

A newsletter to
the residents of
Lighthouse Point



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR, OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR



As we end our first 50th Year Anniversary celebrating our existence as a City, and begin our journey towards our next milestone, two words best describe our development - Family and Community. We have grown and developed, always continuing to maintain our heritage and our standard of being the best place to live and raise a family. We must never be content with what we have achieved because the future of our City rests with the commitment of all of us today.

We have dedicated our first 50 years to all the men and women, who in their own special way, translated a striving for excellence into the development of a true community. That commitment is evermore important as we look towards our next 50 years. Our challenges are substantial but not unconquerable.

Our 50th Year Anniversary ended with the opening of the much needed new police

facility, a gorgeous building remodeled from the historic Lighthouse Point Academy and North Broward Preparatory School. The road to our 100th Year Anniversary opened on the same day with the ground breaking of the new library addition, designed to celebrate the sense of community, old and young alike, in their quest for continuing knowledge.

These two projects are only the start of over a dozen new improvements scheduled over the next two years. The new bridge at N.E. 44th Street finally opened as a beautifully landscaped structure. The new drainage system and required road repairs on Lighthouse Drive and N.E. 39th Street will begin in February along with the round-a-bout installation at the intersection of Lighthouse Drive and Marina Drive. Design drawings for the new Sample Road medians are currently being finalized with work scheduled to start in April along with the drainage and repaving project for N.E. 26th Avenue and N.E. 24th Street. More projects are in the development stages.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Mayor. Our City is in excellent financial health. Tax rates have decreased for the sixth year in a row. We received commitments for over

\$2,000,000 in grant funds specifically earmarked for projects to improve our infrastructure and stormwater drainage, as well as to beautify our City.

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not take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and committed staff: from Police Officers and Firefighters who keep our City safe, to the people in Public Works who keep our City sparkling, and our staff in City Hall, the Code Enforcement and Building Departments, Recreation Department, and Library, who provide numerous services to our Community - they're all valuable. A special thanks to the Commission members who serve diligently. Exceptional 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 take this opportunity to thank all of you for your encouraging words and support. Our City's future is exciting and the best is yet to come. There has always been that spirit, commitment, and willingness of all the residents of this great City to pitch in and help. It is that spirit that has made Lighthouse Point what it is today. I am confident that together we will always make a positive difference in Lighthouse Point. I look forward to continuing to serve you and to seeing you at all our outstanding upcoming City events you'll read about in this issue!

Respectfully,

Mayor Fred Schorr

DOG DAY IN THE PARK

The City of Lighthouse Point is pleased to invite you and your dog to join us at Dan Witt Park for the Fifth Annual "DOG DAY IN THE PARK." Mark your calendar for 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, 2007.



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, or City Clerk Carol Landau at clandau@lighthousepoint.com, or call 954-943-6500.

THIS IS AN EVENT
YOUR DOG AND YOU
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Code Enforcement

3701 N.E. 22 Avenue .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

3701 N.E. 22 Avenue .954-942-8080

Public Works

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Recreation

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Comcast Cable800-568-1212

Auto Tag Agency954-765-4697

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Social Security1-800-772-1213

Taxes

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Trash Service954-974-7500

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Broward County OES .954-831-3250

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WHEN IT RAINS - IT POURS CITY HALL FACILITIES TEMPORARILY CLOSED

In an unfortunate turn of events, the 6" rainfall on Thursday morning, December 14th, was no match for the temporary roofing on City Hall. The building suffered significant water intrusion through the roof, while it was being replaced by a roofing contractor. Water damage was sustained throughout the facility. Quick action by staff prevented damage to most of the furniture, equipment, and library books. However, all the ceiling tiles, carpets, insulation, and some walls were not so lucky.

Restoration work to remove all the rain soaked materials, dry the entire building, and replace the damaged walls is currently underway. The building is closed to all activities with a reopen date estimated to be May!

During the restoration process, the Mayor, City Administration, City Clerk's Office, and Finance Department have been relocated to the Police Department at 3701 N.E. 22nd Avenue. The Recreation Department has been relocated to the Tennis Center at 3500 N.E. 27 Avenue. All telephone numbers remain the same.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954-943-6500 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Commission meetings, Board meetings, and Committee meetings are all being relocated to new venues - Please call 954-943-6500 or visit www.lighthousepoint.com for times and locations. We apologize for any inconvenience but hope to be up and running in the new remodeled facility as soon as possible.

