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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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



Happy New Year! As 2007 came to a close, the opportunity to assess our accomplishments and our upcoming plans shows a city in transition, yet one that is committed to continuing to be the best place to live, work, and raise a family. The completion of construction projects reached an all time high. Stormwater drainage remained the top priority, followed by traffic calming and beautification. The reopening of City Hall, and the exquisite remodeling and expansion of our own Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library provided the crowning touch to a very productive year. The roundabout on Marina Drive and the major reconstruction of stormwater pipes on N.E. 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Lighthouse Drive were also completed. Dixon Ahl Hall, our Senior Center, was totally refurbished, and beautification projects along Federal Highway, N.E. 39<sup>th</sup> Street, and Frank McDonough and Dan Witt Parks sprang up like green grass in a spring rain.

More importantly, the level of commitment from our residents and businesses continues to be strong in our goal to keep Lighthouse Point the premier place to live in South Florida. This year's Keeper Days, our annual event to celebrate those who have contributed so much to our City, honors the Achesons, Barringtons, and Mary Barker, who, along with hundreds of our other residents and businesses, have given so much to make our City special. I wish to personally thank everyone who in their own way contributes to making us a truly unique and special community.

Now, at the start of our 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, I would like to challenge all of us to do more. As you'll read in this newsletter, there are many great events coming up in the next few months. We welcome and encourage all residents to become a part of this great City--our City. Choose to attend one or all of the events, if not to meet new neighbors and make new friends, then to just participate and see what is occurring, and see what makes Lighthouse Point so special.

I would also encourage everyone to be a part of our City's ongoing initiative to conserve and recycle. Lighthouse Point is a leader in recycling, reducing fuel and electric consumption, using

recycled water and cleaning stormwater runoff before it returns to the ocean, being acknowledged as an Emerald Award environmental winner, a Tree City, and now, we are in the process of qualifying as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.™

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Lighthouse Point recycles more materials per capita than any other city in Broward County and we receive a substantial amount of money in return. Are you doing your part? If you don't have those green recycling bins containing all your bottles, cans, newspapers, magazines, books, and now even junk mail, out for pickup each week, then call us at 954-946-7386 and we'll tell you how to recycle - It's easy and it's free!

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your kind words and support, and for allowing me to serve another three years as your Mayor. All our dedicated City employees work hard everyday keeping us safe, protecting our health and property, and maintaining and beautifying our City. Often we might take all this for granted, but now at the beginning of a new year, let's just stop and reflect for a moment, and appreciate all we have in our great City.

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 Sixth Annual "DOG DAY IN THE PARK." Mark your calendar for 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2008.



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!**

Lighthouse Point has just been named a TreeCity USA for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row.



TREE CITY USA

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### DEPARTMENTS:

#### Building and Zoning

3701 N.E. 22 Avenue .954-943-6509

#### City Administrator

2200 N.E. 38 Street .954-943-6500

#### City Clerk

2200 N.E. 38 Street .954-943-6500

#### 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

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

#### Recreation

2200 N.E. 38 Street .954-784-3439

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Comcast Cable . . . . .954-252-1937

Auto Tag Agency . . . . .954-765-4697

Drivers License . . . . .954-497-1570

FP&L . . . . .954-797-5000

Public Schools . . . . .754-321-0000

Social Security . . . . .1-800-772-1213

#### Taxes

Revenue Collection . . .954-831-4000

Property Appraiser . . .954-357-6830

Trash Service . . . . .954-974-7500

#### Water

Broward County OES .954-831-3250

Pompano Beach . . . . .954-786-4637



## Solicitation Laws in Lighthouse Point

Lighthouse Point has strict solicitation laws. Anyone who knocks on doors to sell goods, wares, or merchandise must contact the City Clerk's Office as well as the Police Department for permission **prior to** soliciting. (Political candidates and religious organizations are exempt, providing they do not sell anything tangible.)

Chapter 62 of the City Code of Ordinances regulates soliciting and states that no person shall solicit *except* between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and soliciting is not permitted at all on Sundays and holidays. Solicitors must first display a letter issued by the Police

Department and City Clerk's Office before attempting to solicit, and must leave the premises when requested to do so.

If you have any questions as to the status of any solicitor, you may call the Police Department or the City Clerk's Office.

