

CityScape

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2017 - Year in Review

by: Mayor Joe Ayoub



As we begin a new year it is good to reflect on the accomplishments that were made over the last year so we have a clear understanding of the path we are moving forward on. In March of 2017, we had an election that resulted in some new faces and new ideas on the commission, which now consists of Vice Mayor Carlos Diaz, Commissioners Scott Long, Cliff Merz, Andy Zodrow, and myself. During the spring we set some ambitious goals and with the help of our amazing employees we made some real progress toward achieving those goals. Below are some of the many highlights of the last year.

- **Waterfront park phase II** designed and budgeted, which includes a new pavilion, natural shoreline, additional walking trails, parking, landscaping and added greenspace. We expect design of these improvements to begin in 2018.

- **New economic development initiatives**, including a new project on Main St. and 2nd Ave. by Bay to Bay Properties that will include an additional 20,000 sq. ft. of commercial/retail/restaurant space on Main St. This project was made possible by offering incentives to the developer that ensured this project would fit in with our vision and the quaint character of our downtown. In exchange for these incentives, we were able to secure 27 additional parking spaces for our residents, require that the project include both retail and restaurant space, secure greater setbacks from existing homes and our Main St, reduced height limits from what is allowed in our code, add green initiatives to the design that will ensure healthy and sustainable landscaping and ensure the project is designed with the highest architectural standards.

- **New state of the art gym and improvements at our community center** planned and budgeted with 2,670 additional sq. ft. of fitness space to be constructed in 2018.

- **Small town charm planning initiatives** were approved, with code changes forthcoming, that were spearheaded by our planning and zoning board. These initiatives will promote housing designs that are more compatible with existing neighborhoods and homes and focused on maintaining our small town charm.

- **Implementation of stricter code enforcement** regulations that will add to the beautification of our city and address chronic offenders throughout the city.

- **Passed a city wide budget just under \$72,000,000** while maintaining the millage rate as one of the lowest in Pinellas County and the lowest per capita for a full service municipality our size.

In summary, we all realize that this is a great start to the goals we laid out but we also recognize that there is much more work to be done. 2017 can be viewed as the year in which we all came together and laid out and got started on our ambitious agenda and in 2018 we will be focused on bringing these projects and plans to fruition. Please stay as involved in this process as possible since our continued success depends in large part on your continued involvement in our community!

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Capital Improvement

Projects Update

by: John E. Powell, City Engineer



A pipe lining contract for the Briar Creek and Northwood East subdivisions was approved at the December 4, 2017, City Commission meeting.

Approximately 9,900 linear feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer is to be lined that will prevent groundwater infiltration and extend the life of the sanitary sewer system. A schedule for the work is to be provided by the contractor. Exhibits showing the location of the improvements can be found at cityofsafetyharbor.com/770/City-News.

Also approved was a contract to install 267 linear feet of 8 inch gravity sanitary sewer system in the Baywoods I subdivision. The work is required to replace old sanitary sewer pipe

that is out of alignment. The new pipe is to be installed using “pipe bursting” methodology rather than open trench construction in order to minimize the impact to surface occupation. Adjacent pipe segments of the sanitary sewer system will be lined rather than replaced. Work is expected to commence in January 2018. Exhibits showing the location of the improvements can be found at cityofsafetyharbor.com/770/City-News.

Jump Start Your New Year's Resolutions at the Library by: Lisa Kothe

Happy New Year from the Safety Harbor Public Library! If you made a New Year's resolution to kick off 2018, we can help.

LEARN: Learn a new language with Pronunciator, an online resource to build conversational skills using interactive lessons covering vocabulary and conversation. Did you get an iPad or e-Reader and need some tips? Schedule a one-on-one session on any device.

SAVE: Check out items, like pressure washers and table saws from our Tool Library and audio and e-books from OverDrive. Place a hold on the latest best seller or check out an e-magazine.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH: Research your family history, with *Ancestry*, available inside the Library for census data, immigration information, passenger lists, birth, marriage, death, and military records, plus tools to create family tree records.

HEALTH: Resolutions to exercise and eat better? Check our DVDs on yoga or weight training. Find a cookbook packed with healthy recipes. Make the library a walking destination or bike and return your items on foot, burning calories and saving the fuel.

SMALL BUSINESS: Start your small business using resources such as *AtoZDatabases* to help with your marketing and business plans. You can also schedule a counseling session with a SCORE representative to get your specific questions answered.

VOLUNTEER: If you vowed to volunteer and give back, opportunities in all facets of the Library exist, including ESOL tutors, Little Free Library stewards, and Friends of the Library positions.

LAND THAT JOB: Utilize public PCs to create and print a new resume and email potential employers. Our trained librarians are here to assist you.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS: Attend our free educational and cultural programs for adults, teens, and children. Be one of the 24,787 guests that attended our programs last year!

Visit our website: www.SafetyHarborLibrary.com to find the resources mentioned and more.



Meet David Olivier, Building Official

I was recently hired as the City of Safety Harbor's Building Official and enforce laws and codes relating to construction within the City. I also oversee the building division which includes the review of building permits and inspections. Prior to accepting the position, I worked at the City of Largo as a plans examiner. I am licensed as a building code administrator in the State of Florida and am excited to work with the friendly and devoted citizens of the City of Safety Harbor. If you have any questions, call me at 727-724-1555 Ext 1302 or e-mail me at DOlivieri@cityofsafetyharbor.com.