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 residential units and commercial buildings. Also, flood zone maps and map reading assistance are available in the Building Department, which is located at 3701 N.E. 22 Avenue.

You may also check our **City website**, www.lighthousepoint.com, and click on the *Flood Insurance* button for more information and links to FEMA and other insurance-related sources.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Lighthouse Point Library expansion is truly becoming a reality. We ask for your patience and understanding during this process. Our official closing date for the public was December 1, 2006. Service interruption to our public is regrettable, but essential. The addition, renovation, and remodeling will net an additional 3,400 square feet to the Library facility. Areas are being planned for the Children's Department, a newly developed Young Adult Corner, a dedicated

computer lab, a meeting room with teleconferencing capacity, a coffee bar adjacent to the circulation desk, and much needed storage and work areas for staff.

The Library's website, www.lighthousepointlibrary.com, will continue to remain fully operational, complete with access to Newsbank and Facts on File databases. Our telephone number (954-946-6398) will remain connected. Our Librarians will attempt to answer your queries

with our limited resources, however, we cannot do in-depth research.

Beginning in January and throughout our expansion, our staff, in cooperation with the Lighthouse Point Tender bus, will begin a twice-weekly "Bookmobile on the Bus" service with the newest fiction, audio books, and DVDs available. Watch the website, www.lighthousepointlibrary.com, and local media for details. We anticipate re-opening the Library in the Spring.



LIGHTHOUSE POINT POLICE

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

Every year millions of dollars worth of stolen property goes on the auction block because law enforcement professionals across the country are unable to identify the rightful owner when the property is recovered. Why does this happen? This generally occurs because the majority of crime victims

are unable to provide police with serial numbers and/or identifying characteristics on personally owned valuables when their property is stolen. Citizens can significantly improve the chances of regaining their valuables if they take a few simple steps that include the following:

1. Document and maintain a list of serial numbers, model numbers, brand names and any other identifying characteristics on personally owned property.
2. Photograph valuables (i.e., jewelry, antiques, coins, stamps, etc.)

that do not have known serial numbers.

3. Engrave a personal identification number (preferably your driver's license number) on valuables that do not have a serial number to make for easy identification. Police can process the driver's license number and easily identify who the rightful owner is to return the property. If you don't own an engraver, contact us for a loaner.

Don't let the criminals get the best of you. Help us get recovered property back into the hands of those it belongs to.

LIGHTHOUSE POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

In recent months we have seen an increase in various forms of fraud. Some of the incidents revolve around schemes used by perpetrators to gain entrance into the victim's home. In some cases, subjects posing as an electrician have asked to enter a person's home to check the home electrical system. Once inside they distract the property owner while a second offender looks for valuables and exits the home without the victim being

aware that anything has been taken. Other recent incidents involve subjects asking to enter homes to check water quality or the need for roof repairs. In all these cases, the subjects arrive at the residence unannounced and may even be wearing official looking clothing. All residents are asked to be suspicious of anyone asking to enter your home. Always ask for identification and call the company they represent before you allow anyone access to your home. If you suspect any suspicious or unlawful activity, contact the police department immediately.

We would also like to remind all residents that the Police Department relies greatly upon our citizens to be our "eyes and ears" in the community. A recent burglary case was cleared because of a concerned Lighthouse Point resident who spotted suspicious

persons at a neighbor's residence. This concerned citizen took the initiative by recording a vehicle tag number and a description of the subjects at the house. He then called the Police Department immediately and relayed the information to us. This information led to the arrest of three individuals and the recovery of the victim's stolen property.

If you observe suspicious activity or believe something is amiss, don't hesitate to call the Police Department to have us come out and check on the situation. All too often, people fail to act on their initial instincts and find that a crime could have been prevented or solved had they taken the initiative to get involved. Help us keep Lighthouse Point safe!

**Non-Emergency Number - 954-942-8080
Emergency Number - 911**

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

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



LIGHTHOUSE POINT FIRE RESCUE

The Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department held its First Annual Community Health Fair on November 4th, 2006. Over 125 Lighthouse Point residents participated in this event. We provided free medical diagnostic tests to our residents, many who may not be able to visit a doctor. The tests included: eye exams, 12-lead EKG, carotid artery ultrasound, stroke screening, glucose checks, and blood pressure tests. North Broward Hospital District partnered with the City in this event, by providing free diagnostic testing, and their staff members who along with our Fire Fighter/Paramedics administered several of the screenings. It was such a success that we have already scheduled next year's Health Fair on November 3, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, so save the date!



