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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! Register for our NEW Monthly Electronic Newsletter and Interactive City Calendar

2014 / 2015 CITY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

PEE WEE FLAG FOOTBALL:

Registration: Saturday, October 11th, 2014
Frank McDonough Park, 9:00 a.m.
Ages 7-9



YOUTH SOCCER (Co Ed):

Registration: Wednesday, October 15th, 2014
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-13 (cannot be 14 before Dec. 1st)



GIRLS SOCCER:

Registration: Monday, December 1st, 2014
Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-15

YOUTH BASKETBALL:

Registration: Monday, January 5th, 2015
at Dan Witt Park, 7:00 p.m.
Ages 10-13 (cannot be 14 before Feb. 1st)

INSTRUCTIONAL JR. BASKETBALL:

Registration: Saturday, January 10th, 2015
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 Sports Calendar, or call 954-784-3439.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME



As we enter the autumn season, start a new school year and look forward to another joyous holiday season, I want to tell you how proud I am to serve you as your Mayor. I am also pleased with the professionalism of our City staff and have enjoyed working with them during these first several months of transition upon becoming your Mayor.

We have exciting plans for the future. Over the past several months we have launched a monthly electronic newsletter, initiated a notification system for community events and created an interactive, subscription based citywide calendar. We have the second lowest operating tax rate in Broward County and have planned or initiated many improvements throughout our unique and wonderful City. Some of these improvements include:

- Storm water improvement projects that prevent flooding during our frequent rain events
- Improved street paving and landscaping
- New, expanded and improved playgrounds at Frank McDonough Park
- Refinishing the playgrounds at Dan Witt Park
- Improved tennis courts at the Tennis Center
- Replacing an aging ambulance
- Enhanced the online catalog and electronic books at the City Library
- Updated and resurfaced all of the City baseball and softball fields
- Replacing a bridge with no impact on our annual budget; and
- Enhancing our recycling program

As you have experienced, we have all endured the inconvenience of an extended period of construction on the Kingfisher Bridge. While I share your pain, your City staff, Commissioners and I have worked hard to do everything in our power to wrap up the construction and have the damage to private property

repaired. You may know the bridge project is being funded with state money. While we are grateful to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the grant we received, the disadvantage is we have limited control over the contractor's pace in completing the work. FDOT manages and supervises all aspects of the construction of the bridge. Personally, I thank you all for the extraordinary patience you have shown throughout the difficult construction process. Rest assured, I am monitoring progress on the bridge on a daily basis and doing everything I can to hasten its completion.

Our community events and recreational programs continue to grow and to be more exciting each year, all of which contribute to making our City the best in South Florida. As I write this, we are in the midst of soccer, flag football and volleyball seasons. The children of our City are active participants and their parents are enthusiastic about their children's involvement in the City's sports programs.

Most importantly, everything we do would not be possible without you, our loyal and generous residents. Many of you participate in and attend City events, serve on City boards and committees, volunteer in the Police Department and Library, teach senior citizen classes and contribute in so many other ways. I also want to recognize the finest, dedicated, and most efficient staff of City employees anywhere. The level of achievement in Lighthouse Point is a tribute to the enthusiasm, commitment, selflessness and contributions you, our residents and our employees, make every day.

I enjoy being your Mayor more than you know. Much of that enjoyment comes from solving problems and finding solutions to the challenges we face. I am convinced the best is yet to come. We can't rest on our laurels. We must never be content with what we have achieved, we must always work together to enhance the future.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your kind words and support. I am confident that together we will always improve our wonderful City of Lighthouse Point. I look forward to continuing to serve you and to seeing you at all our outstanding City events and programs which you'll read more about in this issue of our newsletter!



CHICKEE HUTS AND OPEN AIR SHADE STRUCTURES ORDINANCE

The City Commission recently adopted a new ordinance that will allow chickee huts and other types of open air shade structures to be placed in the rear setback areas on waterfront lots. Although these types of structures had previously been prohibited in the setback areas, a recent survey of the City's waterways showed that there are many of these types of structures that have been built in the setback areas without approved building permits. Electric and plumbing has been added to many of them also without approved permits. In addition to identifying where new structures can be located on water lots, the ordinance does allow a mechanism for the existing structures that were built without building permits to remain. However, property owners will need to go through a process that includes obtaining all permits required by the Florida Building Code. Property owners with non-compliant chickee huts and open air shade structures will be notified by separate mailing on how to get their existing structures permitted. Chickee huts that were built by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida do not need a building permit because of an exemption in the Florida Building Code. However, any improvements added to chickee huts such as electric or plumbing voids the exemption in the Florida Building Code and a building permit is then required for the structure. Additionally, chickee huts and open air shade structures are required to meet all City zoning codes for setbacks, height, and size, etc.

The new ordinance can be viewed at www.lighthousepoint.com. Please contact the Building Department at 954-943-6509 if you need additional information.

NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS ARE AVAILABLE.

Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal> to see if you are in a flood zone.

PLAYGROUND 2015

Our community's goal is to raise \$50,000 to renovate and modernize the children's play areas at Frank McDonough Park. To date, we have raised 75% toward our goal. These renovations will include new, modernized equipment, canopies, safety turf, and updating park amenities.

