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## The Season of New Beginnings

by: Joe Ayoub, Mayor

## Centennial Birthday Party

by: Darlene Trieste, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series Committee

The Safety Harbor Centennial Birthday Party will be June 16, during 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series at the gazebo at John Wilson Park.

The party is free to the public and will include a Mayoral announcement, singing Happy Birthday, a cake cutting, and free birthday cake, provided by Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor. There will be commemorative party favors and a variety of entertainment including some historical surprises.

If you would like to attend, the party starts at 7:30 pm June 16, at John Wilson Park at the Gazebo.

If you would like to volunteer to decorate the Gazebo at 10am that morning, please call Darlene Trieste 727-542-6631.

## Hurricane Preparedness

by: Rebekah Mason, Communications Manager

Hurricane season starts on June 1 and runs through November 30. It's important to have a plan in place before a hurricane approaches. If you don't know your evacuation zone, Pinellas County Emergency Management has all the tools that you'll need to find out. Visit their website, at [PinellasCounty.org/emergency](http://PinellasCounty.org/emergency) and click on "Know Your Zone."

Once you know your evacuation zone, you'll want to complete your disaster plan don't forget to plan for medications, pets, and special needs accommodations. You'll want to make sure to have your important documents in one location and ready to take with you in the case of evacuation.

For more planning tools and checklists, visit [PinellasCounty.org/emergency](http://PinellasCounty.org/emergency) and click "Hurricane Information" on the left side of the screen.

Dear Residents,

As we enter the season of Spring it is worth noting that this season is known as the season of new beginnings. During this time we experience the blossoming of flowers and leaves changing color. For Safety Harbor, this means a renewed sense of reconnecting with our community, so it is with this in mind that I would like to thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as your Mayor. I am very humbled and honored for this opportunity and am excited about the new opportunities that lie ahead. While working with your team of Commissioners consisting of Carlos Diaz, Cliff Merz, Andy Zodrow and Scott Long we will strive to accomplish great things.

We recently had a goal setting session and agreed to work on improving the quality of life for all of our residents, pass responsible budgets, improve our downtown, move forward with improvements to our Waterfront Park, balance progress with maintaining our small town charm and improve other aspects of our city.

I would also like to mention that 2017 marks our city's centennial birthday. Throughout the year we will be putting on many exciting events honoring this great milestone. So please stay as involved as possible in our wonderful community as that is what makes our town so special. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of your other Commissioners as we are all here to serve you. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Joe Ayoub  
Mayor

## Mayor's Award of Excellence

by: Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director



The Mayor's Award of Excellence recognizes the efforts of residents and business owners to beautify Safety Harbor through landscaping and renovation projects. On February 20, 2017, Mayor Steingold presented Jenna Wylie and Jihlah Steele with the Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Over the past year and a half, they transformed the façade and front yard of their two-story home at 325 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. The home was originally constructed in 1910. Exterior renovations included a front porch and room addition, the reframing of windows and trimming, and refacing of the facade. New outdoor elements included landscaping, a paved outdoor space and fire pit, and a brick driveway leading to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Two downtown partnership grants were approved for the project in 2015 and 2016 for landscaping and façade improvements.



## Help Keep Tampa Bay Clean

by: Debbie Drees, Public Works



Despite environmental regulations that protect the quality of streams, lakes, and wetlands, solid waste in the form of trash, litter, and garbage often ends up in these surface waters. Because

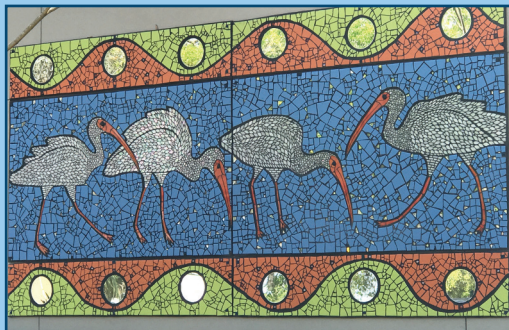
surface waters collect in low-lying areas, anything that is dropped or blown into a watershed can eventually reach a drainageway.

In urban areas, trash and litter (general terms for dry solid waste) often are transported by stormwater runoff. When we see the catch basins (storm drains) in our street, we know that rain water empties into them. The stormwater pipes under our streets connect all of the rain water from our storm drains and transport the stormwater directly to Tampa Bay. There is no treatment plant that removes trash, fertilizers, or solids from the water before it goes into the Bay.

In an effort to help with water quality for Tampa Bay, we are asking our residents not to place trash, yard waste, or recycle containers on top of catch basins to prevent trash from the cans falling on the ground and ending up in the storm pipe clogging them or going directly into the Bay. It's a nice flat place to put the containers, but please help our sanitation department to reduce the chance of any trash getting into the storm drains.

## New Public Art at City Hall

Be sure to stop by City Hall to check out the new public art: *Flock of Ibis* by Heather Richardson.



## Coffee with a Cop

Come to the Safety Harbor Starbucks at 100 Main Street on Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 pm for a chance to meet your Community Police Officer and ask any questions you may have. Starbucks will provide complimentary coffee.