You may request to be placed on a *No-Solicitor's List* if you do not want anyone knocking on your door. The Notice of No Solicitations forms are available in the City Clerk's Office, or online on the City website at, [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com), click on *City Information*, then *Solicitation News*. All solicitors **must** obtain the No-Solicitor's List **prior to soliciting** and may be reported to the Police Department at 954-942-8080 if they violate it.

Lighthouse Point is applying to be a **Certified WILDLIFE HABITAT**. We will be the third city in Broward County to receive this certification.

IS YOUR LAWN CERTIFIED?

For more info:

<http://www.lighthousepoint.com/images/paintlhpgreen.pdf>

## 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 30-day waiting period before a new policy is issued.

Most homes in Lighthouse Point are located in a flood hazard zone and subject to flooding - very few are not! 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<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

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.

## "GO FIGURE"

### BUILDING ACTIVITY IN LIGHTHOUSE POINT

#### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

2006 - 1978 PERMITS

2007 - 1435 PERMITS

#### NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

2006 - 30 PERMITS

2007 - 10 PERMITS

### TOP 5 CODE VIOLATIONS IN LIGHTHOUSE POINT

1 - OVERGROWN LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING

2 - MISSING HOUSE NUMBERS

3 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS-ESPECIALLY DOGS!

4 - BOATS, TRAILERS, AND RVs PARKED IN DRIVEWAYS

5 - CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT



## LIGHTHOUSE POINT POLICE

# HELP LIGHTHOUSE POINT POLICE TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME BY STARTING YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH PROGRAM

It's no surprise that crime and personal safety are on the minds of everyone lately. Just look at the front page of your local newspaper or turn on the evening news and you will see and hear more about crime than you care to.

Criminal activity is on the rise in communities across the country and we need the help of all our citizens to combat these criminal threats.

For decades, residents of Lighthouse Point have enjoyed living in a tranquil small town community with very low crime rates. Unfortunately, times are changing and we are seeing criminals from surrounding communities making their way to Lighthouse Point with intentions of committing criminal acts. In Lighthouse Point, we have a tremendous staff of dedicated and well trained police officers committed to maintaining a safe and secure community for all of our residents; however, we need your help to combat crime. One such program that will provide help is Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Neighborhood Crime Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways of reducing and/or preventing residential property crimes. It is a citizen involved, neighborhood and

community based effort designed to assist citizens and the police in reducing crime and increasing an overall sense of peace, safety and security in the neighborhood.

The program's success is dependent on improving communications between neighbors and the Police Department. Citizens are urged to be vigilant and look out for one another, and to contact the Police Department whenever they see suspicious and unusual activity. We want to prevent crime before it occurs!

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Crime Watch program in your neighborhood, or would like to get more information on this topic, call the Lighthouse Point Police Department Crime Prevention office at 954-784-3416 to schedule a date, time, and location for a program presentation. Please speak with your neighbors first to gauge their interest and learn which night of the week is best (for the highest possible turnout).

## LIGHTHOUSE POINT FIRE RESCUE

# TRIP AND FALL PREVENTION TIPS

Injuries from a fall are the leading cause of injuries in Americans age 60 and up. One in three adults over the age of 65 falls each year. Sixty percent of these falls occur at home.

So...What can you do to reduce your risk of serious injury?

Identify potential dangers and make improvements where needed.

Use this handy checklist to identify potential improvements to your home...

### Be sure that:

- Stairways, hallways, and entrances are well lit and kept free of clutter
- Cords and wires are not stretched across pathways or under rugs
- Carpet, tile, and floorboards lie flat and are in good repair
- Area rugs have non-slip backing or are secured with double-sided tape
- Nightlights are in working order, especially between the bed and bathroom
- There is always a phone within easy reach and emergency numbers are posted
- Tubs and showers have a non-skid mat, decals, abrasive strips, or non-slip surface

- Grab bars or handrails by the toilet and in tubs and showers are sturdy
- There is a light switch, lamp, or flashlight within easy reach of the bed
- Footwear is supportive, low-heeled, and non-slip - even at home

Most injuries can be prevented!!!  
Be proactive about your safety!!!

If you would like your home checked for potential safety hazards, call the Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department at 954-941-2624. We want our residents to be healthy and safe.



# HELP KEEP LHP CLEAN

We live in a beautiful City but it takes the help of all of us to keep it that way. Please help do your part to keep us special. A beautiful City translates into higher property values and a cleaner environment - something we all want.

