



City of Lighthouse Point

January 2024 Newsletter

City Offices will also be closed on **Monday, January 1st** and **Monday, January 15th**
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

End of Year message from Mayor Van Buskirk



Although it seems to have flown by, 2023 has been a rewarding year for the City of Lighthouse Point. Among many accomplishments, we opened the beautiful John Trudel Community Center, received funding for bridge design and planning, began construction on the Library Youth Wing, procured a new police patrol vessel, completed bathroom renovations at the Tennis Center, successfully worked with our lobbyist to secure \$2.8 million from the State, held many successful community events, and are currently completing milling and paving projects. Our Police Department was triumphant in apprehending the responsible persons for the rampant golf cart thefts and successfully campaigned for the safety and security of our residents' homes and vehicles. Our Fire Department continues to serve our City with stellar service as they complete their first year in the new Station 22.

All of these accomplishments would not have come to fruition if it wasn't for the leadership of our organization. Although we continue to grieve the loss of our longtime leader, former City Administrator John Lavisky, we have now been able to promote our long time Police Chief Ross Licata to the role of City Administrator. We are confident that Mr. Licata will lead our City into another successful year. Be sure to congratulate him if you see him around town!

I am extremely appreciative and proud of our City Commission who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to address pressing issues, enhance public services, and ensure efficiency. I am grateful for our outstanding City staff for their dedication and passion for the City of Lighthouse Point.

Looking ahead to 2024, our goals remain ambitious. We aim to complete construction of the NE 38th Street Drainage Project, replace body armor for police officers, complete repairs to eight City bridges, and improve the baseball fields at Dan Witt Park. I am confident that with your support and commitment, we can turn these aspirations into reality.

On behalf of the Commission and City Staff, I thank our residents for their support and we are honored to serve you. We wish you a joyful holiday season with your family and friends!

Mayor Kyle Van Buskirk

2024 Nautical Flea Market



January 20 - 21

Saturday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 (under 12 free)

NAUTICALFLEAMARKET.COM

954.946.6419

Pompano Beach Community Park

820 NE 18 Avenue | Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Golf Carts

Effective 10/1/2023, House Bill 949 requires that a person operating a golf cart on a public road must:

- If 18 years of age or older, possess a form of government-issued photographic identification; or



- If under 18 years of age, possess a valid learner's driver license (accompanied by a licensed driver 21 or older) or valid driver license.

All golf carts driven on public roads must be street legal. This includes being registered with a license plate, having insurance, and being equipped with the following equipment: head lights, brake lights, tail lamps, turn signals, reflex reflectors, parking brake, rear view mirrors, windshield with a wiper, and a seatbelt for each designated seat.

Please do not drive any golf carts on the sidewalks or in the bicycle lanes.

For more information, please review the [Golf Cart FAQs](#)

Bulk Trash Reminders

Bulk trash and yard waste are collected twice a week, on the same days as your regularly scheduled household garbage collection days. Please place bulk trash/yard waste separate from your household garbage and recycling. Keep piles away from trees, limbs, overhead utility wires, fire hydrants, mailboxes, and any other objects in the area.



In accordance with Code Section 74-36, all bulk trash must remain out of the roadway and placed on the residence's lot next to the curb or roadway.

Residents may not place any recyclable materials, garbage, or bulk out for pickup prior to 3:00 P.M. the day before the scheduled pick-up. All containers must be retrieved from the curb by 9:00 P.M. the day of pick up.

Remember: Landscapers, gardeners, and contractors must remove yard trash and clippings. Code Section 74-33 requires that all construction contractors and landscape maintenance providers dispose of all debris generated by their work.

For more information on bulk trash, waste, and recycling in Lighthouse Point visit <https://www.lighthousepointfl.gov/181/Garbage-Collection>

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!

Concert in the Park

Sunday, January 14th from 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Frank McDonough Park

Featuring the band, Time Machine

Sponsored by Balistreri Realty



2024 Keeper Days 5K Walk/Run is coming!

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

Grab your friends and family and join us for a fun 3.1 mile walk/run through the City.

Starts and ends at Frank McDonough Park.

Registration is available online

<https://runsignup.com/2024lhpkeeperdays5krunwalk>

2024 Keeper Days: "High Tides and Good Vibes"

Friday, February 2, 2024 - Sunday, February 4, 2024

Honoring Kelly Crittenberger, Dan & Leslie Vargo, and Posthumously City Administrator John Lavisky

Schedule of Events and details [here](#)

Sponsorship opportunities available contact LHP REC

lhprec@lighthousepointfl.gov

2024 Keeper Days Sports Day

Open to Residents Ages 5-12

Sunday, February 4th at 12:00 P.M. at Frank McDonough Park

Pre-Registration is required

Registration begins January 2nd at 9:00 A.M.

