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Summer in the Harbor

Summer Fun @ Your Library

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director

Summer at the library means many things, but most of all summer reading. In our *Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program*, children ages 5–8 can earn a prize for reading 12 to 24 hours. Tweens and teens can also log their reading hours to unlock badges and be eligible for a grand prize drawing by reading a book, webcomic, graphic novel, manga, or listening to an audiobook. Register at SafetyHarborLibrary.Beanstack.org.

Family story times are scheduled for May 12, 10:30am and June 16 and 19, 10am in Baranoff Park. Grab and Go Crafts are available for all participants.

In June, teens can register for Book Boxes to keep. Each box contains teen reads, snacks, bookmark, and more! Registration is required by visiting Events.SafetyHarborLibrary.org.

Visit our website, SafetyHarborLibrary.com for more information on all our programs, registration, online resources, and more, or call the Answers Desk, 727-724-1525 x4112.

Safety Harbor Summer Camp...

the Opportunities are Endless

by: Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent

Summer is right around the corner, and the *REAL Fun!* team has prepared a season filled with creative, enriching, and active summer camp experiences. Our part-day camps offer everything from classics like basketball and kayaking to new favorites like *Among Us* Camp IRL and Veterinary Science. We're offering more than 80 summer camps this year, and with choices like those, you're sure to find something to please all of your campers. Spaces are limited, so register early for your favorite camps!

Registration can be made online at:

SafetyHarborRecreation.com or in person at the Community Center, Rigsby Center, or Museum & Cultural Center. Not sure of your summer plans? Stop into one of our facilities, and our staff can help families pick the camps that are right for their interests and schedules.

Summer is a time for learning new things, making new friends, and having fun. Register today!

Stay Cool! Ideas to beat the heat this summer...

Learn something NEW... Virtually

Technology Class: Windows 10 Security & Updates | May 12, 3pm

CrAfterWork: Sashiko Coasters | May 27, 6pm

registration: Events.SafetyHarborLibrary.org

Keep the Kids Creative at Home with Grab & Go Crafts, Art Explore To Go, & Kids/Tween Cooking To Go

registration: Events.SafetyHarborLibrary.org

Learn to swim with Safety Harbor's Swim Lessons

more info & registration:

SafetyHarborRecreation.com



Visit the Museum & Cultural Center for hours & admission info:

SafetyHarborMuseum.com

Sponsor-A-Child



Help a Safety Harbor child go to camp! For only \$100, you can send a child to camp for 1 week. Make checks payable to: City of Safety Harbor

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail to: City of Safety Harbor Attn: Youth Scholarship, 750 Main St., Safety Harbor, FL 34695
For more info: 727-724-1530 ext. 3306 or kgerlach@cityofsafetyharbor.com

Miss Humblebee's Academy Now Available by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director

Fun & interactive online learning program

for children ages 3 - 6



Safety Harbor Public Library now offers free access to Miss Humblebee's Academy, an award-winning online, educational program to build literacy skills and prepare for children for kindergarten. Designed for ages 3 to 6, Miss Humblebee's Academy guides learning activities, making it a fun, easy-to-use, kindergarten-readiness solution, without pop-ups or ads.

Access Miss Humblebee's Academy through the library website; SafetyHarborLibrary.com and while there, visit the Events & Programs tab for programs, take home kits, and sign up for summer reading for all ages with Beanstalk, an app to track reading and to win prizes. Beanstack times reading sessions, tracks current and past books, and records your reading stats. Don't let your child slip into the summer reading slide this summer. Energize your summer reading with Beanstack. Adults too because kids shouldn't have all the fun!

Fire Department Gains ISO Class 2 Rating by: Josh Stefancic, Fire Chief



This past fall the Safety Harbor Fire Department underwent a survey by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to determine the fire district's public protection classification rating. ISO periodically collects and evaluates information from communities in the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities. The data is analyzed using a rating schedule and then a grade is assigned to the community. A final rating score can range from a Class 1 (best) to a Class 10 (not the best); a Class 1 through Class 8 rating represents a fire suppression system that includes a creditable dispatch center, fire department, and water supply system. The Safety Harbor Fire Department has achieved an ISO Class 2 rating. This rating will be utilized by insurance underwriters in identifying a property owners fire insurance premium.

Picking Up After Your Dog: Why It's Important by: Jean Marie Bauhaus, Pet Blogger

Picking up after your dog isn't exactly the most enjoyable chore. It can be tempting to skip this task but doing so is not only bad for the environment and public health — in many places, it's also illegal. Why does picking up after your pet matter?

