

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department provides sanitation & recycling collections, stormwater maintenance, street & right-of-way maintenance, potable water distribution and wastewater removal services. These services are supported by our Administration and Fleet Maintenance Divisions.

The Sanitation Division collected over 12,400 tons of waste within the City of Safety Harbor and an additional 1016 tons of recycling. Our recycling effort generated \$100,300 in revenue.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements are becoming more stringent, requiring more monitoring and reporting. We have added and continue to add more storm structures that trap debris for removal and quantity reporting. The stormwater crew cleaned and inspected over 1000 catch basins. The street sweeping process removed 156 tons of debris, preventing the debris from entering our waters.

The Street Division installs and repairs sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic signage, and maintains the trees on city property. We placed over 290 cubic yards of concrete and installed 967 traffic signs, including 273 stop signs. Federal mandates require an upgrade of signs and the City is on track to complete this task prior to their deadline.

The Water/Wastewater division replaced a large standby generator at City Hall/Fire Station 52, which will keep municipal service available if a major power outage occurs. Over 12,000 feet of sewer lines were cleaned and 208 water meters replaced. We also performed 1,352 utility locates, which provides contractors information as to where our utility lines are to prevent line damage during construction. The water division employees oversaw a utility contractor install 3,000' of 6" water main, which enabled us to remove several old and deteriorated pipes. One of these pipes was the last asbestos line in the city. The new installation creates a better flow pattern for the water.



LIBRARY

For a second straight year, the Library saw significant growth in circulation, programs and overall attendance. The Library saw 21,000 more people enter the facility than last year, a five year high. Circulation reached a ten year high, indicating the Library and the cooperative as a whole, purchase quality materials members want to read, listen and view. The Library continues to remain open seven days a week while other county libraries have been forced to trim hours due to budget cuts.

Creative adult and youth programs grew from last year's total of 423 programs to this year's 450, ranging from Story Times to Drumming Circles, a Dream Workshop, a Stress Less Seminar and more. In addition, the Library Foundation sponsored an Arts and Culture Lecture Series bringing a variety of performers and subjects to our community.

A successful partnership was created with local businesses for a monthly book discussion group creating a fun, unique off site venue, allowing us to expand beyond traditional Library walls. Our special programs were equally successful, including our growing ESOL (speakers of other languages) tutoring program, SCORE business counseling sessions, computer classes, Deaf Literacy Program, as well as our monthly programs; the Heart & Soul Sunday movie series, Story Circle Writing Group, and Get Crafty@ your Library. Summer reading programs for youth, teen and adults saw increased participation and with prizes provided by the Friends of the Library.

The Players of Safety Harbor (POSH) youth drama group performed several productions to the delight of family and friends. The adult troupe returned to its community theatre roots with performances of The Odd Couple- Female Version in October, with plans for a production of Harvey in March 2012. Art exhibits continue to rotate on a bimonthly basis allowing local artists to exhibit their work to the community.

In conjunction with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC), our virtual, on-line Library added Freegal, a new downloadable music resource. OverDrive, our downloadable eBooks and audio book resource, continues as popular resource for members. Mango Languages, a diverse on-line language learning resource was added in September, funded by the Library Foundation. Other online resources, such as Ancestry for genealogy researchers and Reference USA for business queries, continue to be widely utilized.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Safety Harbor Fire Department responded to 3,725 incidents in 2011 and averaged less than 5 minutes when responding to emergency calls in the City limits and Fire District. When providing fire protection, Emergency Medical Service, and various life safety assistance, all personnel maintained a high level of efficiency and customer service. The Department received excellent marks in all categories during its State EMS Inspection and continues to be committed to conducting fire safety programs, CPR training, inspections and fire investigations. SHFD staffs the Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station 53 when needed and is the Emergency Management support for the City. In 2011, energy conservation measures were identified and implemented.

ENGINEERING

2nd Street South Parking Improvements – Phase II

New brick parking spaces, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and storm drainage were constructed on 2nd Street South from 5th Avenue to 7th Avenue resulting in an additional 40 parking spaces added to the 50 spaces from 3rd Avenue to 5th Avenue completed in 2010. With the parking improvements also constructed at the public parking area behind the downtown fire station, there now are 100 new downtown parking spaces located no more than 250 feet from Main Street.

