

A newsletter to  
the residents of  
Lighthouse Point



# Lighthouse Points

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The Official City Newsletter

[www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com)

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## SPECIAL HURRICANE EDITION

### Hurricane Season is here, again!

#### TRIM TREES AND SHRUBBERY

All vegetation is picked up in the City on a weekly basis. Having your property maintained before a storm will help to ensure that our Public Works Department will be able to assist all areas of the City during unexpected emergencies.

#### DISPOSE OF TRASH AND UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Last year many residents waited until a hurricane was on its way before they emptied out their garages to make room for vehicles. Many residents had to bring their unwanted household items and trash back into their garages because there wasn't enough time for trash collection. Please call Public Works at 954-946-7386 to schedule a pick up for large items.

#### SHELTERS OR EVACUATION PLAN

NOW is the time to form a family hurricane action plan.

Lighthouse Point is in a mandatory evacuation area with Category 3 and above storms. Determine what hurricane plan you and your family will follow should the need arise, how your home will be secured, and where will you stay. The best place to stay is in a home outside of the evacuation zone that has hurricane shutters, food, and supplies.

#### TROPICAL STORM WATCH

Tropical storm conditions are possible in the watch area within 36 hours.

#### TROPICAL STORM WARNING

Tropical storm conditions are expected in the warning area within 24 hours.

#### HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours. Your hurricane preparations should be underway.

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#### SAFIR-SIMPSON SCALE

##### CATEGORY 1

74-95 mph winds  
Storm surge 4-5 feet

##### CATEGORY 2

96-110 mph winds  
Storm surge 6-8 feet

##### CATEGORY 3

111-130 mph winds  
Storm surge 9-12 feet

##### CATEGORY 4

131-155 mph winds  
Storm surge 13-18 feet

##### CATEGORY 5

More than 155 mph winds  
Storm surge greater than 18 feet

#### 2005 STORM NAMES

Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Dennis, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, Katrina, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rita, Stan, Tammy, Vince, Wilma

#### BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

- Learn safe routes inland.
- Find out where official shelters are located.
- Develop a family hurricane action plan.
- Review working condition of emergency equipment, such as flashlights and battery-powered radios.
- Ensure you have enough non-perishable food and water supplies on hand.
- Trim trees and shrubbery.
- Buy plywood or shutters to protect doors and windows.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Determine where to move your boat in an emergency.
- Check policies to see if you have flood and wind insurance.
- Know your community safety plan.

#### HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT

- Battery-operated radio and flashlight
- First aid kit
- Lightweight folding chairs/cots
- Two-week supply of medicine
- Personal items including, books, toys, and snacks
- Blankets and/or sleeping bags
- Infant necessities
- Extra clothing
- Important documents (Valid ID) and money

#### HOME DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

- A 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person, per day)
- Food that won't spoil
- One change of clothing and shoes per person
- Prescription medicines
- One blanket or sleeping bag per person
- First aid kit
- Battery-powered portable radio
- Emergency tools
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- Extra set of car keys, a credit card, and cash
- Special items for infant, elderly, and/or disabled family members

#### BEFORE THE STORM

- Frequently listen to the radio, television, or NOAA weather radio for official bulletins of the storm's progress.
- Fuel and service family vehicles. Gas pumps do not operate without power.
- Have extra cash on hand. ATM machines do not operate without power.
- Prepare to cover all windows and doors with shutters or other shielding materials.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first-aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.
- Bring in light-weight objects such as garbage cans, garden tools, toys, lawn furniture, and signs, i.e., real estate and contractors.
- Secure all of your trash and debris inside your garage. Do not bring items to the curb. Items will not be picked up. These items will become missiles during a storm and could cause damage.

FOR ADDITIONAL HURRICANE INFORMATION:

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## DURING HURRICANE WARNINGS AND WATCHES

- Listen closely to radio, television, or NOAA weather radio for official bulletins.
- Complete preparation activities, such as putting up storm shutters, storing loose objects, etc.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials.  
**Leave immediately if told to do so!**
- If evacuating, leave early (if possible, in daylight). Stay with friends or relatives, stay at a low-rise inland hotel/motel, or go to a pre-designated public shelter outside a flood zone.
- Notify neighbors and family members of your evacuation plans.
- Take pets with you. Leaving pets behind may result in their being injured, lost, or killed.
- Move to a safe area before you are cut off by flood water.

### IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE, STAY IN A WELL-CONSTRUCTED FACILITY

- Turn refrigerator to its coldest setting and keep the door closed.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes.
- Stay away from windows and doors even if they are covered.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway.
- Close all exterior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- In a two-story house, go to an interior first-floor room, such as a bathroom or closet.

## AFTER THE STORM

- Listen to radio, television, or NOAA weather radio.
- Keep abreast of road conditions through the media. Wait until an area is declared safe before entering.
- Stay clear of downed power lines whether electrical, telephone, or cable. Contact with a live power line will cause serious injury or death. All downed power lines may be energized. Do not step in standing water or puddles near downed lines.
- Stay away from moving water. As little as 6 inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle and/or sweep you and your vehicle away. Water may be electrically charged from downed power lines.
- Do not attempt to drive across flowing water, 2 feet of water will carry most cars away.
- If you see water flowing across a roadway, turn around and go another way. Many people have been killed or injured driving through flooded roadways or around barricades. Roads are closed for your protection.
- Do not allow children to play in flooded areas. They often drown or are injured in areas appearing safe.
- If someone needs to be rescued, call professionals with the right equipment to help. Many people have been killed or injured trying to rescue others in flooded areas.
- Have professionals check gas, water, electrical lines, and appliances for damage.
- Use a flashlight for emergency lighting. Never use candles and other open flames indoors.
- **Water may not be safe to drink.** Use tap water for drinking and cooking only when local officials say it is safe to do so.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.
- Traffic signals will be out. Treat all intersections as 4-way stops.
- In the event of a major storm with catastrophic damage, evacuated areas may remain closed to the public until public safety officials determine it is safe to return. Listen to radio and TV broadcasts to determine when roads will be open for a safe return. You may not be able to re-enter Lighthouse Point for several days. Be sure that your family hurricane action plan allows for an extended stay.
- **Do not enter evacuated areas until local officials have issued an all-clear.**

### PLEASE USE WATER SPARINGLY!

During power outages when there is no electrical power, lift stations located throughout the City, that normally pump raw sewage/wastewater out of the City, **do not operate.** Sewer/wastewater used for showers, toilets, or sink drains will eventually back up into unwanted areas throughout the entire City.

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## GENERATOR SAFETY

Generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they also can be hazardous.

When installing a permanent generator be sure to obtain the necessary permits from the Lighthouse Point Building Department, have a licensed electrician (licensed and with references) connect the generator. Use the generator according to the manufacturer's instructions.

When using a portable generator be sure to place it in a well-ventilated area and NEVER inside a home. Consult a licensed electrician on the proper way to hook-up the generator and use according to the manufacturer's specifications. If you have any questions, please contact the City's Building Department at 954-943-6509.

The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. Most of the incidents associated with portable generators reported involve CO poisoning from generators used indoors or in partially-enclosed spaces. To avoid CO poisoning when using a portable generator: NEVER run it indoors, including garages, basements, and crawlspaces. As a precaution, install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home, according to the manufacturer's installation instructions.

### Be a Good Neighbor and Share the Power

Please be considerate of your neighbors when using a generator. The noise of the generator can be loud and disturb your neighbors, especially if they have their windows open.

If you have a generator, think about sharing the power with your neighbors. You can use heavy duty extension cords to connect your generator to your neighbor's house(s). Be sure to use caution and stay within the guidelines of operating this piece of equipment.

### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND CONTRACTORS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The following procedures are expected to be followed by both property owners and contractors during hurricane season:

- Dumpsters need to be emptied on a regular basis throughout the entire hurricane season.
- Remove or properly secure the following items: portable toilets, trailers, scaffolding and any other large items on job sites.
- It shall be a violation for an owner of the real property upon which construction is occurring, or any contractor responsible for said construction, to have on that property loose construction materials that are not fastened or secured to the ground or any permanent structure.
- Loose waste and trash resulting from construction must be cleared from the site or kept within an area that is wire-fenced or secured within an enclosed containment structure to assure that waste and trash does not affect adjacent properties.
- From June 1 to November 30 of each calendar year, building material shall be loaded on a roof no earlier than twenty (20) working days prior to the permanent installation of those materials.
- Install, remove or band together and fasten roof tiles to the top of the structure.
- Remove wind screen material from construction fences.