Keeper Days 2024

The City of Lighthouse Point is excited to continue a wonderful tradition - Lighthouse Point "Keeper Days!" The fun-filled weekend event will take place February 2nd - 4th, 2024. This year we are honoring Mr. Kelly Crittenberger, Mr. Dan and Mrs. Leslie Vargo, and the late City Administrator John Lavisky as our 2024 LHP Keepers.

The Keeper Days Dinner will kick off the weekend on February 2, 2024 at 6:00 P.M at the new location, Galuppi's Restaurant. Dinner tickets will be available for \$60 per person. [Please sign up here to reserve your table or seat for a wonderful night with neighbors and friend.](#)

You may pay online or by check. If paying by check, please make payable to City of Lighthouse Point, and remit along with a copy of your invoice to:

City of Lighthouse Point

Attn: Becky Word

2200 NE 38th Street
Lighthouse Point, FL 33064

If your business or organization is interested in having a parade float, please send the attached flyer to lhprec@lighthousepointfl.gov.

For more information, please see attached **flyer** for the 2024 Keeper Days Weekend, contact the Recreation Department at 954-784-3439 for Sponsor Opportunities.

Lighthouse Point Library

Visit our [website](#) or contact us by phone at 954-946-6398.



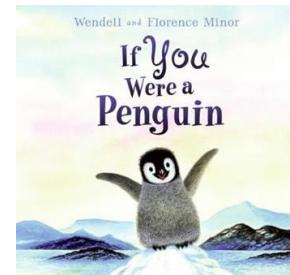
Did you know your hometown library has **OVER 25 different FREE programs** running this winter? From Youth Story Times to Teen Manga Drawing, to Senior Watercolor and Book Clubs there is something for everyone! Visit lighthousepointlibrary.com to view our full program calendar and to register. An active Lighthouse Point Library card is required to register for Library programs.

NEW Adult Program: Quarterly Mystery Book Club. This quarter's title is Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson. This program is in person and led by volunteer John Spera. Multiple copies of the book are available for check out at the Library. Program is supported by the Friends.

NEW Youth Program: Manga Drawing for Teens & Tweens. Monthly class for ages 11 to 17. In class supplies supported by the Friends. Program taught by Library staff member Miss Natali.

NEW CDBG Senior Programs: CDBG Watercolor: Seashells. CDBG Abstract Art with alcohol inks. And CDBG Paper Quilling: Beads. All materials are provided. Programs taught by Library staff Miss Anna and Dr. Molly. The Library's free CDBG Senior Programs are grant funded and are only open to Lighthouse Point residents ages 62 and over. Enrollment in the CDBG program and registration in the lottery must be done in person at the Library. Lottery deadline for these three CDBG classes is Thursday, January 11th at 4:00 P.M.

January in the Youth Room: Enjoy a drop-in penguin craft, coloring, and book raffle! Enter your name to win the book: If You Were A Penguin by Florence Minor. Drop-in craft available while supplies lasts. Registration is not required for this program.





NEW Library Service: Reserve a Study Room Online! Need a quiet room to study, take a test, or attend a Zoom meeting? Patrons can now reserve study rooms online! An active Lighthouse Point Library card is required to reserve and utilize Library study rooms and the maximum capacity per room is three adults. To learn more or to book a study room, visit lighthousepointlibrary.com.

Recreation Programs & Registration

Sponsors Needed for Upcoming Events and Winter Sports

Please view the Recreation Department's brochure for [more](#) information.



Riptide Beach Volleyball - Beginner/Intermediate/Club Level

Riptide Beach Volleyball offers daily training programs for both junior and amateur adult athletes. For more information, [visit our website](#).

Colo Colo Soccer Academy - Monthly Training

This training program is for dedicated young soccer players who want to master the game of soccer. For more info or to register, visit <https://colocolosocceracademyusa.com/>, call 561-386-2254, or email colocolosoccerusa@gmail.com

Tee ball, Softball, and Baseball Registration is coming!

Registration is open, sign up [here](#)

LHP REC weekly classes at the John Trudel Community Center

Adult Art Classes

Bright and Smart Robotics for ages 5-9

Kids Paint with a Pro for ages 7-12

Mommy and Me for ages 1-3

Yoga with Liz and Tina

Details and Registration at <https://lhp.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



On December 12, 2023, the City Commission unanimously approved the appointment

of Ross Licata appointed as City Administrator after serving as the Police Chief for 20 years. Mr. Licata is excited to lead the City as we move into a new year.

Congratulations!



NE 39th Street Paving Project

Paving for this project is complete. Final pavement markings are in progress. Thank you for your patience!

Lighthouse Drive Paving Project

This Project mills and resurfaces Lighthouse Drive from NE 27th Street north to the City Limits. **Project Update:** Paving is complete with exception of Sample Road intersection. Final pavement markings are in progress. Thank you again for your patience!

