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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](http://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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Saturday, 12/11: South of Enterprise & West of 9<sup>th</sup> 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

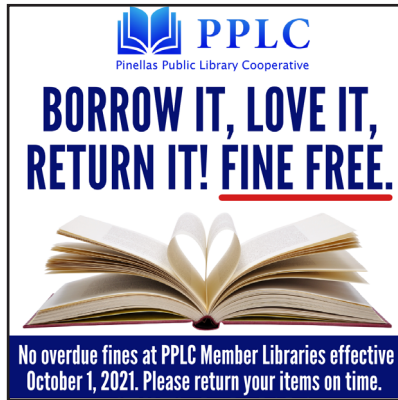
In April 2021, the City Commission approved dedicating the Safety Harbor Municipal Fishing Pier to late Fire Marshal Richard "Dick" Brock at the request of over 75 community members, past and present fire department personnel, and the current Safety Harbor Professional Fire Fighters Local 2267 union.

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 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



We don't want overdue fines to be a barrier to 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](http://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](mailto: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 Kwon Do School.

## ***Mayor's 4<sup>th</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 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](http://www.SafetyHarborEvents.com)

## November

### City Meetings

Check [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

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

## December

### City Meetings

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

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**JAZZ ON THE WATERFRONT**

**FRI - NOV 12**  
**6:30 PM**

**FEATURING**  
**VOICES OF JAZZ**

**FREE EVENT**

**BRING YOUR**  
**LAWN CHAIR**

**BEVERAGE & FOOD**  
**PROCEEDS BENEFIT**

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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](http://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](http://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  
**JOLLEY TROLLEY**  
for a tour of the  
Harbor Lights



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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

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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.

## Mayors' Breakfast 2021

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30am  
Safety Harbor Resort & Spa • 105 N. Bayshore Dr.

**Tickets \$25 on sale at:**

Safety Harbor City Hall • Chamber of Commerce  
Neighborhood Family Center • MWNFC.org

*For More Information:*  
call 727-791-8255



## 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.