It's required by law. Many communities and municipalities require cleaning up after your pet. While this might be obvious in parks and public spaces with posted signs telling you to clean up after your pup, but even if you live in an area without posted signs or a homeowner's association enforcing the rules, the city or county has laws and regulations in place requiring you to clean up after your pet in public spaces.

Dog poop is not a fertilizer. People often believe that leaving dog waste to decompose is good for the grass, but the truth is that dog poop is toxic for the turf. A typical dog's poop is very acidic through the natural digestive process, enough to destroy grass underneath.

It's an environmental pollutant. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) describes dog waste as containing two types of pollutants: nutrients and pathogens. Dog waste that enters the waterways may carry pathogens that affect living things in the water and can make those people in contact sick. As well as, nutrients released from dog waste can stimulate growth of algae and other plant life, deeming the water unsuitable for recreational uses.

It can overwhelm the ecosystem. While you may think your own dog's poop can't do that much harm, keep in mind that your dog is likely one of hundreds in your area. iHeartDogs pointed out that while the ecosystem can generally handle up to two dogs per square mile, in urban areas, there are on average 125 dogs per square mile — far more than enough to overwhelm the local ecosystem with their waste. By picking up after your dog, you'll help protect the ecosystem.

The bottom line is, as unpleasant and annoying as dog cleanup might be, it's a minor inconvenience compared to the cost of neglecting this responsibility. By taking the extra minute or so to pick up after your pup, you're not only being a good citizen and responsible pet parent — you're helping to save the world, one piece of poop at a time.

Harbor Happenings

www.SafetyHarborEvents.com

May

City Meetings

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

- 3 Audit Committee, 6:30 PM
- 3 City Commission, 7PM
- 11** Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 12** Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 13** Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM
- 13** Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 17** City Commission, 7PM
- 19** Code Enforcement Board, 7PM
- 20** Firefighters' Pension Board of Trustees, 7PM
- 31 All City Facilities Closed - Memorial Day**

Special Events

- 8** Beer & Burger Throwdown (Waterfront Park), 12-8PM
- 15** Hippie Dash 5K, 8AM
- 22** Art & Seafood on the Waterfront (Waterfront Park), 11AM-9PM
- 23** Art & Seafood on the Waterfront (Waterfront Park), 11AM-6PM
- 23** Best Damn Leftover 5K (Marina) 7AM
- Sundays** Market on Main (Gazebo), 10AM-3PM

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Tails & Tales:
Summer Reading Challenge*
6/14 to 8/7

Computer Classes via Teams

- Windows 10 Security & Updates*
5/12 | 3:00 pm
- Intro to Microsoft Word*
6/9 | 3:00 pm

Book Clubs

- Words & Wine
5/17 & 6/21 | 6:00 pm
- Books & Bagels via Zoom*
5/18 & 6/15 6:30 pm

Pen Pals Unite:
Homebound residents become pen pals with library staff.*

*Registration Required

Visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com for a complete listing or to register for our programs.

Library Youth Programs

- *Beanstack Tails & Tales:**
Children, Tween, & Teen Summer Reading begins 6/14 | Register: safetyharborlibrary.beanstack.org
- *Wild About Art To Go:**
Happy Elephant
Ages: 5-10 | 6/14
- *Tween Cooking To Go:**
Petting Zoo Pudding
Ages: 9-12 | 6/15
- *Teen Cooking Take Home Kit:**
Fruit Boba Tea
Ages: 13-18 | 6/15
- Story Time in Baranoff Park**
Family | 6/16, 10AM
- *Tails & Tales Virtual Animal Encounter with Safari Savvy**
Family | 6/17, 11AM
- *Tween Craft To Go:**
Paracord Baby Yoda
Ages: 9-12 | 6/22
- *Teen International Candy Taste Test Take Home Kit**
Ages: 13-18 | 6/29
- *Registration at: events.safetyharborlibrary.org

June

City Meetings

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

- 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
- 21** City Commission - Budget Workshop, 7PM

Special Events

- 18** 3rd Friday Music Series (Main Street), 6-10PM
Tentative; check SafetyHarborEvents.com for changes.
- 20** Market on Main (Gazebo), 10AM-3PM

REAL Fun! Camping Edition! Bags

Join us any time in the month of June for your camp out! Our bags are full of fun ideas for games, activites, and recipes for campfire cooking.

- Order by: May 25th
- 1 bag for family of 4
- Upstairs porch pickup at Folly Farm starts June 7th | 1-5pm

More info:
Autumn Reich
724-1530x3307



SafetyHarborRecreation.com

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Nancy Besore, Vice Mayor
Carlos Diaz, Commissioner
Cliff Merz, Commissioner
Andy Steingold, 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
Human Resources: 727-724-1555, Ext.1408
Library: 727-724-1525
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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.

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