

September/October 2016
City of Safety Harbor
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CityScape

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Waterfront Park Phase 2

by: John Powell, City Engineer



Candidate Qualifying Period Begins January

by: Karen Sammons, City Clerk

The next Municipal Election of the City of Safety Harbor will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. This Municipal Election will be for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Commissioner to Seat #4, each for a three-year term. The Qualifying Period for candidacy begins at noon on January 3, 2017, and shall end at noon on January 10, 2017. Candidate forms and information are available at the Office of the City Clerk. Please contact City Clerk Karen Sammons to set up a meeting, at: ksammons@cityofsafetyharbor.com, or by phone at (727) 724-1555, ext. 1406.

Mullet Creek Bridge Improvements

by: John Powell, City Engineer

Construction of enhancements to the pedestrian corridor on Mullet Creek Bridge at Philippe Parkway is to commence in September 2016. The bridge serves as a gateway into downtown Safety Harbor and the proposed improvements will enhance the aesthetics of the area. Improvements include removal of the existing bollards and installation of timber railings. The bridge outer railings were recently painted to be consistent with the aesthetics of the adjacent Mullet Creek Park. The scope also includes drainage improvements in the southeast area of the bridge, and resurfacing of pavement. The pavement resurfacing will require lane closures, so some delay can be expected during that time period. Construction is expected to be complete in December 2016.

Did You Know?



- At least 50% of the water quality problems in the U.S. result from Nonpoint source pollution (EPA). Nonpoint source pollution is water pollution that cannot be traced to its specific origin or starting point.

- Five quarts of used motor oil can create an oil slick two football fields in size.
- Yard fertilizer runoff from residential areas is estimated to be responsible for one third of the excess nitrogen polluting our waterways.
- The first inch of rain that enters the catch basins/stormwater system carries 90% of the pollution from a storm (FDEP).
- Catch basins/storm drains do not go to sewer treatment plants; they lead directly to bodies of water, like Tampa Bay.

The second phase of construction of Waterfront Park is to commence in August 2016. Receipt of the long awaited U.S. Corps of Engineers (COE) permit allowed construction to begin. Construction will occur in the northern area of the 13 acre parcel and will consist of a 2,000 foot long boardwalk, extension of the 10 foot wide concrete sidewalk, 16 grass parking spaces, removal of Brazilian Peppers and other nuisance species, and grading to restore wetlands and allow for propagation of mangroves. Grants were received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Recreation Trails Program (RTP) in the amount of \$177,000 for the boardwalk construction, and from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) in the amount of \$70,000 for restoration of wetlands. Augustine Construction, Inc. was awarded the project. Construction is expected to be complete in February 2017.

Beware of Door-to-Door Tree Pruners

by: Art Finn, City Arborist

City staff has received several reports lately regarding unlicensed tree companies going door-to-door offering tree pruning and tree removal services. These companies often travel by unmarked truck and trailer or a car with a ladder on top. One time, two guys on bikes, one with a chain saw strapped to his handle bars and the other with a pole saw strapped to his bike, stopped by.

They may indicate that your trees are diseased or need trimming and that they can trim them at a very low cost. It may be tempting to not have to make a phone call to research a tree company, but my experience is that these companies can create irreversible damage to your trees. In some instances, these companies do illegal tree removal, telling residents they do not need a tree removal permit. A property owner can be fined thousands of dollars when trees are illegally removed. The companies also do improper tree trimming which is a violation of the city's tree ordinance. Trees must be pruned according to national pruning standards.

In Safety Harbor, tree companies are required to have liability insurance, attend a training course, and register with the City. Someone knocking on your door on a weekend or evening to offer tree pruning services probably does not meet any of these requirements.

If you think your trees need trimming, please call me. I can provide an opinion regarding what your tree needs and give you a list of registered tree companies in Safety Harbor. I can look at your trees before or after work if you call for an appointment. Please, call 727-724-1555 x 1303, or email at afinn@cityofsafetyharbor.com.

Museum & Cultural Center

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Register for classes at:

SafetyHarborCulture.com

Afterschool Art

Thursdays, 9/1–11/17

3:15–5:15pm

Ages: 7–12, \$160

Zen Brush Art

Tuesdays, 9/6–9/27, 10/4–10/25

10am–12pm

Adults, \$64

Watercolor Wonders

Tuesdays, 9/6–9/27, 1–3pm

Ages: 14–Adult, \$60

Jewelry Making

Thursdays, 9/8 & 10/13, 6–9pm

Adults, \$20

**Additional \$10 material fee*

Pastels with Incredible Me, Inc.

