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## Street Tree Planting Program

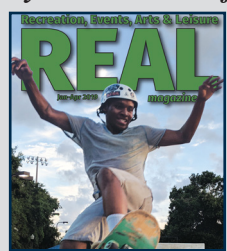
by Art Finn, City Arborist

In 2018, the City of Safety Harbor started a shade tree planting program where free trees were planted in residents' front yards to provide shade and beauty to our city. A total of 20 trees were planted. The next deadline to apply for the street tree planting program is February 15, 2019. A signed waiver form is required at time of application to allow staff and a planting contractor to determine a proper location and plant the trees. Available trees include southern live oak, shumard oak, bluff oak, sand live oak, bald cypress, pignut hickory, and winged elms. Trees are available in 15 and 30 gallon containers. Residents who apply for the program are responsible for watering the trees. All requests will be reviewed to confirm the tree can thrive in the requested location. Applications and waiver forms can be downloaded from the following website: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/774/Tree-Protection](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/774/Tree-Protection)

If you have any questions about this program, please e-mail Art Finn, City Arborist, at [afinn@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:afinn@cityofsafetyharbor.com).

## New Year New You!

by Shannon Schafer, Recreation Dept.



There are so many opportunities to get involved in your community in 2019. Take a class, join a club or volunteer. The REAL Fun team has planned something for everyone at every age and stage of life – classes, trips, educational speakers, events, and more. Visit [safetyharborrecreation.com](http://safetyharborrecreation.com) for a full list of classes or pick up a *REAL Magazine* from one of our facilities.

If you are interested in giving back to your community, Safety Harbor Recreation is always looking for help with our events. Interested volunteers can contact Donna Mack [dmack@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:dmack@cityofsafetyharbor.com) or 727-724-1562 ext 1155.

We look forward to seeing you active, engaged, and giving back in 2019!

## Mayor's Tree Plant Challenge 2018 Awards

Thank you to all the residents who participated in the challenge and for planting trees to help beautify our city! The award winners are:



### Kids Rule Category

**Bailey Grace Cunningham**

Bailey planted a southern magnolia.

### Branson and Brody Barnhisel

Branson and Body planted two trees including a myrtle oak.

### Non-Profit Award

**The Rotary Club of Safety Harbor**

The Rotary Club planted a total of 27 trees (16 slash pines and 11 live oaks) in Waterfront Park.

### Residential Award

**Nancy McClelland**

Nancy planted six dahoon holly seedlings in the Willowick Subdivision.

## New Vintage Fire Truck! by Mayor Joe Ayoub



Check out Safety Harbor's new vintage fire truck. The story behind it is amazing! Six years ago, Safety Harbor resident Kelly Simmons was having chest pains, and our fire department responded to the call. When firefighters got there, they started treating Kelly, but soon after, she went into cardiac arrest. They had to use the defibrillators to bring her back to life.

In appreciation of the Fire Department saving Kelly's life, Kelly's husband Austin Simmons and his family acquired this vintage fire truck, restored it, and donated it to the City of Safety Harbor. It made its inaugural debut at the Safety Harbor Holiday Parade. This is for the community to enjoy!



## New Public Art at Mullet Creek Park



**Generations of Safety Harbor Children**, a bronze sculpture by artist J. Harrison Smith, has been installed at Mullet Creek Park.

The sculptures will be accented with mosaic works by Heather Richardson. Mosaic work will begin within the next few months.

## *Library Foundation Winter Fundraisers Set*

by: *Lisa Kothe, Library Director*



The Safety Harbor Library Foundation announces two events to raise awareness and funding for their 20/20 Vision - Let's Build a Story capital campaign to assist in the building of a second floor, state-of-the-art community room at the library.

On Thursday, January 31, jazz vocalist Christiana Drapkin and the La Lucha Band return to the Safety Harbor Library with a performance, Straighten Up & Fly Straight, a joyous romp through jazz standards. Doors open with refreshments at 6:30 pm, show time 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15.00.

A mini-golf, pub crawl, Links for our Library, is set for Saturday, February 9, 4:00 to 9:00 PM. Registration begins at 3:30 PM at the Gazebo, 401 Main Street. Experience nine holes of fun at local restaurants and pubs, followed by a back nine after party at Coastal Cantina (519 2nd

Avenue S.), where prizes will be awarded at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$25. Players pre-registered by January 21 will receive a t-shirt.

