

A newsletter to
the residents of
Lighthouse Point



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TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES



Like our City's namesake, Lighthouse Point has become a beacon of stability in a sea of economic turmoil.

In a climate of falling property values throughout South Florida, I am happy to report our City posted increased property values this past year. While many cities in Broward County have raised taxes or cut services to make ends meet, Lighthouse Point actually cut tax millage and maintained the outstanding services we have all come to expect.

How is it that Lighthouse Point can rise above the chaos in these challenging times?

It is because our City has strong leadership among our Commissioners, Department Heads and employees. They are dedicated to fiscal responsibility, have a strong vision, and possess a spirit of public service like none other.

And, as I have said before, our success would not be possible without our loyal and giving residents, many of whom are involved in City events, serve on City boards and committees, volunteer in the Police Department and Library, teach senior citizen classes, and contribute in a multitude of ways.

As your Mayor, I could not be more proud of the City's accomplishments. Allow me a moment to brag about some of them.

While committed to preserving our community's interests at all levels, our Planning and Zoning Board as well as the Development Review Committee and Community Appearance Board are doing

all they can to promote a positive business environment that encourages businesses to grow and prosper.

Several significant new commercial projects are underway in our City and you will see more evidence of this in the near future.

In the area of innovation and public service, our Police Department is now making available to any resident who requests a day-to-day report on all law enforcement activities. These reports can be sent automatically to the individual's personal computer. It is essential that our residents have access to information on issues that impact their community. An informed community makes informed decisions.

Speaking of social and cultural events, we had incredible Memorial Day and 4th of July celebrations due to the efforts of a reinvigorated Cultural Arts Committee, which has brought a new spirit to community events and recreational programs.

Even as we have been successful in these challenging times, there is much work to be done. We will continue to tap into the enthusiasm and dedication of our employees and residents so that we can turn challenges into opportunities.

We take seriously our responsibility to maintain high property values, provide top level services, and set the standard for a well-run city positioned for the future.

I look forward to continuing to serve you and seeing you at local events, and I wish you all well in the coming months.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW MESSAGE ALERTING SYSTEM



Our Lighthouse Point Police Department has implemented a new crime mapping and message alerting system to keep our residents better informed on crime trends in Lighthouse Point. CrimeReports is the largest public crime-mapping and citizen tip network in North America. While CrimeReports provides the police department with the tools to understand crime trends and share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public, community members can also access the integrated crime map, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety of their neighborhood and community.

Providing reliable, timely information to our citizens is one of our top priorities, and partnering with CrimeReports gives us the ability to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on in the Lighthouse Point area. The public can access our crime map 24 hours a day. The service allows local citizens the ability to sign up for free automated customizable email alerts, so they can stay on top of crime trends in their neighborhood without having to log-in to the website. The site can be accessed by going directly to www.crimereports.com or via the police department website (www.lhppd.com) and selecting the Crime Mapping link on the main page.

The system also allows the police department to send out timely email alerts to participants when in-progress crimes occur. Citizens can also provide on-line tips to crimes they see on the crime map. The tips are sent anonymously to Crime Stoppers then forwarded to the Lighthouse Point staff.

All of our residents and business owners are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent program by logging in to the new crime mapping system and signing up for the automated email alerts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SMOKE DETECTORS

There should be at least one detector on each floor installed between the bedrooms and the rest of the living area. If you sleep with the bedroom doors closed, additional smoke detectors should be installed in each bedroom. Test each detector monthly. Change the batteries when you change your clock to and from Daylight Savings Time.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

The Lighthouse Point Fire Department is collecting NEW UNWRAPPED toys. We need toys for all ages – birth to teens. They will be distributed to needy children living in the area a few days before Christmas. You can drop the toys off at the Fire Station, 3740 NE 22 Avenue by December 20th and we'll do the rest. The children receiving these gifts and the Fire Department thank you for making this toy drive a big success year after year.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Fall Book Sale dates are November 17th - 19th, from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Dixon Ahl Hall.

Please visit the Library's website for a complete calendar of activities and programs available to children, teens and adults, or call the Library at 954-946-6398 for details.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD



For the sixteenth consecutive year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Lighthouse Point by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Halloween – Thursday, October 27th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Dan Witt Park

Open to all Lighthouse Point children ages 12 and under. The costumes and creativity make this an event not to be missed!

Health Fair – Saturday, November 5th, 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!

Lighthouse A' Glow – Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park

SAVE THE DATES – 2012

Nautical Flea Market - January 28th and 29th, at Pompano Community Park

The best place to shop for all your nautical needs! www.nauticalfleamarket.com.

