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## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

by Lisa Kothe, Library Director



September is Library Card Sign-up Month, when the Safety Harbor Public Library joins libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a free library card is an easy step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. Since not all children have a parent available to sign them up for a card, the Library offers a 3 for Me card for ages 4-17. Perks of this card include access to e-resources, no parent or guardian signature needed, NO overdue fines, and check out of three books at time.

Through access to books, e-resources and educational programs, a library card gives students tools to succeed and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their passions. We offer early literacy programs, online language learning, virtual SAT classes, opportunities for obtaining a high school diploma, and more, helping to transform lives through education.

With your library card, you can check-out unique items including over 350 available tools for your DIY projects, Wi-Fi Hotspots, Ukuleles, Launch Pads, and STEAM Kits. If you prefer reading on your device, we have downloadable e-books, audio books, and e-magazines. If your printer at home is not working, no worries, you can print from home and pick up your document at the library using the Princh app. Want movies? Try out hoopla.

For information on the services you can get with a library card, visit our website, [SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com), call the Answers Desk 724-1525 x4112 or email us at [shplref@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:shplref@cityofsafetyharbor.com)

## Low Speed Vehicles in Safety Harbor

by Matt Spoor, City Manager

Low-speed vehicles (LSV's) are permitted by Florida Statutes on any road in the state where the speed limit is 35 MPH or less and the LSV's top speed is 25 MPH, gas or electric. All LSV's must contain a list of safety features and be licensed and insured through the state. For more information, please visit: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/consumer-education/low-speed-vehicles/>



City Manager Matt Spoor with  
Safety Harbor resident Brenda Hupp

## Free Giveaway

by Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director

The 2020 tree giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Public Works Department located at 1200 Railroad Avenue starting at 8:00 am until 11:00 am. Property owners within Safety Harbor may stop by and pick up two trees.



For more information, contact Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director, at: [mstenmark@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:mstenmark@cityofsafetyharbor.com) or 727-724-1555 X1702.



## *Downtown Partnership Grants*

Downtown Partnership grants are being accepted through October 1, 2020. Categories include facade, front porch, fencing, signage, public art, landscaping, dumpster enclosure, interior renovation, new non-residential building, market/hardware stores, and artistic bicycle rack. Non-residential and residential properties within the Community Redevelopment District are eligible. A link to the application is below: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipGrantApplication](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipGrantApplication)

## *Mayor's Award of Excellence for Beautifying Safety Harbor*

The City of Safety Harbor is accepting applications for the Mayor's Award of Excellence to recognize businesses and residents who enhanced the appearance of their property. A link to the application is below: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/DocumentCenter/View/1308/Mayors-Award-of-Excellence-Application](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/DocumentCenter/View/1308/Mayors-Award-of-Excellence-Application)

## *Take the 2020 Census before September 30*

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Pinellas County residents only have a few weeks left to be counted in the 2020 Census as the nationwide survey ends on September 30. What's at stake: political representation and billions in federal dollars for local programs over the next 10 years. Those dollars go to health care, education, roads and other vital services. Florida lost \$946 in federal funds for every person who was not counted in the 2010 Census – a total of \$20 billion in losses, according to a recent report in the Tampa Bay Times. Completing the census is important to our county's future.

As of early August, only about 64% of Pinellas households had responded by mail, online or phone. Trained Census Bureau workers are going door-to-door to follow up with homes that haven't been counted. They're wearing masks and practicing social distancing, but you can still complete the census yourself to avoid that knock at your door.

If you haven't been counted yet, go online or call today, then tell your friends and neighbors to do the same. Remember: Census responses are secure, confidential and protected by law, and the survey only asks a few basic questions about your household. It only takes a few minutes to shape the next 10 years for your community.

Take the census today at [My2020Census.gov](http://My2020Census.gov) or by calling 844-330-2020. Let's Make Pinellas Count!



*Pen Pals Unite*  
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*If you know a senior citizen that could use a pen pal to brighten their day, contact the library - 724-1525 x.4107 or email: [Outreach@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:Outreach@cityofsafetyharbor.com)*



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# Harbor Happenings

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

## September

### City Meetings

All September meetings will be held via Zoom

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

7 All City Facilities Closed - Labor Day

8 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM

9 Audit Committee, 6PM

9 City Commission, 7PM

1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

10 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

16 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

21 Audit Committee, 6PM

21 City Commission, 7PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

## October

### City Meetings

Check [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com) for meeting locations

5 City Commission, 7PM

8 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

13 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM

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

19 City Commission, 7PM

21 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

For instructions on how to join meetings using Zoom, visit: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/770/City-News](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/770/City-News)

### Library Youth Programs

#### Virtual Story Times

Mon & Wed, 10:30AM

#### \*Mikey & Jo Kids Show

Zoom Program

Ages: 5 & under | 9/15, 10:30AM

#### Programs-To-Go

##### \*STEAM Time

Grades: 1-5

Pick Up: 9/1-13 & 10/1-14

##### \*Art Explore

Grades: 1-5

Pick Up: 9/14-30 & 10/15-31

#### Take Home Kits

##### \*Teen Anime Club

Grades: 6-12

Pick Up Starts: 9/15 & 10/13

##### \*Teen Cooking

Ages: 13-18

Pick Up Starts: 9/22 & 10/20

##### \*Teen Mini Happy Little

Painting

Grades: 6-12

Pick Up Starts: 9/29

\*Registration Required

Register at:

