

A newsletter to
the residents of
Lighthouse Point



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

THE CHALLENGES OF THE SEASON - HURRICANES AND TAXES



As I write this, hurricanes are forming in the Atlantic. We can all hope and pray that we are spared again for another year. At the same time, another kind of storm has been brewing - a protest storm to get our property taxes reduced. Allow me to say that Florida's taxing system is unfairly distributed and needs to be fixed. Our State Legislature attempted to fix the problem this year and with the swipe of the same broad brush told every city that they charge too much tax and they forced a reduction that you may see on your tax bill.

Just for the record, Lighthouse Point has consistently had the 4th lowest tax rate of all cities in Broward County. In terms of percent of annual dollar increases, we are the 3rd lowest. Lighthouse Point operates extremely efficiently with fewer full time employees now than we had 10 years ago! It is important to note that out of the Broward County property tax bill you pay, Lighthouse Point gets only about 18% of that amount - the largest share

going to the Board of Education and the next largest to Broward County.

Despite what you read, Lighthouse Point is not like other cities. We are very well run and extremely efficient. So what have we done with all the money coming in from new homes? The simple answer -- infrastructure repairs! As you know, we just celebrated our 50th anniversary and along with that comes the maintenance and upkeep of aging roads, bridges, and stormwater pipes. You may have noticed an increasing number of sink holes around town - a very visual sign that the old galvanized steel pipes installed in the early 1950's are corroding and need to be replaced.

The largest amount of money was spent on the much needed replacement of the Lighthouse Drive Bridge at N.E. 44th Street which cost in excess of \$800,000. Additionally, over \$400,000 was spent on hurricane clean-up in 2004 and 2005. We have currently spent over \$2 million on storm drain repairs to prevent our homes and roads from flooding during major storm events.

It is a frustratingly long and arduous process to get these major construction projects funded, planned and permitted. I recognize it is also just as frustrating to have to endure endless weeks of road detours. But the long awaited process of improving our City is now happening and it has been said

the inconvenience is temporary while the improvements are permanent. We are all committed to making Lighthouse Point the best place to live and raise a family and the proof of that is evident in all the current construction projects!

Although this year's tax reduction will be a welcome relief, I can assure you there will be absolutely no reduction in any of the outstanding services you receive from the dedicated employees in your City. We may need to adjust some of the future infrastructure repair project schedules but we will not sacrifice the attributes that make our City one of the most sought after.

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An overview of the City enhancements underway is as follows:

- The new roundabout at Marina Drive will put an end to a very dangerous intersection, replacing it with a beautifully landscaped 90 foot traffic circle by the end of November.
- Our new Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library should be open by the time you read this. Gorgeous improvements have been made. Join us on November 3rd for the Dedication Ceremony.
- Although a disaster at the time, the silver lining to the December 2006 deluge that flooded City Hall has now allowed for all the needed improvements in the administrative offices and Commission Chambers, as well as the updating and modernizing of the facility, mostly paid for with insurance proceeds.

Inside this newsletter you'll find the schedule for all the outstanding events that make Lighthouse Point so special. If you have not already done so, please make it a point to attend one or all of these events - they not only are fun, but they also help to make us a special community. And, with cooler weather approaching, don't forget to start planning your Block Parties.

Lighthouse Point is a great place to live. My sincere and humble thanks to all of the residents and businesses that

consistently contribute their time, energy, and money to keep our City the best place to live and raise a family. I love my job as Mayor but I could not achieve half of what I do without all your help. And finally a special thanks to all the dedicated and hard working staff who are here everyday to assist us.

Here's hoping to see you around town and at all of the upcoming events!

Respectfully,
Mayor Fred Schorr

VISIT YOUR CITY'S WEBSITE

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.

Make Lighthouse Point your favorite place to be, and www.lighthousepoint.com your favorite site to see!