Saturdays, 9/10 & 10/8

10:30am–12pm

Ages: 14–Adult, \$35

Drawing Basics

Fridays, 9/16–10/7, 1–3:15pm

Ages: 14–Adult, \$75

Cuban Fishing Ranchos in Tampa Bay

Wednesday, 9/28, 6:30–7:30pm

All Ages, Free

Girls Just Want to Have Fun

Friday, 9/30, 6–9pm

Ages: 5–12, \$20

Making Memories @ the Museum

Saturday, 10/1, 10am–2pm

All Ages, \$4

Ladies Night Out: Wreath Making

Thursday, 10/6, 6–7:30pm

Ages: 14–Adult, \$8

**Pick up supply list*

Trip Back in Time

Thursday, 10/26, 6:30–8:30pm

Adults, \$15

Free Weekly Music Downloads from Safety Harbor Library

by: **Lisa Kothe, Library Director**



Did you know the Safety Harbor Public Library subscribes to Freegal® Music providing access to 10 million songs and music videos, including Sony Music Entertainment's catalog of legendary artists available for download? Did you know you can download and keep five songs per week with your Safety Harbor Library card?

It's easy to use, and with free mobile apps from the Apple® and Google Play®, you can get your music on the go. Create your free account today by visiting <http://cityofsafetyharbor.freegalmusic.com>. Have your Safety Harbor Library card available and browse over 200 different genres; everything from classical to rap, including pop, rock, children's, country, classical and more, including thousands of popular artists including Adele, Alicia Keys, Bruce Springsteen, Carrie Underwood, Céline Dion, Daft Punk, Dave Matthews, Hozier, Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, John Legend, One Direction, Pearl Jam, Pink Floyd, Sara Bareilles, Santana, and more. New music is available the same day it appears up on iTunes or in stores, with new content added daily.

The Library is excited to continue to offer a service that delivers great music, is compatible with most devices, and is simple to use. It's one of the few things you get to "check-out" and keep. With the growing library trend of online resources, such as e-books and streaming films, having Freegal® Music as part of our collection makes sense for our community.

For questions on Freegal® Music, please email shplref@cityofsafetyharbor.com or call the Answer Desk, 727-724-1525, x4112.

Help Needed... Again!

by: **Gisela Bennie, Guest Contributor**

The air potato vine and about 15 other invasive plant species are in the way of a healthy, natural environment in our beautiful parks and neighborhoods. In the past few years, with the help of dedicated volunteers, we greatly reduced the air potato vine, and last year, with help from the air potato beetle, there was much less new growth of air potato vines and a huge reduction in the development of the actual air potatoes. But this summer, we see vines growing again, often out of shriveled, bearded old potatoes that must have been in the ground for years.



Although beetles were released in recent months and help greatly, we still need to remove any air potato vines we see, easily identified by their beautiful bright green heart-shaped leaves. And we need to dig up and destroy the potato at the end of each vine, but first pick off any small potatoes that may be growing on the vines already. Potatoes then should be wrapped securely in two or three layers of plastic bags and discarded.

Our parks department will have "Round-Ups" again and you will be taught how to recognize and remove air potato vines and other invasive, harmful plants. In the meantime, please be vigilant in your own neighborhood, and remind others to help. Do your part!

Neighborhood Grant Opportunities & Mayor's Award of Excellence

Does your neighborhood association or organization have ideas to beautify or enhance a common area? Neighborhood project and beautification matching grant applications are being accepted this fall. Applications are due by October 3, 2016. Eligible projects for neighborhood project grants include physical improvements including entryway signs, fencing, walkways, fountains and lighting. Eligible projects for beautification matching grants include landscaping and irrigation. Contact the Community Development Department at 724-1515 with any questions. Grant application information is online at: cityofsafetyharbor.com/NeighborhoodGrants.

The City is accepting nominations for the Mayor's Award of Excellence to recognize businesses and residents who recently enhanced the appearance of their property. Examples of eligible projects include painting, cleaning, remodeling, and landscaping. If you know of a residence or business that recently underwent a curb appeal transformation, please submit the form provided at cityofsafetyharbor.com/NeighborhoodGrants by October 3.

Community Calendar

See More Events online at www.cityofsafetyharbor.com

September

City Meetings (All Meetings @ City Hall)

5 - City Offices Closed - Labor Day

- 6 - City Commission Meeting - Work Session, 6pm
- 6 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8 - Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30pm
- 12 - Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7pm
- 13 - Board of Appeals, 6:30pm
- 14 - Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30pm
- 19 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 21 - Code Enforcement Board, 7pm

Special Events

- 11 - 9/11 Ceremony (9/11 Memorial at City Hall)
- 16 - 3rd Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm
- 17 - Truck-N-Play Day (City Park), 10am
- 17 - Bands & Beer on the Bay (Waterfront Park), 3pm
- 22 - Discover Florida (Folly Farms), 3:30pm
- 24 - Thin Mint Sprint (Marina), 8am
- Sundays - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 9am

