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## City of Safety Harbor Annual Governmental Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 by: June Solanes, Finance Director

### Waterfront Park Update by: John Powell, City Engineer



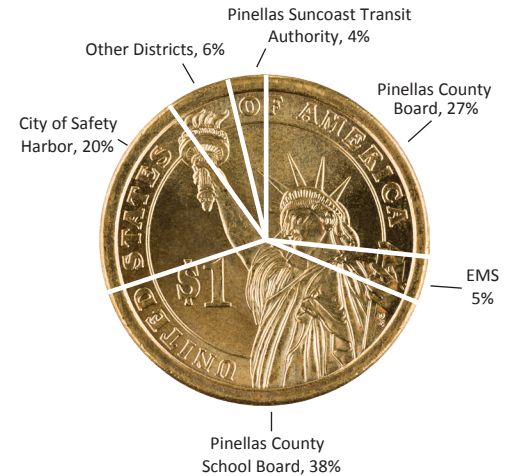
The second phase of Waterfront Park is almost complete. Boardwalk frame work and decking is approximately 75% complete.

The storm sewer system is complete, and the 10' sidewalk path, grass parking area, trailside facilities, and new entry drive is underway.

Planting of the wetland restoration area is to take place February 25, 2017, and was a joint effort with Tampa Bay Estuary and Tampa Bay Watch.

Look for a Grand Opening in Spring 2017.

The City's operating millage rate for fiscal year 2017 is 3.9500 mills. The millage rate is 2.42 percent lower than the prior two years. Your taxes may be slightly higher as overall property values in the City increased by 5.98 percent. Your property tax bill contains more than just City taxes. You also pay property tax to the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners, Emergency Management Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Juvenile Welfare Board, School Board, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. Your Safety Harbor City taxes make up twenty cents of every dollar of your total property tax bill.



### Where the Money Comes From

For financial reporting, the City maintains 18 individual governmental funds. Governmental funds are primarily supported by tax dollars and are used to account for the City's basic services provided, including general government, public safety, transportation, physical environment, culture and recreation, debt service, and transfers. The majority of services provided are supported through property tax, utility tax, franchise fees, state shared taxes, and direct services revenues. Municipal property tax collections makes up 25 percent of the total governmental fund revenues. The City has experienced its fourth increase in real property taxable values in fiscal year 2017 after six years of declining taxable values.

### Where the Money Goes To

Total City governmental fund expenditures of \$20.1 million decreased by a nominal .25 percent from estimated fiscal year end 2016. Library, Parks and Recreation, followed by Public Safety, Fire and Law Enforcement, continue to be high priorities within the community. As the economy has slowly improved over the last four years, the City Commission's goals for the business and economic environment, regulatory requirements, the environment, capital projects, and a fiscally strong City have been in the forefront of the City budget as a policy document. For more budget information, visit the City's homepage at [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com), Finance Department and Budgeting.



## Museum & Cultural Center

329 Bayshore Blvd. S  
727-724-1562

### Improv Afterschool

Wednesdays, 3:30–5:15pm  
3/1–3/29, \$50  
4/5–4/26, \$40  
Ages: 8–15

### Watercolor Wonders

Tuesdays, 3/7–3/28, 1–3pm  
Adults, \$60

### Intuitive Painting

Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30pm  
3/7–3/21 & 4/11–4/25  
Adults, \$45

### Drawing Basics for Teens

Thursdays, 3/16–4/20, 4:30–6pm  
Ages: 13–18, \$60

### Painting with Picasso

Tuesdays, 3/28 & 4/25, 6–8pm  
Adults, \$25

### Homeschool Green Thumbs

Friday, 4/21, 12–2pm  
Ages: 8–14, \$15

All listed programs take place at the Museum

## REAL Fit! Tip

Exercise may be the only true anti-aging medicine. Anyone, at any age, can improve muscle strength and endurance. Exercise helps maintain bone mineral density, and active older adults have better cholesterol levels than those who are inactive.

But aging brings changes to all body systems that can impact peak performance:

- Maximal oxygen intake decreases, even in those who remain active.
- Muscle strength and bone mineral density decline.
- Risk for heart disease increases with age.
- Older athletes have less body water, thirst sensation declines, and kidney function is not as efficient in regulating fluids.
- Medications for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and arthritis can impact exercise.