Harbor Happenings

www.SafetyHarborEvents.com

January

City Meetings

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted

- 2 City Commission, 7pm
- 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
- 16 Citizens' Academy Open House, 6pm
- 16 City Commission, 7pm
- 17 Code Enforcement Board, 7pm

Special Events

- 19 3rd Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm

- Sundays* Market on Main (Gazebo), 10am

Library

All Events @ Safety Harbor Library

- 4 Under the Rainbow Tree Puppet Show, 11am
- 6 Family Story Time, 10:30am
- 7 Heart & Soul Cinema, 1:30pm
- 9 Preschool Arts & Crafts, 10:30am
- 9 Teen Trivia, 6pm
- 10 Garfield Cyber Party, 6pm
- 10 Children's Movie, 3:30pm
- 11 iPad 101, 1pm
- 11 Pawsome Readers, 3:30pm
- 11 Anime Club, 5:30pm
- 15 Words & Wine Book Club, 6:30pm
- 16 Books & Bagels Book Club, 10:30am
- 16 Preschool Story Yoga, 10:30am
- 16 Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club, 5pm
- 17 Pirates & Princesses Story Time, 10:30am
- 17 Classic Radio Drama Hour, 2pm
- 17 Tween Cookbook Club, 5:30pm
- 17 Creative Writers Group & Story Circle, 6pm
- 18 Teen Gaming, 4:30-7:30pm
- 19 3rd Friday After-hours Party, 6-8pm
- 21 Movie: *Out of Africa*, 1:30pm
- 22 CoderDojo, 5:30pm
- 23 Wee Discoveries, 11am
- 23 Tween Craft, 5:30pm
- 23 Intro to Excel, 6pm
- 24 Tween Book Tasting, 5:30pm
- 24 Beginning Ukulele, 6:30pm
- 25 Teen Movie, 5:30pm
- 26 Meet Author Paula McLain, 6:30pm
- 27 Ukulele Sing-Along, 10:30am
- 30 Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club, 5pm
- 30 Tim Dorsey's *The Pope of Palm Beach* Book Talk and Signing, 6:30pm
- 31 Teen Library Advisory Board, 5pm
- 31 Tween Paint & Sip, 5:30pm

February

City Meetings

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted

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

Special Events

- 3 Best Damn Race (Marina), 7am
- 11 Shabby Chic Vintage Market (Gazebo), 10am
- 13 Senior Expo (Comm. Ctr.), 10am
- 16 3rd Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6pm
- 17 San Gennaro Festa (Waterfront Pk.) 12pm
- 18 San Gennaro Festa (Waterfront Pk.) 11:30am
- 24 Daddy Daughter Date Night (Comm. Ctr.), 5:30pm
- Sundays* Market on Main (Gazebo), 10am

Library

All Events @ Safety Harbor Library

- 1 Teen Gaming, 4:30-7:30pm
- 1 Self Hypnosis with Denise Oatley Hall, 6:30pm
- 4 Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher, 2pm
- 5 Farmer Minor: Pig Out on Reading, 10:30am
- 5 CoderDojo, 5:30pm
- 6 Pokemon Club, 4:30pm
- 7 Teen Trivia, 6pm
- 8 Anime Club, 5:30pm
- 13 Preschool Arts & Crafts, 10:30am
- 13 Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club, 5pm
- 14 Children's Movie, 3:30pm
- 14 Tween Book Tasting, 5:30pm
- 14 Who Was Book Club, 5:30pm
- 15 Teen Gaming, 4:30-7:30pm
- 16 3rd Friday After-hours Party, 6-8pm
- 18 Heart & Soul Cinema, 1:30pm
- 19 Words & Wine Book Club, 6:30pm
- 20 Books & Bagels Book Club, 10:30am
- 20 Tuesday Crafternoon, 3:30pm
- 20 Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club, 5pm
- 21 Classic Radio Drama Hour, 2pm
- 21 Tween Cookbook Club, 5:30pm
- 21 Creative Writers Group & Story Circle, 6pm
- 22 Teen Movie, 5:30pm
- 22 The REAL Secret Behind Law of Attraction, 6:30pm
- 27 Wee Discoveries, 11am
- 27 Tween Craft, 5:30pm
- 27 Advance Ukulele, 6:30pm
- 28 Teen Library Advisory Board, 5pm

Bill Cropsey

Citizen's Academy 2018

by: Kim Nicholls,
Human Resources Director

The City of Safety Harbor is now accepting applications for the



2018 - Bill

Cropsey Citizen's Academy. Sessions are scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. and will begin on May 1, 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 served basis with preference given to 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.

Submission deadline is Friday, April 13, 2018. Applications are available on-line at: cityofsafetyharbor.com/citizensacademy. Call Human Resources at (727)724-1555 x1401 with any questions.



For a sneak peak of the Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy and an opportunity to ask questions, come to the Open House on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Commission Chambers at 6:00p.m.

CityScape

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

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Paula McLain*
Friday, January 26, 2018
Safety Harbor Resort & Spa

Meet NY Times Bestselling author
Paula McLain as she discusses her
latest novel, *Circling the Sun*.
Author Reception - 6:30 PM
Discussion & Signing - 7:30 PM
Tickets:
\$75 - Author Reception & Discussion
\$35 - Discussion Only

For tickets and info visit: SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org

Proceeds benefit the Safety Harbor Library Foundation's
20/20 Vision -Let's Build a Story, Capital Campaign.

Book Club Spa Hotel Packages available, mention this event, 888-237-8872.

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