



City of Lighthouse Point

February 2024 Newsletter

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day.



Join us in celebrating Chief Jack Vaccaro's appointment, announced during our January 9th City Commission meeting by Mayor Kyle Van Buskirk and City Commissioners. Chief Vaccaro has dedicated 31 years to our Police Department, ascending through the ranks to achieve the esteemed position of Chief. He now proudly stands as only the 8th Police Chief in our city's 68-year history.

Police Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Lighthouse Point Police Officer of the year George Perez!

Officer George Perez has been with the Lighthouse Point Police Department for two years, and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division. He is a progressive police officer who has demonstrated an excellent work ethic and high level of vigilance, professionalism and collaboration during his patrol

duties with fellow officers. His sensible approach to policing has proven to be instrumental to our success in preventing and solving criminal activity, and keeping our residents safe.

During the past year, Officer Perez has been responsible for several significant arrests, and played a key role at intercepting criminals and preventing crimes from occurring in Lighthouse Point. Officer Perez also played a key role in the life saving efforts of an individual who was overdosing from illegal narcotics.



Officer Perez has demonstrated he is a true team player, with an excellent attitude, passion for his work, and a willingness to go out of his way to assist his fellow officers. It is for these reasons that he has been selected as our 2023 Police Officer of the Year!

Congratulations on a job well done!

Firefighter of the Year



Congratulations to Lighthouse Point Firefighter of the year Captain Nick Palmisano!

Captain Palmisano has been a member of the Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue Department for approximately 14 years and was promoted to the rank of Captain in November of 2021. Captain Palmisano is a conscientious employee who displays a high degree of professional character on a daily basis. Captain Palmisano leads by example, has a positive attitude, and is a humble and honest leader for our Fire Department. Captain Palmisano performs

his assigned tasks at a high level and strives for incremental improvement on a daily basis. Captain Palmisano provides his teammates with a positive and productive role model as well as a mentor who has an eye on team and individual professional development.

Along with performing his duties at a high-level Captain Palmisano was also involved in the following projects;

- Provides technology related support for obtaining additional transport revenue in the Public Emergency Medical Transportation Program.

- Authored our current yearly training calendar providing the needed professional development across numerous job-related responsibilities.
- Contributed to a new fee schedule for Fire Safety inspectable properties located with the City of Lighthouse Point.
- Voluntarily added city-wide multifamily life safety fire inspections to current load of fire inspection responsibilities.
- Contributed to the creation of a new and improved employee annual performance appraisal.
- Currently working on updating the schedule of businesses who have yearly liability for Fire Inspections.

Captain Palmisano also manages several technology related applications that contribute to overall department performance including; Fire RMS, ESO solutions, VectorSolutions, and Active911.

Keeper Days 2024

Important Traffic Advisory - Keeper Day Run and Parade Route

On Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 7:45 A.M. to 11:15 A.M., there will be road closures in Lighthouse Point in conjunction with the Keeper Day 5K Run and Parade. [See flyer](#) for more details and map.

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.

Friday, February 2nd

6:00 P.M. - Kick-off dinner we will be honoring Mr. Kelly Crittenberger, Mr. Dan and Mrs. Leslie Vargo, and the late City Administrator John Lavisky at Galuppi's in Pompano Beach.

Saturday, February 3rd

There will be road closures on Saturday, February 3rd from 7:45 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. in conjunction with the Keeper Days 5K Walk/Run and Parade.

8:00 A.M. - Keeper Days 5K Walk/Run

10:00 A.M. - Parade will begin from the Pink Church and end at Frank McDonough Park.

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. - Concert featuring The Latitudes Band, food, bounce houses, and fireworks at Dan Witt Park.

Sunday, February 4th

Family Sports Day at 2:00 P.M. at Frank McDonough Park

Open to LHP residents ages 5-12

Register in advance before it fills up!

For more information, please see attached **[flyer](#)** for the 2024 Keeper Days Weekend, contact the Recreation Department at 954-784-3439.

Let's Recycle Right!



