proper cooking, heating, and smoking precautions in their homes - steps that will help them avoid unspeakable tragedy," said Fire Chief David Harlow. "We will also encourage our older citizens to maintain their smoke alarms, develop and practice a fire escape plan, and if at all possible, install home fire sprinklers." Chief Harlow noted that the campaign reaches out to the 65-plus population and to people who are 50 years and older who often care for, and will soon enter, this high risk group.

"We welcome invitations from community and faith-based organizations to present fire safety programs for people ages 50 years and older, their families, and caregivers," said Chief Harlow. "Our firefighters will also make home visits to point out fire hazards, help plan escape routes, and provide fire safety materials."

Contact the Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department at 954-941-2624 to schedule a fire safety presentation or request a home visit. Fire Safety Campaign for People 50-Plus information is available at the City's Fire Rescue Department or at [www.usfa.fema.gov/50Plus](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/50Plus).

### FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Bruce Pryde, who has been selected as the "Firefighter of the Year" for 2004. Since the time of his employment with the City in March 2000, he has furthered his education and career by obtaining several certifications including Pump Apparatus Operator, Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician, and Fire Inspector. Along with three other Fire Inspectors, Bruce annually inspects all commercial and multi-family properties in the City. He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics/Accounting from Rollins College. We are fortunate to have Bruce as a member of our Department.



### HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Many thanks for your donations for our Holiday Toy Drive. We greatly appreciated your generosity, and so did the children. We have conducted this toy drive for over twenty years, and each year it is a success thanks to all of you.

### FLIPS: Injury Prevention Program for Seniors

Did you know that more than 30,000 senior citizens in Florida are hospitalized annually for falls occurring in the home? Did you also know that more than 70,000 senior citizens are poisoned annually, with 40 percent of these involving medications?

The Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department proudly presents the first injury prevention program for seniors. The Florida Injury Prevention Program for Seniors, otherwise known as the "FLIPS" program, is dedicated to reducing or eliminating injuries and hazards in Florida's elderly population. The program was developed through a

cooperative effort from the State Department of Elder Affairs, Department of Health, and the State Division of the Fire Marshal.

The Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department is adopting the FLIPS program to help educate senior citizens in preventing many types of injuries that occur in the home. Topics to be covered during a one-hour presentation include fall prevention, poison and medication safety, and fire safety.

File of Life cards will be given out during each presentation. Participants will be taught how to store important information about themselves, like health history, the medicines they are taking, as well as family and physician

phone numbers. The cards are magnetized and are designed to be attached to a refrigerator door. The Lighthouse Point Firefighter Paramedics are trained to utilize the information contained in the File of Life card during an emergency where a patient is unable to speak.

Citizens who are 65 years and older are encouraged to attend the FLIPS program presentation. FLIPS will be offered every month at nearby condominiums or at Dixon Ahl Hall beginning in February 2005. Dates and times will be announced soon on the City's website, or you may call the Fire Department at 954-941-2624 for further details.





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## MUNICIPAL ELECTION-MARCH 8, 2005

On Tuesday, March 8, 2005, the City of Lighthouse Point will conduct a municipal election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at which residents who are registered to vote will elect a Mayor and two (2) City Commissioners.

If you wish to vote, but have not registered yet, you must do so prior to February 7, 2005. You can register to vote at the checkout counter of any public library, social service agency, motor vehicles agency, or you can request an application by mail (but, if you do that, be sure to leave time for mailing).

The polling places in Lighthouse Point are located at:

- 1B Dixon Ahl Hall-2220 N.E. 38 Street
- 2B Trinity United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall)-3901 N.E. 22 Avenue
- 3B City Hall (Library Community Room)-2200 N.E. 38 Street
- 4B St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (Educational Building)-  
2700 N.E. 36 Street
- 5B Trinity United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall)-3901 N.E. 22 Avenue
- 6B St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (Educational Building)-  
2700 N.E. 36 Street
- 7B Dixon Ahl Hall-2220 N.E. 38 Street

The nearest Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office locations to the City of Lighthouse Point are: 1600 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Room 166, Deerfield Beach, (954-831-1225), and the Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 102, Fort Lauderdale (954-357-7050). Both are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Early voting and absentee ballot information are available by calling the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at 954-357-7055 or 954-357-7050, or by visiting their website at [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org).