**A complete copy of this Hurricane Preparedness Notice is available in the Lighthouse Point Building Department.**

When a hurricane watch is declared, City personnel will survey the entire City to assure compliance with City Codes as well as any other items that may affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. If your site is not in compliance you will receive a notice to appear before the Special Magistrate or the Code Enforcement Board at which time fines may be levied against you or your property. If you need further information or have any questions regarding the security of your job site, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 954-784-3409 or consult a copy of the Florida Building Code Section 105.



# EVACUATION AND SHELTER INFORMATION

**HURRICANE EVACUATION - SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**\*RESIDENTS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED FOR ANY ASSISTANCE\***  
**REGISTRATION HOTLINE 954-357-2888**  
**TTY REGISTRATION HOTLINE 954-357-2882**

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR EVACUATION TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

- Frail, elderly, and/or disabled residents who have no means of transportation and are unable to use Mass Transit and live in:
  - Designated evacuation areas, and/or low lying areas
- Individuals outside of the evacuation zone who are isolated, and at risk due to frailty, will be transported if they have no other means of transportation and cannot use Mass Transit.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

- Persons who need assistance in administering their own injectable medication.  
 NOTE: Persons must bring any medications that may be needed or that they are currently taking.
- Persons who need assistance with ostomy management and catheters.
- Persons with minimal restrictions in the performance of daily living activities.
- Persons who require monitoring of an unstable medical condition.
- Persons who need intermittent oxygen.

## PET FRIENDLY HURRICANE SHELTER PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Humane Society  
 2070 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale  
 (one block west of I-95)

**SHELTER LOCATION**-Millennium Middle School  
 5803 N.W. 94th Avenue, Tamarac  
**PROOF WILL BE REQUIRED**

Pet owners will be required to show proof that they reside in a County evacuation zone and that their pet(s) have up-to-date vaccinations and rabies shots.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Call 954-266-6871 or visit [www.humanebroward.com](http://www.humanebroward.com)

## POST HURRICANE INFORMATION

City Staff will be at the following locations handing out flyers with up-to-date post hurricane information:  
 Publix - Venetian Isles and Publix - Beacon Light  
 You may also flag down any Fire Rescue vehicle, Police vehicle, or City vehicle for up-to-date recovery information.

## DIXON AHL HALL - 2220 N.E. 38 STREET

will be open after the storm to accommodate residents who have no power. The City will provide drinking water and a place to cool off.  
 For more information call 954-943-6500

## POWER OUTAGES WILL OCCUR

You must call Florida Power & Light 954-797-5000  
 Florida Power & Light needs to get information directly from their customers.

## SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS ARE NOT EQUIPPED OR STAFFED TO ACCOMMODATE THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS:

- Persons in a wheelchair who cannot transfer from wheelchair to bed, and/or toilet, unassisted.
- Persons who require 24-hour electrical power for their treatment.
- Persons who are incontinent because of medical conditions.
- Persons who have advanced Alzheimer's disease.
- Persons who need air-conditioning on a 24-hour basis.

Persons who cannot go to a special needs shelter must make their own prior arrangements for transportation to another facility such as a hospital, elderly home, or hospice. Contact your healthcare provider.  
**Neither Broward County nor the City of Lighthouse Point** have facilities to house critically ill persons or persons needing exceptional care.

## HURRICANE EVACUATION INFORMATION

All residents should know well ahead of time where they will go if the order is given to evacuate Lighthouse Point. Current disaster plans call for a mandatory evacuation of residents for Category 3, 4, and 5 hurricanes. If the evacuation order is given, it is best to stay with friends or relatives who live outside the evacuation zone and who have adequately prepared for the storm. We urge our residents to be aware of all neighbors who live alone and to make sure they have a place to go. Residents who have not made arrangements should go to one of the Broward County hurricane shelters.

Although residents are allowed to drive to the shelter themselves, the County will provide bus rides for people needing transportation. The two designated bus pickup points in Lighthouse Point are City Hall, 2200 NE 38 Street, and Dan Witt Park, 4521 NE 22 Avenue. The City can provide transportation from your home to the pickup points in the City, if needed. Call 954-942-8080, the LHP Police Department non-emergency number, if you need to be picked up and brought to the designated bus locations. **Call ahead of time to pre-register.**

The Broward County Hurricane Hotline is 954-831-4000. This hotline is only activated during a hurricane threat to the area.

