

# CityScape

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## Resident Spotlight



Safety Harbor resident Jan Tracy is doing her part to keep Safety Harbor beautiful... one piece of trash at a time.

Jan has been picking up litter during her weekly walks since the start of COVID-19. As of the end of September, Jan had collected over twenty-nine (29) 13-gallon trash bags. She is well beyond that figure today. Jan said, "The litter is all within walking distance from my house, and I don't take long walks in this heat." The picture represents the trash collected on one 2.5 hour walk on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from Marshall to Main Street.

"Believe it or not, this gives me joy. I feel proud driving down the street after the fact," Jan said.

Thank you, Jan, for all of your efforts to keep our City clean and beautiful.

## Mayor's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tree Plant Challenge!



Mayor Joe Ayoub is challenging residents and community organizations to participate in the Mayor's Tree Plant Challenge! To participate, all you have to do is plant a tree or group of trees and then e-mail some pictures of what was planted to [MayorsTreeChallenge@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:MayorsTreeChallenge@cityofsafetyharbor.com).

Children are especially encouraged to participate as this is a great way for them to learn about the importance of trees and their impact on our environment. The deadline to send in your pictures is December 31, and awards will be given out in early 2021!

## Fire Department Growth Management Succeeding by Josh Stefancic, Fire Chief

In 2019, the City and Pinellas County entered into what is called a Growth Management agreement. One aspect of this agreement, priority dispatch, works to effectively manage the distribution of increasing 911 calls between the Fire Department and Sunstar to ensure our firefighters are available for life-threatening medical emergencies and structure fires, as much as possible. All residents who call 911 for a medical or fire emergency will receive a fire truck or ambulance, and most often both, to assist them with their emergency.



During the program's first year, the Safety Harbor Fire Department saw a dramatic improvement in its availability; the fire department did not miss one life-threatening critical call due to already being on a non-life threatening call that was successfully managed by Sunstar, our ambulance provider. This 100% improvement in availability was the best in Pinellas County and works to ensure the quickest response to your critical medical or fire emergency. Growth Management also assists the Fire Department in meeting response time goals established by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The City and Fire Department thank Pinellas County EMS and Sunstar for this positive partnership which clearly benefits the residents of Safety Harbor, and our local Firefighter's Union for their hard work and round-the-clock dedication to the City.

## Safety Harbor Library is Joining the StoryWalk® Movement! by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director

SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY  
STORYWALK®



Over 300 public libraries in the U.S. offer outdoor StoryWalk® programs and now we will be one of them! StoryWalk® combines literacy, exercise, and nature through a series of posts containing pages of children's picture books for families to read along a path or trail. This summer, our two temporary StoryWalks® in the Art Park behind the Library were so well received by residents, we wanted a permanent solution to withstand Florida rain. A big thanks to the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library for sponsoring StoryWalk® for our community. Installation should be complete by the end of the year.

# Capital Improvement Projects Update

by: Michelle C. Giuliani, Engineering



## Folly Farm Gazebo Project

Last year, Mr. George Weiss approached the City of Safety Harbor with his vision of creating a gathering space amenity at Folly Farm Nature Preserve. In August 2019, Mr. Weiss donated \$25,000 to the City to help create that vision. Fulfilling Mr. Weiss's request, the City purchased a 20-foot wide gazebo kit from Amish Country Gazebos located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The City took delivery of the package in October 2019. Engineering staff and Leisure Services staff collaborated on a final design. In July 2020, construction was completed and included the assembly of the Gazebo structure, construction of a paver patio, installation of an ADA wooden ramp, and installation of a GRASSMAT® walkway.

GRASSMAT® is a heavy-duty extruded polyethylene rollout matting system to provide ADA access through the park and leading up to the new Gazebo. The new Gazebo and amenities fulfilled the vision of Mr. George Weiss and offers a distinct setting for various celebrations within Folly Farm Nature Preserve. Thank you, Mr. George Weiss! All are welcome to visit the Gazebo at Folly Farm Nature Preserve located at 1538 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

Visit [SafetyHarborRecreation.com](http://SafetyHarborRecreation.com) for more information.

