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Cup of Joe with Joe



Come on out to a “Cup of Joe with Joe” townhall style meeting with Mayor Joe Ayoub at the beautiful new Baranoff Park

on Saturday, January 18th at 10:00 am. Complimentary coffee will be provided by Cafe Vino Tinto. If you can’t make it you can view it live at Facebook. [com/MayorJoeAyoub](https://www.facebook.com/MayorJoeAyoub). This is a great opportunity to join the conversation about the direction of our city and to hang out with your neighbors. I hope to see you there!

Paint Your Heart Out 2020

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 7, 2020.

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 twice the HUD poverty level.

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

To sign up to volunteer, go to [@PaintYourHeartSH](https://www.facebook.com/PaintYourHeartSH) on Facebook and click on the SIGN UP button.

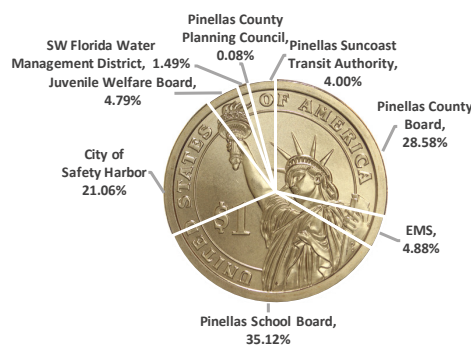
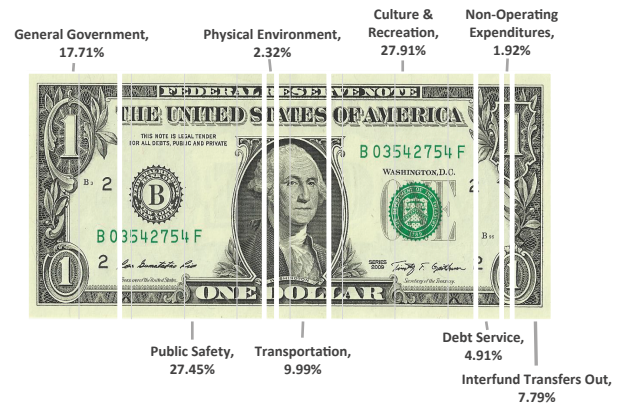
City of Safety Harbor Annual Governmental Fund Budget by June Solanes, Finance Director

The City’s operating millage rate for fiscal year 2020 is 3.9500 mills. The millage rate has remained the same for the past four years. Your taxes may be slightly higher as overall property values in the City increased by 5.3 percent.

Your property tax bill contains more than just City taxes. You also pay property tax to the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners, Emergency Management Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Juvenile Welfare Board, School Board, Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. Your Safety Harbor City taxes make up twenty-one cents of every dollar of your total property tax bill.

Where the Money Comes From

For financial reporting the City maintains 15 individual governmental funds. Governmental funds are primarily supported by tax dollars and are used to account for the City’s basic services provided, including general government, public safety, transportation, physical environment, culture and recreation, debt service and transfers. The majority of services provided are supported through property tax, utility tax, franchise fees, state shared taxes and direct services revenues. Municipal property tax collections make up 29.0 percent of the total governmental fund revenues. Fiscal year 2020 marks the seventh consecutive year of real property taxable value increases in Safety Harbor.



Where the Money Goes To

Total City governmental fund expenditures of \$21.5 million decreased by 13.1 percent from estimated fiscal year end 2019. Library, Parks and Recreation, Transportation Improvements and Public Safety continue to be high priorities within the community. Over the last 10 years, the City has maintained or increased levels of service. Since 2009, five new parks have been added including Elm Street Property recreation open space, Mullet Creek Park, Waterfront Park, Folly Farms Nature Preserve and Baranoff Park. During this same period recreation program participation increased by 51.6 percent and in 2012 the city began operating the Safety Harbor Museum and Cultural Center. In 2020, Community Center and Folly Farm Nature Preserve improvements will be completed. Library cardholders have increased 34.8 percent since 2009. In the current year, engineering and architectural design services are programmed for the Library second story meeting room build-out. Since 2010, the Building Department has recognized a 112.6 percent increase in building permits issued and a 118.7 percent increase in inspections performed. For more budget information visit the City’s homepage at www.cityofsafetyharbor.com, Finance Department and Budgeting.

Happy New Year from the Safety Harbor Public Library!

