



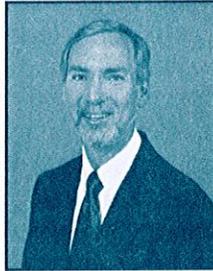
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

HOME SWEET HOME!



Lighthouse Point continues to be a family oriented community that seeks to provide an all encompassing secure environment. By maintaining our own Police, Fire, Emergency Medical, Library, and Public Works services, we strive to be much more financially responsible and therefore not affected as much as other cities by falling property values and higher foreclosure rates. One of the most frequently asked questions I hear is "How's real estate doing in Lighthouse Point" and "Have our home prices bottomed out." Based on recent data for our City, as this is being written at the beginning of December, the answer is "sales are up and prices have stabilized in Lighthouse Point." The supporting data shows home sales year-to-date 2008 versus the same period in 2007 are slightly higher; but when looking at October 2008 versus October 2007, sales are up almost double. November over November sales are about equal.

Lighthouse Point currently has approximately 42 foreclosures or roughly 0.6% of residential properties, far less than most communities. There still appears to be a significant number of buyers and viable offers are constantly being submitted. Lighthouse Point continues to be a very sought after community and I believe we all know why!

Nothing reduces property values in a community faster than un-maintained homes and with all the foreclosures happening, the challenge to us is finding a way to continually ensure all the properties in the City look good. Unfortunately, once a home approaches foreclosure the owner no longer has a vested interest in the home, and lawn or pool maintenance is neglected.

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CONGRESSMAN SETS UP OFFICE IN LHP

Starting February 2009, Congressman Ron Klein will have his office set up in LHP one day a month to assist our residents in any Federal issues or questions you may have. If you have problems with Veterans Affairs, Social Security, Immigration, or Passports, officials will be here to assist the first Wednesday of each month in the LHP Library Community Room from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

KEEP THIS WEEKEND OPEN: FEBRUARY 6-8, 2009

"KEEPER DAYS"

The 9th Annual "Keeper Days" weekend is right around the corner.

This year's theme is

"OUR HIDDEN TREASURES"

The City will be honoring Mrs. Cynthia Rohkamm, Detective Larry Hawkins, and posthumously Mr. John A. Grant, Jr. These Keepers have exhibited the true giving spirit which makes Lighthouse Point the special place we call home. There will be lots of food, fun, and entertainment for all ages. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful City tradition.

Please see the enclosed insert or visit www.lighthousepoint.com for more information and dinner reservations.

If you have any questions, or would like to be a sponsor, please contact John Trudel at 954-784-3439, or jtrudel@lighthousepoint.com



MEET YOUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS!

The Lighthouse Point Police Department welcomes two of its newest members to the Department, Officers Seth Cole and Neal Wiseman.



Seth Cole was born and raised in Marblehead, MA - a small town north of Boston. After graduating from high school, Seth enlisted in the United States Army and served with the 29th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning. After leaving the Army, he went to Salem State College and pursued a degree in history. Following a brief stint in the private sector, Seth re-enlisted in the Army following the "911" attack on the US, and was deployed to Iraq, where he served in the first wave of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Seth was with the Holden Police Department in MA before joining the Lighthouse Point Police Department.



Neal Wiseman was born in Montreal, Canada, but spent most of his adult life in South Florida. He attended Cardinal Gibbons High School and developed many friendships with Lighthouse Point residents. While in high school, he was a varsity wrestler, and served as captain of the swim team. He then went on to the University of Central Florida where he studied business, and was a full time martial artist studying Tai Chi. Neal is married to his lovely wife Rebekah.

Both Neal and Seth attended the Broward County Police Academy where they graduated with honors in academics, physical agility and firearms.

LORI PARRISH, CFA

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Homestead, Senior, and other property tax exemptions sign-ups will be held at the Lighthouse Point City Hall in the Library Community Room, located at 2200 NE 38th Street, Lighthouse Point, on the second Monday of each month, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., through December 2009.

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

1. A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card
2. A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
3. Social Security numbers for all owners
4. Non-US citizens must also provide proof of permanent residency

PLEASE NOTE:

ADDITIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION - Must be renewed annually. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS NOT TRANSFERRABLE. Property owners who moved during 2008 must refile.

For additional information, please visit www.bcpa.net, or contact the Community Outreach Department at 954-357-5579.

Code Enforcement has minimal effect since the owner has most likely moved. Once the process proceeds through the court and the bank takes ownership of the property, we have been very successful in working with the banks to ensure the properties are again maintained. In the interim, in those cases with health and safety code violations, our own Public Works Department will mow the front yard and place chemicals in the pool to prevent mosquito growth.