Tickets for both events can be purchased online, [www.SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org) or at the Library, 101 2nd Street N.

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## *Downtown Partnership Program Grants*

by *Marcie Stenmark*

The City of Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency provides economic incentives encouraged by the Downtown Master Plan. The City of Safety Harbor is accepting Downtown Partnership Grant applications for residential and non-residential properties for several grant categories, including facade, front porch, fencing, signage, public art, landscaping, dumpster enclosure, interior renovation, new non-residential building, market/hardware stores, and artistic bicycle rack. Most of the grants are matching grants and reimbursement is made after the project is complete and documentation is provided. The application deadline is April 1, 2019. For more information, e-mail Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director, at [mstenmark@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:mstenmark@cityofsafetyharbor.com). Application can be downloaded from the following website:

[cityofsafetyharbor.com/119/Downtown-Master-Plan](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/119/Downtown-Master-Plan)

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## *Waterfront Park Phase 2*

by: *John Powell, City Engineer*



Construction of the brick plaza with colorful overhanging shade sails is complete. Tables have been installed within the plaza area where people can enjoy sitting in the shade with a beautiful view of Tampa Bay. In addition to the plaza area, this phase of work included adding a sidewalk along the shore line that extends from Veterans Memorial Lane to the boardwalk landing to the north, and an east west sidewalk that allows connection to the sidewalk on the west side of the park. Installation of lighting along the western and southeastern portions is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2019. All required permits have been received for the proposed living shoreline that will be constructed to replace the dilapidated seawall. Construction of the living shoreline is anticipated to proceed in the second quarter of 2019.

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## *LED Light Upgrades at Marshall Street Park Tennis Courts*

by: *Andrea Norwood, Leisure Services Director*

The city of Safety Harbor has gone all-in on LED lighting upgrades and recently upgraded its tennis and racquetball courts lighting at Marshall Street Park. "The City has an initiative to try to use LED products as we go forward with projects," said Parks and Building Maintenance Superintendent Dave Carrozza.

The tennis and racquetball court upgrades involved replacing 16 1,000-watt metal halide bulbs over two tennis courts at Marshall Street Park with LED fixtures. With this upgrade, the City was able to go to eight 600-watt LED area lights and eight 1,000-watt metal halides on the Marshall Street racquetball courts with eight 320-watt LED streetlights.

Safety Harbor is committed to using LEDs because of their energy efficiency and reduced maintenance costs, according to Carrozza.

# Harbor Happenings

[www.SafetyHarborEvents.com](http://www.SafetyHarborEvents.com)

## January

### City Meetings

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted

**1 All City Facilities Closed - New Year's Day**

**7** City Commission, 7PM

**8** Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7PM

**9** Board of Appeals, 6:30PM

**9** Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30PM

**10** Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

**16** Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

**21 All City Facilities Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**\*22** Bill Cropsey Citizens' Academy Open House, 6PM

**22** City Commission, 7PM

**\*Overview of the Academy that begins in May, Introduce Department Heads, and Opportunity to ask Questions**

### Special Events

**18** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6-10PM

**Sundays** Market on Main (Gazebo), 10AM-3PM

## February

### City Meetings

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted

**4** City Commission, 7PM

**12** Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7PM

**13** Board of Appeals, 6:30PM

**13** Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30PM

**14** Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

**18** City Commission, 7PM

**20** Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

### Special Events

**1** Best Damn Race Expo (Waterfront Park), 12-6PM

**2** Best Damn Race (Waterfront Park), 7AM

**10** Shabby Chic Vintage Market & Artisan Day (Gazebo), 10AM-4PM


**15** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6PM

**16** Art & Seafood on the Waterfront (Waterfront Park), 11AM-10PM

**17** Art & Seafood on the Waterfront (Waterfront Park), 11AM-6PM

**Sundays** Market on Main (Gazebo), 10AM-3PM

### Library Youth Programs



### January

**Winnie the Pooh Story Time Party**  
1/16 11am Ages: 4 & under  
**Teen DIY Spa Workshop**  
\*1/23 5:30-6:30pm  
Grades: 6-12  
**SAT & ACT Test Prep**  
\*1/26 10am-12pm  
Grades: 9-12

