



City of Lighthouse Point

February 2025 Newsletter

City Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025
in observance of Presidents' Day.

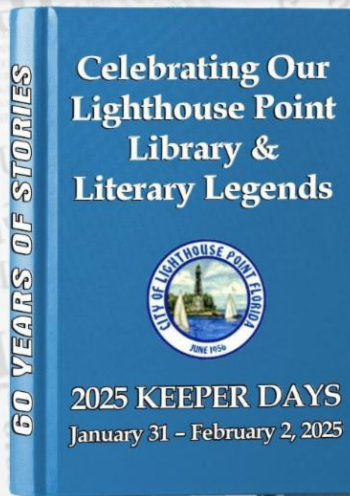
2025 Keeper Days

Join us this weekend for our annual celebration, Keeper Days. Keeper Days is a longtime tradition in Lighthouse Point, where we honor those whose dedication and hard work have left a lasting impact on our community.

2025 Keeper Days

60 YEARS OF STORIES

January 31–February 2



Scan QR Code to:

Purchase Dinner Tickets

Register for Family Sports Day

Register for 5k Run/Walk
at www.lhprec.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, January 31st

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Kick-Off Dinner

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SATURDAY, February 1st

8:00 a.m.

Lighthouse Point 5k Run/Walk
St. Paul's Church

10:00 a.m.

Storybook Parade
Pink Church north to
Frank McDonough Park

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Dan Witt Fun in the Park!
Bounce Houses • Concert • Fireworks

SUNDAY, February 2nd

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Family Sports Day
(Must Pre-Register to Participate)



For Information Contact Becky Word • 954.784.3439 • E-mail: lhprec@lighthousepoint.com

Employee of the Year

Mayor Van Buskirk Implements New Employee Appreciation Program

The Employee Appreciation Program was designed to reward individuals who consistently go above and beyond, contributing to the success of our City.

I am pleased to officially congratulate Crew Leader Jerry Savage on being selected as our very first Employee of the Year! This recognition is a direct reflection of his



exceptional dedication and outstanding performance over the past year.

Jerry's consistent efforts and contributions have made a significant impact on our City. He has demonstrated excellence in everything he does—from his attention to detail and commitment to quality, to his ability to collaborate with coworkers and support the overall success of the City.

Jerry's positive attitude and tireless dedication are truly inspiring, and we are fortunate to have him as part of our team.

Please join us in congratulating him on a job well done!

Firefighter of the Year

Please join us in congratulating Lighthouse Point Fire Fighter of the year Driver Engineer Sabrina Albanese!

Driver Engineer Albanese has been serving the Lighthouse Point Community for 18 years and joined Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue in August of 2006. She was promoted to Driver Engineer in May of 2011 and has been serving in that capacity for 13 years. There are many reasons that D/E Albanese has been selected as our 2024 Firefighter of the Year and many of those reasons start with her daily professionalism and contribution to our community.



Firefighter of the year is an acknowledgement of job well done not for just one call or for acts done well once in a while but instead it stands for consistent performance at a high and professional level. A selfless public servant who strives for daily improvement is a description that fits this year's Firefighter of the Year to a tee. A consistent and quality Firefighter has attributes such as intelligence, a commitment to training and education, cool demeanor under pressure, a customer service mentality, a passion to help others, as well as physical strength and cardio vascular capacity.

[Click here to view the full article.](#)

Police Officer of the Year



The Lighthouse Point Police Department is proud to announce Corporal Michael Search as the 2024 Officer of the Year. With nearly three decades of service, Corporal Search's unwavering dedication, leadership, and proactive approach to law enforcement have set him apart as a cornerstone of the department and the community.

Corporal Search's accomplishments over the past year highlight his exceptional work ethic, keen observational skills, and commitment to public safety. His proactive crime prevention efforts and ability to identify and address suspicious activity have been instrumental in keeping Lighthouse Point safe. His investigative expertise and dedication to teamwork have significantly contributed to solving and preventing criminal activity within the city.

Congratulations to Corporal Michael Search on this well-deserved recognition!

[Click here to view the full article](#)



Fraud Prevention: Protecting Our Community in 2025

As we step into a new year, it's important to reflect on the challenges we face and how we can work together to address them. One area that continues to be a growing concern for residents and businesses alike is fraud. Whether it's identity theft, online scams, or financial fraud, fraudsters are constantly evolving their tactics to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals.

What is Fraud and Why Does It Matter?

Fraud can take many forms, from scams targeting the elderly to phishing emails aimed at stealing personal information. These crimes can result in significant financial loss and emotional distress for victims. As your police department, our mission is to not only respond to incidents of fraud but also to proactively prevent them by educating and empowering our community.