A basic CPR class called "CPR for Friends and Family" is conducted for residents. The class is approximately 2 hours long and held at the Fire station. The fee for this CPR class is \$15.00. If you are interested in attending a class, please call 954-941-2624 to sign up.

In 2006, the State of Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services conducted an inspection at the Fire Rescue Department. We are happy to report no deficiencies were found, therefore granting us a 100% rating.



HOUSE NUMBERS

The Code Enforcement Division enforces the City's Codes to help protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents. One important Code that is often overlooked by homeowners is the placement of house numbers on their property. Although this might seem trivial, this is a very important aspect of safety in our community. If an emergency ever occurs, it is very important that the police and/or fire department can find your house quickly. The clear placement of house numbers will help ensure a rapid response by our safety personnel.

BE A GOOD PET OWNER

Please be a good pet neighbor by keeping your animals on your own property and under your control at all times. Also, please remember to take along the necessary supplies to "pick up" after your pet. If you are walking your pet near Frank McDonough Park, you can pick up a complimentary disposal bag at the perimeter corners. Remember, disposal of the bag is your responsibility. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated. And remember, please don't leave food outside for your pets, or feed the wild animals. All kinds of unwanted critters will be attracted which can cause serious problems.

A SPECIAL THANKS

Frank McDonough Park was the scene of a winter wonderland on December 6th when the 4th Annual Lighthouse A'Glow festivities kicked off the Holiday season in Lighthouse Point, with the lighting of the City Christmas tree, Menorah, and Manger, donated by Campbell & Rosemurgy Real Estate. A heartfelt thanks to them and to all of our sponsors for their support.



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PUBLIC WORKS

As you already know we have updated our solid waste, bulk waste, and recycling collection contract with Waste Management, Inc. For many residents your collection day may have changed for trash pick up and recycling. Visit the City's website at www.lighthousepoint.com, then select the Public Works Department, to view the solid waste and recycling collection schedules. As of August 1, 2006, it is no longer necessary to call ahead for bulk pick up. Residents automatically receive bulk pick up twice a week on the same days as their regular trash collection.

A friendly reminder to all residents undergoing home improvement projects by a contractor; debris, trash, and bulk items generated by a contractor are not within the scope of our collection agreement with Waste Management, Inc. **It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove from the site the debris generated by the project.** A private waste hauler can provide

dumpsters for the debris hauling and pick up.

Please strive to recycle your household items. Green recycling bins can be picked up at the Public Works Department, north of Dan Witt Park. Plastic or glass containers marked 1, 2, or 3 on the bottom, and aluminum cans, can all be placed in one of the recycling bins. Newspapers go in a separate green recycling bin. **Recycling generates in revenue almost \$100,000 a year for the City. It pays to recycle!** View the City's website to check for recycling collection days.

Broward County provides free disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, every Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at their Collection Center, 2780 N. Powerline Road (just north of Copans Road). Items: paint, pesticides, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, auto batteries, pool chemicals, propane tanks, motor oil solvents, auto fluids, fire extinguishers, tires, mercury thermometers. Also at the site is an Electronics Recycling Collection Center, for computer

components, printers, televisions, fax machines, cell phones, and rechargeable batteries. Any questions, call 954-765-4999, or visit www.broward.org/waste for more information.

The City strives to keep our waterways clean and we are asking for your help. Grass and foliage clippings must not be placed in the canals or streets. All too often lawn crews blow the clippings into the street and canals which in turn clog the storm drains and litter the canals with unwanted debris. This action is a violation of City Code, and the Police Department has been notifying lawn crews of their illegal action. Lawn debris from a lawn company must be hauled away by the lawn crew at the time of the job, not left for residential trash collection, nor blown into the streets or canals. **If you observe someone dumping or throwing grass, leaves, branches, or other debris into the waterways, please call the Lighthouse Point Code Enforcement Division (954-784-3409), or the Police Department (954-942-8080),** as this is a violation of the City Code Section 90-39.

STORM SHUTTER AWARENESS

Residents should be aware that the use of storm shutters, which are designed to protect the home from outside storm debris, also prevents residents on the inside from getting out in the event of a fire. The Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department strongly urges residents to be proactive and immediately remove storm shutters once the threat or passing of a storm is over. In the event of a fire, it is extremely difficult for firefighters to gain access into the home with storm shutters in place. The shutters delay the firefighters ability to extinguish the fire and save lives and property. If you are inside of a home that catches fire with storm shutters in place, there may be only one way out - the front door. If you are unable to exit the front door during a fire, you may be trapped inside until firefighters rescue you. This is not a good situation to be in and it could have a catastrophic outcome.

