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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

PLEASE HELP!!! RETURN YOUR CENSUS FORM!



We all pay our share of Federal Taxes. Wouldn't it be nice if we were to get some of that money back into Lighthouse Point? You can help make that happen - it's simple, fast, and easy. Just make sure you fill out and return your 2010 Census form which will be mailed to your home in late March.

April 1, 2010 is Census Day and government funding for our roads, bridges, stormwater, senior programs, and library depends on you filling out and returning your form.

The census is totally confidential. Nobody can see your form for 72 years. The count has nothing to do with residency, voting, taxes, homestead, or immigration. Just count everyone staying in your home on April 1, 2010.

Please put them on your form and send it in.

You can make a difference in Lighthouse Point. Please be sure to tell your neighbors, friends, and especially anybody who rents or is here only seasonally. If they are here in Lighthouse Point on April 1st, they should be counted here - have them return the census form.

Incredibly, the results from the last census showed 32% of all our households did not return the census form. That resulted in a \$4,000,000 loss of income to our City. I know we all can think of good uses for the money including reducing property taxes.

Please, let's not let that happen again this year. It's only 10 short questions but it can mean a lot to all of us.

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KEEP THIS WEEKEND OPEN: FEBRUARY 5-7, 2010

"KEEPER DAYS"

The 10th Annual "Keeper Days" weekend is right around the corner.

This year's theme is "OUR CAMELOT"

The City will be honoring the original Keeper Days Committee Members Mrs. Marylyn Durie, Mr. Kenton Hajdic, Mrs. Rosemary Leto, Mrs. Jane McLaughlin, and posthumously, Mr. Ted McLaughlin. These Keepers have exhibited the true giving spirit which makes Lighthouse Point the special place we call home. There will be lots of food, fun, and entertainment for all ages.

Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful City tradition.

Visit www.lighthousepoint.com for the Keeper Days schedule of events and the dinner registration form.

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

CONGRESSMAN SETS UP OFFICE IN LHP

Congressman Ron Klein has members of his staff in LHP one day a month to assist our residents with questions on Federal issues. If you have problems with Veterans Affairs, Social Security, Immigration, or Passports, officials will be at City Hall the first Wednesday of each month in the LHP Library Community Room from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to assist residents.

HOLIDAY CHIP-A-TREE PROGRAM

Thank you to all residents who recycled their real Christmas trees at Dan Witt Park. This is another way for Lighthouse Point to stay GREEN!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Lighthouse Point Police Department will soon be utilizing some of the latest technology to assist investigators in identifying criminal offenders. New state-of-the-art License Plate Recognition (LPR) Cameras are being installed at all entryways leading into and out of the City. These cameras will capture vehicle images and important information that could prove to be beneficial during the investigation of criminal activity. In addition to the valuable intelligence information now accessible, the new LPR system will provide police with immediate alerts when vehicles with known affiliations to certain types of crimes and people, such as stolen vehicles and tags, sexual predators and offenders, wanted felons, gang members, and National terror watch list suspects enter the City. Local police also have the ability to make entries into the LPR system to monitor local criminal suspects as well. It's important to note that these new cameras are not being utilized to enforce traffic laws and violations like speeding and red light violations. They are specifically designed and will be utilized to help solve crimes that occur in our community. The best part about this new crime fighting initiative is that it won't cost the residents of Lighthouse Point a penny. The new initiative is being fully funded by the Police Department's Federal Forfeiture Fund, which consists of monies received through the confiscation of cash and property from criminals during the commission of illegal activity.



"2010 LHP RESIDENT AUTO DECALS" NOW AVAILABLE

The Fraternal Order of Police "Resident" auto decals are available to all residents of Lighthouse Point. The decals help Officers easily identify resident vehicles. The decals can be picked up at the Lighthouse Point Police Department for no cost. A donation to cover the costs of producing the decals is appreciated.

COMMUNITY BUS

The Lighthouse Point Community Bus provides a FREE local shuttle bus service from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The bus is wheelchair accessible and has a bike rack. The LHP bus travels to the Pompano Citi Centre, K Mart, Target, and shopping areas in Lighthouse Point. Shopping for groceries, clothing, and visiting municipal buildings or friends in the City is only a bus ride away!

The bus schedule is available on the City's website at www.lighthousepoint.com, the Library, City Clerk's Office, and on the bus. For more information, call Public Works at 954-946-7386.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Lighthouse Point Library annual Summer Library Program will be from June 14th through June 18th. The program is open to children who have completed kindergarten through grade 5. We understand that it is only January, but because of the quality of the planned events, and the associated expense, we want to provide ample time to adjust family budgets so children can attend this fun and educational program.

The theme is "NASA." 2010 marks the end of the manned shuttle program. We wish to give our children the opportunity to learn about NASA and space exploration. These educationally challenging fun days, provided by Mad Science, feature hands-on activities like "Star Trek Live," and include numerous take-home projects. The instructors are all certified teachers whose enthusiasm for science provides challenging activities.

The week will end on Friday, June 18th when the children and their chaperones will board buses before sunrise to journey to NASA at the Kennedy Space Center. Children will have an opportunity to visit the exhibits and the museum; the day's highlight will be lunch with an astronaut.

The cost of the entire week's activities - Monday's Wet 'N Wild games; three days of Mad Science; and the NASA trip is \$350 per child. Registration will open March 1st and close May 10th. Additional details are available in the Library, or by calling 954-946-6398.