How You Can Protect Yourself:

- **Stay Informed About Common Scams:** From lottery scams to fake charity requests, fraudsters use many tactics to manipulate victims. Be cautious when receiving unsolicited calls, emails, or messages asking for personal information or money.
- **Secure Your Personal Information:** Regularly update passwords, use two-factor authentication when possible, and be cautious about sharing personal details online. Never provide sensitive information over the phone unless you are sure of the caller's identity.
- **Watch for Red Flags:** If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Look out for high-pressure tactics that urge quick decisions, especially when it comes to finances. Scammers often prey on urgency.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you suspect fraud or have been a victim, report it immediately. The faster we can investigate, the higher the chance of preventing further harm.

Our Role in Fraud Prevention:

This year, our department will continue to focus on community education efforts regarding fraud prevention. We'll be offering informative materials, and utilizing our social media platforms to share tips and resources to help you recognize and avoid fraud.

We also work closely with local businesses and financial institutions to identify emerging trends and protect consumers. Together, we can create a safer community for all.

Chief Jack Vaccaro

Police Department Issues Safety Guidelines for Electric Rideable Devices



The Lighthouse Point Police Department strongly urges parents, guardians, and young riders to prioritize safety and exercise good common sense when purchasing and operating electric rideable devices. While some of these devices may meet legal criteria for operation, the department emphasizes caution due to potential hazards posed by local traffic and the high speeds these devices can reach. Proper usage and compliance with Florida law are essential to ensure everyone's safety.

With the growing popularity of these vehicles, including some that resemble mini dirt bikes but meet electric bicycle criteria, it is vital for parents, guardians, and riders to understand their proper use and the legal distinctions between electric bicycles and electric dirt bikes.

Please remember: The use of electric bicycles, dirt bikes, or other motorized devices is prohibited in all Lighthouse Point City parks, including athletic fields.

The Lighthouse Point Police Department strongly recommends that parents and guardians use good judgment when purchasing electric rideable devices for children, even if they are technically legal to operate.

Please click [here](#) to read the full safety guideline memorandum from the LHP Police Department.

Recycle Right!



As part of our ongoing efforts to promote sustainability and maintain a clean and efficient recycling program, we would like to remind everyone of an important guideline regarding recycling.

Please remember: Do not place plastic bags in the recycling bins.

Plastic bags, while commonly used for carrying groceries and other items, pose a serious issue when mixed with recyclables. They can clog recycling machinery, leading to contamination and delays in the recycling process. To ensure that our efforts are effective and that recyclable materials are processed correctly, please refrain from placing plastic bags in the bins.

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!



Keeper Days Storybook Parade is TODAY

Saturday, February 1st, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Keeper Days Concert and Bounce Houses

TODAY, Saturday, February 1st at 5:30 PM
Dan Witt Park

Family Sports Day

Sunday, February 2nd from 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Frank McDonough Park
Must pre-register at lhp.recdesk.com

Alzheimer's Screening

Saturday, March 1st
Free Event
Appointment required, call 561-209-2400 to schedule.
See [flyer](#) for more information.

Shred - A - Thon

Saturday, March 29th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Dixon Ahl Hall
See [flyer](#) for more information.

Concert featuring Mixtape and food trucks

Saturday, April 5th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Frank McDonough Park

Upcoming Recreation Programs

Click the following links to view flyers for the upcoming programs:

[artNest Valentine's Class](#)

[Flower Arranging Class](#)

[Succulent Terrarium Workshop](#)



Lighthouse Point Library

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



February is National 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 story times? Or using the patron computers and WIFI? Do you download our eResources and eBooks? Or attend one over 25 free Library programs? Please let us know! Hearts will be available to write a love letter or draw a picture telling everyone why you love

your hometown library. The heart shaped 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. Or 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.

Check Out a Youth STEAM To-Go Kit! Parents, stop by the Library's new Youth Wing and check out one of our new STEAM to-go kits! These at-home programs are designed for ages Pre-K to grade 3 or grades 4 and up. Adult supervision is needed for all ages. STEAM to-go topics include: All About Magnets, Robotics/Coding, All About Dinosaurs, My Amazing Body, Explore The Outdoors, Math Patterns, and Building and Design. Kits are limited, one per adult Library cardholder and must be returned to the Library Youth Wing during business hours (sorry no drop box returns). This new self-paced program is generously supported by the Friends of the Library.