We are asking you to invest in our community and help achieve this goal by giving a donation to Playground 2015. Your contribution to Playground 2015 is deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please consult your tax advisor. Your donation will certainly bring joy to many residents and leave a great legacy.

Please visit www.lighthousepoint.com for more information.

MEET OUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS

The City of Lighthouse Point would like to welcome and introduce to you the newest members of the Police Department.



Officer
Kyle J. Kay



Officer
Michael A. Tomasi



Officer
Christopher G. Merk

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

BE ALERT FOR TELEPHONE-BASED SCAMS

While violent and property crimes are on the decline in South Florida, law enforcement professionals are seeing a new wave of telephone-based scams targeting victims of all ages. Some of the latest scams being reported include callers claiming to represent the Internal Revenue Service; the FBI; police agencies or banks and credit card companies. The scams typically involve callers who use sophisticated computer technology called "caller ID spoofing," which is illegal, to mask their true identity, with the hopes of defrauding the victim. The scam generally includes a threat of arrest or serious credit problem if you fail to take immediate steps to resolve an alleged debt. The fraudster will instruct you to wire them money or send a money order to resolve the debt issue. You should know that governmental agencies and most legitimate companies will not conduct these types of transactions over the telephone.

You never want to give out any personal identifying information or respond to anyone who calls you on the telephone asking for sensitive information or money. It is extremely challenging to locate fraudsters who perpetuate these crimes, and in most cases, equally difficult to recover funds that are electronically transferred or sent to these unscrupulous individuals. When in doubt about the authenticity of a caller, hang up the phone, find a legitimate telephone number for the company or agency in question, and call them with the legitimate telephone number. Don't use any numbers the caller gives you!

Consumers should take the following steps to avoid becoming a victim of phone scams:

- Never give out personal information over the telephone.
- Never give out billing information over the phone, especially if you receive an unsolicited telephone call from a stranger.
- Never wire money or purchase money orders and/or prepaid cash cards in response to a telephone appeal, whether it is from a stranger or someone who claims to know you.
- Never give out sensitive information to anyone on the phone unless you initiated the call to a company you are certain is legitimate.
- And never let emotion or fear overcome your common sense. If you get a call for money from a friend or relative, slow down and verify everything. Don't let anyone rush you into making a hasty decision that could cost you money.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Thursday, October 30th, 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!

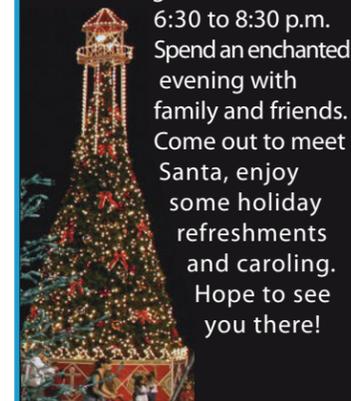
Bring the family for a fun night out.

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 22nd 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 3rd, Lighthouse Point will celebrate the 13th 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. Hope to see you there!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Halloween – Thursday, October 30th, 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!

Food Truck Event & Concert in the Park – on Saturday, November 1st, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park. Come out to see the Brass Evolution Tribute Band!

Health Fair – Saturday, November 8th, 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!*

Library Book Sale – November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Dixon Ahl Hall.

Lighthouse A'Glow – Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Frank McDonough Park. The premier holiday event not to be missed!

SAVE THE DATES – 2015

THE LIBRARY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

25th Annual Nautical Flea Market - January 24th and 25th, at Pompano Community Park. The best place to shop for all your nautical needs! www.nauticalfleamarket.com.

Keeper Days - February 6th thru 8th; Fantastic **dinner** on Friday night, **parade** and **activities** on Saturday, and **sports events** on Sunday! Enjoy the activities in a hometown, family-friendly environment.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

The City recently entered into an agreement with Broward County for household hazardous waste collection. Effective October 1st, Broward County will once again accept household hazardous waste from Lighthouse Point residents at its facility at 2780 North Powerline Road in Pompano Beach. If you have household hazardous waste items, such as paint, chemicals, tires, and batteries, you can drop them off on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Electronic components are also accepted. You will need to show your driver's license. Also, the City will no longer conduct the semi-annual household hazardous waste events at Frank McDonough Park. Please call Public Works at 954-946-7386 or visit www.lighthousepoint.com for more information.

KINGFISHER WATERWAY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Construction is never easy. From detours to damage to delays, the inconvenience and aggravation during construction tends to overshadow the long term benefits residents will one day enjoy. This project was delayed last summer because the contractor caused damage to the private seawalls directly adjacent to the bridge. As a result, construction stopped for an extended period of time. The construction has since resumed and the bridge is scheduled to open for traffic in late fall.

On a positive note, the entire bridge project is fully funded by the Florida Department of Transportation. The bridge needed to be replaced and we are extremely appreciative to FDOT. We ask for your continued patience. The bridge will be open soon!

9TH 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 8th, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon
Place: Lighthouse Point Fire Station

Testing: Diabetes, blood pressure check, 12 lead EKG, and more.

