

## BIT OF HISTORY

Did you know:

- That many years ago Lighthouse Point was primarily farmland? What types of crops were grown here? [The primary crops were beans, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants, and greens.](#)
- Where “Scout Island” was located and why it was given that name? [It was a sandy piece of land that ran parallel to what today would be N.E. 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue between N.E. 27<sup>th</sup> and N.E. 28<sup>th</sup> Streets. The location received its name as a camping site of the Boy Scouts, but local boys were also likely to visit the island.](#)
- The City of Lighthouse Point got its name from the famed Hillsboro Lighthouse. In what year did construction start on that structure? [1906.](#)
- That the Battle of the Atlantic was fought in this area. Who torpedoed and sunk a number of ships within sight of the Hillsboro Lighthouse? [German U-boats.](#)
- What tour boat and water ski review group performed in Lighthouse Point in 1952 to attract home sales to this area? [The Jungle Queen and Florida Cypress Garden Water Ski Review.](#)
- The story of how over 100 residents petitioned in April, 1954, to have Lighthouse Point become an incorporated city and what they went through to achieve this? [Mr. Tunison and Mr. Musselman traveled to Tallahassee with a petition signed by over 100 residents favoring incorporation. Of the 100 signatures on the petition, 77 were registered Republicans, and since Florida was mostly Democratic, the 77 Republicans had to re-register and they did so as Independents. The residents had to form an incorporation committee, and other matters had to be resolved, then the incorporation process continued. The entire story on the creation of Lighthouse Point begins on page 21.](#)
- What was the area’s first grocery store, and what year did it open? [A&P in 1956.](#)
- What was the make of the City's first Fire Engine? [1937 LaFrance Pumper.](#)

To learn more about the history of Lighthouse Point, check out a copy of [Lighthouse Point, Florida: The First 50 Years](#) at the Lighthouse Point Library.

