

A newsletter to
the residents of
Lighthouse Point



Lighthouse Points

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



New businesses are a key to the vitality of any community. All of us share an obligation to do all we can to attract and support viable businesses in Lighthouse Point. We are more fortunate than most. We have proven ourselves as a beacon of stability in a time of economic turmoil. Our tax rate is third lowest in Broward County and our property values have begun to increase. Undoubtedly, our City staff and boards deserve much of the credit but so do our residents who have a significant role to play in supporting our new businesses. Our goal is to continue this exceptional performance as a community, but it takes a winning spirit and deliberate strategies to insure our community's success going forward.

There is lots of positive news to share about our successes. Within just this year, six new restaurants have opened their doors and eight new retail establishments are vying for your business. We want these businesses to do more than survive. We want them to thrive. For that to happen, they need our support and patronage.

Recently a heartwarming story was reported on national news of a pizza restaurant outside Chicago being threatened with bankruptcy. The owner emailed all his previous customers asking they return just to eat there once again. The response was overwhelming, saving the restaurant. That is the kind of spirit and can-do attitude we want to prevail in Lighthouse Point.

We each have the ability to nurture the seeds of economic recovery right here in our own backyard. Every dollar spent in our City is re-spent many more times before depleting its economic value. That

value is returned to each of us in better services and higher real estate values. Help support all our businesses and fine restaurants - shop local and dine local, often!

The world is changing at a faster pace than ever in history. It is our goal to keep Lighthouse Point the best place to always welcome you home and protect you.

Make sure to mark your calendars for February 10, Keeper Days weekend, where we will be honoring two long time employees who have given so much to make our City great - Mike McDace and Doreen Gauthier.

Finally, just a reminder our City election for two (2) Commission Seats is Tuesday, January 31. Please take a moment to familiarize yourselves with the candidates and remember to VOTE!

PUBLIC WORKS

Thank you to all residents who participated in the Holiday Chip-A-Tree Program, and recycled their Christmas trees at Dan Witt Park. This is another way for Lighthouse Point to stay GREEN!

THE 22ND ANNUAL LHP/POMPANO NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

The 22nd Annual LHP/Pompano Nautical Flea Market will be Saturday and Sunday, January 28 & 29, 2012, at the Pompano Community Park, 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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEET OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
NEWEST MEMBERS:

Officer Michael Shane Kruse



Michael grew up in South Florida and for many years worked in his family's construction business. With a lifelong dream of becoming a police officer, he left to attend the Palm Beach Police Academy where he graduated second in his class. Michael has a beautiful 7-year old little girl named Nicole. His younger brother Jon is still in college and his brother Ed is a US Dept. of Defense Contractor pilot in Afghanistan.

Officer Justin Forsberg



Justin Forsberg was born and raised in South Florida, attended Taravella High School in Coral Springs and comes from a family with a long history in law enforcement. His father is a career deputy with the Broward County Sheriff serving as a Homicide Detective, and his mother is a senior fiscal assistant with the FIU Police Department in Miami. Justin decided early on that he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become a police officer. He attended Broward Police Academy, excelling in all areas.

Officer Justin Capaldi



Justin, a long time Lighthouse Point resident has for the past few years served, along with his brother John and father Jerry, as a volunteer in the Lighthouse Point Police Department. In 2010, Justin was selected as the Police Volunteer of the Year. In February 2011, Justin began attending the police academy at Palm Beach State College and graduated in the top five percent of his class. Justin has said "to serve and protect the residents that I have come to know as family, friends, and neighbors is a personal honor to me and is one that I will not take lightly". Justin is the father of a 5-year old son named Kayden.

2011 LIGHTHOUSE POINT
POLICE OFFICER AND FIRE
FIGHTER OF THE YEAR



*Police Officer
David Dyess*



*Fire Fighter
Jessica Cruz*



*Fire Fighter
Ralph Giro*

Congratulations to Police Officer David Dyess and Fire Fighters Jessica Cruz and Ralph Giro, who were selected as the 2011 Lighthouse Point Police Officer and Fire Fighters of the Year.

Detective David Dyess has been with the Lighthouse Point Police Department for eleven years. He is credited with leading the agency with arrests and the clearance of 21 criminal investigations. Most notably he contributed to solving many burglary, robbery and grand theft cases during the past year.

Fire Fighter Cruz has been with the Lighthouse Point Fire Department for six years, and Fire Fighter Giro has been with the Department for eight years. This past year, a 911 call was received reporting a cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, Fire Fighters Cruz and Giro assessed the situation and took aggressive actions to administer advanced cardiac life support. The joint efforts of Fire Fighters Cruz and Giro saved a life.