Citywide Infrastructure Improvements

Work items accomplished during calendar year 2011 include the following:

- Reconstruct portion of 13th Avenue South – drainage problem
- Replace deteriorated storm water pipe at Fernbrook Drive
- Construct groundwater interceptor at Tucker Street – drainage problem
- Reconstruct curb & gutters at North Bayshore adding 15 parking spaces
- Install street lighting and sidewalks on Jefferson Street and North Bayshore
- Construct new water mains on Philippe Parkway
- Construct new sewer main on Mapleway Street
- Construct new sub-drains and sidewalks at Egret Terrace

Entryway Signs at Main and McMullen-Booth Road

A 30 foot long, brick entryway wall and sign was constructed at both the northeast and southeast corners of Main Street and McMullen-Booth Road. The signs have 12 inch gold lettering on a black granite background as well as a city logo seal and date of Safety Harbor's establishment. Landscaping will be installed in the coming spring.

South Bayshore drainage and water quality improvements

The South Bayshore project is a multi-year effort involving the City of Safety Harbor, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The project consists of several distinct efforts including roadway resurfacing and widening, stabilization of roadway shoulders, construction of new water, sanitary sewer and stormwater lines, construction of a new 10 foot-wide trail adjacent to the Bay, and the installation of water quality devices. These devices include including stormwater trash interceptors, and water quality enhancements through the incorporation of bio-swales, which use plants to filter stormwater before entering Tampa Bay. The design was completed and construction started in 2011. The project will be complete in June of 2012.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Department provides professional assistance to the Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Appeals, Code Enforcement Board and City Commission on land use planning, zoning, and community improvement initiatives. In 2011, the Planning and Zoning Staff completed an update to the Downtown Master Plan, overhauled the City's Building and Property Maintenance Regulations, and prepared new Code Enforcement Lien Reduction Guidelines. The City Commission also approved Staff's recommendation to reconstitute the Board of Appeals to have the same membership as the Planning and Zoning Board in order to better streamline the approval and appeals process.

In project related news, the City obtained a \$150,000 federal grant through Pinellas County's Community Development Block Grant program for the development of the 2.5-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Philippe Parkway and Church Street into a passive nature park. Construction is anticipated to begin this summer. Staff also worked with a property owner to secure a greenway and trail easement along the north bank of Mullet Creek, west of the Phillippe Parkway bridge to rehabilitate its natural character and provide public access. Staff played a key role in negotiating a \$1,027,000 prepaid 50-year ground lease with Crown Castle International Corporation for the telecommunications facility at Fire Station #53. Other notable developments include site plan approval and construction of two Chase Bank branches and the approval of the future Safety Harbor Art and Music Center.

The revamped Downtown Partnership Program provided \$87,346 in incentives towards nine commercial renovation/rehabilitation projects that leveraged \$884,447 in private investment. Recipients included the Safety Harbor Living Center, Captain's Pizza, Lowery, Weldon & Company, CPAs, P.A., Syd Entel, Whistle Stop, Main Street Florist (Brady's BBQ expansion), Peace, Love and Cake and Curves. The program also awarded \$18,983 for upgrades to six residential properties within the Community Redevelopment Area with \$22,722 in matching private investments.

In 2011, the Building Division issued 2,089 permits after completing 2,691 inspections. This represents a 44% annual increase in permits issued indicating a rise in construction/remodeling activity.

The City's Code Enforcement Officer processed 34 violations in cases where voluntary compliance isn't readily achieved. This represents a 67% decrease over the prior year. This reflects the effectiveness of ongoing community education on property maintenance codes and increased cooperation from property owners.

Finally, the City honored Ronald Rinzivillo, AICP, for his 30 years of dedicated planning service to Safety Harbor at a retirement ceremony last October. He represented the best of city government and will be greatly missed.



It Starts in Parks...with REAL Fun! Leisure Services continues to be a large part of the Safety Harbor community in 2011. Over 76 city wide special events were conducted throughout town; all the while, Recreation staff offered 450+ programs & camps during 2011, all inclusive bringing residents & visitors to Safety Harbor in record numbers.

