

A newsletter to
the residents of
Lighthouse Point



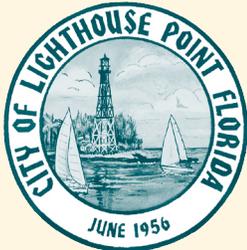
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



A SAD FAREWELL

Lighthouse Point is one of the best cities in America due in large part to the generous contributions in time, talent and commitment of our dedicated residents. As your Mayor for the past 11 years, my goal has always been to continually improve and make sure we are the very best place in South Florida to live, work and raise a family.

I can speak personally of the enormous rewards of volunteering to serve not only as the head administrator of this community, but also of my years on its boards and committees. However, there comes a time for each of us to move on and allow a new generation of leadership to serve and fulfill their need to give back. And so it is with mixed emotions I have announced I will not be seeking re-election as your Mayor. I am sad to leave a job that I've grown to love, but at the same time, I'm excited to pass this torch to someone eager to bring new ideas and an invigorated sense of purpose to this very special community.

We have achieved tremendous accomplishments together over the years and as I have always believed, the best is yet to come. I've been very lucky in my careers, but the job of Mayor has afforded me the unique opportunity of meeting and working with incredible people. What an enormous talent pool our City has to draw from and I encourage each and every one of you to become involved. We are an extremely giving and supportive community and the rewards of serving are paid back many fold.

I am grateful to our outstanding staff,

volunteers, Boards, and City Commission that our City has been fortunate to have guiding and supporting all of us. They never failed in their dedication to Lighthouse Point. And most importantly I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Laraine, my always supportive wife of 27 years.

As I reflect back on the past 11 years I am most proud of the accomplishments that we have achieved together. We are in the best financial position this City has ever experienced in its history with the 3rd lowest tax rate in Broward County, yet ample funds to operate this City efficiently and effectively. We've been able to give our employees appropriate raises even when times were most difficult and we have reserve funds that are envied by most communities in South Florida. We have developed a collegial atmosphere among our elected officials and department heads and morale is very high among all of our employees.

We have succeeded in getting millions of dollars in state and federal grants and as a result have made many improvements in infrastructure with little or no cost to the City. We have seen a noticeable increase in construction, bridges are under repair, our storm water drainage facilities have been upgraded and landscaping throughout the City continues to improve. We have spent considerable time and effort to improve our Police and Fire Departments knowing that safety and emergency management is critical and that we have the very latest equipment and technology available.

I will truly miss all the challenges and opportunities afforded me over the last 11 years, as well as all the wonderful people I have worked with. I will continue to

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reside in Lighthouse Point and will be assisting in the transition to new leadership. Of course, I will always be available for whatever challenges may arise. I wish you all the best and will continue to see you around our wonderful City and at all our great events.



**"2014 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.

2013 LIGHTHOUSE POINT POLICE OFFICER AND FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Police Officer Jon Rappa and Fire Fighter Nick Palmisano, who were selected as the 2013 Lighthouse Point Police Officer and Fire Fighter of the Year.



Officer Jon Rappa

Officer Jon Rappa has served with the Lighthouse Point Police Department for a total of five years. He is recognized as a highly skilled and proactive police officer, credited with 28 arrests and solving many crimes that include burglary, auto theft and drug offenses. He

was personally responsible for removing a significant amount of illegal narcotics from the streets of Lighthouse Point and the recovery of thousands of dollars in stolen property.



FF/PM Nick Palmisano

FF/PM Nick Palmisano has been with Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue for three years. Nick is credited with assisting in a call of a cardiac arrest. Nick took charge of the situation and orchestrated the treatment of the patient by administering Advanced Cardiac Life Support. His effective intervention restarted the patient's

heart and saved her life. Nick is also credited with speeding up responses to emergency calls by getting data delivered directly to Fire Department smart phones. Nick is a great asset to the Department.

Congratulations on a job well done!

IT PAYS TO RECYCLE!