Library (All Events @ Safety Harbor Library)

Name the No Name Oak Contest, until September 20

- 3 - Teen Hamilton Listening Party, 1pm

5 - Library Closed - Labor Day

- 8 - Wee Discoveries, 11am
- 10 - Tween Candy Relay, 11am
- 14 - Tween Game On!, 5:30pm
- 13 - Stories & Art, 4pm
- 13 - TLAB: Teen Library Advisory Board, 6pm
- 15 - Paper Organizing 101, 6:30pm
- 16 - 3rd Friday After Hours Party, 6:30pm
- 17 - FOL Book Sale, 9am
- 17 - Batman Day Teen Craft & Movie, 2pm
- 17 - iPad Basics, 2:30pm
- 19 - Words & Wine Book Club:

- Special Skype w/ Garth Stein*, 6:30pm
- 22 - Ashley Rhodes-Courter, Author Talk, 6:30pm
- 24 - Local Author Book Fair, 11am
- 25 - Paws for Friendship, 2pm
- 28 - Family Bingo & Game Night, 6pm
- 29 - Tree Pruning & Care Workshop, 6pm

October

City Meetings (All Meetings @ City Hall)

- 3 - Community Redevelopment Agency, 6:30pm
- 3 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11 - Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7pm
- 12 - Board of Appeals, 6:30pm
- 12 - Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30pm
- 13 - Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30pm
- 17 - City Commission, 7:30pm
- 19 - Code Enforcement Board, 7pm

Special Events

- 1 - Harbor Sounds Octoberfest (Main Street), 12pm
- 9 - Junk in the Trunk (Community Center), 9am
- 15 - Super Hero 5K (Main Street), 8:30 am
- 16 - Shabby Chic Vintage Market (Gazebo), 10am
- 21 - 3rd Friday Music Series (Main Street), 6pm
- 22 - Free Tree Give Away (Public Works), 8am
- 22 - All British Car Show (Main Street), 9am
- 31 - Main Street Trick-or-Treat (Main Street), 4:30pm
- Sundays - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 9am

Library (All Events @ Safety Harbor Library)

- 4 - Pokémon Club, 5pm
- 4 - Speak Up for Yourself with Jan Golden, 6pm
- 6 - Tampa Bay Times Movie Critic Steve Persall, 6:30pm
- 9 - A Rare Titanic Family, 2pm
- 11 - Stories & Art, 4pm
- 11 - Tween Game On!, 5:30pm
- 12 - Children's Movie, 3:30pm
- 12 - Cookbook Club, 6pm
- 15 - Monster High Party, 11am
- 18 - Crafternoon, 3:30pm
- 19 - Tween and Teen Creative Writing Workshop, 5:30pm
- 19 - Creative Writers Group & Story Circle, 6pm
- 20 - Comedy Hypnotist Denise Oatley Hall, 6:30pm
- 21 - 3rd Friday After Hours Halloween Party, 6:30pm
- 22 - Teen Movie, 2pm
- 25 - TLAB: Teen Library Advisory Board, 6pm
- 25 - Collective Coloring for Adults, 6:30pm
- 26 - Family Bingo & Game Night, 6pm
- 27 - Safety Harbor History Ghost Tour, 7pm

Join in the Centennial Celebration!

Safety Harbor is gearing up to celebrate our centennial, and the City invites the community to join in on the celebration. October 2016, the Centennial website SafetyHarbor100.com will be live and will feature photos videos, and history from our 100 years in addition to a calendar of speakers, programs, and events.

If your group is planning a centennial celebration, please share it with our Communications and Marketing team to be posted to the site by emailing rmason@cityofsafetyharbor.com. All programs or celebrations posted to the site must celebrate our centennial and must be open to the general public.



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Carlos Diaz, Commissioner
Janet Hooper, Commissioner
Cliff Merz, Commissioner
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

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Flood Zone Information

The City of Safety Harbor is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program/Community Rating System (NFIP/CRS). We offer FEMA flood map determinations on property located in the city. Elevation certificates, if available, may be obtained through the Building Department. For more information regarding this program, please contact the City of Safety Harbor at 727-724-1555.

Tree Give Away

October 22 8-11 am
or until trees are gone

Trees will be flowering trees to add color to the city with some shade trees that grow well in our city. Trees are in a 3 gallon container. Property owners will be able to select two trees per property with proof of ownership, water bill, license, etc.

The trees can be picked up at Public Works located at 1200 Railroad Avenue.

For more information, contact City Arborist Art Finn: 727-724-1555 x1303 or afinn@cityofsafetyharbor.com.



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@ Safety Harbor Resort & Spa

Saturday, September 24, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Check-in: 7:15 pm, \$45 advance/\$50 at door

www.Library2020.org

Thank you table sponsors!

Linda & Curt Brandt