Do you wonder if items you place in your recycling container are allowed? Visit the City's website at: <https://www.lighthousepointfl.gov/184/Recycling> to see the list of recyclable and non-recyclable materials. You can also check to see your recycling days. For even more information, watch this quick video from WM:

<https://vimeo.com/74298239>

Waterway Cleanup

Lighthouse Point Joins the 47th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

FLETCHER PARK 3035 NE 31 AVENUE DROP OFF VIA BOAT, JETSKI, KAYAK, CANOE, & ETC	DEGROFF PARK 5200 NE 31 AVENUE DROP OFF VIA BOAT OR BEACH CLEAN UP (NO BOAT NEEDED)
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**REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT
WATERWAYCLEANUP.ORG/REGISTRATION**

**T-SHIRT AND TRASH BAG PICK UP
JOHN TRUDEL COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL LHPADMIN@LIGHTHOUSEPOINTFL.GOV
STUDENT SERVICE HOURS ARE AVAILABLE**



Upcoming Events - Save the Date!

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 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 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 began on January 2nd at 9:00 A.M.

Lighthouse Point Library

Visit our website or contact us by phone at 954-946-6398.



February is Library Lovers Month! To celebrate, we invite you to share why you love the Lighthouse Point Library! Do you love perusing our mystery collections? Or sitting in the reading boat? How about checking out picture books for nightly story times? Or using the patron computers and WIFI? Do you download our eResources and eBooks? Or attend one of over 25 free Library programs? Please let us know! Colorful hearts will be available to write a love letter or draw a picture telling everyone why you love your hometown library.

The heart shaped love letters and pictures will be displayed in the Library throughout the month of February. Select submissions will also be shared on the Library's Facebook page.

Looking for your next favorite read? Checkout a new or classic print book, audiobook, or DVD. You can also use your Lighthouse Point Library card to borrow e-books and digital audiobooks for the whole family. Cardholders can also access over 3,000 popular newspapers, magazines, and digital resources from publications like the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, and *Consumer Reports*. Library eResources are supported by the Barker Library Fund.

Need help finding information? The amazing library staff are here to help residents with everything from research questions, to materials recommendations, to internet access.

Lighthouse Point Library – Your Hometown Library Since 1965.

Recreation Programs & Registration

Sponsors Needed for Upcoming Events and Spring 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 happening!

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

LHP REC weekly classes at the John Trudel Community Center

WEEK 2

February 2024

John Trudel Community Center

4521 NE 22nd Avenue Lighthouse Point, FL

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department (954) 784-3439
Sign up at <https://lhp.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

MONDAY 5	TUESDAY 6	WEDNESDAY 7	THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 9
<p>Yoga with Liz 9-10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>Music Through the Ages 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$60 for a 6 week series</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p>	<p>Mommy and Me 9:15-10:15 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Mommy and Me 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Adult Art Drop-in 12:00-1:30 p.m. \$40 Res., \$50 Non-Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 4:15-5:15 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p>	<p>Yoga with Tina 9-10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p>		<p>Yoga with Tina 9-10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p>

WEEK 3

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MONDAY 12	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16
<p>Yoga with Liz 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>Music Through the Ages 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$60 for a 6 week series</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p> <p>Special Treats with Special Guests 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$60 Res., Non-Res. \$75</p>	<p>Mommy and Me 9:15-10:15 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Mommy and Me 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Adult Art Drop-in 12:00-1:30 p.m. \$40 Res., \$50 Non-Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 4:15-5:15 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p>	<p>Yoga with Tina 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>ArtNest Little Monsters 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$35 per person</p> <p>ArtNest Paint Shop 4:00-5:00 p.m. \$35 per person</p>		<p>Yoga with Tina 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p> <p>Teen Yoga Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$20 Res., \$30 Non-Res.</p>

Sunday 18
Mixed Doubles
Pickleball
1:30-4:00
\$40 per team-Res.
\$50 per team- Non.Res.

WEEK 4

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MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16
<p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>Mommy and Me 9:15-10:15 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Mommy and Me 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Adult Art Drop-in 12:00-1:30 p.m. \$40 Res., \$50 Non-Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 4:15-5:15 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p>	<p>Yoga with Tina 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p>		<p>Yoga with Tina 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p>

Saturday 24
Kids Day Out with
Bright and Smart
11:30-3:30 p.m.
\$50 Res./ \$60 Non-Res.