[Events.SafetyHarborLibrary.org](http://Events.SafetyHarborLibrary.org)

### LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

#### Six Word Memoir Contest:

*What does your library card mean to you?*

September 1 - 30

#### Virtual Safety Harbor Writers Group\*

9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Virtual meeting through Zoom

#### Virtual Books & Bagels Book Club\*

9/15 & 10/20 | 10:30 am

Virtual meeting through Zoom

#### Art Correspondence Course:

*Memories in the Making\**

Mondays 2:00 pm

Virtual art course with the Alzheimer's Association

\*Registration Required

Visit [SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com) for more information or to register for our programs.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Flicks @ Waterfront Park

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

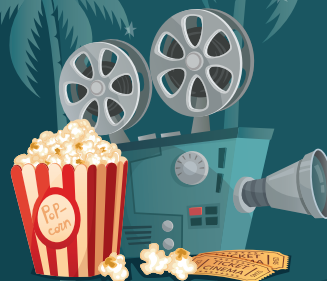
★ October 2 • 7pm

*Goosebumps* PG

★ November 6 • 7pm

*The Notebook* PG-13

- Live entertainment 45 minutes prior to movie
- Concessions available



### Growing Up Wild at Folly Farm

#### Explore, Discover, Grow

Feathered Friends • 9/12

Folly Farm Fall Fest • 10/10

9-11AM | All Ages | Free

Folly Farm Nature Preserve

#### Nature Craft Workshop

9/12 & 10/10 | 1-2PM

Ages: 8-12 | \$10/person

Folly Farm Nature Preserve

#### Eco Explorers

9/12 & 10/10 | 2:30-3:30PM

Ages: 5-8 | \$5/person

Folly Farm Nature Preserve

#### Folly Farm Family Yoga

Saturdays • 9/12-10/31

11:30AM-12:30PM

Ages: 5-Adult

\$7/visit per family

Folly Farm Nature Preserve

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



### CityScape

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### City Officials

Joe Ayoub, Mayor  
Cliff Merz, Vice Mayor  
Nancy Besore, Commissioner  
Carlos Diaz, 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  
Human Resources: 727-724-1555, Ext.1408  
Library: 727-724-1525  
Museum & Cultural Ctr.: 727-724-1562  
Public Works: 727-724-1550  
Rigsby Recreation Center: 727-724-1545

## City of SAFETY HARBOR

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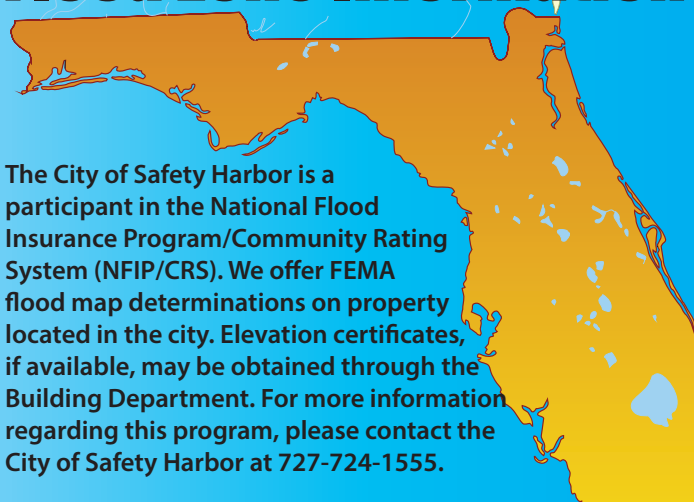
### *Utility Billing Operating Procedures Return to Normal*

The City will return to normal operating procedures, effective September 1, 2020. The result will be that terminations of service for non-payment will resume. If you have an unpaid past due balance, the City is offering payment plans to avoid termination of service. Contact (727) 724-1555 for assistance.

*Financial assistance may be available through Pinellas County. See below for details.*

To assist with paying utility bills and other qualified expenses, Pinellas County has broadened eligibility for individuals and families who need assistance through the Pinellas CARES Financial Assistance program. For additional information call Tampa Bay Cares by dialing 211, visit the Pinellas CARES webpage at: [covid19.pinellascounty.org/pinellascareindividual/](https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/pinellascareindividual/) or text COVIDCARES to 898211.

## 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.

## FERTILIZER Ban

June 1 to September 30

Fertilizer Ordinance passed by Pinellas County in 2010 prohibits the sale or application of fertilizer containing nitrogen and phosphorous from June 1 through September 30. Please, do your part to help improve our water quality during the rainy season.



For more information:

[pinellascounty.org/environment/pdfs/FAQ-Homeowners.pdf](https://pinellascounty.org/environment/pdfs/FAQ-Homeowners.pdf)