## Summer Reading Programs for Everyone @ your Library

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



When school is out and students are off for the summer, they can't afford to take long breaks from reading. Studies have shown children who don't read over the summer break, especially reluctant or struggling readers, lose ground. One of the best places for children to become comfortable reading is in your local library. This year's Build a Better World summer reading program is more exciting than ever.

The Summer Reading Kick-Off Party for children is Monday, June 5, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Drop in and stay as long as you'd like. If you can't make it, sign up later in the Youth Department at any time and get your reading log. You can also pick up your Reading with the Rays run the base card and earn free game tickets!

Special Terrific Tuesday programs, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, begin June 6, 1:00 pm and continue through July 18, with a variety of programs guaranteed to delight youngsters. Mark your calendars to celebrate reading accomplishments at the End of Summer Reading Party on Saturday, July 29, 1:00 pm. Many additional events including a Harry Potter Party, Summer Fun Club, Wee Sing, and Coder Dojo are scheduled.

Teens and Tweens have their own summer reading program and other great events planned including a Teen Escape Room, set for June 20, 5:00 pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday After-Hours Parties in June and July from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Since we don't think kids should have all the fun, adults can join the Adult Summer Reading Program with the opportunity to win a FitBit Blaze!

For information on these programs and events for all ages, all summer long, visit [SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com).

## Tree News

by: Art Finn, City Arborist

This year has been exciting for tree planting. One project is the beautiful grounds of Espiritu Santo Catholic Church. Father Len Piotrowski has led a massive tree planting project effort on the property in the past year. The church has planted over a 200 trees. Live oaks, Jacarandas, elms, red cedars - you name it they have planted it. They have also landscaped many areas with colorful blooming plants. It's like walking in a botanical garden.



The next project is Folly Farms Park. There is a beautiful oak hammock with a red maple tree swamp on this gorgeous piece of property donated by Mr. Weiss. This is also the site of the city's community garden. Around the garden over 100 fruit-bearing trees have been planted. The trees have informational plaques, and if they have fruit, you are welcome to eat it. Another 61 additional flowering and shade trees were planted around the property. Arbor Day was celebrated April 22 at Folly Farms with the planting of a mango tree. The next large tree planting is at the Waterfront Park where boardwalks have been built out into Tampa Bay. The exotic invasive Brazilian peppers trees have been removed, and in their place, volunteers planted over 1,800 mangrove trees in the wetlands. In the uplands, 56 trees have been planted which are red cedars, magnolias, slash pine, live oaks, hickories, and Sabal palm trees.



Another interesting fact about Safety Harbor is that we are the only city with named centennial trees. We have the Baranoff Oak, Elf Oak, Lovers Oak, and the newly named tree, called the Pipkin Oak, which is located behind the library. The three massive oaks by the library have lightning protection since lightning is the main killer of big trees. The city offers free inspection of your trees. Please, call the city arborist at 727-724-1555 ext. 1303 or by email at [afinn@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:afinn@cityofsafetyharbor.com).

# Community Calendar

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

## May

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

- 1 - City Commission Meeting, 7:30pm
- 9 - Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7pm
- 10 - Board of Appeals, 6:30pm
- 10 - Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30pm
- 11 - Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30pm
- 15 - Audit Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 15 - City Commission, 7:30pm
- 17 - Code Enforcement Board, 7pm

### Special Events

- 6 - March for Babies (Marina), 8am
- 7 - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 10am
- 13 - Paddle for Kids (Waterfront Park), 10am
- 14 - Market on Main Street (Gazebo), 10am
- 19 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm
- 20 - Bands & Beer by the Bay, 4pm

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

- 2 - Music with Mar (Ages 5 & under), 10am
- 2 - Pokemon Club (Ages 5-12), 4:30pm
- 3 - Teen Library Advisory Board Meeting (Grades 6-12), 5pm
- 3 - Teen Gaming (Grades 6-12), 5-7pm
- 4 - Paw-some Readers, 3:30pm
- 4 - Songs & Stories with Ricko Donovan, 6:30pm
- 5 - Tween Game On! (Ages 9-12), 4:00-5:30pm
- 6 - Family Bingo (Family), 10:30am
- 7 - Paws for Friendship (Family), 2pm
- 9 - SCORE Small Business Counseling, 10 am-2 pm
- 9 - Preschool Arts & Crafts, 10:30am
- 9 - Stories & Art, 4pm
- 9 - Tween Will it Waffle? (Ages 9-12), 6pm
- 10 - Children's Movie (Ages 10 & under), 3:30pm
- 10 - Teen Gaming (Grades 6-12), 5-7pm
- 11 - Safety Harbor Writers & Poets, 5:30pm
- 11 - Trip Back in Time with Virginia Tucker, 6:30pm
- 12 - Make-N-Take Mother's Day Craft (Ages 12 & under), 3pm
- 13 - Read & Reflect Book Club, 11:30am
- 14 - Heart & Soul, 1:30pm
- 15 - Words & Wine Book Club, 6:30pm
- 16 - Books & Bagels Book Club, 10:30am
- 16 - Preschool Story Yoga (Ages 2-5), 10:30am
- 16 - Tuesday Crafternoon (Ages 4-10), 3:30pm
- 16 - Tween Craft (Ages 9-12), 5:30pm
- 17 - Teen Gaming (Grades 6-12), 5-7pm
- 17 - Creative Writers & Story Circle, 6pm
- 20 - Yoga @ the Library, 11:30am
- 23 - SCORE Small Business Counseling, 10 am-2 pm
- 30 - Collective Coloring, 6:30pm