## Main Street at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Brick Intersection Improvement Project

The intersection improvement project at Main Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will take place on November 2 through November 18, 2020. Construction will completely close the intersection at Main Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and detour routes will be in place during construction. Improvements include the removal of the existing brick and underlying asphalt, and replacing with 16 inches of base material, a thin sand layer, and larger brick coated with polymeric sand. The improvements allow for better drainage of the intersection. The larger bricks proposed will be less likely to move and the polymeric sand will resist movement of the sand, both of which will provide for longevity to the intersection.

## REAL Fun This Holiday Season

by Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent

Fall is in the air, and the REAL Team has some great programs and activities for you and your family. We have measures in place to keep your recreating safe and fun: limited class, program, and event sizes; increased outdoor programming; regular cleaning and sanitization of supplies and surfaces; masks required in all facilities unless partaking in a physically active program or outdoors and can maintain a safe distance; pre-registration required to limit number of participants.



This year, we've re-imagined some of your favorite holiday events and added some new ones to keep your family festive and safe this December. A Harbor Holiday has become **Harbor Holiday Nights at Folly Farm**. Instead of one magical night in the Harbor, participants can choose from six nights spread over three weekends. Also new this year is **Drive-Thru Santa Visit & Photos!** We'll keep both you and the Jolly Old Elf safe without missing your chance for a visit and quick picture.

And the REAL Fun Elves are excited to bring you another new event – **Harbor Lights**. We're inviting community members to register their street, block, business, or neighborhood as we light up Safety Harbor for the Holidays on December 4 at 6:00 pm. Cars will also gather in small groups to embark on a tour of Harbor Lights.

For more information on all of these events or to register, visit: [SafetyHarborEvents.com](http://SafetyHarborEvents.com).

 Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

**Did you know?** As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

 Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.

 Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and space heaters.

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes **1 in every 4** winter fires.

 U.S. Fire Administration 

## 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.



# Harbor Happenings

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

## November

### City Meetings

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

- 2 City Commission, 7PM
- 10 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 10 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 11 All City Facilities Closed - Veterans Day**
- 12 Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees, 9AM
- 16 City Commission, 7PM
- 18 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM
- 26-27 All City Facilities Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday**

## December

### City Meetings

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- 7 City Commission, 7PM
- 8 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 9 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 10 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 16 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM
- 21 City Commission, 7PM
- 24 All City Facilities Closed - Christmas Eve**
- 25 All City Facilities Closed - Christmas Day**



### Holiday Sanitation Schedule:

#### Thanksgiving

Thursday's normal recycling collection will be picked up on Wednesday. Wednesday's yard waste collection will be suspended. Friday's normal collection will be done as usual on Friday.

#### Christmas

Wednesday's yard waste collection will be suspended this week. Thursday's recycling collection will be done on Thursday, December 24. Friday's recycling collection will be done on Wednesday, December 23.

#### New Year's Day

Wednesday's yard waste collection will be suspended this week. Thursday's recycling collection will be done on Thursday, December 31. Friday's recycling collection will be done on Wednesday, December 30.

Yard waste and Christmas tree collection will resume on January 6, 2021.

## LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

### \*Virtual Scottish Arts: Bagpipes & Drums

Grades: 4 - 12: Tue, 5 - 6PM  
Nov 3, 10, 17 & Dec 1, 8, 15

### Virtual Story Times:

Wednesdays, 10:30AM

### \*STEAM Time To Go

Grades: 1-5 | 11/2 & 11/30

### \*Teen Take Home Craft

Grades: 6-12: 11/3 & 12/1

### Youth Pop-up Library at the Gazebo

Family | 11/4, 11/18, & 12/2  
weather permitting

### \*Teen Anime Club Take Home Kit

Grades: 6-12 | 11/10 & 12/8

### \*Art Explore To Go

Grades: 1-5 | 11/9 & 12/1

### \*Tween Cooking To Go

Ages: 9-12 | 11/16 & 12/14

### \*Teen Cooking Take Home Kit

Grades: 6-12  
11/17 & 12/15

\*Registration required.

