



# From the Lighthouse . . .

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News & Notes for Lighthouse Cove Residents

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## Free Shipping Friday!



Friday, December 17, 2010, is the

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Free Shipping Day for over 1,000 merchants including Macy's, Barnes and Noble, Aeropostale, Discovery Store, Disney Store, the Marine Shop, Walgreens, Sears, Office Max, and Dell.

This popular web site [FreeShipping.org](http://FreeShipping.org), was created by Luke Knowles to extend the online holiday shopping season for merchants and give procrastinating consumers one final chance to surf the Internet for gifts.

It's a one-day shopping event when participating merchants offer free shipping with delivery by Christmas Eve.

Knowles thought retailers would relish the opportunity to extend the online holiday shopping season, which typically peaks in early December, because consumers are concerned about their gift orders arriving to their intended destination in time for Christmas.

Sign up today for an e-mail reminder.



## Grab Bag Gift Ideas

- ~ Funny sticky notes
- ~ Unusual Ornament
- ~ Bookmark
- ~ Captioned Coasters
- ~ Hot Sauce/BBQ Sauce
- ~ Godiva Truffles
- ~ Classic Game Pen (Operation, Etch-a-Sketch)
- ~ Magazine
- ~ Mouse Pad
- ~ Gourmet Coffee/Tea/Cocoa
- ~ Bag of Retro Candies
- ~ Lottery Tickets

*"It isn't the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it."*

~ Eileen Elias Freeman

## Festival of Trees

The Powel Crosley Estate Foundation announces its 14th Annual Festival of Trees from Dec. 1 to Dec. 8 (11a.m. to 8p.m. each day). This local tradition turns the historic Crosley Estate Mansion on the Sarasota Bay into a glittering holiday wonderland.



This year, the event features holiday trees and decorations by the area's top designers; live entertainment; and afternoon teas. Plus, enjoy Sarasota Bay boat rides, festive wine tastings, a rare exhibit of antique Crosley automobiles (weekend only) and a vintage model train display.

Admission donation to the Tree Festival is \$8 and free to children 12 & under. Parking is free.

[Crosleymuseum.com](http://Crosleymuseum.com)

## Readers Q & A

**Q:** What topics were discussed at LHC's Nov. 15 Board Meeting?

**A:** Topics included -



> LHC's 2011 Annual Budget (passed by Board)

> Erosion of several LHC ponds

> Multiple families occupying homes

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**Q:** What is the status of our Board of Directors?

**A:** At present, our Board includes Interim President Miranda Monahan; Member Tiffany Wise; and Member Joe Ramsey. Volunteers are urgently needed!

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**Q:** Any update on a new property management company?



**A:** LHC has retained Allure's services until December.

## GOOD STUFF:

\* **Pumpkin cream-m-m-m frappucinos**



\* **Timely Tip** -

To remove melted wax from the crevices of cut crystal, fill a basin with hot water and immerse the holder (or place them upside down if the bases are covered with cloth). Let soak several minutes, and then peel off the softened wax.

If needed, use a delicate scrub sponge or a fingernail for any stuck-on bits.



\* **Kid Fun:** Kids can tape together strings of cellophane wrapped red-swirl mint candies. Keeps them occupied and looks pretty as a holiday decoration.

\* **Cool Event:**

"Childhood Wishes and Holiday Dreams," a holiday ice skating show at Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex  
- 1:30 and 5 p.m. Dec. 4  
- 1:30 p.m., Dec. 5  
Features 2010 Olympic pair skaters Amanda Evora and Mark Ladwig.

**Tickets:**  
\$15/adults  
\$13/seniors ages 60+ and children 10 and younger.  
Info: 723-3663



## Bonnie & Clyde



It's not too late to check out Solo Rep. Theatre's production of *Bonnie & Clyde*, which runs until Dec. 19. [Asolorep.org](http://Asolorep.org)

800-361-8388

## Orange-Cranberry Relish

Try this special recipe from nearby MIXON FRUIT FARMS ([mixon.com](http://mixon.com)). Perfect for entertaining LHC guests!



### Ingredients

1 ½ cups MIXON'S fresh orange juice  
1 cup sugar  
1-2 tbsp. finely chopped crystallized ginger  
1 12-oz. bag fresh cranberries

### Directions

In a 2 qt. saucepan combine all ingredients. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes.

Serve warm or cold. Makes 3 cups.

## Attention, LHC Shoppers!



### Cashiers Cash In --

Do you use your debit or credit card to get cash back when you've made a purchase at a store? If you have, then you know how easy it is to get cash out of your debit or credit card.

Well, guess what? So do some thieves who moonlight as cashiers. Whether or not you are taking cash out, check your receipt every time (preferably before you leave the cashier's area).



This is the only way to make sure you have been charged for **ONLY** those items you bought or the cash back you authorized. Once you leave the store, it's harder to prove you did not take the cash out, and it becomes your word against the cashier's.

The Manatee Sheriff's Office has had reports that customers have confronted cashiers who have taken cash out on a customer's credit or debit card during a purchase and the cashier immediately blames it on the cash register "acting up."

Although it is remotely possible for a cash register to "act up," it more than likely is a criminal act by the cashier trying to steal money from you and then cover it up.



Taking unauthorized cash back from a customer's credit or debit card is an easy way for a thief to pocket some extra cash that may never get reported. So **ALWAYS** check your receipts!



## E-Watch

This excellent community service by the Manatee County Sheriff's Office is easy to sign up for, free, and informative. Reports and updates of crimes often arrive within minutes of a burglary or break-in. And E-Watch offers tips on how to protect our homes and families (i.e., internet bullying, when to call 911). To register, see [manateesheriff.com](http://manateesheriff.com).

## Fido Fidelis



*Dear Santa,  
I have been an exceptionally pleasant pup this year and expect my usual treasures under the tree (i.e., handmade dog blanket, with monogrammed pillow, and a Yum-Yum jar well-stocked with sweet treats).*



*And I must mention the Humane Society's wish list, far simpler but in many ways far more important: eat and dog food, baby wipes, cotton balls, batteries, blankets, paper towels, spray bottles, zipped plastic bags. Their address is as follows:*

**2515 Tamiami Trl,  
Bradenton  
(941) 747-8808**

P.S. Lots of LHC residents apparently need pooper scoopers and poop bags!

## '10's Top Toys

(from *Woman's Day*)

### Ages 0-2

- \* Little People Wheelies Stand 'n Play Rampaway
- \*Explore 'N Grow Musical Gear Center



### Ages 3-5

- \*Hexbug Nano Habitat Set



- \* V. Reader Animated E-Book System
- \*Sing-A-Ma-Jig (unique stuffed toy that "loves to sing in its own jibber-jabber language").

### Ages 6-8

- \*Loopz (music memory game that gets kids moving).
- \*ToyStory 3 Blast-Off Buzz Lightyear
- \*Lego Building Kits

### Ages 9+

- \*Paper Jamz (super thin, stringless guitars that play real chords and songs)
- \*Glee CD Board Game



## National DO-NOT-CALL List

All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies, so you may start to receive sales calls.

**YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS!**

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222.



It is the "National DO NOT CALL List." It will only take a minute of your time, and it blocks your number for five years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

## Police Note

According to the Manatee County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Log, several officers were called to Beacon Harbour Loop during the early evening of November 19, 2010. They investigated suspicious circumstances.

## Are You Connected?

Do you have a copy of LHC's *Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions*? You **MUST** have this to understand the rules in our deed-restricted community.

By the way **renters**, you live here, too. You need to know the rules - - ask your landlord for a copy!



### Important Phone #s & E-Mail Addresses:

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