### Players Of Safety Harbor performance of *Blithe Spirit*:

- 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8pm
- 21 & 28 at 2pm

## June

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

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

### Special Events

- 3 - Best Damn Race Summer 5K (Marina), 7am
- 10 - Celebrity Softball Tournament, 3pm
- 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm

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

- 1 - Teen Library Advisory Board Meeting (Grades 6-12), 5pm
- 1 - Trivia Night, 6:30pm
- 2 - Tween Game On! (Ages 9-12), 4-5:30pm
- 5 - Reading By Design Summer Reading Program begins
- 5 - Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, 11am
- 6 - Elliott Smith- Magician, 1pm
- 6 - Pokemon Club, 4:30pm
- 7 - Wee Sing (Ages 5 & under), 10:30am
- 7 - Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club (Grades 6-12), 5-7:30pm
- 8 - Children's Movie (Ages 12 & under), 10:30am
- 8 - Safety Harbor Writers & Poets, 5:30pm
- 10 - Friends of the Library Book Sale, 9am-3pm
- 10 - Read & Reflect Book Club, 11:30am
- 13 - SCORE Small Business Counseling, 10 am-2 pm
- 13 - Timeless Tales Theater, 1pm
- 13 - Tween Minute to Win-It (Ages 9-12), 5pm
- 14 - Tuesday Crafternoon (Ages 4-10), 3:30pm
- 15 - Animal Story Time with the Humane Society, 11am
- 15 - Wine Glass Painting Event, 6pm, registration required
- 16 - Make-N-Take Father's Day Craft (Ages 12 & Under) 10am
- 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday After-hours Party (Grades 6-12), 6-8pm
- 17 - Yoga @ the Library, 11:30am
- 18 - Heart & Soul Cinema, 1:30pm
- 19 - Summer Fun Club (Ages 4-10), 1pm
- 19 - Words & Wine Book Club, 6:30pm
- 20 - Books & Bagels Book Club, 10:30am
- 20 - Drum Circle (Family), 1pm
- 20 - Teen Escape Room (Grades 6-12), 5pm
- 21 - Creative Writers & Story Circle, 6pm
- 22 - Real News vs Fake News, 6:30pm
- 24 - Book-a-Trip: Culture & Crafts for Kids - France, 11am
- 24 - CoderDojo Workshop, (Ages 7-17), 2pm
- 26 - Summer Fun Club (Ages 4-10), 1pm
- 27 - SCORE Small Business Counseling, 10 am-2 pm
- 27 - Juggling & Illusion Show, 1pm
- 27 - Tween Cookbook Club (Ages 9-12), 5:30pm
- 27 - Collective Coloring, 6:30pm
- 28 - Wee Discoveries (Ages 5 & under), 11am
- 29 - Health Benefits of Coconut Oil, 6:30pm
- 30 - Tween Chess Club (Ages 9-12), 4-5:30pm

## CityScape

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Carlos Diaz, Vice Mayor  
Scott Long, Commissioner  
Cliff Merz, Commissioner  
Andy Zodrow, Commissioner  
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

## City Directory

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Fire Station #53: 727-724-1536  
Library: 727-724-1525  
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**BACKPACK BUDDIES**  
WEEKEND FOOD FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

A STEP Club Community Service Partnership with the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center

**PACKAGES INCLUDE 11 NUTRITIOUS ITEMS**

**TYPES OF ITEMS NEEDED**

1 NO-COOK MEAL	2 BREAKFAST ITEMS	<b>NUTRITIOUS SINGLE-SERVE EASY-OPEN SHELF-STABLE</b>
2 VEGETABLES/FRUITS	2 JUICE BOXES/MILK	

# Safety Harbor

## Special Events

**Safety Harbor Stories Premiere & Using Historical Maps in Your Genealogy Research**  
May 10 • Safety Harbor Museum & Cultural Center

**Bands & Beer by the Bay**  
May 20 • Safety Harbor Waterfront Park

**Safety Harbor Stories Premiere**  
June 14 • Safety Harbor Museum & Cultural Center

**3rd Friday Music Series**  
June 16 • Main Street

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# Blithe Spirit

**Show Times:**  
**Evening Performances at 8:00pm:**  
**Friday, May 19**  
**Saturday, May 20**  
**Friday, May 26**  
**Saturday, May 27**  
**Sunday Matinees at 2:00pm:**  
**May 21 & May 28**  
**\$10 Donation**

**A comedy written by Noël Coward, *Blithe Spirit* is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.**  
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