If you made a New Year's resolution we can help

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



LEARN: Traveling this year? Learn a new language with *Pronunciator*, an online resource to help build conversational skills using interactive lessons. Did you get an iPad or e-Reader and need some tips? Schedule a one-on-one session with a tutor on any device and learn how to download magazines, e-books, or get your questions answered.

SAVE: Check out items, such as pressure washers, tile cutters, and table saws from our Tool Library. Download audio, e-books, and movies from *OverDrive* and *Hoopla*. Place a hold on the latest print best seller or download an e-magazine via *RBDigital*. Visit our Seed Library and start a garden or find one of the thirteen Little Free Libraries in the City and take or share a book.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH: Research your family history, with *Ancestry*, available inside the Library. Locate 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 or magazine packed with healthy recipes. Walk or bike to the library, burning calories and saving fuel. Download the free Florida Stories app and stroll the streets while listening to the colorful history of Safety Harbor. Meet new friends by attending one of our three monthly book clubs.

START YOUR SMALL BUSINESS: Use small business resources such as *AtoZDatabases* for marketing plans or schedule a counseling session with a SCORE representative to get your specific questions answered.

FREE MUSEUM PASSES: Thanks to partnerships with local eight museums, including the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, the Library along with Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, offers free family admission with the checkout of a museum pass.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS: Attend our free educational and cultural programs for adults, teens, and children. Be one of the 26,066 guests that attended our programs last year! There is something for everyone from story time to concerts.

GET YOUR HS DIPLOMA: Through Career Online High School, the library offers a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners (19+), looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, and continue their education.

Visit our website: www.SafetyHarborLibrary.com to find the resources mentioned or email me at lkothe@cityofsafetyharbor.com

Tree News

by Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director

Arbor Day

At their meeting on October 7, 2019, the City Commission proclaimed October 19, 2019 as Arbor Day. To commemorate Arbor Day, a tree giveaway was held on October 23, 2019 at the Public Works compound. Over 500 flowering and shade trees were given away. In addition, a tree planting was held at Safety Harbor Middle School on November 13, 2019. Students planted two live oak trees with Mayor Ayoub. Art Finn, City Arborist, organized both events.

Street Tree Program 2020

The City of Safety Harbor has a street tree planting program where shade trees are planted on residential front yards, at the request of residents. All requests will be reviewed to confirm the tree can thrive in the requested location and there are no utility conflicts.

The next deadline to apply is February 14, 2020. A waiver is required at time of application. Available trees include Southern Live Oak, Shumard Oak, Bluff Oak, Sand Live Oak, Bald Cypress, Pignut Hickory, and Winged Elms. Applicants are responsible for watering the trees.

Applications and waiver forms can be downloaded from the following web site:
cityofsafetyharbor.com/774/Tree-Protection



Harbor Happenings

www.SafetyHarborEvents.com

January

City Meetings

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted

1 All City Facilities Closed - New Year's Day

6 City Commission, 7PM

8 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM

9 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

14 Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7PM

15 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

20 All City Facilities Closed - Martin Luther King Day

21 City Commission, 7PM

Special Events

11 I Support Veterans Benefit Concert (Main St.), 6-10PM

17 3rd Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6-10PM

18 Truck-N-Play Day (Waterfront Park), 10AM-2PM

31 Best Damn Race Expo (Waterfront Park), 12-6:30PM

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



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JAN 20 • 5:30-8:30PM • SAFETY HARBOR SPA
FOR TICKETS: SAFETYHARBORCHAMBER.COM

February

City Meetings

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted

3 City Commission, 7PM

11 Library Advisory Committee (Library), 7PM

12 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM

13 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

17 City Commission, 7PM

19 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

Special Events

1 Best Damn Race - 5K & 10K (Marina), 7AM

2 Best Damn Race - Half Marathon (Marina), 6AM

7 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 7PM

9 Shabby Chic Market (Main Street), 10AM-4PM

11 Senior Expo (Community Center), 10AM-12:30PM

21 3rd Friday Music Series (Main St.), 6PM

22 Art & Seafood on the Water (Waterfront Park), 10AM-10PM

23 Art & Seafood on the Water (Waterfront Park), 11AM-6PM

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

LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Tim Dorsey Book Release

1/8 | 6:30 pm

Soup's On

1/9 | 6:30 pm

Pinellas North Cello Ensemble

1/23 | 6:30 pm

Music, She Wrote: Celebration of Female Songwriters

1/30 | 6:30 pm

*Tickets \$15 available online

Romance in Song:

