

A newsletter to
the residents of
Lighthouse Point



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



It's often been said that Government closest to the people works best. There is no truer example of that than here in Lighthouse Point. Despite the fact that the world is changing at an ever faster pace, your local staff remains committed to protecting your health and property and continuing to make Lighthouse Point the City that welcomes you home.

Again this year, our City has the third lowest property tax rate in all of Broward County and remains one of the few cities where the value of your home has now again begun to increase. The County's Property Appraiser recently stated the reason for increasing property values can be attributed to strong Code Enforcement operations. Although that certainly plays a large role, so does the fact that Lighthouse Point has its own dedicated and committed Police, Fire, Library, Public Works and Recreation Departments, making our City one of the most desirable in South Florida.

Adding credibility to the outstanding job your City does, our Police Department just won the prestigious worldwide Webber Seavey Award in recognition for promoting a standard of excellence that exemplifies law enforcement's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in local communities. Selected from a large number of applications, LHP received the top award for our work in implementing and utilizing the state-of-the-art License Plate Recognition System. Our ultimate goal is to protect and improve the quality of life for those who live in our beautiful City and it is rewarding to be recognized for our accomplishments. The Award was presented earlier this month in front of 10,000 law enforcement leaders from around the world.

Again, I am happy to report a significant increase in the number of new businesses

opening in our Community with more to come. Please check them all out and remember to Shop Local - Eat Local.

Finally, as the summer heat gets replaced by the cooler winds of fall, don't miss our City's local activities. Two new, not to be missed, events in November include a City concert featuring a Beatles tribute band combined with incredibly delicious Food Truck delicacies on November 3rd, and a City Open House on November 17th, (details on Page 2-3). Certainly the staples of Halloween and Lighthouse A'Glow will continue to be exceptional. Also on the morning of November 3rd will be the annual City Health Fair where free screening tests are performed which could potentially save your life. I look forward to seeing each of you at many of these fabulous events.

NEW RECYCLING CARTS!

GOOD NEWS - RECYCLING MADE

EASIER - Now avail-

able at no cost to LHP

residents are larger size

recycling bins with

wheels and covers.

Choose the 64 gallon or

the mid-size 48 gallon.

No more having to walk

those open top bins to

the curb. Remember,

LHP now has single stream

recycling so all your glass,

plastic, newspapers, mag-

azines, and cans go into

the same recycling bin -

no need to sort. To get yours, just visit

www.lighthousepoint.com or call Public

Works Department at 954-946-7386.

And of course the smaller current bins

can still be used or recycled if you don't

want them.

Remember RECYCLE - It Pays!





IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING...

The Lighthouse Point Police Department needs your help to prevent crime and keep our City safe. PLEASE report any suspicious or unusual activity. Trust your instincts and don't worry if it turns out to be nothing. As an extra set of eyes and ears for the police department, no one knows more about your neighborhood than you. While at home, shopping or just driving through town, call us at **954-942-8080** to report any suspicious activity. Here are some things to look for:

- Report strange people walking around, riding on bikes or driving on your street (day or night) without a sense of purpose. Don't assume criminals only operate under the cover of darkness. Many crimes, including thefts from cars and residential burglaries, occur during the daytime.
- Report unlicensed solicitors going door-to-door. Criminals will frequently pose as solicitors as they search for an easy target, like a vacant home or vehicle that contains valuables in plain view. Watch for people walking into or out of back yards.

With your help, we can help keep Lighthouse Point one of the safest communities in South Florida. And remember, avoid leaving valuables unattended in your car (thefts from cars is our number one crime in Lighthouse Point), keep your home secured when you are away, lock all doors and windows, activate your alarm system (and surveillance video system if you have it) and keep exterior lights on at night. When preparing to travel, complete a closed home form at the Police Department so we can check on your property while you are away. Your actions may help prevent a friend or neighbor from becoming a victim of a crime. Currently, the Department of Homeland Security has a campaign to keep Americans safe. It's called **"If You SEE Something, SAY Something."** The same applies in our community. Let's work together to make our community a safer place. Call us anytime at **954-942-8080**. Put this number in your cell phone "favorites." Don't forget to stop by our "Open House" on November 17th to tour our facility, meet your Officers, or see new home security technology.

SAVING LIVES

Trips and falls, and heart problems are two of the biggest reasons for medical emergencies in Lighthouse Point. Your **Fire/Rescue Department** responds to approximately 1,000 medical calls each year. Fortunately, we've all heard time and again how to stay healthy – now it's just a matter of commitment. We want you to stay healthy so you won't need to call us. Prevention is as important to us as responding to emergencies. As we get older, the consequences of trips or falls become more serious. There are simple things we all can do to reduce the chances of being injured. Walk with an increased alertness and purpose, especially around our home where we tend to let our guard down. Stay off wet floors and ladders, and watch out for loose items such as cords and rugs. You wouldn't believe the number of times we've heard "I should have seen that."

"Healthy Living" is a theme we all should live by. We suggest you just try to do one healthy thing each and every day. Eat one more vegetable or one less cookie or serving of ice cream. Exercise for 30 minutes one time each day and certainly smoking one less cigarette a day is a start. It all makes a difference.

