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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As we turn the corner into a new year and a new decade, I would like to commit to a renewed sense of community between our City and our Residents. Especially in our current environment of potential polarization it is critical that we keep open all our channels of communication and strongly

emphasize our dedication to working together to make our City the best it can be.

We have a major advantage here in Lighthouse Point. We are a close-knit community and can take pride in our successes over the years. And there have been many. But our commitment to better communication must remain uppermost in our minds.

An example of how quickly things can go astray is the recent decision by Broward County Water Department which proposed a rate increase for those

with 1" meters. Fortunately, with everyone working together on a realistic goal, we were able to reverse a major County decision and provide an improved rate structure for our residents. So as we move forward to this new decade allow me to commit to continually maintaining and improving our open lines of communication.

On a related note, we have yet to receive our Census numbers for the new millennium but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who filled out and returned your Census information. Based on preliminary returns, I fully expect our population to show an increase of at least 10% along with the number of children under 14 to be up at least 20%. All of this shows that Lighthouse Point is still a growing and vibrant community.

Lighthouse Point has a lot to brag about. For 2011, I'm sure you noticed there were no property tax increases for the City and that foreclosures are the lowest in the area. Your City is extremely well financed with the next to the highest Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. We have succeeded in improving the infrastructure of the City with dozens of new projects, and on the drawing boards are 2 new projects paid for with State and Federal funds:

- A new bridge over the Kingfisher Waterway on Lighthouse Drive at 31st Street. It's a \$1.1 million project scheduled to start in 2012 financed primarily by State Transportation funds.
- A \$250,000 Federal grant was secured by the City to replace all park lighting with new energy efficient fixtures designed to reduce our energy cost by 30% including bulbs that last 25 years.

When I took office in 2001 our millage rate was 4.02, one of the highest in City history; our rate is now 3.6 - the 3rd lowest in Broward County. We also have fewer full time employees now than in 2001, and a contingency fund over 3 times as high as the beginning of the last decade. These numbers and our accomplishments together speak highly of how your City is run and bodes well for the future.

If the past is any indication, the best is yet to come. All of this is possible because of the great leadership in your City, your Elected Officials, Department Heads, and all of the dedicated and conscientious employees. We promise to always maintain what we have achieved and continue to improve the way we run our beautiful City.

As we look to the future, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve as your Mayor.

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

In January 2010, our Police Department implemented a new state-of-the-art license plate recognition camera system city-wide. The new technology was funded entirely from the Police Department Federal Forfeiture Fund consisting of monies collected from criminals and confiscated property and contraband. The system has already proven its usefulness by playing an integral role in solving numerous crimes, including burglary, auto theft, arson, and others. The Lighthouse Point Police Department remains committed to the use of advanced technologies to prevent and detect crime and continue to make Lighthouse Point the safest community for all of us to enjoy.

BIT OF HISTORY - DO YOU KNOW?

- That many years ago Lighthouse Point was primarily farmland? What types of crops were grown here?
- Where "Scout Island" was located and why it was given that name?
- The City of Lighthouse Point got its name from the famed Hillsboro Lighthouse? In what year did construction start on that structure?
- That the Battle of the Atlantic was fought in this area? Who torpedoed and sunk a number of ships within sight of the Hillsboro Lighthouse?
- What tour boat and water ski review group performed in Lighthouse Point in 1952 to attract home sales to this area?
- The story of how over 100 residents petitioned in April, 1954, to have Lighthouse Point become an incorporated city and what they went through to achieve this?
- What was the area's first grocery store, and what year did it open?
- What was the make of the City's first Fire Engine?

To find the answers to these questions and others, check out a copy of Lighthouse Point, Florida: The First 50 Years at the Lighthouse Point Library.

(Answers are also online at www.lighthousepoint.com.)



ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR & PLANT SALE

Join us for a day of fun and education from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Frank McDonough Park. The fair and plant sale will showcase environmentally friendly products, unique and interesting plants, as well as native plants and organic vegetables. There will be booths on solar energy, irrigation, water management, rain barrels, and recycling. For the children, there will be "hands on" activities and a "Trash to Treasure" art contest. Bring your old electronics to recycle at the electronics recycling collection drop off site. The fair is being hosted by the Lighthouse Point Environmental Committee. For more information contact Taryn Palo at gardenhelp@bellsouth.net, or 561-789-4318. Hope to see you there!



The 21st Annual Nautical Flea Market

The 21st Annual Nautical Flea Market will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 29 & 30, 2011, at the Pompano Community Park at 830 NE 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. For more information go to www.nauticalfleamarket.com, or call 954-786-4111.

LIBRARY NEWS

@ Your Library we have:

- Adult Education Classes:
 - * Spanish, Italian, French
 - * Financial Planning
 - * Writers' Group
 - * Computer Training
 - * Book Discussion Groups
 - * Exercise and Yoga
 - * Bingo and Board Games
- 9 public access workstations and free Wi-Fi
- Newspapers, Financial Publications, and Magazines
 - * 7 Daily Newspapers
 - * Investors Business Daily
 - * Value Line
 - * Barron's
 - * Wall Street Journal
 - * Morningstar
 - * Standard and Poor's
 - * 100's more online
- Income tax preparation by appointment February 1st through April 12th
- 600 books on CD and cassette
- 1400 DVDs and videocassettes
- Online test preparation for SAT, ACT, PSAT, and PLAN
- Online access to Florida Public Records, basic legal forms, and car repair manuals
- Kid's Programs
 - * 3 weekly story hours for children ages 18 months to 8 years
 - * Summer Library Program for students grade 1 through grade 5
 - * Private tutoring rooms
- Teen Advisory Board providing free early elementary school tutoring services and community service projects
- And oh yes, 40,000 books! PLUS almost any book we don't have is available by Interlibrary loan

For more information on the Library, the services provided, or to volunteer to teach classes or work in the Library, go to www.lighthousepointlibrary.com, or call 954-946-6398.