Keeper Days - February 10th thru 12th

Fabulous dinner on Friday night, parade and activities on Saturday, and sports events on Sunday! Bring the kids out to enjoy the activities in a hometown, family-friendly environment. If you would like to be a sponsor, contact John Trudel at 954-784-3439 or jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com.

Dog Day in the Park - Sunday, March 18th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at Dan Witt Park

We can't forget our furry kids! We have a day planned just for them!

Dinner Under the Stars - Saturday, April 14th, 5:00 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with fabulous "themed" tables, dining and live music by the Low Tides. Don't forget your dancing shoes!

FAMILY FUN

The new LHP Cultural Arts Committee is planning for the 2012 season and will have several organized events for the whole family to enjoy. It is a great opportunity to bring the Lighthouse Point community together through arts, fellowship, and fun. If you would like to join the committee or just receive emails detailing upcoming events, please send an email to lhpadmin@lighthousepoint.com.

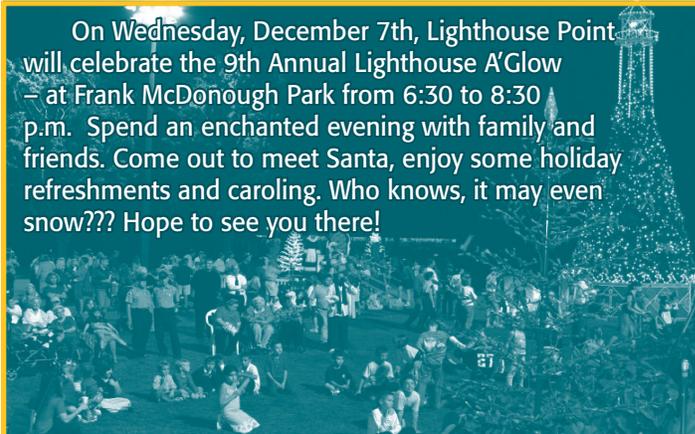
HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Thursday, October 27th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Dan Witt Park

Open to all Lighthouse Point boys and girls, ages 12 and under.

There will be costume contests for all age groups, bounce houses, face painting, rides, and entertainment! Free refreshments and candy for every child in costume! Parents, bring the children for a fun night of activities. Don't forget your camera!

On Wednesday, December 7th, Lighthouse Point will celebrate the 9th Annual Lighthouse A'Glow – at Frank McDonough Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Spend an enchanted evening with family and friends. Come out to meet Santa, enjoy some holiday refreshments and caroling. Who knows, it may even snow??? Hope to see you there!



RECYCLING?

Please remember to recycle. No longer do you have to separate paper from plastic, metal and glass—just mix all your recyclables together. It saves resources and it provides revenue to our City. Visit the Public Works Department at 4730 N.E. 21 Terrace to pick up your FREE recycle bins. For additional information on recycling, visit the City's website www.lighthousepoint.com, or call Public Works at 954-946-7386.

It may be early, but also remember to recycle your holiday tree. They are shredded to provide free mulch.

6TH ANNUAL LHP HEALTH FAIR

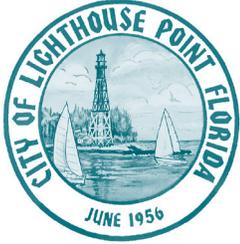
The City and our partners at North Broward Medical Center would like to encourage you to take advantage of the FREE health screenings available, some of which include: Diabetes, Cholesterol, 12-Lead EKG, Blood Pressure, and much more.

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon

Place: Lighthouse Point Fire Station





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CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL:

Registration Saturday, October 15, 2011
at Frank McDonough Park, 9:00 a.m.
Ages 7-9



YOUTH SOCCER (Co Ed):

Registration Wednesday, October 19, 2011
at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-13 (cannot be 14 before Dec 1)

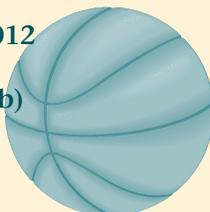


GIRLS SOCCER:

Registration Tuesday, November 29, 2011
at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-15

YOUTH BASKETBALL:

Registration Tuesday, January 3, 2012
at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-13 (cannot be 14 before Feb)



INSTRUCTIONAL JR.

BASKETBALL:

Registration Saturday, January 7, 2012
at Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.
Ages 7-9

For Youth Baseball/Softball
Registration and more
sports information, go to
the City website at www.lighthousepoint.com, and
select Recreation, or call the
Recreation Department at
954-784-3439.



**KEEP THIS
WEEKEND OPEN**
The 12th Annual "Keeper Days"
weekend will be
**Friday, February 10 –
Sunday, February 12, 2012**
**Lighthouse Point –
Where Fairy Tales Come True**