For more election information, go to [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com), and click on the Elections button.



## ADOPT A CANAL END

One of the most important projects focused on every year is that of beautifying



our City. This year, thanks to the enormous generosity of one of our resident families, we have begun a new program to beautify all canal ends. "Adopt a Canal End" began as an idea from the Thomas family. Adrian, Mikey, Lilly, and Henry wanted to beautify the canal end on their street. Working with the City's landscape architect Miller Legg, and also Sunkiss Nursery in Pompano Beach, they have succeeded in beautifying the first of approximately a dozen canal ends visible from our City streets. The landscaping was paid for by the Thomas family, and will be maintained by the City. The remaining canal ends are now open for "adoption." All that is required is a commitment to pay for the landscaping. For further information, please call Mikey Thomas at 954-784-9790.

## OFFICIAL CITY MEETINGS

### CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA CALENDAR OF MEETINGS\*

MEETING	DATE	LOCATION
Beautification	Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.	Recreation Center (Dixon Ahl Hall)
City Commission	Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	Fletcher Hall
Code Enforcement	Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	Fletcher Hall
Community Appearance	Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	Fletcher Hall
Library Advisory	Meets the 2nd Monday, October through April at 7:00 p.m.	Library Board Room
Planning & Zoning	Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	Fletcher Hall
Special Master	Meets on various dates, call 954-784-3409 for information	Fletcher Hall
Waterway	Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	Conference Room (City Hall)

\*All City of Lighthouse Point meetings are subject to change. Please check our website at [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com) and click on "Monthly Calendar" for the current meeting schedule. Interested parties may also call the City Clerk's office at 954-943-6500 for information.

WWW.LIGHTHOUSEPOINT.COM IS THE ADDRESS TO THE CITY'S "USER FRIENDLY" WEBSITE, AND IS THE INFORMATION SOURCE FOR CITY NEWS AND EVENTS, SENIOR ACTIVITIES, YOUTH SPORTS, FORMS, AND MUCH MORE! PLEASE TAKE TIME TO VIEW THE SITE.

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## KEEP THIS DATE!

The 5th Annual Keeper Days Weekend is right around the corner, February 11 - 13, 2005. Come and celebrate in the festive theme of "Lighthouse Point Celebrates MARDI GRAS."

The City will be honoring the following Keepers: Allen Furia, Marvin Giddings, Charlie Teebagy, and Jerry Klein for "Serving our Community's Children for over 40 Years." There will be lots of food, fun, and entertainment for the young and old alike. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this wonderful tradition.

If you have any questions, or would like to be a sponsor, please contact Jane McLaughlin at 954-941-7372, or [NDMAC@aol.com](mailto:NDMAC@aol.com); or John Trudel at 954-784-3439, or [jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com](mailto:jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com). The Keeper Days schedule of events is available on the City website, [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com).





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## CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

### BASEBALL

Youth: Ages 10-13  
Registration: February 9, 2005  
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Pee Wee: Ages 7-9  
Registration: February 19, 2005  
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.



Girls Coach Pitch: Ages 6-8  
Registration: March 5, 2005  
Frank McDonough Park, noon

Summer Recreation Program  
Ages 6 to 13, six (6) weeks  
Registration: June 15 & 16, 2005  
8:00 a.m. until noon  
Dixon Ahl Hall



Jr. Pee Wee (Instructional):  
Ages 5-6  
Registration: March 12, 2005  
Dan Witt Park, noon

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
Sr. Girls: Ages 12-15

Registration: February 16, 2005  
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11  
Registration: February 26, 2005  
Frank McDonough Park, noon



Summer Youth Sailing Program  
Ages 9 to 13, six (6) weeks  
Registration: June 15 & 16, 2005  
8:00 a.m. until noon  
Dixon Ahl Hall

Spring Break Baseball Camp  
Ages 7 to 10  
Details at a later date.

For information on all youth sports programs,  
please call 954-784-3439, or go to  
[www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com).