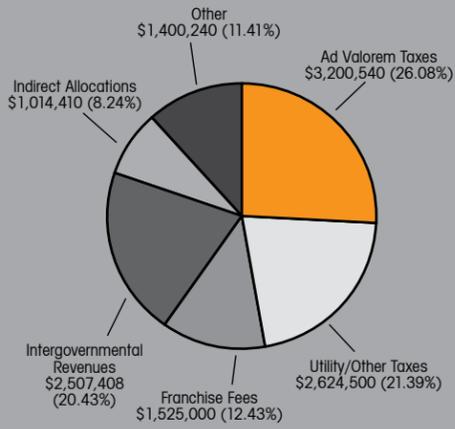
Active recreation & events are easily identified throughout town; but, behind the scenes, the Parks & Building Maintenance division continually maintains over 80 acres of City parkland and 15+ building facilities for residents & visitors to enjoy. In 2011, over 750 city park shelter reservations were secured for various special occasions creating countless memorable experiences. The Parks division added the right-of-way beautification areas to their maintenance schedule which includes Main Street.

To conclude 2011, the Leisure Services Department achieved the Florida Recreation & Parks Association's media excellence award for the REAL program brochure; celebrated our 24th year as a Tree City USA, and completed our 4th year as a certified Playful City USA. Leisure Services was honored in 2011 to host two Outstanding City Employee award recipients, Building Maintenance Foreman, Bruce Gibson, and Horticulture Technician, Alex Fearn.

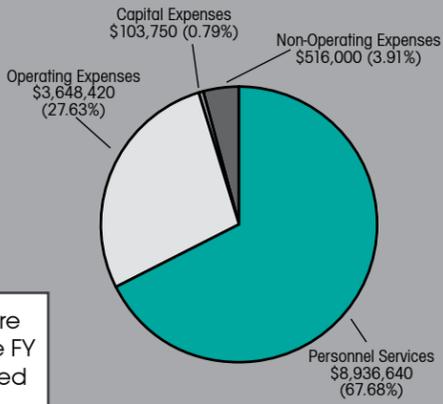
LEISURE SERVICES

Safety Harbor Budget

Sources of Revenue

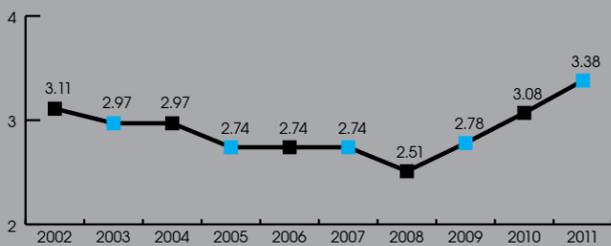


Expenditures



All figures are based on the FY 10/11 Adopted Budget

Millage Rate



Just The Numbers

FY10/11 Adopted General Fund Budget

\$13,474,480

3098
Library Service Hours

493 LEGAL DOCUMENTS RECORDED

\$72,000
Amount raised for local charities by special events held in Safety Harbor.

4 years as a playful city

450 total programs offered at the library

24 years as a Tree City

\$585,290 of revenue raised by recreation and camp programs

223,068 Library Visitors

1,717 legal notices mailed

6,609 Library Volunteer Hours

52,093

Computer use sessions at the Library

119,770 Virtual visits to Library Resources



1016 Tons of recycling collected

The City's Street Division placed over **290** cubic yards of concrete, installed **967** traffic signs, and **273** stop signs

12,400

tons of solid waste picked up by Safety Harbor's Public Works

6110 participants in recreation programs or camps

106 Public Records Requests filled by the City Clerks Office

750 city park shelter reservations

\$100,300 Revenue generated by the City's Recycling Program

288,285

Items Circulated by the Safety Harbor Library

76

42 City Meeting Held

Special events held in Safety Harbor

City Commission



Mayor Andy Steingold

Vice Mayor Nina Bandoni

Commissioner Joseph Ayoub

Commissioner Nancy Besore

Commissioner Mary Lynda Williams

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 City Commission.



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750 Main Street
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101 2nd Street North
727.724.1525

Public Works
1200 Railroad Avenue
727.724.1520

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
727.724.1530

Rigsby Recreation Center
605 2nd Street North
727.724.1545