We in your City Administration appreciate the confidence you have placed in us and will do all we can to assure our City continually looks good and is well maintained. In doing so we hope to maintain our status as one of the highest property value per capita cities in Florida, not to mention the best City in which to live, work, and raise a family.



"2009 LHP RESIDENT AUTO DECALS" NOW AVAILABLE

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

CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION

The Fire Rescue Department will conduct child car seat safety inspections and install the child car safety seats for Lighthouse Point residents. Inspections and installations will be done by appointment only. Call the Fire Department at 954-941-2624 to make an appointment. The service is free of charge.

The proper use of child car seats can reduce fatal injuries to infants by 71% and toddlers by 47%. Although participating in the program will not guarantee a child's safety in a motor vehicle accident, it can provide valuable information for parents about child safety seats. It takes about 15 minutes.

RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling generates annual revenue for the City. It pays to recycle! Green recycle bins are available free of charge at the Public Works Department, 4730 NE 21st Terrace (north of Dan Witt Park), 954-946-7386.

No green bins at curbside means you're not recycling!

Visit our City website, www.lighthousepoint.com, and click on **Recycling** for more information.





**Fire Fighter
Erica Gleeson**

2008 LIGHTHOUSE POINT FIRE FIGHTER AND POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Officer
Jason Caruso**

Congratulations to Fire Fighter Erica Gleeson (left) and Police Officer Jason Caruso (right) who were selected as the 2008 Lighthouse Point Fire Fighter and Police Officer of the Year. Fire Fighter Gleeson has been with the LHP Fire Department for 3 years and has been very active in educating the public, especially young children, on fire safety and drowning prevention techniques. Officer Caruso has been with the Police Department for 3 years, is currently assigned to Patrol and also serves as a Field Training Officer. During the past year he has been responsible for many significant arrests resulting in charges that include arson, grand theft auto, and drug charges.

DOG DAY IN THE PARK

The City of Lighthouse Point is pleased to invite your dog and you to join us at Dan Witt Park for the 7th Annual "DOG DAY IN THE PARK." Mark your calendar for 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2009.

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!

LHP CITY BUS

The City of Lighthouse Point has a FREE local shuttle bus service 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The City bus is wheelchair accessible and it has a bike rack. Remember, shopping for groceries, prescriptions, household items, clothing, or visiting with friends around Lighthouse Point is just a bus ride away! The bus also goes to Pompano Citi Centre, Target, and the K Mart shopping center as well as several shopping areas in Lighthouse Point.

More information and a bus schedule are available on the City's website at www.lighthousepoint.com; click on the **Bus Schedule** button. The schedule is also available at the Library, City Clerk's office, and on the bus. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 954-946-7386.

THE CITIES OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT & POMPANO BEACH PRESENT...

The 19th Annual Nautical Flea Market January 24 & 25, 2009

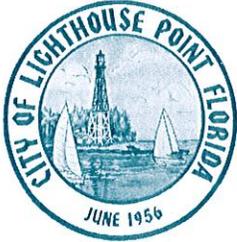
Bargains, Bargains, Bargains ...

The cities of Lighthouse Point & Pompano Beach are proud to present the 19th Annual Nautical Flea Market. The next event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 & 25, 2009, 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.

You will find all types of nautical gear, both new and used, at the event. Fishing tackle, dock boxes, boat shoes, nautical art & jewelry, motors, dinghy's, scuba gear, antique goods, boats on trailers, plus much, much more! Join us for a fun weekend in the park and take advantage of the bargains.

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





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IMPORTANT NEWS

Always check www.lighthousepoint.com for the latest important news 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 4, 2009
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Pee Wee (Coach Pitch) Baseball:
Must be at least 7 years of age
Registration: February 14, 2009
Dan Witt Park, 9:00 a.m.
(Lighthouse Point Residents Only)



Jr. Pee Wee Instructional Baseball:
Ages 5-6
Registration: March 7, 2009
Dan Witt Park, Noon



GIRLS SOFTBALL

Sr. Girls: Ages 11-15
Registration: February 11, 2009
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.

Jr. Girls: Ages 9-11

Registration: February 21, 2009
Frank McDonough Park, Noon

Girls (Coach Pitch): Ages 6-8

Registration: February 28, 2009
Frank McDonough Park, Noon

Summer Recreation Program: Ages 6 to 13

Registration: June 22 & 23, 2009
8:00 a.m. until Noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Summer Program: June 24 - July 31, 2009

Summer Youth Sailing Program: Ages 9 to 13

Registration: June 22 & 23, 2009
8:00 a.m. until Noon
Dixon Ahl Hall
Sailing Program: June 24 - July 29, 2009



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