

# CityScape

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## Workshop Scheduled for Sea-Level Rise & Storm Surge by: Brandon Henry, Assistant Community Development Director



In 2015, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 1094, titled "Peril of Flood." The new law specifies new requirements for the coastal management element of a local government's comprehensive plan related to coastal flooding and the related impacts of sea level rise.

To comply with the Peril of Flood requirements, the City of Safety Harbor is updating the City's Comprehensive Plan's Coastal Management and Conservation Element.

To this, the City will be hosting a community workshop on Thursday, September 30, at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers, to present the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, along with supplemental data and analysis. If you are unable to attend

or would like to provide feedback prior to the workshop, please contact Brandon Henry, Assistant Community Development Director by email at [bhenry@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:bhenry@cityofsafetyharbor.com) or by phone at (727) 724-1555, Extension 1703.

To view the proposed draft amendment or for more information, visit the City's website: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/821/Peril-of-Flood-Act](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/821/Peril-of-Flood-Act)

## Outside Agency Funding

by: June Solanes, Finance Director

The City of Safety Harbor is taking requests for outside agency funding. To be considered, funding requests must be returned to the City no later than September 22, 2021. The application can be found online on [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com).

## Junior Mayor of Safety Harbor



L to R: Commissioner Steingold, Vice Mayor Besore, Junior Mayor Clayton, Mayor Ayoub, Commissioner Diaz

Clayton B. is a resident of Safety Harbor whose philanthropic ways and kind character has earned him the title of Junior Mayor for August and September 2021.

Clayton is responsible for providing freshly baked cookies for seniors, delivering nutritious meals to the FL Sheriff's Youth Ranch, and devoting his time at the Safety Harbor Children's Theatre. He is passionate about helping those in need and providing a better place to live for children, teens, and seniors of Safety Harbor.

Clayton is a model volunteer, student, son and citizen of Safety Harbor and has a promising future ahead of him.

## Tree Giveaway



The following ornamental, flowering, and shade trees will be available:

- Crape Myrtles  
*Pink, Purple, White*
- Live Oak
- Bald Cypress
- Southern Magnolia
- Black Tupelo
- Red Cedar
- Winged Elm
- Rusty Blackhawk
- Fringetree
- Flowering Dogwood
- Red Maple
- Chickasaw Plum

Trees are first come first serve, so don't forget to arrive early! For more information, contact Ira Padgett, City Arborist [IPadgett@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:IPadgett@cityofsafetyharbor.com) or 727-724-1555 x1303.

## ***Two Library Support Groups: The Friends & the Foundation***

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



Our Library is luckier than most libraries, not only because of its beautiful location surrounded by the Baranoff and Art Parks, but since we have not only one, but two non-profit support groups to assist in funding special projects and programs. One common question asked is, "What is the difference between the two?"

The Friends of the Library, known as the FOL, supports the everyday needs of the library, supplementing our municipal budget to allow staff to purchase needed items and provide unique programming for all ages. Funds are raised through quarterly Book Sales, the in-house Book Store, a Holiday Gift Basket Fundraiser, and other initiatives, including a VHS to DVD conversion service. In addition, the FOL also sponsors an annual college scholarship for an outstanding teen library volunteer. For more information visit: [FriendsSafetyHarborLibrary.org](http://FriendsSafetyHarborLibrary.org)

The Library Foundation's mission is to foster the growth and development of the Library, ensuring its future as an indispensable community resource ensuring it continues as a center for educational and cultural enrichment. Through advocacy and funding support, the Foundation ensures the perpetuity of the Library by helping to fund large projects. The current Foundation focus is raising \$500,000 to assist the City in the construction of the second story community meeting room facility. Through memberships, fundraisers, and events, the Foundation is getting closer to their Let's Build a Story, capital campaign goal. Visit: [SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org](http://SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org) for information on upcoming fundraisers.

We live in a special community, lucky to have dedicated FOL and Foundation board members and volunteers. Help us celebrate National Friends of the Library Week a bit early, on October 7 at 6:30PM, when the FOL hosts a free event with solo performer Nan Colton portraying Agatha Christie. New members for both non-profits are always welcomed.

## ***National Hispanic American Heritage Month: September 15–October 15***

by: Kimberly Nicholls, Human Resources Director

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage month from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The September 15<sup>th</sup> date is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Columbus Day or *Dia de la Raza*, which is October 12<sup>th</sup> falls within this 30 day period.



## ***Santa Claus is Coming to Town***

by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic



With "Christmas in July" in our rearview mirror, your Safety Harbor Fire Department would like to share some exciting news regarding one of our time-honored traditions, the *Santa Tour*. Throughout the year, we have been making a list and checking it twice for ways to better serve the community while prioritizing safety. First, we've decided to double-down on Santa's trips, meaning you'll have four opportunities to wave 'hello' (Dec 10-11 & Dec 17-18). Santa asks that our spectators maintain a healthy distance from the fire engine as there are considerable blind spots.