Recycling generates significant annual revenue for the City and reduces your garbage bill. Recycle carts are available free of charge at the Public Works Department, 4730 NE 21st Terrace (north of Dan Witt Park), 954-946-7386.

Visit our City website, lighthousepoint.com, and select Recycling for more information.



NOT ONE CENT

Construction in our City is never easy. From detours to dust to noise, the inconveniences during construction tend to overshadow the long term benefits. However, one of the large factors allowing us to construct the new Kingfisher Waterway Bridge, located on Lighthouse Drive at NE 32nd Court, should make us all feel better about the annoyances of the construction.

The entire project cost of the new bridge is fully being paid for by the Florida Department of Transportation. The City was awarded \$1,140,000 from FDOT to replace the bridge. We are all extremely thankful not to have to fund this expensive but important and long needed replacement from our City's property taxes. And, only a few months to go till it's open!



**CHIP-A-TREE DROP
OFF PROGRAM**

Available now through January 31, 2014, the Public Works Department will be accepting Christmas trees to be recycled. The designated drop-off area is at the north end of Dan Witt Park, 4521 NE 22nd Avenue, behind the Tennis Courts. Please no lights or tinsel on the trees.

We greatly appreciate your participation; last year the City received and recycled over 1,155 trees. The mulch produced is used throughout the City for landscaping.



THE 24TH ANNUAL NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

The 24th Annual
Nautical Flea Market will be
Saturday and Sunday,
January 25 & 26, 2014,
at the

Pompano Community Park,
830 NE 18th Avenue
Pompano Beach

Hours: Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Everything for your Nautical Needs!



FEBRUARY 7TH – 9TH, 2014 “KEEPER DAYS”

The 14th Annual “Keeper Days” weekend
is right around the corner, y’all.

This year’s theme:

“LIGHTHOUSE POINT GOES A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY”

The City will be honoring Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacLean, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Mike Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Tight. Please come help us celebrate these dedicated individuals who have made Lighthouse Point the special place we call home.

There will be entertainment, food, and activities 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 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.



*Mark your
calendar!*



12TH ANNUAL DOG DAY IN THE PARK



Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 2nd, 2014, for “Dog Day in the Park” at Dan Witt Park from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Every dog entering the park must be non-aggressive, have proof of current rabies vaccination, 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.

Dinner under the Stars 2014 has been cancelled.

HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL, SHREDDING AND TURN IN YOUR UNUSED MEDICATION

Saturday, April 5, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Frank McDonough Park
3500 NE 27th Avenue

Lighthouse Point residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and recycle their electronic equipment in an environmentally safe manner.

For more information
visit lighthousepoint.com, and select
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal.





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Please take time to visit our website: lighthousepoint.com. It's the information source for City news and events, senior activities, youth sports, forms, hurricane and flood information, and much more!

2014 CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

BASKETBALL

Youth Basketball: Ages 10-13
Registration: January 2nd
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Instructional Jr. Basketball Clinics: Ages 7-9
Registration: Saturday, January 4th
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.



BASEBALL

Youth Baseball: Ages 10-13
Registration: Wednesday, February 5th
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Pee Wee (Coach Pitch) Baseball: Ages 7-9
Registration: February 12th
Dan Witt Park, 6:00 p.m.

Jr. Pee Wee (Instructional) T-Ball: Ages 5-6
Registration: March 1st
Dan Witt Park, 11:30 a.m.



GIRLS SOFTBALL

Sr. Girls: Ages 11-15
Registration: February 19th
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.



Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11
Registration: February 15th
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.

Girls (Coach Pitch): Ages 6-8
Registration: February 22nd
Frank McDonough Park, 12:00 noon



SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Ages 6-13
Registration: June 16th & 17th
8:00 a.m. until noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Summer Program: June 18th - July 25th

SUMMER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

Ages 9-13
Registration: June 16th & 17th
8:00 a.m. until noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Sailing Program: June 23rd - July 24th



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