## **Litter**

It's our City and it's easy to make a difference. Help keep our parks and roads clean. Many residents have asked how to stop the delivery of unwanted free newspapers - just call the newspaper involved and ask that delivery be stopped. Consider picking up your neighbor's newspapers if they are away. Don't ignore litter, please help dispose of it properly. And while we're at it, the number one complaint in LHP - Please pick up after your dog.

## **Garbage and Trash**

Please put all your garbage and trash in a container for pickup, or bundle and tie it so it doesn't blow around before collection. Bulk pickup is scheduled twice a week. Please try to place your trash out for collection no earlier than the night before pickup.

## **Construction Debris**

A friendly reminder to all residents undergoing home improvement projects by a contractor: debris, trash, and bulk items generated by a contractor must be removed from the site by the contractor. Contractor debris is not included in the City's agreement with Waste Management. A private waste hauler can provide dumpsters for the collection and removal of construction debris.



## **Lawn and Landscape Debris**

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 and residents 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 will continue to notify lawn crews and residents of this illegal action.

If you observe someone dumping or throwing grass, leaves, branches, or other debris into the waterways, please call the Lighthouse Point Code Enforcement Division at 954-784-3409, or the Police Department at 954-942-8080 as this is a violation of City Code Section 90-39.

A special Thank You to residents for helping to keep the storm drains in front of their homes clear of debris during rain storms. It's a big job clearing over 100 drains when a sudden storm hits. Keeping these drains clear keeps our streets from flooding- Thanks.

## **Discharge into Our Waterways**

We ask that if you see anyone illegally dumping anything into our storm drains, sewer systems, and/or waterways please call the Lighthouse Point Code Enforcement Office at 954-784-3409, or the Police Department at 954-942-8080.

Also, Broward County has an Environmental Complaints and Emergency Response 24 Hour Hotline at 954-519-1499.

# RECYCLING NEWS

## IT'S EASY, IT'S FREE, AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ALL RESIDENTS TO RECYCLE!

Recycling generates annual revenue for the City. It pays to recycle! Green recycle bins are available free of charge at the Public Works Department, 4730 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> Terrace (north of Dan Witt Park), 954-946-7386. We can tell who doesn't recycle - no green bin means no recycling!

Our recycling program collects newspapers, brown grocery bags, phone books, corrugated cardboard, and all mixed paper such as catalogs, magazines, manila file folders, pizza boxes, junk mail, hard and paperback books, paperboard boxes such as cereal, shoe, and

tissue boxes, which all can be placed in one green bin. The other green bin will hold plastic containers marked 1, 2, or 3 on the bottom, aluminum cans, drink boxes and milk/juice cartons, or glass bottles and jars of all colors.

New "Recycle" bottle shaped receptacles are at all of our parks. Just place all plastic drink containers, such as water bottles or cans, in the receptacle. Besides recycling, this will also help to keep our parks clean.



Visit our City website, [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com), and click on "Recycling" for more information, or click on "Garbage/Bulk" for information on the Electronics Recycling Collection Center, for computer components, printers, televisions, fax machines, cell phones, and rechargeable batteries.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Our beautiful, newly remodeled Library has now re-opened. We are pleased to provide the following information regarding our Library and welcome you to take a look and get your new Library Card.

**BOOK COLLECTION:** Every week new books are being added to our collection, including large print and audio books. Through the magic of technology you may check our collection of books from home at [www.lighthousepointlibrary.com](http://www.lighthousepointlibrary.com), and click on Browse Catalog at the top of the screen.

**CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR PROGRAMS:** Children's Story Hour Programs are held Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m., "Daddy and Me with Miss Donna"; Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m., "Spanish Story Time with Miss Anna" (ages 5-8) and 7:45 p.m. (ages 8-10); Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m., "Tiny Tots with Miss Doreen."

**COMPUTER LAB:** Our newly expanded Library includes a dedicated Computer Lab. This classroom setting provides an opportunity for any "computer challenged" senior citizen to have the educational hands-on experience to learn how to use a computer and not be afraid of it! The computer classes include all the basics, word processing, e-mail, and an occasional special class on greeting cards and newsletters.

Most importantly, you can also learn to shop online and send pictures to relatives and friends.

Pre-registration is required. If you are interested in taking computer classes, please call 954-946-6398 to sign up.

**ENDOWMENT GIFT:** We are all extremely proud and grateful to announce a most generous endowment gift from Mrs. Mary Barker, a longtime resident and Library volunteer, who has established the Walt and Mary Barker Fund for the Library in the amount of \$500,000. The interest from this fund will be used to further enhance the library facilities and programs for generations to come.