Additionally, to mitigate risks we will no longer travel down dead-end streets, cul-de-sacs, or narrow roads. You will be able to find Santa's exact routes by checking out our Safety Harbor Fire Department Facebook page in the coming months. Another exciting development is our "Santa GPS Tracker," which will allow everyone to follow Old Saint Nick in real-time, meaning less waiting around. The fire department will publish further details about the event on our Facebook page in the near future.

We recognize these changes might affect some of your traditions; however, please trust that we're doing everything to safely serve the most people possible. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

# Harbor Happenings

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

## September

### City Meetings

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

#### 6 All City Facilities Closed - Labor Day

8 City Commission, 7PM

9 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

14 Downtown Redevelopment Board, 6:30PM

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

14 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM

15 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

20 City Commission, 7PM

30 Peril of Flood/Sea Level Rise Policy Community Workshop, 6PM

For Diversity Advisory Board Meetings, check:

[cityofsafetyharbor.com/815/Diversity-Advisory-Board](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/815/Diversity-Advisory-Board)

### Special Events

17 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

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

## LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

True Tales from Viet Nam:  
*A War Story & A Love Story*  
9/2 & 9/9 | 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library Book Sale  
9/11 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

How to Write a Gripping First Page Author Talk with Gabi Justice  
9/30 | 6:30 pm

Agatha Christie: Queen of Crime  
A Nan Colton Performance  
10/7 | 6:30 pm

BINGO That's Not a Drag SHPL Foundation Fundraiser at Coastal Cantina | \$10  
10/28 | 7:00 pm

Art Connects ALZ  
Call 727-724-1525 x4107  
Mondays | 2:00 pm

\*Registration Required

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

## Library Youth Programs

\*Beanstack Children, Tween, & Teen Fall Reading

Begins 9/13 | Register: [safetyharborlibrary.beanstack.org](http://safetyharborlibrary.beanstack.org)

\*Story Tots

Ages: 19 mos-4yr  
Tuesdays | 10AM

Baby & Me Story Time

Ages: Birth - 18 mos  
Thursdays | 10AM

\*Mikey & Jo Kid Shows

Ages: 1-5  
9/15 & 10/20 | 10:30AM

\*Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

Ages: 9-12  
9/14 & 10/12 | 5:30PM

\*Teen Wreck That Art!

Ages: 13-18 | 9/15 | 5:30PM

\*Tween Anime Club

Ages: 9-12 | 9/28 | 5:30PM

\*Teen Anime Club

Ages: 13-18  
9/29 & 10/27 | 5:30PM

\*Registration at: [events.safetyharborlibrary.org](http://events.safetyharborlibrary.org)

## October

### City Meetings

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

4 Community Redevelopment Agency, 6PM

4 City Commission, 7PM

12 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM

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

14 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

18 City Commission, 7PM

20 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM

### Special Events

2 Harbor Sounds Fall Fest (Main Street), 10AM-10PM

9 Junk in the Trunk (Community Center), 9AM-1PM

10 Shabby Chic Vintage Market & Artisan Day (Main St), 10AM-4PM

15 Best Damn Race Expo (Waterfront Park), 3-6PM

15 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

16 & 17 Best Damn Race (Waterfront Park), 6AM

23 All British Car Show (Main Street), 9AM-3:30PM

29 Main Street Trick-or-Treat (Main Street), 4:30-6:30PM

**REAL Fall Fun**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Flicks: Casper  
All Ages | 10/1 | 7PM | Free  
Waterfront Park

Scarecrow Building & Campfire  
10/2 | 3-5:30PM | \$15/scarecrow  
Folly Farm Nature Preserve

Black Light Art Show & Market  
10/15 | 6-9PM | Free  
Museum & Cultural Center

Barktoberfest with  
Doggy Costume Contest  
10/23 | 10AM-12PM | Free  
Dog Park @ City Park

Folly Fright Nights  
10/29 & 10/30 | 6-10PM | \$5 Ticket  
Folly Farm Nature Preserve

REGISTER ONLINE OR BUY TICKETS  
[SafetyHarborRecreation.com](http://SafetyHarborRecreation.com)

## CityScape

CityScape is a publication of the City of Safety Harbor. For the latest updates on these and other stories visit us online at [www.cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com).

## City Officials

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

Looking for a job? Visit [cityofsafetyharbor.com/662/employment](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/662/employment) to check out open positions and to apply. On the job training and schooling is available for certain positions. Please call 727-724-1555 x1401 with questions or assistance in applying.

## 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.

## City of SAFETY HARBOR

Home of the Mineral Springs Florida



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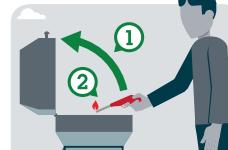
Stay fire safe this summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.



Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3-feet from siding, deck rails, and eaves.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.



Open your gas grill before lighting.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit, or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.



Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

**Stay fire safe this summer!**

For more information and resources, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).



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**\$100**

All proceeds benefit the Safety Harbor Youth Scholarship Fund OR Safety Harbor Museum of Regional History



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## COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

For more information, call 727-724-1530 ext. 3306 or  
[kgerlach@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:kgerlach@cityofsafetyharbor.com)

Deadline for late October engraving - October 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: City of Safety Harbor