2nd ANNUAL LHP HEALTH FAIR

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2007
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon
 Place: Lighthouse Point Fire Station
 Testing: FREE Diabetes, blood pressure, 12 lead EKG, and other health screenings



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Wednesday, Halloween night, October 31, 2007
 at Dan Witt Park, the party begins at 6:30 p.m.
 Open to Lighthouse Point residents of all ages. Free games and costume contest. Come to the park and enjoy a fun and safe Halloween night!

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

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

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Recreation
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FP&L954-797-5000

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Revenue Collection . . .954-765-4697

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Halloween - Wednesday, October 31st, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at Dan Witt Park. A City tradition held each of the last 45 years. The costumes and creativity make this an event not to be missed!

Health Fair - Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the LHP Fire Station. Free health screenings, tests, and wellness information. Just 15 minutes here could possibly save your life!

Library Dedication - Saturday, November 3rd, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., at the new Library. A gorgeous new facility for the old and young alike - tours, refreshments, kid's activities - RSVP at www.lighthousepointlibrary.com, or call 954-946-6398.

Toy Drive - Thanksgiving through December 16th. Bring new unwrapped toys for infants to teens to the Lighthouse Point Fire Station; toys will be donated to local charities.

Lighthouse A' Glow - Wednesday, December 5th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park. The premier holiday event not to be missed - snow, Santa, holiday refreshments, caroling, and lots of kid's activities.

SAVE THE DATES - 2008

Nautical Flea Market - January 26th and 27th, The best place to shop for all your nautical needs!

Keeper Days - February 8th - 10th, Fabulous dinner on Friday night, parade and activities on Saturday and Sunday!

Dog Day in the Park - Sunday, March 9th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dinner Under the Stars - Saturday, April 5th, 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. A fun evening with dining, live music, and dancing!

Book The Date

Saturday, November 3rd, 2007
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Please plan to join Mayor Fred Schorr
and the Commissioners of the City of Lighthouse Point
for the official

DEDICATION

of

The
DOREEN GAUTHIER
Lighthouse Point
Library

at your New Library
2200 Northeast 38th Street • Lighthouse Point
Please R.S.V.P. at www.lighthousepointlibrary.com
or call 954-946-6398





LIGHTHOUSE A' GLOW

Lighthouse Point will celebrate the 5th Annual Lighthouse A' Glow - A Family Gathering. Mark your calendars for Wednesday evening, December 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Frank McDonough Park. Kick off your Holiday Season with a fantastic family event!

RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY TREE

We know it may be early to think about the approaching holidays, but remember to recycle your tree, as well as all your paper and plastic. For details visit our website www.lighthousepoint.com and click on Recycling, or call 954-946-7386.

KEEP THIS WEEKEND OPEN: FEBRUARY 8-10, 2008

"KEEPER DAYS"

The 8th Annual "Keeper Days" weekend is right around the corner.

"LIGHTHOUSE POINT - BIG HEARTS AND HELPING HANDS"

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





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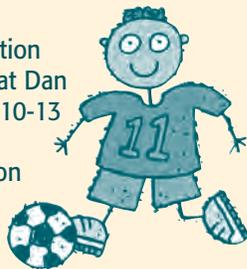
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CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Sign up now for LHP youth sports leagues. For more youth sports information, go to the City website at www.lighthousepoint.com, and click on the Recreation button, or call the Recreation Department at 954-784-3439.

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL: Registration Saturday, October 20th at Frank McDonough Park, 9:00 a.m.
Ages 7-9

YOUTH SOCCER: Registration Wednesday, October 24th at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m. Ages 10-13



GIRLS SOCCER: Registration Tuesday, December 4th at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 11-15

YOUTH BASKETBALL: Registration Wednesday, January 2nd at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-13



INSTRUCTIONAL JR. BASKETBALL LEAGUE:
Registration Saturday, January 5th
at Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.
Ages 7-9



LIGHTHOUSE POINT TENNIS CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27th: Halloween Mixed Doubles Round Robin

November 17th: Thanksgiving Round Robin

December 7th: Ladies Teams Christmas Luncheon Round Robin

December 15th: Mixed Double Christmas Round Robin