Listen to the radio and television for evacuation orders. Also, the Fire Rescue and Police Departments will drive up and down the streets advising residents when a mandatory evacuation has been issued.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS 2005 REGIONAL HURRICANE SHELTERS

Lyons Creek Middle School  
 4333 Sol Press Boulevard  
 Coconut Creek 33073

Coral Gables High School  
 2700 Sportsplex Drive  
 Coral Springs 33065

Monarch High School  
 5050 Wiles Road  
 Coconut Creek 33073

Pompano Beach Institute of  
 International Studies High School  
 1400 NE 6th Street  
 Pompano Beach 33060

Park Lakes Elementary School  
 3925 N. State Road 7  
 Lauderdale Lakes 33319

Rock Island Elementary/  
 Arthur Ashe Middle School  
 1701 NW 23rd Avenue  
 Fort Lauderdale 33311

Plantation Elementary School  
 651 NW 42nd Avenue  
 Plantation 33317

Fox Trail Elementary School  
 1250 Nob Hill Road  
 Davie 33324

Falcon Cove Middle School  
 4261 Bonaventure Boulevard  
 Weston 33332

Silver Trail Middle School  
 18300 Sheridan Street  
 Pembroke Pines 33331

New Renaissance Middle School  
 10701 Miramar Boulevard  
 Miramar 33025

Watkins Elementary School  
 3520 SW 52nd Avenue  
 Pembroke Pines 33023



## SHELTER AND DIRECTIONS FOR LIGHTHOUSE POINT RESIDENTS

**Lyons Creek Middle School**  
 4333 Sol Press Boulevard, Coconut Creek, Florida

Take Sample Road west to Lyons Road, turn right (going northbound) to Sol Press Boulevard, then turn right (going eastbound). Lyons Creek Middle School is just east of the Municipal Sports Complex.





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STANDARD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
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PERMIT 2541

**QUESTIONS AND/OR ASSISTANCE**

Please call for information prior to the storm  
**CITY HALL**  
**954-943-6500**

If you require assistance after hours, please call  
**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY**  
**954-942-8080**

**EMERGENCY 911**

**TELEPHONE RESOURCES**

- American Red Cross-Broward .954-797-3800
- Elderly & Veterans . . . . .954-537-2888
- Emergency Management . . .954-831-3900
- Hurricane Hotline-Broward . .954-831-4000
- TTY-Broward . . . . .954-837-2882
- Transit-Broward . . . . .954-357-8400
- Animal Care & Regulation . . .954-359-1313
- Building - LHP . . . . .954-943-6509
- Cable - Comcast . . . . .800-568-1212
- City Hall . . . . .954-943-6500
- Code Enforcement - LHP . . .954-784-3409
- Environmental Services . . . .954-831-3250
- Fire Rescue - LHP . . . . .954-941-2624
- FP&L . . . . .954-797-5000
- Hazardous Waste . . . . .954-765-4999
- Police - LHP . . . . .954-942-8080
- Price Gouging Hotline . . . . .800-646-0444
- Public Works . . . . .954-946-7386
- Salvation Army . . . . .954-254-6991
- Telephone - Bellsouth . . . . .888-757-6500
- Water - OES . . . . .954-831-3250
- Water - Pompano . . . . .954-786-4637

**INTERNET RESOURCES**

- American Red Cross . . . . . [www.arcbcc.org](http://www.arcbcc.org)
- Broward County Emergency Management . . . . . [www.broward.org/disaster](http://www.broward.org/disaster)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) . . . . . [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- Flood Information . . . . . [www.fema.gov/library/prepandprev.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/library/prepandprev.shtm)
- Interactive Weather Information Network . . . . . <http://weather.gov>
- National Climatic Data Center . . . . . [www.ncdc.noaa.gov](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov)
- National Hurricane Center . . . . . [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- National Weather Radio . . . . . [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr)
- National Weather Service . . . . . [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)
- State of Florida Emergency Management . . . . . [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)
- U.S. Geological Survey . . . . . [www.usgs.gov/hurricanes](http://www.usgs.gov/hurricanes)

**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 38 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 ensure 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 at 1-800-427-5593, or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.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.