Congratulations to all on a job well done!

"2012 LHP RESIDENT AUTO DECALS"

NOW AVAILABLE



The Fraternal Order of Police "Resident" auto decals are available at the Lighthouse Point Police Department. The decals are available to all residents of Lighthouse Point, and help Officers easily identify resident vehicles. A donation to cover the costs of producing the decals is appreciated.



LIGHTHOUSE DRIVE BRIDGE PROJECT COMMUNITY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

February 14, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DIXON AHL HALL
2220 NE 38th Street

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is planning to replace Bridge 204 over the Kingfisher Waterway. This is the first bridge south of Sample Road on Lighthouse Drive near N.E. 32nd Court. Construction is scheduled for 2013. FDOT is conducting a Community Awareness Workshop on February 14, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Dixon Ahl Hall located at 2220 N.E. 38th Street. The purpose of the workshop is for residents to learn more about the project and to interface and provide input directly to FDOT representatives. The workshop will be informal.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN LHP

Recently all residents received a letter from Broward County detailing three construction projects to improve certain water and sewer lines within our City. The work will be paid for by Broward County and performed by contractors also hired by the County. Broward County will do all that is possible to maintain a safe and clean work area as this work progresses. However, from time to time, traffic may be impacted, requests to curtail water usage may be requested, and dirt and noise will exist. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. As the contractors move from one area of the City to another, the neighborhoods affected by the work will be provided more information by separate notice.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Henry, Community Outreach Liaison at Broward County Project and Community Coordination Division (954-831-3281).

City Public Works employees will be monitoring the work to protect and represent the interests of the residents of Lighthouse Point. You may also contact the City's Public Works Department at 954-946-7386. If you have any questions about the specific projects, please visit the City's website www.lighthousepoint.com and click on the Public Works Department.

CANDIDATES DEBATE NIGHT

January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

DIXON AHL HALL
2220 NE 38th Street

Come out on Wednesday, January 18, to meet and listen to all the LHP City Commission candidates debate the issues and their future plans for LHP. All the candidates have agreed to attend. The debate is being sponsored by the Lighthouse Point Gardens North Condo Association who hosts a candidate debate each election year. Written questions will be accepted from the audience at the meeting and selected to ask the candidates. Remember to vote on Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

DINNER UNDER THE STARS

This event has gotten pretty competitive and will sell out quickly. Be sure to reserve a table for 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at Frank McDonough Park. This is a fun-filled evening with themed tables, dining, dancing, and live music performed by the Low Tides! Contact Recreation Director John Trudel at jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com, or 954-784-3439, to reserve a table.

FEBRUARY 10 - 12, 2012 "KEEPER DAYS"

The 12th Annual "Keeper Days" weekend is right around the corner. This year's theme is:

"Lighthouse Point –
Where Fairy Tales Come True"

The City will be honoring Doreen Gauthier, and posthumously, Officer Mike McDace. Come help us celebrate these generous and dedicated individuals who have made Lighthouse Point the special place we call home.

There will be entertainment, food, and LOTS of fun for all ages. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful tradition.

The Keeper Days schedule of events and dinner registration forms are available at: www.lighthousepoint.com.

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.





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It's the information source
for City news and events,
senior activities, youth
sports, forms, hurricane
and flood information,
and much more!

10TH ANNUAL DOG DAY IN THE PARK

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 18, 2012, for "Dog Day in the Park" at Dan Witt Park from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Every dog entering the park must have proof of current rabies vaccination, be non-aggressive, and be on a leash. For more information or to volunteer contact Recreation Director John Trudel at jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com, or call 954-943-6500.

2012 CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

BASEBALL

Youth Baseball League:
Ages 10-13
Registration: February 1st
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Pee Wee (Coach Pitch)
Baseball: Ages 7-9
Registration: February 8th
Dan Witt Park, 6:00 p.m.
Must be at least 7 years of
age
(Lighthouse Point Residents
Only)

Jr. Pee Wee (Instructional)
Baseball: Ages 5-6
Registration: March 3rd
Dan Witt Park, noon

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Sr. Girls: Ages 11-15
Registration: February 15th
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11
Registration: February 18th
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.

Girls (Coach Pitch): Ages 6-8
Registration: February 25th
Frank McDonough Park, noon

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Ages 6-13
Registration: June 18th & 19th
8:00 a.m. until noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Summer Program: June 20th - July 27th

SUMMER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

Ages 9-13
Registration: June 18th & 19th
8:00 a.m. until noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Sailing Program: June 25th - July
26th

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