

What's in the Neighborhood

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Neighborhoods used to be defined by their neighborhood stores. Businesses that could answer every need were located on the corner within walking distance or a short drive. Passage of time & the development of the mall changed that dynamic. Jungle Terrace neighbors are fortunate to have a little nostalgia at our borders. Highlighted this month are Lighthouse Point & Park Street Produce neighborhood businesses, located northwest of our association, on the southeast corner of Park Street & Tyrone Boulevard offering a myriad of goods & services.



Park Street Produce is your quintessential family owned & operated neighborhood market. Fresh fruits & vegetables abound and are highlighted by Greek & Italian delicacies such as cheeses, pastries, olives, herbs and freshly baked breads.

Lighthouse Point is divided into two distinct areas. A three-story office building begins the complex where the established real estate company, **Realty Executives**, occupies most of the first floor. Fifty agents have carved a spot out for themselves there but none are as much at home as our long time association member, **K.C. Jones**. As a seasoned realtor, she's available to answer any of your housing questions whether you're actively or just contemplating buying or selling a home. Executitle, a real estate title company located on the second floor has extended free notary services to association members. A few law firms, a home mortgage company, several nationwide consumer service companies and a consulting firm define the remainder of the building.



Five storefront businesses adjoin the office building. Starting at one end you can find a great breakfast or lunch at Sebastian's Corned Beef Corner, which has been serving residents for 13 years. Catering is a specialty, a thought to keep in mind for your next family gathering or party.



Next in line, Aacardi The Salon is true to mythology as being a place to “conceive and create all that is beautiful to enhance life”. They are expanding their physical space to add additional skin care regimens as well as giving their 29 stylists more elbowroom. Opened since 1998, the owners pride themselves on remaining forward thinking providing their clients with the latest services rendered by the highest trained technicians in the area.

Jungle Terrace member and **Fast Signs** owner, **Mike Norris**, has been creating signs for four years at Lighthouse Point. As a complete sign and graphic center Mike and his staff can take a concept from start to finish. His product line is extensive and includes banners, magnetic signs and beautifully carved wooden signs. The carved signs make a wonderful way to mark your homes'house numbers in a classic style.



Further down is Clearwater Mattress OGallery which features 6,000 sq. ft. of mattresses, day beds, furniture groups and futons. Locally owned and operated for 72 years we are told that this location of 12 years is busier than any other of their 16 stores. Outback Steakhouse opens for dinner and completes Lighthouse Point.



It's nice to know that our neighborhood is so well defined.