If you have just a few minutes on Saturday, November 3rd, stop by the Lighthouse Point Fire Station from 9:00 a.m. to noon where we are holding a Health Fair. Get your blood pressure, cholesterol, heart rhythm, and arterial flow all checked for free. Additionally you can have equilibrium or balance skills checked, as well as your sight, hearing, and skin, all by local practitioners – NO COST! Fifteen minutes here could save your life. And, if you just want to meet us before you need us, please stop by and take a tour of the Fire Station. And don't miss our "Open House" on Saturday, November 17th.

WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR HOMETOWN LIBRARY?

Have you checked out what's new in your local LHP Library? How about the top authors' books on CD to listen in the car or on-the-go. Don't want to spend \$27.99 to buy the latest best seller or \$18.00 to download one – they're all free and some are even available in large print! Books are not all that we're about – looking to learn something new? Join one of the fifteen weekly education, fitness, hands-on computer technology, and hobby classes all at the Library. And for kids, three weekly children's story times, a teen board, puzzles, games, family DVDs, distance/online learning, school outreach, and over 10,000 new and classic children's and young adult books. Not to mention school resources for those projects your children are doing and need to research.

WATCH FOR SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

- November 15th-17th: Semi-annual Book Sale in Dixon Ahl Hall.
- November 17th: Library Open House
- December 5th: Friends of the Library baked goods sale at Lighthouse A'Glow.

Why not come by and check us out — maybe even join the Friends of the Library group for special trips and events. For more information—www.lighthousepointlibrary.com

"We've got something for everybody"



HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Wednesday, October 31st,
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
- bounce houses
- face painting
- rides, *and more!*

*Free refreshments and candy
for every child in costume!*

Bring the family for a
fun night out. Don't forget
your camera!

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 in the area just in time for 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!!

On Wednesday, December 5th, Lighthouse Point will celebrate the 11th 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!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Halloween – Wednesday, October 31st, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Dan Witt Park
Open to all Lighthouse Point children ages 12 and under. This is an event not to be missed!

Health Fair – Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the LHP Fire Station
Free health screenings, tests, and wellness information. Just 15 minutes here could save your life!

Food Truck Event and Concert in the Park– Saturday, November 3rd, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park. Beatles fans welcome!!

LHP “OPEN HOUSE” – Saturday, November 17th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., City Hall Complex at NE 22nd Avenue, just off of Sample Road.

Lighthouse A' Glow – Wednesday, December 5th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park. The premier holiday event not to be missed!

SAVE THE DATES – 2013

Nautical Flea Market - January 26th and 27th, at Pompano Community Park
The best place to shop for all your nautical needs! www.nauticalfleamarket.com.

Keeper Days - February 8th thru 10th

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.

Dog Day in the Park - Sunday, March 3rd, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at Dan Witt Park
We can't forget our four-legged furry kids! We have a day planned just for them!

Dinner Under the Stars - Saturday, April 6th, 5:00 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park
Enjoy a fun-filled evening dining with friends and enjoy music and entertainment. Don't forget your dancing shoes!

LHP “OPEN HOUSE”

When: Saturday, November 17th

Where: Police Station, Fire Station, & Library
NE 22nd Avenue off Sample Road
(City Hall Complex)

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or Shine!

- Police, Fire, and Library Open House. Bring the Entire Family. All FREE!
- New and Antique Fire Trucks and Police Cars.
- Tours of the Police Station, Fire Station, Library, and information from all City Departments.
- Refreshments.
- Activities for the Kids.
- Exhibits and Demonstrations on Security Systems and Cameras.
- Demonstrations on Life-Saving Medical Equipment--including Blood Pressure Tests and more.
- New e-Library Programs, Kid's Crafts, Adult Classes, Children's Books, and Resources for School Projects. Even a Library Book Sale.

Meet your Emergency Responders and Library Staff! DON'T MISS IT!!!

7TH 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 life-saving health screenings available. It could save your life!



Date: Saturday, November 3rd, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon
Place: Lighthouse Point Fire Station
Testing: Diabetes, blood pressure check, EKG, balance, body mass, and cholesterol.





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and schedule changes.
It's the information source
for the City!

DOGGY ETIQUETTE

If only our furry friends could read...But since they can't, all pet owners need to be more responsible for their actions. Dogs love to run free, but not everybody loves them as we do and especially when kids and older adults can get hurt by being knocked over or bitten. So PLEASE, keep them on a leash. And remember, those little presents your dog may leave on other people's lawns are not welcome either. Please pick up after your dog. It is the law. There are actually some communities that require DNA testing on dogs to determine who exactly left the calling card! So please be more responsible, keep them on a leash and pick up after them. Your neighbors will be grateful.



PS. In today's environment, you could end up on YouTube.

CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL:

Registration Saturday, October 13th, 2012
at Frank McDonough Park, 9:00 a.m.
Ages 7-9



YOUTH SOCCER (Co Ed):

Registration Wednesday, October 17th, 2012
at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-13 (cannot be 14 before Dec 1st)



GIRLS SOCCER:

Registration Tuesday, November 27th, 2012
at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-15

YOUTH BASKETBALL:

Registration Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013
at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-13 (cannot be 14 before Feb 1st)



INSTRUCTIONAL JR. BASKETBALL:

Registration Saturday, January 5th, 2013
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.