DINNER UNDER THE STARS

This popular evening event will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Frank McDonough Park. It's a fun evening with dining, live music, and dancing! Contact Recreation Director John Trudel at jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com, or 954-784-3439, to reserve a table. To view previous year's events, go to www.lighthousepoint.com/photos.cfm



2011 LHP RESIDENT AUTO DECALS NOW AVAILABLE

The Fraternal Order of Police "Resident" auto decals are now 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. A donation to cover the costs of producing the decals is appreciated.



Fire Fighter
Mike Sullivan

2010 LIGHTHOUSE POINT FIRE FIGHTER AND POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Police Officer
Curt Lai

Congratulations to Police Officer Curt Lai and Fire Fighter Mike Sullivan who were selected as the 2010 Lighthouse Point Police Officer and Fire Fighter of the Year.

Sergeant Curt Lai has been with the LHP Police Department for 10 years and is currently assigned as a road patrol sergeant. During the past year, Sergeant Lai was successful in neutralizing an armed offender who was shooting a semi-automatic weapon at police officers at the police facility. His quick thinking and tactical response prevented serious injury to others. He also arrested a subject responsible for multiple auto burglaries.

Fire Fighter Mike Sullivan has been with the LHP Fire Department for 26 years. This past year, a 911 call was received reporting a commercial fire at a shopping center. Upon arrival, Fire Fighter Sullivan assumed command of the incident and took aggressive actions to contain and extinguish the active structural fire. His effective supervision and control of the fire scene minimized fire damage to the adjacent businesses in the shopping center.

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, March 13, 2011, for the 9th 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!

KEEP THIS WEEKEND OPEN: FEBRUARY 11-13, 2011 "KEEPER DAYS"

The 11th Annual "Keeper Days" weekend is right around the corner.

This year's theme is **"PARADISE IN THE POINT."**

The City will be honoring Mr. William Gallo, Mr. Allan Burrows, and posthumously, Mr. Jeffrey Siegel. These Keepers have exhibited the true giving spirit which makes Lighthouse Point the special place we call home.

There will be lots of fun, food, 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 Recreation Director John Trudel at

jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com, or 954-784-3439.

UPCOMING MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

In the past several years, numerous infrastructure projects have been undertaken in the City such as paving, dredging, sidewalks, underground stormwater piping, bridge replacement, street hardscape enhancements, solar lighting, and the renovation of several municipal facilities. The projects were funded from a combination of sources such as Federal and State grants, FEMA, forfeiture funds, property insurance claims, generous donations, and local funds. Although grant opportunities are becoming harder to come by, the City was successful in securing two grants for infrastructure projects that will be performed in 2011 through 2013.

The City was awarded a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to replace Bridge 204 over the Kingfisher Waterway. This is the first bridge south of Sample Road on Lighthouse Drive. Once started, the construction should take approximately 8 months, and when finished, the bridge will look similar to Bridge 210 on Lighthouse Drive over the North

Grand Canal. The bridge is being widened to provide room for cyclists and vehicles to navigate around disabled or stopped vehicles, and the outer barrier is designed to better protect pedestrians from vehicle traffic. The new bridge will provide a small increase in the clearance for boats navigating under the bridge.

The City was also awarded a \$250,000 energy grant associated with the Federal Stimulus Package. This project will retrofit the sports field lighting at Frank McDonough Park and Dan Witt Park with "green" technology light fixtures. The existing lights over the sports fields in these parks were installed in 2001 and 1995, respectively. The new light fixtures will reduce energy consumption by approximately 30%, thereby providing substantial energy cost savings. This project will be scheduled for a timeframe with the least disruption to youth sports activities.





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IMPORTANT NEWS

Always check www.lighthousepoint.com for the latest important news, events, 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 2, 2011
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Pee Wee (Coach Pitch) Baseball: Ages 7-9

Registration: February 9, 2011
Dan Witt Park, 6:00 p.m.
Must be at least 7 years of age
(Lighthouse Point Residents Only)



Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11

Registration: February 19, 2011
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.

Girls (Coach Pitch): Ages 6-8

Registration: February 26, 2011
Frank McDonough Park, Noon



Summer Recreation Program: Ages 6 to 13

Registration: June 20 & 21, 2011
8:00 a.m. until Noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Summer Program: June 22 - July 29, 2011

Summer Youth Sailing Program: Ages 9 to 13

Registration: June 20 & 21, 2011
8:00 a.m. until Noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Sailing Program: June 29 - July 28, 2011



Jr. Pee Wee Instructional Baseball: Ages 5-6

Registration: March 5, 2011
Dan Witt Park, Noon

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Sr. Girls: Ages 11-15

Registration: February 16, 2011
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

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