*"Apart from the ballot box, philanthropy presents the one opportunity the individual has to express his meaningful choice over the direction in which our society will progress."*

**SENIOR DAY TRIP PROGRAM:** Senior day trip programs include a Luncheon and Opera on January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> at Brooks Restaurant; "Suite Surrender" on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the new Caldwell Playhouse; "I Love a Piano" on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Parker Playhouse; "Landmark Musicals" on February 10<sup>th</sup>, "Madame Butterfly" on February 20<sup>th</sup>, and "Swan Lake Ballet" on February 27<sup>th</sup> at FAU. Call the

Library at 954-946-6398 for more information. Come spend an afternoon and meet new friends!

**VOLUNTEERS:** We always welcome new Volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please call Rosemary at 954-946-6398, and let her know if mornings, afternoons, or evenings fit best into your schedule. It's fun and you get first crack at new books and DVD's!



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

Make Lighthouse Point your favorite place to be, and [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com) your favorite site to see!



## "Lighthouse Point, Florida, The First 50 Years"

A wonderful coffee table hardcover book that illustrates our City's colorful history. **First Edition printing.**

If you would like to send as a gift, shipping is available! All proceeds benefit the Friends of Lighthouse Point Library. Stop by the new LIGHTHOUSE POINT LIBRARY to get a copy!



# KEEP THIS WEEKEND OPEN: FEBRUARY 8-10, 2008 "KEEPER DAYS"

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Keeper Days" weekend is right around the corner. This year's theme will be

## "BIG HEARTS, HELPING HANDS"

The City will be honoring Mr. and Mrs. James Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barrington, and Mrs. Mary Barker. These Keepers have exhibited the true giving volunteer spirit which makes Lighthouse Point the special place we call home. 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. Please see the enclosed insert or visit [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com) for more information and dinner reservations.

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



## Shuttle Bus

The Lighthouse Point "Tender" bus is on the road Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., thanks to a grant from Broward County. The shuttle service is FREE and it allows riders to make connections to Broward County Transit routes.

More information and our bus service schedule are available on the City's website, [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com), click on the Bus Schedule button. The schedule is also available for pick up at the Library, City Clerk's office, and on the bus.

Remember, shopping for groceries, prescriptions, household items, or clothing is just one bus ride away! Please use it whenever possible.

## THE CITIES OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT & POMPANO BEACH, WORKING TOGETHER, PRESENT....

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Nautical Flea Market  
January 26 & 27, 2008

### Bargains, Bargains, Bargains...

The cities of Lighthouse Point & Pompano Beach are proud to present the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Nautical Flea Market. The next event will be held on January 26 & 27, 2008.

You will find all types of nautical gear - both new and used at the event. Fishing tackle, dock boxes, boat shoes, nautical art & jewelry, motors, dinghy's, scuba gear, antique goods, boats on trailers, plus much, much more! Join us for a fun weekend in the park and take advantage of the bargains.

Do you have a garage full of old boating & fishing gear? Why not get a booth at the Nautical Flea Market and turn it into cash? For more information go to [www.nauticalfleamarket.com](http://www.nauticalfleamarket.com), or call 954-786-4111.





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## CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

### BASEBALL

**Youth (Little League): Ages 10-13**  
Registration: February 6, 2008  
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

**Pee Wee (Coach Pitch) Baseball:**  
**Ages 7-9**  
Registration: February 16, 2008  
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.  
(Lighthouse Point Residents Only)



**Girls (Coach Pitch): Ages 6-8**  
Registration: March 1, 2008  
Frank McDonough Park, Noon

**Summer Recreation Program**  
**Ages 6 to 13**  
Registration: June 16 & 17, 2008  
8:00 a.m. until Noon  
Dixon Ahl Hall



**Jr. Instructional Baseball: Ages 5-6**  
Registration: March 8, 2008  
Dan Witt Park, Noon

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Sr. Girls: Ages 11-15**  
Registration: February 13, 2008  
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

**Summer Youth Sailing Program**  
**Ages 9 to 13**  
Registration: June 16 & 17, 2008  
8:00 a.m. until Noon  
Dixon Ahl Hall



**Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11**  
Registration: February 23, 2008  
Frank McDonough Park, Noon  
(Lighthouse Point Residents Only)

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