Love Songs from the 30s & 40s
2/13 | 6:30 pm

Four Personality Types

2/27 | 6:30 pm

For a complete listing of library programs visit
events.safetyharborlibrary.org

Library Youth Programs



***ACT Bootcamp**

Grades: 9-12

1/22 | 4-8PM

***Teen Happy Little Painting**

Grades: 8-12

1/29 | 5:30-7:30PM

Harry Potter Book Night Family

2/6 | 5:30-7:30PM

***SAT Bootcamp**

Grades: 9-12

2/12 | 4-8PM

PBS Story Time Party

Ages: 4 & under

2/19 | 11AM-12PM

Disney Karaoke

Family

2/25 | 5PM

***Registration Required**

More Youth Programs:
SafetyHarborLibrary.com

REAL FUN!

RECREATION EVENTS ARTS LEISURE
Jan/Feb 2020

Hockey Happenings

1/16 | 4:30-5:30pm | Free
Daisy Douglas Park

Truck-N-Play Day

1/18 | 10am-2pm | Free
Waterfront Park

Frozen Fun

1/25 | 10am-12pm | \$10
Rigsby Center

Go Fly a Kite

2/8 | 11am-1pm | Free
Waterfront Park

Daddy Daughter Date Night

2/8 | 6-9pm | \$20/couple
Community Center

Mayhem with Mom

2/8 | 6-8pm | \$10/person
Rigsby Center

REAL Funtastic Family BINGO

2/14 | 6:30-8:30pm | \$5
Community Center

Pancakes in the Park

2/22 | 9-11am | Free
Daisy Douglas Park

The Lorax Tree Party

2/29 | 10-11am | \$5
Folly Farm

1ST Friday Flicks

@ Waterfront Park

Bring your blankets & lawn chairs for a FREE movie in the park!

★ **February • 7pm**

SpiderMan:

Far from Home PG-13

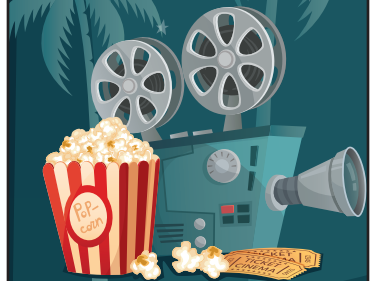
★ **March • 8pm**

The Upside PG-13

★ **April • 8pm**

Lion King PG

• **Live entertainment**
45 minutes prior to movie
• **Concessions available**



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Joe Ayoub, Mayor
Cliff Merz, Vice Mayor
Nancy Besore, Commissioner
Carlos Diaz, Commissioner
Andy Zodrow, Commissioner
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

City Directory

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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
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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.

Love My City Photo Contest

Email Submissions to: photos@cityofsafetyharbor.com

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2020

- Youth & Adult Categories
- Prizes to be Awarded
- 5 Subject Categories

Full Contest Rules & Details at cityofsafetyharbor.com

SAFETY HARBOR FITNESS CENTER

HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 6AM-8PM
Sat: 8AM-4PM
Sun: 9AM-2PM

FEES:
Daily:
\$3 Resident
Monthly:
\$10 Resident
Annual:
\$100 Resident

WE OFFER:
• Personal Trainers
• Fitness Consultation
• Fitness Room Orientation

**REAL Fit!
REAL Fun!**

Links for our Library

Saturday, February 8, 2020

3 - 7PM - Mini-Golf Pub Crawl
7 - 9 PM - 19TH Hole After Party

PLAY: 18 holes of fun at Safety Harbor bars, restaurants, & businesses, with food and drink specials.

19TH HOLE AFTER PARTY: Brady's Backyard BBQ (401 Main St) buffet of smokin' fresh BBQ & all the fixings, hole in one raffle prizes, & auctions.

\$40 REGISTRATION: Includes t-shirt (if pre-registered by 1/21), 18 holes of mini-golf, BBQ, & chances to win prizes. Register: <https://linkslibrary2020.eventbrite.com>, at the Library, or day of at the Gazebo (401 Main St).

Proceeds benefit Safety Harbor Public Library Foundation's
Let's Build a Story - 2020 Vision Capital Campaign.