For further information on storm shutter safety, or for a free safety inspection, please contact the Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department at 954-941-2624.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homestead and Senior Citizen Exemption Sign-Ups will be held at the Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department, located at 3740 N.E. 22 Avenue, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064 on:

February 14, 2007 (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.)

When filing an application, you must bring the following items listed below, dated prior to January 1, 2007.

1. Proof of ownership.
2. Proof of permanent Florida residence.
3. Disability exemption.
4. Widow's/widower's exemption.

For additional information, please call the Property Appraiser's Office at 954-357-6830, or access them online at www.bcpa.net.



SHUTTLE BUS

Friendly reminder..... Thanks to a grant from Broward County, the City of Lighthouse Point has a FREE local shuttle bus service, though riders making the connection with BCT bus routes 10, 20, 34, 93, and 95 are expected to pay the appropriate fares. We are once again requesting your assistance to use the Lighthouse Point Shuttle Bus whenever possible.

More information and a bus service schedule are available on the City's website at www.lighthousepoint.com; click on the Bus Schedule button. If you don't have access to the Internet and you want a bus schedule, please contact us at 954-943-6500, and we will gladly mail one to you.

Remember, shopping for groceries or clothes, or visiting with friends around Lighthouse Point is just a bus ride away! Also, during the Library expansion the City will provide a "Bookmobile on the Bus" program. See the Library article in this newsletter for more information.

BLOCK PARTIES

Holiday parties are over. Now it's time to get ready for Neighborhood Block Parties. Lighthouse Point is a great place to live. We have a caring community, a wonderful location, and a history of helping one another. We would like to bring back a tradition started many years ago where on a cool afternoon, neighbors get together for a bite to eat, a sip of refreshment and a chance to catch up with old neighbors and get to know new ones. Neighborhood Block Parties offer much more than social activities. Block Parties offer the opportunity to begin a process of watching out for and protecting each other. Becoming familiar with your neighbors allows you to feel comfortable to question seemingly unusual activities or cars on your street or offering assistance to your elderly neighbors.

A suggestion for organizing your party would start with a couple of neighbors who would pick a date, pass out invitations, and decide whether to collect money for catering or make it a pot luck affair.

The City stands ready to help you create your local Block Party. If you are thinking of having the party in the street, please call our Police and Fire Departments to check the location to make sure they can get through in case of an emergency. Let us know if you would like to invite the Mayor, Commissioners and Directors. It would be a great opportunity to get to know the people who work for you, and they would love to attend to answer any questions on an informal basis.

KEEP THIS WEEKEND OPEN: FEBRUARY 9-11, 2007 "KEEPER DAYS"

The 7th Annual "Keeper Days" weekend is right around the corner.

"LIGHTHOUSE POINT - OUR LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN BY THE SEA"

The City will be honoring Father Frederick J. Brice, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, and Reverend Dr. Dwayne Black, Sr., First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach, for over 40 years of service to our residents. 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 City tradition.

If you have any questions, or would like to be a sponsor, please contact John Trudel at 954-784-3439, or jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com.

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, hurricane and flood information, and much more!

Please take time to view our website: www.lighthousepoint.com.

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CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

BASEBALL

Youth (Little League): Ages 10-13
Registration: February 7, 2007
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Pee Wee (Coach Pitch) Baseball

Registration: February 17, 2007
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.
(Lighthouse Point Residents Only)



Jr. Pee Wee (Instructional) Baseball

Registration: March 10, 2007
Dan Witt Park, Noon

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Sr. Girls: Ages 12-15
Registration: February 14, 2007
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11

Registration: February 24, 2007
Frank McDonough Park, noon
(LHP Residents Only)



Girls (Coach Pitch): Ages 6-8

Registration: March 3, 2007
Frank McDonough Park, noon

Summer Recreation Program

Ages 6 to 13, six (6) weeks
Registration: June 11 & 12, 2007
8:00 a.m. until noon
Dixon Ahl Recreation Center

Summer Youth Sailing Program

Ages 9 to 13, six (6) weeks
Registration: June 11 & 12, 2007
8:00 a.m. until noon

Dixon Ahl Recreation Center

Mandatory Coaches Clinic

All Little League & Coach Pitch Coaches
Monday: February 12, 2007
Dan Witt Park, 6:30 p.m.

For information on all youth sports programs,
please call 954-784-3439, or go to
www.lighthousepoint.com.