Register at  
[events.safetyharborlibrary.org](http://events.safetyharborlibrary.org)

## LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Tampa Bay Noir

Virtual Author Discussion\*  
11/12 | 6:30 pm  
With Colette Bancroft, Eliot Schrefer & Karen Brown

### Bingo That's Not a Drag:

Library Foundation Fundraiser  
11/13 | 7:00 pm  
@ Crooked Thumb Brewery  
Tickets \$10

### Fall into Reading: Adult Reading Challenge\*

11/1 to 11/30 & 12/1 to 12/31

### Holiday Cookie Recipe Exchange

11/16 to 12/6

### Pen Pals Unite:

Homebound residents become pen pals with library staff. Call 727-724-1525 x4107 to register.

\*Registration Required

Visit [SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com) for a complete listing or to register for our programs.

## REAL Family Fun!

### Folly Farm Family Yoga

11/7 - 11/28 & 12/5 - 12/26  
Saturdays | 11:30am-12:30pm  
\$7/family

Folly Farm Nature Preserve

### Kids in the Kitchen

11/9 - 11/30 & 12/7 - 12/28  
Mondays | 3:15-4:15pm  
\$40/session  
Rigsby Recreation Center

### Nerf Combat Challenge Day

11/14 | 1-3pm | \$5  
Folly Farm Nature Preserve



Parent/Child Painting with Incredibile Me Inc.  
12/12 | 10:30-11:15am | \$15  
Museum & Cultural Center

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

## Harbor Lights

### Downtown & Neighborhood Tour

Locations registered by 11/6 will be included on the Harbor Lights Map. On 12/4 at 6pm, flip the switch & light up the Harbor.

### Car Parade

Pre-register your car, & on 12/4 at 6pm, the Harbor Elves will guide you through the Magical Harbor Lights!



### Harbor Holiday Nights

at Folly Farm 5-9pm  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>  
All Ages • \$4/person

Join us on any of the six nights out at the Farm for lights, a camp fire, holiday activities, & more!

[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



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## **CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR NOTICE OF ELECTION CANDIDATE QUALIFYING PERIOD CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA MARCH 9, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

In accordance with the City Charter and Chapter 6 of the City Code, the Municipal Election of the City of Safety Harbor will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the City of Safety Harbor between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This Municipal Election will be for the purpose of electing Commissioners to Seat Numbers 1, 2 and 3 for three (3) year terms.

The candidate "Qualifying Period" shall begin at 12:00 p.m. on December 7, 2020 and shall end at 12:00 p.m. on December 14, 2020.

A candidate needs a MINIMUM of ONE HUNDRED (100) signed and completed Nominating Petitions submitted and verified before the close of the Qualifying Period. All Nominators MUST BE qualified electors in the City of Safety Harbor at the time the petition is signed. Candidate forms and information is available at the Office of the City Clerk.

The last day for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in this election is February 8, 2021. For further information contact the Safety Harbor City Clerk at (727) 724-1555, ext. 1406.

CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR, FL  
Karen Sammons, CMC, City Clerk

## **AVISO DEL PERIODO DE CALIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS DE LA CIUDAD DE SAFETY HARBOR CIUDAD DE SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL 9 DE MARZO DE 2021**

De acuerdo con los Estatutos de la Ciudad y el Capítulo 6 del Código de la Ciudad, se celebrarán las elecciones municipales de la Ciudad de Safety Harbor el martes 9 de marzo de 2021, en la ciudad de Safety Harbor, de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. Estas elecciones municipales tendrán el objetivo de elegir a los comisionados para los escaños número 1, 2 y 3, durante un periodo de tres (3) años.

El "periodo de calificación" de candidatos iniciará a las 12:00 p. m. del 7 de diciembre de 2020 y finalizará a las 12:00 p. m. del 14 de diciembre de 2020.

Un candidato necesita que se presenten y verifiquen un MÍNIMO de CIEN (100) peticiones de nominación firmadas y llenadas antes del cierre del periodo de calificación. Todos los nominadores DEBEN ser electores calificados de la Ciudad de Safety Harbor en el momento de firmar la petición. Los formularios y la información de los candidatos están disponibles en la Oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad.

El último día para la inscripción de votantes para ser elegibles para votar en estas elecciones será el 8 de febrero de 2021. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la secretaria de la Ciudad de Safety Harbor al (727) 724-1555, ext. 1406.

CIUDAD DE SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA  
Karen Sammons, CMC, Secretaria de la Ciudad