8 Bridges Repair Project

This Project will perform rehabilitative repairs on eight (8) City bridges to extend their lifespan until future replacement. The selected contractor is working on preliminary tasks and the project should begin during the first quarter of 2024.

Canal Dredging

A contractor has been selected to perform the two tasks in Phase 1. Contract documents are complete with project commencement contingent on environmental permitting. We expect mobilization and the project to begin during the first quarter of

Lift Station 224 Generator Installation

Broward County has completed the generator installation. Landscaping and equipment shading final plans are being modified to accommodate City comments.

Pompano Reuse Irrigation Project (City of Pompano Beach)

This City of Pompano Beach project will install a Reuse water system in another section of the City in the Pompano Beach service area south of NE 27th Street and west of Lighthouse Drive. The project is undergoing final permitting. Estimated start date is early 2024.

FPL Storm Secure Underground Project(s)

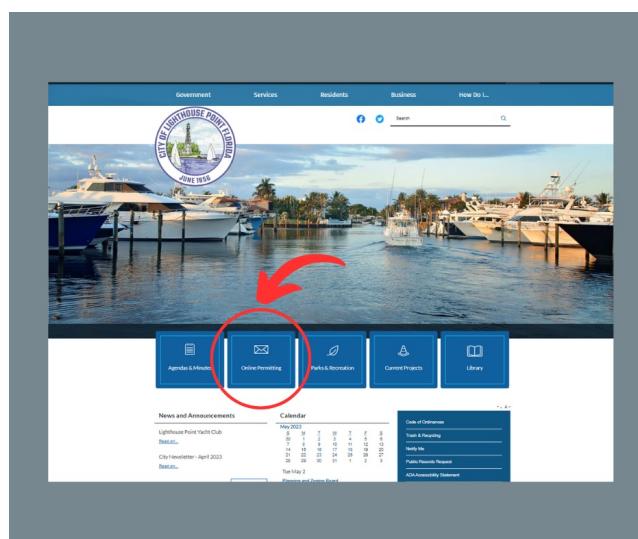
FPL has submitted power undergrounding project permit requests for the Marina neighborhood and an area north of NE 25th Street and west of Lighthouse Drive. Preliminary work has begun. The projects are scheduled to begin in January, 2024.

NE 38th Street Drainage Project

This project will rehabilitate the drainage system along NE 38th Street between NE 21st Way and NE 23rd Avenue and extend the system south on NE 21st Avenue. The project is designed and permitted but in a holding pattern until the Library construction project is sufficiently complete to not be affected.

Building Department Portal

The Online Permitting Portal has been added to our homepage! You can look up your permit status online with just a simple click.



**WE ARE
HIRING**

The City has multiple employment opportunities right now. Please visit our [website](#) to view the current openings.

Solicitation Laws

Did you know that the City of Lighthouse Point has Solicitation Laws? Anyone wishing to visit your home to sell goods and merchandise must obtain a permit from the City. Would you like to register your address for the "No Solicitation List"? Visit the City's website:

<https://www.lighthousepointfl.gov/.../Soliciting...>

Serve on a City Advisory Board or Committee

Are you interested in becoming more involved in your City? Apply to serve on an advisory board or committee! For more information, please visit [our website](#) (Some boards require certain qualifications. Please contact the City Clerk's office for more details).

Stay Connected by Adding Lighthouse Point on Social Media

City Facebook Page:

facebook.com/lighthousepointgov



Instagram: instagram.com/cityoflighthousepointfl

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cityoflhp>

Nextdoor: nextdoor.com/agency/city-of-lighthouse-point

Recreation Facebook Page: facebook.com/cityoflighthousepointrec

Police Department Facebook Page: facebook.com/LighthousePointPolice

Fire Department Facebook Page: facebook.com/LHPstation22

Library Facebook Page: facebook.com/lighthousepointlibrary

Nixle Emergency Alerts: Text 33064 to 888777

Upcoming City Meetings

Meeting instructions will be available on the [City website](#) the Friday before the meeting.



City Commission

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Code Enforcement Board:

Tuesday, January 16, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Community Appearance Board:

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Cultural Arts Committee:

Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Library Advisory Board:

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Marine Advisory Board:

Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Planning and Zoning Board:

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. **- Cancelled**

Recreation Committee:

Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Special Magistrate:

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Tennis Advisory Committee:

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

All City meetings are held in Fletcher Hall, located at City Hall, 2200 NE 38th Street, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064, with the exception of the Cultural Arts Committee and Recreation Committee which are held in the Tennis Center located at 3500 NE 27th Avenue, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064.

January 2024 Calendar

Click [here](#) to view our January 2024 Calendar.



With our interactive calendar you can create an account and subscribe to different groups to receive email notifications for any changes made to City meetings, sport schedules, and more!

Quick Links...

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