60 Years of Stories: Celebrating Our LHP Library and Literary Legends": Keepers Days 2025.

The City of Lighthouse Point is excited to continue a wonderful tradition - Lighthouse Point "Keeper Days!" The fun-filled weekend event will take place Friday, January 31st through Sunday, February 2nd, 2025. This year the City is honoring Retired City

Commissioner **Sandy Johnson**, Friends of the Library Vice-President **Donna Cohen**, and Library Advisory Board member **Linda Hinkle** as the 2025 LHP Keepers. Today, February 1st is the 8:00 AM Keeper Days 5k Run/Walk followed by a Keeper Days

Storybook Parade at 10:00 AM. From 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM is Fun In Dan Witt Park with bounce houses, concert and fireworks. Sunday, February 2nd is Family Sports Day.

Recreation Programs & Registration



Summer Camp Registration

Registration for LHP Residents will begin Monday, February 24th at 9:00 AM

For students entering 1st grade-8th grade

Sign up [here](#)

Start Smart Baseball

For 4 year olds

Frank McDonough Park, Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Registration begins March 3rd sign up [here](#).

Sponsors Needed for Upcoming Events and 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](#).

John Trudel Community Center

WEEK 1

February 2025

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 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7
<p>Yoga with Liz 9:00-10:00 a.m. \$10/res., \$20/non-res.</p> <p>Mommy & Me 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$110/res., \$160/non-res.</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p>	<p>Chair Yoga with Tina 9:00-10:00 a.m. \$10/res., \$20/non-res.</p> <p>Tai Chi for Arthritis (6 week series) 10:30-11:30 a.m. No Cost</p>	<p>Seniors Strength Class 9:00-10:00 a.m. No Cost</p> <p>Science Parent & Me (4 week series) 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$80/res., \$100 non/res.</p> <p>Youth Yoga with Jenn I. 5:15-6:00 p.m. \$10/res., \$20 non-res.</p>	<p>Tai Chi for Arthritis (6 week series) 10:30-11:30 a.m. No Cost</p> <p>Adult Art Drop-in 12:00-1:30 p.m. \$40/res., \$50/non-res.</p> <p>Robotics with Bright & Smart (grades K-2) 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$270/res., \$360/non-res. 9 week series</p> <p>artNEST Little Monsters Valentine Pop Up Class (Ages 1-4) 4:00- 5:00 p.m. \$35/res., \$45/non-res.</p> <p>Robotics with Bright & Smart (grades 3-5) 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$120/res., \$160/non-res. 4 week series</p> <p>artNEST Valentine Class (Ages 4 and up) 6:00- 7:00 p.m. \$35/res., \$45/non-res.</p>	<p>Yoga with Tina 9:00-10:00 a.m. \$10/res., \$20/non-res.</p> <p>Pickleball Clinic 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p> <p>Chair Yoga with Tina 10:15-11:15 a.m. \$10/res., \$20/non-res.</p> <p>Teens & Tweens Pottery 6:00-7:30 p.m. \$75/res., \$85/non-res</p> <p>Saturday - 8th Advanced Pickleball Clinic 4:00-5:00 p.m. \$10 per person</p>

[View the entire February Calendar for John Trudel Community Center here.](#)



Congratulations to the Lighthouse Point LEGO League Team for their impressive first-place finish at the South Florida Regional Competition. The Mayor and City Commissioners wish them lots of success as they prepare to compete in the State Championship on February 7th and 8th.



Big shout out to our amazing Public Works Department for replacing 36 feet of sidewalk on NE 39th Street! Their hard work helps keep our community safe and accessible. Be sure to stop and thank them when you see them around town!



Canal Dredging

The contractor is halfway through Phase 1, having completed Canal Battello, Canal St. Elena and Canal Della Gondola. Remaining areas in Phase 1 are Canal Di S. Pietro, Canal Di S. Polo and the Southside of Sample Rd Bridge.

Lift Station 224 Repairs

The rehabilitation of MPS 224's pumps, piping, generator and adjacent roadway have been completed. The beautification phase of this project (new fence and landscaping)

has started and will be completed By March 2025.

Pompano Reuse Irrigation Project (City of Pompano Beach)

The City of Pompano Beach has installed 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 began staging in April 2024. Pompano has fully completed the installation of the reuse system expansion for Phase V in LHP. They are currently undergoing regulatory system certification with Broward County. Once the system has been certified for use, they will initiate the City's Oasis Reuse program. The affected roads have been repaved.

FPL Storm Secure Underground Project(s)

The road crossings have been completed and the final house hookups are ongoing.

Upcoming City Meetings

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



City Commission

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Code Enforcement Board:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Community Appearance Board:

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Cultural Arts Committee:

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Economic Development Committee:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Library Advisory Board:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Marine Advisory Board:

Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM - **CANCELLED**

Planning and Zoning Board:

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Recreation Committee:

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Special Magistrate:

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Tennis Advisory Committee:

Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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 at the John Trudel Community Center, located at 4521 NE 22 Avenue, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064.

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

February 2025 Calendar



Click [here](#) to view our February 2025 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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