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Sidewalk & Bicycle Facilities

Survey & Map App

by: Marcie Stenmark,
Community Development Director



Do you have ideas for enhancing Safety Harbor's sidewalk and bicycle facilities? Please check out the interactive map app and an on-

line survey at the following web site:
cityofsafetyharbor.com/SidewalkBicycleSurvey

Data is being collected for a Sidewalk and Bicycle Facility Master Plan. A consultant has been hired to identify and prioritize future capital projects to enhance the city's sidewalk and bicycle networks. The Master Plan will be completed in the Spring of 2022. For more information, contact Marcie Stenmark at mstenmark@cityofsafetyharbor.com.

Season's greetings from Safety Harbor Fire Department!

by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic



Have you heard the exciting news coming out of the North Pole? Kris Kringle has been working around the clock and collaborating with your local firefighters to deliver the best "Santa Tour" to date. We recognize your holiday season involves innumerable competing obligations, so we decided to offer a more predictable schedule and additional opportunities to see Santa (please see below). Furthermore, we are offering a new "Santa GPS Tracker," which will allow the public to plan their night accordingly. Please visit our department's

Facebook page soon for further details. In the interest of providing the safest and most enjoyable service to the community, we regretfully will no longer travel down dead-end streets, cul-de-sacs, or narrow roads. We understand this adjustment might be an inconvenience for some who maintain holiday traditions, but please understand the goal was to guarantee the safety of our residents and firefighters. We also aim to ensure more residents get to see Santa at a reasonable hour. You can further lend to a safe and pleasant night by keeping a healthy distance from the fire engine to reduce unnecessary risks. With your understanding and continued support, we are confident this holiday season will be one for the record books.

Santa's Approximate Schedule:

- Friday, 12/10: South of Enterprise & East of 9th Ave
- Saturday, 12/11: South of Enterprise & West of 9th Ave
- Friday, 12/17: North of Enterprise & East of RR Tracks; North of 580 & West Oldsmar
- Saturday, 12/18: North of Enterprise & West of RR Tracks; South of 580

Fire Marshal Dick Brock Pier Dedication - November 20, 2021

by: Andrea Norwood, Leisure Services Director

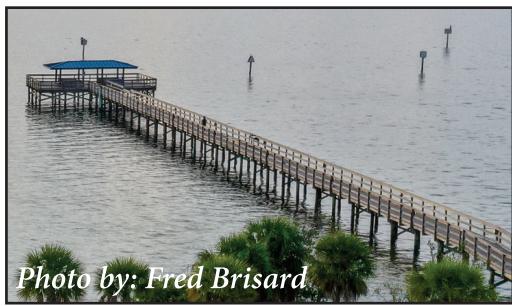


Photo by: Fred Brisard

In April 2021, the City Commission approved dedicating the Safety Harbor Municipal Fishing Pier to late Fire Marshal Richard "Dick" Brock at the request of over 75 community members, past and present fire department personnel, and the current Safety Harbor Professional Fire Fighters Local 2267 union.

Mr. Richard Brock, known around town as "Brock," was a long-time City employee who dedicated his entire life to serving this community in the fire service field. When not on duty, fishing was his passion; therefore, dedicating the pier was the appropriate action to honor his commitment and service to the City.

He began his career in March 1980 under the federal government's Cooperative Education and Training Act job program and became a permanent City employee in October 1981. As the town's Fire Marshal, Brock helped build the town through the start of Mease Countryside hospital, the expansion of the McMullen Booth corridor to Safety Harbor Spa renovations, and the list goes on and on.

Join us as we officially dedicate the municipal pier to Brock on Saturday, November 20th at 10:00AM followed by the 2nd Annual Memorial Motorcycle ride benefitting the Children's Burn Foundation of Florida.

Borrow it, Love it, Return it! Overdue Fine Free! by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



BORROW IT, LOVE IT, RETURN IT! FINE FREE.



No overdue fines at PPLC Member Libraries effective October 1, 2021. Please return your items on time.

We don't want overdue fines to be a barrier for using our library. Beginning October 1, 2021, Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) member libraries will no longer charge overdue fines on items borrowed past their due dates. (The only exception are items in our high demand Tool Library. Overdue fines are still charged on tools not returned on time.) Any existing overdue fines on your account prior to October 1 are eliminated, however charges for lost or damaged items remain.

When items are 10 days overdue, your account will be blocked. Borrowers with blocked accounts are not able to borrow library materials, including electronic items via Libby/Overdrive. When items are returned in good condition, blocks are removed. Borrowers with blocked accounts may continue to use online resources, computers in libraries, and participate in classes and programs.

Pinellas is excited to join neighboring Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Sarasota Counties in the popular fine free movement and supports the American Library Association's stating the imposition of monetary library fines. Communities are stronger when everyone has access to their libraries. Studies indicate that even small fines can keep people from using the library because of the risk of incurring fines. Rather than motivating borrowers to return items on time, fines act as an inequitable barrier to service, disproportionately impacting minors, students and community members with limited financial resources. For more information, visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com

When are Tree Removal Permits Required? by: Ira Padgett, City Arborist

Safety Harbor is home to an extensive tree canopy including many protected trees, non-protected trees, and a wide array of palms. Though the goal of city is to preserve as many trees as possible, there are times when it is necessary to remove unsafe or dying trees.

A tree removal permit is required to remove a protected tree with a trunk diameter of 4-inches or greater or any protected palm (Cabbage Palms or Paurotis Palm) with a clear trunk of 5-feet or greater. A link to the tree removal permit application is below:

<http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/DocumentCenter/View/5707/Tree-Removal-Permit-Application?bidId=>

The application fee is \$25 for residential properties and \$100 for all other properties. Protected trees may be removed if they meet one of the following conditions:

- poses a safety hazard to pedestrians or vehicle traffic or threatens to cause disruption of public or utility services.
- poses a safety hazard to persons, buildings, or is within the visibility triangle.
- to construct a building, foundation, pool, patio pad, or driveway, and these structures cannot be relocated.
- is weakened by fire, is in major decline, has a disease, or is hazardous.