The spring book sale dates are March 11th - 13th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Dixon Ahl Hall.

LHP'S FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR!

Saturday, January 23, 2010 - Environmental Fair and Plant Sale. This is a fun-filled family day of activities, at Frank McDonough Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be booths with information on solar energy, saving water, recycling, building rain barrels, backyard wildlife habitats, and much more. There will be vendors with environmentally friendly products and unique plants you won't find at local garden centers, and a kids' art contest called "Trash to Treasure" in which kids use recycled objects to create art.

For more information contact Taryn Palo at gardenhelp@bellsouth.net, or 561-789-4318. Bring the family and join us for a day of fun and learning.

RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling in Lighthouse Point became easier on October 1, 2009 with "Single Stream Recycling." Now all recyclable items can be mixed together into the same bin.

The Public Works Department has larger recycling bins for residents needing new or additional bins. You can pick them up at Public Works, 4730 N.E. 21st Terrace.

For further information on single stream recycling, visit the City website at www.lighthousepoint.com, click on Public Works Department/Recycling, or call Public Works at 954-946-7386.

Recycling brings revenue to the City and keeps Lighthouse Point GREEN! Thank you for recycling.





**Fire Fighter
Shaun Johnson**

2009 LIGHTHOUSE POINT FIRE FIGHTER AND POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Police Officer
Mark Riemer**

Congratulations to Fire Fighter Shaun Johnson and Police Officer Mark Riemer who were selected as the 2009 Lighthouse Point Fire Fighter and Police Officer of the Year.

Fire Fighter Johnson has been with the LHP Fire Department for 6 years and this past year Shaun has taken the initiative and has enthusiastically accepted a lead role in the management of our EMS supply system. He has improved the supply provisions for our rescue units and has saved the Fire Department money by creating an efficient inventory control program.

Officer Riemer has been with the LHP Police Department for 3 years and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division, and has also served in the Street Crimes Unit. During the past year Mark has been responsible for many significant criminal apprehensions resulting in charges that include robbery, auto theft, loitering and prowling.

Congratulations to both on a job well done!

DOG DAY IN THE PARK

Mark your calendar for 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2010 for the 8th Annual "DOG DAY IN THE PARK" at Dan Witt Park.

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 will not want to miss!

NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF



Shawn Gilmartin has been appointed Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Lighthouse Point. He brings over 25 years experience in the fire service, having served as Division Chief of Operations for the City of Pembroke Pines until he retired in 2008. Shawn will be a great asset to the Fire Department.

DINNER UNDER THE STARS

This popular evening event will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th, at Frank McDonough Park. It's a fun evening with dining, live music, and dancing! Tables will be available by contacting Recreation Director John Trudel at jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com, or 954-784-3439.

THE CITIES OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT & POMPANO BEACH PRESENT...

The 20th Annual Nautical Flea Market January 30 & 31, 2010 • Bargains, Bargains, Bargains ...

The cities of Lighthouse Point and Pompano Beach are proud to present the 20th Annual Nautical Flea Market. The next event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 30 & 31, 2010, at the Pompano Community Park at 830 N.E. 18th Avenue in Pompano Beach. Hours: Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You will find all types of nautical gear, both new and used, fishing tackle, dock boxes, boat shoes, nautical art and 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.

For more information go to www.nauticalfleamarket.com or call 954-786-4111.

FLOOD INSURANCE - GOOD NEWS

Unfortunately, most of us living in beautiful Lighthouse Point have been designated by the Federal Government as living in an area that requires flood insurance. Flood maps classify properties as being in one of several flood risk zones including A (high risk) to X (low risk). These maps, which are currently being updated, are available from the Building Department in Lighthouse Point. Although premiums can range from \$200 to over \$2,000, there is some good news for our residents. Each city participating in the National Flood Insurance program is rated by the Federal Emergency Rating System as to how effective are its flood management planning and flood reduction activities.

Lighthouse Point, as a result of our stormwater improvements and flood protection information and assistance provided to residents, has had our Community Rating System category upgraded from a Class 8 to a Class 7. The even better news is that our community qualifies for a 15% discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for all our high risk properties rated AE. Next time you renew your policy make sure it's updated to reflect the Class 7 rating.





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IMPORTANT NEWS

Always check www.lighthousepoint.com for the latest important news and schedule changes. It's the address to the City's 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.

CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

BASEBALL

Youth Baseball League: Ages 10-13
Registration: February 3, 2010
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

**Pee Wee (Coach Pitch) Baseball:
Ages 7-9**
Registration: February 13, 2010
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.
(Lighthouse Point Residents Only)



Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11
Registration: February 20, 2010
Frank McDonough Park, Noon

Girls (Coach Pitch): Ages 6-8
Registration: February 27, 2010
Frank McDonough Park, Noon

Summer Recreation Program: Ages 6 to 13
Registration: June 23 & 24, 2010
8:00 a.m. until Noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Summer Program: June 25 - July 30, 2010



**Jr. Pee Wee Instructional Baseball:
Ages 5-6**
Registration: March 6, 2010
Dan Witt Park, Noon

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Sr. Girls: Ages 11-15
Registration: February 10, 2010
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Summer Youth Sailing Program: Ages 9 to 13
Registration: June 23 & 24, 2010
8:00 a.m. until Noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Sailing Program: June 28 - July 29, 2010



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