### February

**STEAM Time**  
\*2/5 4-5:30pm Grades: K-5  
**Dr. Seuss Story Time Party**  
2/27 11am Ages: 4 & under  
**Teen DIY Terrarium Workshop**  
\*2/27 5:30-6:30pm  
Grades: 6-12



\*Registration required.  
(727) 724-1525 x 4118

[SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com)

### Library Events

### January

**Tim Dorsey's No Sunscreen for the Dead Book Release**  
Tue, Jan 15, 6:30PM

**Vellamo Music from Finland**  
Thu, Jan 17, 6:30PM

**Straighten Up & Fly Right! An Evening of Jazz**  
Thu, Jan 31, 6:30PM, \$15  
proceeds benefit the Library Foundation's Capital Campaign

### February

**The Man Who Walked Backward**  
by Ben Montgomery - Book Talk  
Thu, Feb 7, 6:30PM

**Heart & Home Songs & Stories Concert**  
with Billy Kemp  
Sun, Feb 17, 2:00PM

**What's it Worth? Antiques Road Show**  
Thu, Feb, 21 6:30PM

Complete list of Adult Programs:  
[SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com)

### REAL Family Fun!


**Evening Campfire & Hike**  
1/11 | 5:30-7:30pm | All Ages  
\$3/person  
Folly Farm Nature Preserve

**Creative Conversations: Exploring Caves**  
1/15 | 6-7pm | All Ages | Free  
Museum & Cultural Center

**Lacrosse Legends**  
1/17 | 2:30-5pm  
Ages: 5-17 | Free  
Daisy Douglas Park

**Family Campout**  
1/19-1/20 | 5pm-7am  
All Ages | \$25/tent  
Folly Farm Nature Preserve

**Football Frenzy**  
1/31 | 2:30-5pm  
Ages: 5-17 | Free  
Daisy Douglas Park



### REAL Family Fun!

**The Imagination Box**  
2/1 | 3:30-5:30pm  
All Ages | Free  
Safety Harbor City Park

**Toddler Trot**  
2/1 | 3:30-5:30pm  
Ages: 2-8 | Free  
Safety Harbor City Park

**Creative Conversations: Whispering Souls Cemetery**  
2/7 | 10-11:30a  
All Ages | Free  
Museum & Cultural Center



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## City Officials

Joe Ayoub, Mayor  
Carlos Diaz, Vice Mayor  
Nancy Besore, Commissioner  
Cliff Merz, Commissioner  
Andy Zodrow, 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.



13th Annual



Tickets On Sale NOW!  
@ SafetyHarborChamber.com

*Samplings From  
The Chamber's  
Food & Beverage Partners*

**January 21, 2019 • 5:30-8:30pm**  
**Safety Harbor Resort & Spa**

Silent Auction • Live Music • People's Choice Awards  
50/50 Benefits FL Sheriff's Youth Ranch  
**\$38 in Advance / \$45 Day of Event if available**

Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce  
presents



**Art and Seafood on the Waterfront**  
Feb. 16 & 17, 2019  
[SAFETYHARBORCHAMBER.COM](http://SAFETYHARBORCHAMBER.COM)  
**FREE ADMISSION | VIP TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

## Paint Your Heart Out Safety Harbor needs homes to paint

Email [PYHOSH@gmail.com](mailto:PYHOSH@gmail.com)  
or call Rick Champagne at (813) 758-8883

\*Homes must be homesteaded in Safety Harbor and meet some hardship requirements



Paint Your Heart Out Safety Harbor, a nonprofit group which has painted approximately 150 homes in Safety Harbor since 1991, is seeking homes to paint and volunteer painters for Paint Day, March 9, 2019.

To qualify to have a home painted, the homeowner must live in a house in the City of Safety Harbor as their primary residence and have one of the following hardships:

- be over age 62 with a limited income, or;
- be physically disabled, or;
- have a family income equal to or less than the HUD poverty level.

Nominations can remain anonymous. You may nominate yourself. Email [PYHOSH@gmail.com](mailto:PYHOSH@gmail.com), or call PYHOSH President Rick Champagne at (813) 758-8883.

To sign up to volunteer, go to @PaintYourHeartSH on Facebook and click on the SIGN UP button, or go to <http://bit.ly/PaintDay2019>.