A tree removal permit is not required for dead trees or non-protected trees. The Tree Protection website includes the protected tree list, tree ordinance, and tree planting and maintenance information. A link is below: <http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/774/Tree-Protection>

If you are considering applying for a tree removal permit or are concerned a tree on your property may be hazardous or in decline, please contact the City Arborist for a free tree inspection at (727) 724-1555 ex.1303 or ipadgett@cityofsafetyharbor.com.

Junior Mayor of Safety Harbor



Cade P. was selected for Junior Mayor for October and November 2021.

Cade is responsible for raising funds for Samaritan's Purse, donating to Toys for Tots, serving meals at the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center, making boxes for Operation Christmas Child, participating in local Angel Tree Programs, and teaching students at his local Tae Known Do School.

Mayor's 4th Annual Tree Plant Challenge



MayorsTreeChallenge@cityofsafetyharbor.com.

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

Children are 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 20, 2021, and awards will be given out in early 2022!

Harbor Happenings

www.SafetyHarborEvents.com

November

City Meetings

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

1 City Commission, 7PM
5 Community Policing Officer Meet & Greet, 5PM
9 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
10 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
11 All City Facilities Closed - Veterans Day
15 City Commission, 7PM
17 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM
18 Firefighters' Pension Board, 9AM
18 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

Special Events

5 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 7-9:30PM
6 Safety Harbor Shreds (Public Works), 8AM-12PM
11 Veterans Day Ceremony (Marina), 11AM
13 Cup of Joe with Joe (Baranoff Park), 10AM
19 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

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

December

City Meetings

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

6 City Commission, 7PM
8 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
9 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
14 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
15 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM
15 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM
20 City Commission, 7PM
23 All City Facilities Closed - Christmas Eve Observed
24 All City Facilities Closed - Christmas Day Observed
31 All City Facilities Closed - New Year's Day Observed

Special Events

3 Tree Lighting (Gazebo), 6PM
Check out Sip & Shop on Main Street beginning at 5PM
4 Holiday Parade (Main Street), 10AM
10 Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Show (Main St), 10AM-4PM
17 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

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6:30 PM

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LIBRARY EVENTS

YOUTH & TEENS:

*Mikey & Jo Kid Shows
1-5 yr | 11/17 & 12/15 | 10:30AM
*Tween Graphic Novel Book Club
9-12 yr | 11/9 & 12/14 | 5:30PM
*Tween Beach Snowman Painting
9-12 yr | 11/30 | 5-7PM
*Teen Winter Happy Little Painting
13-18 yr | 12/1 | 5:30PM
*Teen Hot Chocolate Taste Test Challenge Take Home Kit
13-18 yr | 12/7

ADULTS:

Friends of the Library Book Sale
11/13 | 9AM - 3PM
Words & Wine Book Club
11/15 & 12/20 | 6PM
Books & Bagels Book Club
11/16 & 12/21 | 10:30AM
*Registration required.
Visit: SafetyHarborLibrary.com

REAL Fun!

Possibilities in Pastels

11/3-11/24
Wed | 1-3PM | \$48
Museum & Cultural Center

Mermaid Painting

11/5 | 6:30-8:30PM | \$30
Museum & Cultural Center

Safety Harbor Shreds
11/6, 8AM-12PM, Free
Public Works

Zen Brush & Meditation

11/9-11/23
Tue | 10-11:30AM | \$60
Museum & Cultural Center

Teen Workshops: College Readiness

11/10 | 6:30-7:30PM | Free
Museum & Cultural Center

Evening Campfire & Hike
11/12 | 5:30-8PM | \$5
Folly Farm

Family Yoga
11/20 | 10-11AM | \$7
Folly Farm

SafetyHarborRecreation.com

hARBOR hOLIDAY NIGHTS

ALL AGES • 5 - 9 PM • FREE
FOLLY FARM NATURE PRESERVE

12/10 • 12/11 • 12/17 • 12/18

- Holiday Lights
- Campfire
- Children's Activities
- And More!

TROLLEY LIGHT TOUR

Pick-up & Drop-off at
Harbor Holiday Nights

\$5.00/ PERSON
Hop on a
JOLLY TROLLEY
for a tour of the
Harbor Lights

SafetyHarborRecreation.com

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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

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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Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day observed falls on Thursday, Wednesday's yard waste collection will be suspended this week. Thursday's recycling will be collected on Wednesday.

Christmas

Christmas Day observed is on Friday, Wednesday's yard waste collection will be suspended this week. Thursday's recycling collection will be done on Thu, 12/23. Friday's recycling collection will be done on Wed, 12/22.

New Year's Day

New Year's Day observed is on Friday, Wednesday's yard waste collection will be suspended this week. Thursday's recycling collection will be done on Thu, 12/30. Friday's recycling collection will be done on Wed, 12/29.

Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection resumes on Jan 5, 2022.

For additional information, please contact our Sanitation Division at 727-724-1550, ext. 2002.



HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS



LIGHTS

Before decorating the exterior or Christmas tree, read the manufacturer's instructions to avoid overloading your system.

Inspect your holiday lights for signs of fraying, pinched wires, or other indicators they are ready to be retired.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Water Christmas tree every day & as needed to prevent fires.

Maintain a 3-foot buffer from fireplaces, space heaters, or other heat sources, never leave decorative lighting unattended. Discard tree right after the holidays.



CANDLES

Keep open candles in stable holders, away from potential combustibles, & snuff them when leaving the room. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.