

City Commission



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2009 Safety Harbor Annual Report

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Safety Harbor Public Library
101 2nd Street North
727-724-1525

Public Works
1200 Railroad Avenue
727-724-1550

Fire Station 52
700 Main Street
727-724-1520

Fire Station 53
3095 McMullen Booth Road
727-724-1536

Safety Harbor Community Center
650 9th Avenue South
727-724-1545

Rigsby Recreation Center
605 2nd Street North
727-724-1545



Form of Government

The City of Safety Harbor operates under a Commission-Manager form of government. The City Commission is the legislative body, representing the residents of Safety Harbor, and empowered by the City Charter to form policies. The City Manager then directs staff to implement the policies of the Commission.

Safety Harbor By The Numbers

City Commission Meetings **29**
Visitors to the Library **149,981**
Water meters replaced **246**
Youth & Adult Athletic Programming revenue increase **22%**

22 Years Safety Harbor has been selected as a Tree City USA

11,664.51
Tons of Solid Waste collected and disposed of by the Sanitation Division

Revenue raised for local charities from the 2009 Seafood & Wine Festivals **\$67,000**

308 Recycling bins delivered to residents
Traffic signs replaced due to new federal standards **569**
City wide special events **60**

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Miles of stormwater ditches and creeks maintained every quarter **12.88**

206,030
Items Circulated by the Library

3261
Calls responded to by the Safety Harbor Fire Department

Safety Harbor 2010

What will 2010 have in store for Safety Harbor? Well, residents may start noticing smaller projects being completed in new and innovative ways. For example, the new Marshall Street Park trail is being completed through a partnership with local Boy Scouts. City Staff and the Scouts will be doing all the labor for this project which will include installing a new half-mile nature trail at the park. Safety Harbor will also be spending 2010 searching for grants to work on "greening" Bayshore Drive with the goal of achieving a State Greenway designation.

The City will also be focusing on additional downtown parking to support our local business community and the many special events held in the City's downtown core. Parking projects along 2nd Street North, 2nd Street South, and 9th Lane North will all be welcome additions to Safety Harbor's infrastructure and will help promote a vibrant business community in our City.

Residents can look forward to the completion of the 9th Avenue beautification project. Phase one of the project began early in 2010 with Phases two and three scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. When complete, motorists driving along 9th Avenue will hardly realize that they are in the heart of the City's industrial center.

As always the City wants to keep our residents the number one priority. The City is helping residents get a jump on their spring cleaning by waiving the special pickup fees for Solid Waste for the months of February, March, and April.

Safety Harbor will also be conducting a full review and analysis of every department within the City. The City's main budgetary goal for 2010-2011 is to maintain the current levels of service without increasing the general fund, tax revenue or utility fees.

Community Development

The Community Development Department provides long-range plans for the growth and redevelopment of the City and the preservation of its natural environment while addressing development, neighborhood, housing, and preservation issues.

Special Projects:

- Conceptual Master Plan for Church Street Property
- Final Adoption of Downtown Master Plan
- Residential and Commercial Facade Grant Program Update
- Urban and Community Forestry Grant (for Citywide Tree Inventory of Public Lands)
- Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program
- Update of Department Application Forms

Comprehensive Plan Amendments:

- Capital Improvements Element Update
- Future Land Use Element Update (establishment of Community Redevelopment District and associated goals, objectives and policies to implement Downtown Master Plan)

Land Development Code Amendments:

- Rewrite of Article VI, Community Redevelopment District (implementing regulations to Downtown Master Plan)
- Consistency amendments with Countywide Rules
- Major update to landscape, parking, and signage regulations with special provisions for Scenic/Non-Commercial corridors
- Enactment of Community Gardens' Ordinance (selected by the American Planning Association as a model ordinance)



Engineering

Put simply, the Engineering Department builds things for the City. Here are three of the higher profile projects completed in 2009.

Construction of 2nd Street South Parking

The construction of a forty-seven space parking area was built along the north side of 2nd Street South between 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue. The project includes 10-foot wide parking spaces, lighted walkway, landscaping and underground stormwater treatment. The added parking is envisioned as a stimulus to business development in the downtown community redevelopment area.

Construction of Philippe Parkway Beautification

The Philippe Parkway improvements include the reconstruction of the major intersection at Philippe Parkway & 1st Avenue North/Church Street, the removal of unnecessary pavement and asphalt center median from Grand Central to Enterprise Road. The median was replaced with a curbed island with sod, shrubbery and trees. The project will result in a safer, quieter and more environmentally friendly roadway.

Reconstruction of 4th Avenue North - Brick Street

New water, sewer, sidewalks and brick surface was constructed on 4th Avenue North from Main Street to 5th Street and on Dr. Martin Luther King Street from 3rd to 5th Avenues.

Leisure Services

2009 was another "fun-tastic" year for Safety Harbor's Leisure Services Department, which started with a new mission statement, "To increase the quality of life through parks, events, recreation and play for residents and visitors.

The department conducted over 60 City-wide special events including six brand new events to the City, The San Gennaro Festa, Chalk Fest, Florida Orchestra Concert, The All British Autojumble Car Show, and Oktoberfest. Two of the City's special events, the 2009 Seafood Festival and Wine Festival generated over \$67,000 for local charities.

Leisure Services also lead the way as Safety Harbor celebrated 22 years as a Tree City USA and enjoyed it's second year as a Playful City USA. The department completed renovations on four ball fields at City Park, saw revenue from Youth and Adult Athletic programming grow by 22%, and had record numbers of youth enroll in Summer Camps.



Library

It was a banner year for the Safety Harbor Library. In April, the City celebrated the grand re-opening of the expanded and renovated 24,300 sq. ft. library. New library services include self checkout, free Wi-Fi, more computers, and an expanded business center. The library also features plenty of new meeting space, including a divisible meeting room, a conference room with the latest audio-visual equipment, and four study rooms.

The library serves as a leader in promoting culture and art in Safety Harbor. The library offered several art exhibits from local artists in 2009. The library's very own Players of Safety Harbor (POSH) experienced a year of expansion partnering for the first time with the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa to bring dinner theatre to our community.

In 2009, just under 150,000 visitors checked out over 206,000 items from the Safety Harbor Library.



Fire Department

It was another successful year for the Safety Harbor Fire Department. The department added a new engine, upgraded the City's marine unit to a full fireboat, implemented a new preventive maintenance program and installed new standards and education levels for officer positions. The Fire Department received excellent marks in all categories during it's State EMS Inspection. SHFD also continued offering CPR classes to residents and conducted safety inspections for local businesses.



Public Works

The City's Public Works Department provides some of the most important services in Safety Harbor. Services that usually go unseen, such as, sanitation & recycling collections, street & sidewalk improvements, stormwater management, water, and wastewater are all functions of Public Works. Here are just a few highlights of the department from 2009. The Administrative division completed the 2008 Water Quality Report and submitted the annual NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) report. The Fleet division served and repaired 191 city vehicles and equipment valued at \$7.8 million and collected almost 2,000 gallons of motor oil through its residential drop-off site. The Sanitation Division collected over 11,600 tons of waste from residents in Safety Harbor and an additional 800 tons of curbside recycling. The Street Division replaced 569 traffic signs due to new federal standards and installed almost 150 new stop signs within the City. The Stormwater Division cleaned 39 miles of stormwater ditches, collected 129 tons of debris from our streets and cleaned and inspected over 1000 catch boxes within the City. Finally, the Water/Wastewater division replaced two pump stations, cleaned over 10,000 feet of sewer lines and replaced 249 water meters.