Because of these changes, strategies to prevent dehydration and ensure proper nutrition are important for older athletes to obtain a safe and productive workout and to reach peak performance.

## Celebrate National Library Week @ the Safety Harbor Public Library

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



Delivery Service.

Libraries are evolving but continue to provide traditional literacy services and loan books, magazines, and DVDs, and are meeting the needs of the communities they serve by providing e-books, downloadable music and magazines, technology classes, programs for new business owners, or a means to get a high school diploma. Libraries transform their communities. We strive to improve every year and are excited to announce the addition of a WEDU PBS Phyllis L. Ensign Library Corner in the youth department, with a ribbon cutting event during National Library Week. There is *Something for Everyone @ your Library*. Please come visit in person or online, [SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com).

## Meet Your New Code Compliance Officer

by: Paul Bushee, Code Compliance Officer

Health, safety, well-being, and quality of life. These terms are used often in descriptions of Code Enforcement. The goal of every Code Officer is to work together with our communities to maintain a beautiful, vibrant, and safe community for residents and visitors to enjoy.

My name is Paul Bushee, and I am thrilled to accept the position of your Code Compliance Officer! My wife Joan and I relocated to Safety Harbor in 2014 to be closer to our daughter, who was graduating from Rollins College and works for Disney. We love that there is always something on the calendar to look forward to in our city. From 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays to Music and Seafood Festivals, car shows, parades or simply walking or biking downtown or along Bayshore and the marina, it's easy to find something to do. We can't wait for the new Waterfront Park Boardwalk and bike trail to open in March, it's going to be amazing.

I am pleased that Compliance is part of my job title of Code Compliance Officer. I believe I am here to work with my fellow Harborites to help beautify and maintain our community. Most of us know how things can slip when we are busy. If a gentle, friendly neighborly request is not enough, please call 727-724-1555 ext. 1705 or place an online request, and I will investigate and work to resolve the issue. Please, visit our Code Compliance page at [CityofSafetyHarbor.com](http://CityofSafetyHarbor.com) for more information.

So far, the best part of my job has been meeting the people of Safety Harbor. There are so many thoughtful and caring people here in the City with wonderful stories to tell. If you see me at an event, please say hello. I look forward to getting to know you!

## Advisory Board Openings

by: City Clerk, Karen Sammons

Did you know that you can get involved in your City by serving on one of several advisory boards like Code Enforcement Board, Public Art Committee, or Finance Advisory Board?

If you are a City resident and interested in serving on one of these boards, please contact City Clerk Karen Sammons at [ksammons@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:ksammons@cityofsafetyharbor.com), or by phone at (727) 724-1555, ext. 1405 for an application and/or more information. The application is also available on the City's website at: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/boards](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/boards).





# Community Calendar

See More Events online at [www.cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com)

## March

### City Meetings (All Meetings @ City Hall)

- 6 - Community Redevelopment Agency, 6:30pm
- 6 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8 - Board of Appeals, 6:30pm
- 8 - Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30pm
- 9 - Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30pm
- 14 - Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7pm
- 15 - Code Enforcement Board, 7pm
- 20 - City Commission, 7:30pm

### Special Events

- 4 - Junk in the Trunk (Community Ctr.), 9am
- 4 - Shabby Chic Vintage Market (Gazebo), 10am
- 4 - Paint Your Heart Out (First Baptist Church), 7:30am
- 10-12 - Seafood Festival (Waterfront Park), Times Vary
- 11 - Cornhole for a Cause (Community Ctr.), 2pm
- 17 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm
- 18-19 - Chalk Art Festival (Main St.), 10am
- 19 - Kiwanis Arts & Crafts (Main St.), 9am
- 19 - Nolan's 5K (Main St.), 10am
- 24 - Family Fun Color Run (City Park), 6:30pm
- Sundays - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 10am

### Library (All Events @ Safety Harbor Library)

- 1 - Dr. Seuss Story Time Party, 10:30am
- 3 - Flamingo Painting Party Fundraiser, 6 - 9pm
- 4 - iPad Basics 101, 2:30 - 4:30pm
- 9 - Teen Tech Week: MaKey MaKey, 4:30pm
- 11 - FOL Book Sale, 9am - 3pm
- 11 - Read & Reflect Book Club, 11:30am
- 13 - Candy Heart Bingo, 11:30am
- 15 - Vellamo Concert, 6:30pm
- 16 - Mad Science Fire & Ice Show, 11am
- 17 - Make-N-Take St. Patrick's Day Craft, 10am
- 17 - Animal Story Time with the Humane Society, 4:30pm
- 22 - Intro to Ukulele, 6:30pm
- 23 - The Grapefruit Project, 6pm
- 30 - Old Fashioned Tupperware Party Fundraiser, 6:30pm
- 30 - Teen Creative Writing Workshop, 5:30pm