WEEK 5

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MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 1
<p>Yoga with Liz 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>Music Through the Ages 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$60 for a 6 week series</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p>	<p>Mommy and Me 9:15-10:15 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Mommy and Me 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$160 Res., \$240 Non- Res.</p> <p>Adult Art Drop-in 12:00-1:30 p.m. \$40 Res., \$50 Non-Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 4:15-5:15 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p> <p>Bright and Smart Robotics 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$240 Res., \$320 Non- Res.</p>	<p>Yoga with Tina 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p>		<p>Yoga with Tina 9:10 a.m. \$10 Res., \$20 Non-Res.</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p>



January 16, 2024 marked a historic moment as we celebrated an unprecedented promotional ceremony at the Lighthouse Point Police Department. Four outstanding individuals have been promoted, by Police Chief Jack Vaccaro, showcasing their dedication and commitment to serving our community.

Let's take a moment to congratulate and honor:

- Curt Lai - Promoted to Commander of Administrative Services
- David Dyess – Promoted to Lieutenant of Administrative Services
- Chris Merk – Promoted to Patrol Sergeant
- Ryan Mullaney – Appointment to Patrol Corporal

These promotions reflect not only their individual achievements but also the collective strength of our police force. We are proud to have such dedicated professionals ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.



NE 39th Street Paving Project

Paving for this project is complete. Final Punch List items and final striping to be

addressed in two weeks. 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. Final Punch List items 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. NE 31st Court and NE 22nd Avenue at 44th Street bridges are underway. Please mind the temporary traffic signals and be safe.

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 permit receipt from Broward County. We expect mobilization and the project to begin during the first quarter of 2024.

Lift Station 224 Generator Installation

Broward County has completed the generator installation. Landscaping and equipment shading final plans have been submitted and are under review.

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 begun installation in the Marina neighborhood and an area north of NE 25th Street and west of Lighthouse Drive. This has resulted in serious issues with other underground utilities and the project is on hold until revisions to the process can be sorted.

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.

Bulk Trash Reminders



BULK TRASH PICK-UP

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>

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.



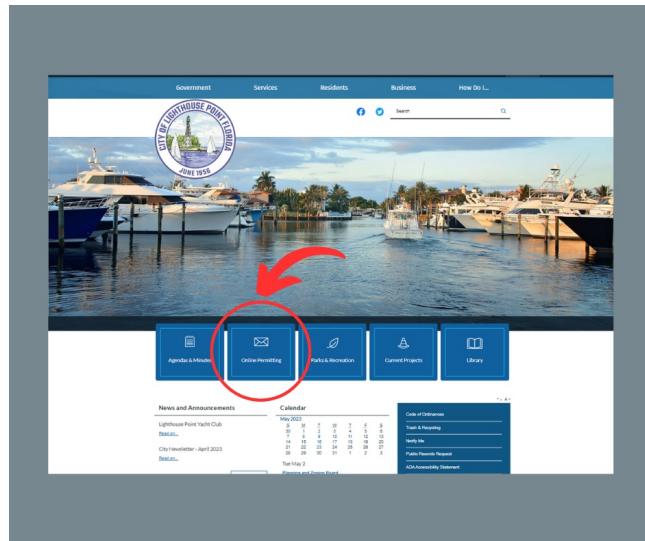
All golf carts driven on public roads must be street legal. This includes being registered with a license plate, having insurance, and being equipped with the following equipment: head lights, brake lights, tail lamps, turn signals, reflex reflectors, parking brake, rear view mirrors, windshield with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

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.



Employment with the City

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, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Code Enforcement Board:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Community Appearance Board:

Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Cultural Arts Committee:

Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Library Advisory Board:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Marine Advisory Board:

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

Planning and Zoning Board:

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Recreation Committee:

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

Special Magistrate:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Tennis Advisory Committee:

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:00 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.

February 2024 Calendar

Click [here](#) to view our February 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!

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