## April

### City Meetings (All Meetings @ City Hall)

- 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
- 24 - City Commission Workshop:  
Comprehensive Plan (tentative), 6pm

### Special Events

- 1-2 - Safety Harbor Song Fest (Waterfront Park), Times Vary
- 8 - Day at the Park with Bunny (City Park), 9:30am
- 8 - Primavera Music Festival (Waterfront Park),
- 21 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm
- 22 - Beer & Burger Throwdown (Waterfront Park), 12pm
- Sundays - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 10am

### Library (All Events @ Safety Harbor Library)

- 1 - 21- Six-Word Memoir Poetry Competition
- 4 - Music with Mar, 10am
- 7 - Tween Game On!, 4:30pm
- 8 - Read & Reflect Book Club, 11:30am
- 11 - Preschool Movie, 10:30am
- 11 - Stories & Art, 4pm
- 11 - Teen Cookbook Club, 5:30pm
- 12 - WEDU PBS Phyllis L. Ensign  
Library Corner Ribbon Cutting, 11:30am
- 12 - Children's Movie, 3:30pm
- 13 - Safety Harbor Writers & Poets, 5:30pm
- 13 - Tween Cupcake Wars, 5:30pm
- 19 - Eric Carle Story Time Party, 10:30am
- 19 - Creative Writers Group & Story Circle, 6pm
- 21 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday After-Hours Party, 6pm
- 22 - Daddy Daughter Hair Factory, 1pm
- 25 - Wee Discoveries, 11am
- 25 - Poetry Night!, 5pm
- 27 - Teen Creative Writing Workshop, 5:30pm
- 27 - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Celebration, 6:30pm

## 2017 - Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy

by: Kim Nicholls, Human Resources Director



The City of Safety Harbor is now accepting applications for the 2017 - Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy. Sessions are scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will begin on May 2 at City Hall. The Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy takes place over a seven week period and will be limited to 20 participants. Academy applicants will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis with preference given to City of Safety Harbor residents.

The Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy will tour key facilities, learn about the challenges facing Safety Harbor, interact with City leaders, discover ways to get involved with local government, and learn about the essential functions of a municipal government agency.

Applications are available on-line at: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/citizensacademy](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/citizensacademy). Submission deadline is Friday, April 14, 2017. Call Human Resources at (727)724-1555 x1401 with any questions.

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### City Officials

Andy Steingold, Mayor  
Andy Zodrow, Vice Mayor  
Carlos Diaz, Commissioner  
Janet Hooper, Commissioner  
Cliff Merz, Commissioner  
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

### City Directory

City Hall: 727-724-1555  
Community Center: 727-724-1530  
Fire Station #52: 727-724-1520  
Fire Station #53: 727-724-1536  
Library: 727-724-1525  
Museum & Cultural Ctr.: 727-724-1562  
Public Works: 727-724-1550  
Rigsby Recreation Center: 727-724-1545

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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.



**Anything near  
a storm drain  
ends up in our  
waterways.**

**Adopt a storm drain  
in your neighborhood.**

*Keeping it clean improves your neighborhood,  
& also helps protect our water resources.*

## Safety Harbor Election ★ March 14, 2017

### ELECTION NEWS:

An election will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Commissioner to Seat #4, each for a three-year term, and electing a Commissioner to Seat #1 for the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

Voter registration deadline was February 13, 2017. Call (727) 464-8683 for more information.

### NOTICIAS DE LA ELECCIÓN:

Se llevará a cabo una elección el martes 14 de marzo de 2017 con el propósito de elegir un Alcalde y un Comisionado para el Escaño n.º 4, cada uno para un mandato de tres años, y para elegir un Comisionado para el Escaño n.º 1 para el periodo restante del mandato vigente.

La fecha límite para la inscripción de los electores fue en el 13 de febrero de 2017. Llame al (727) 464-8683 para obtener más información.

