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BILL CROPSEY CITIZEN'S ACADEMY 2022 *by: Kim Nicholls, Human Resources Director*

The City of Safety Harbor is now accepting applications for the 2022 - Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy. Sessions are scheduled on Tuesday evenings (from 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and will begin on April 19, 2022 (some live sessions/some via Microsoft Teams). The Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy takes place over a seven-week period and will be limited to 25 participants. Academy applicants will be chosen on a first come, first served basis with preference given to Safety Harbor residents.

The Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy will tour key facilities, learn about the challenges facing Safety Harbor, interact with City leaders, discover ways to get involved with local government, and learn about the essential functions of a municipal government agency.



Submission deadline is Friday, April 1, 2022. Applications are available on-line at: cityofsafetyharbor.com/citizensacademy. Call Human Resources at (727)724-1555 x1401 with any questions.



STREET TREE PROGRAM 2022 *by: Ira Padgett, City Arborist*

The City of Safety Harbor is continuing the Annual Street Tree Program. City residents can sign up to have a free shade tree planted in their front yards. All requests will be reviewed to ensure the selected tree is appropriate for the requested location and will not conflict with utilities.

Available trees include: Southern Live Oak, Eastern Red Cedar, Bald Cypress, and Winged Elm. The trees will be planted by the City; however, applicants are responsible for watering the trees during the establishment period. A tree watering schedule will be provided to each applicant.

The deadline to apply is February 15, 2022. A waiver is required at the time of application. Applications and waivers can be downloaded from the City tree page: cityofsafetyharbor.com/774/tree-protection

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPLICANTS WANTED *by: Rachael Telesca, Deputy City Clerk*

Have you ever thought about wanting to help make the City a better place to live, work, and play? The Clerk's office is seeking applicants for various Boards and Committees, all of which greatly benefit from your contribution as a Board Member. Applications are wanted for:

- Board of Appeals
- Code Enforcement Board
- Diversity Advisory Board
- Finance Advisory Committee
- Library Advisory Committee
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning & Zoning Board
- Public Art Committee

If you'd like more information on each Board or Committee and how you can apply to help serve your City, please visit www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/52/boards

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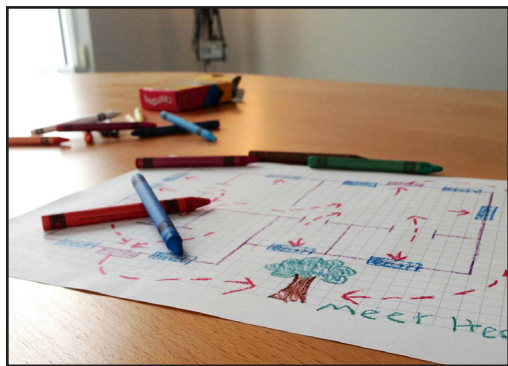
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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

DEVELOPING FIRE ESCAPE PLANS *by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic*



The adage “failing to plan is a plan to fail” is a sobering reality if your household is unprepared for emergencies. Your Safety Harbor Firefighters would like to offer a few basic principles to arm your family with a new fire drill plan to kick off the new year. Begin by ensuring everyone above a reasonable age can dial 9-1-1 and provide the emergency dispatcher with your home address. Confirm your address numerical is visible on the house, mailbox, or curb so first responders can quickly locate your residence.

Now that you have facilitated a timely emergency response, it’s time to develop your fire escape plan. We recommend sitting down with family members or roommates to create a map of the house that includes doors, windows, and each level, if applicable. Your plan should describe a primary and secondary exit from each room. Encourage children to

respond to activated fire alarms and test doors with the back of their hand, emphasizing a hot door is not a viable escape route. This drill is an opportunity to observe your kids maneuver windows and screens to escape without adults’ help. The final step is to agree upon a meeting place in the front of your home where emergency crews can easily account for all occupants.

Practice your fire escape plan twice a year and encourage expedient egress. Remember, when the fire alarm sounds get low, go, and stay out; never return inside for people, pets, or things.

WEATHERSTEM STATIONS IN SAFETY HARBOR *by: Paul Cales, Information Technology Manager*

Did you know the City is now home to two WeatherSTEM stations that have live video and feature detailed weather information that updates in real-time? One is located at the Safety Harbor Marina and the other is at Fire Station 53.

You can view the weather stations online by visiting cityofsafetyharbor.com and clicking the “Connect” tab at the top of page or by downloading the WeatherSTEM app. You can find the app by searching “WeatherSTEM” in your app store.

Be sure to click around the WeatherSTEM site to check out the many links that provide additional information like “What phase is the moon in?” Clicking “Sun/Moon/Planets” will show you under “Lunar Info.”

If you’re not a weather junkie and have no idea what all this means, WeatherSTEM has you covered. At the top of the page is a “Free Educational Content” link with loads of information.

Plans are in the works for a third station. Enjoy and stay tuned!



JUNIOR MAYOR OF SAFETY HARBOR

Leeland P. is a Safety Harbor resident whose philanthropic practices earned him the title of Junior Mayor for December 2021 and January 2022.

Safety Harbor’s residents, animals, and marine life benefit from his efforts by providing a cleaner, safer, and more habitable environment for all.

Leeland is responsible for helping support a healthier and greener environment by choosing to collect trash and other debris along the bay that otherwise land in our oceans causing harm to marine life, coral reefs, and birds who may consume or become tangled in litter.

As a model volunteer and citizen of Safety Harbor, Leeland has a promising and bright future ahead of him.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

JANUARY

CITY MEETINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

- 3 City Commission, 7PM
- 11 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 12 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 13 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 17 **All City Facilities Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 18 City Commission, 7PM
- 19 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM
- 27 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 21 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 22 Truck-N-Play Day (Waterfront Park), 10AM-1PM

MARKET ON MAIN

☞ Sundays ☞

Gazebo ☞ 10:00AM-3:00PM

FEBRUARY

CITY MEETINGS

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- 6 City Commission, 7PM
- 9 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 10 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 14 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 15 Code Enforcement Board, 7PM
- 17 Firefighters' Pension Board, 9AM
- 20 City Commission, 7PM
- 24 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4 Best Damn Race Expo (Waterfront Park), 12-6PM
- 5 Best Damn Race (Waterfront Park), 7AM
- 6 Best Damn Race (Waterfront Park), 7AM
- 18 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 19 Seafood Festival (Waterfront Park), 11AM-9PM
- 20 Seafood Festival (Waterfront Park), 11AM-6PM
- 26 Go Fish (Marina), 8-11:30AM
- 27 Chic Decor Market (Main Street), 10AM-4PM

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Sign up for text message alerts from the
City of Safety Harbor

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the **KEYWORDS (individually)**
below to **888-777**

City Events

text keyword:
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City Programs

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Public Safety

text keyword:
COSHPUBSAFE

888-777

cityofsafetyharbor.com

Standard text & data rates may
apply, depending on your plan



CUP OF JOE *with* JOE

Townhall Meeting

with

Mayor Joe Ayoub

Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 10:00AM

at

Baranoff Park

101 2ND Street North



SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

by: *Lisa Kothe, Library Director*

BECOME COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY!

Earn an Accredited High School Diploma and a Career Certificate

- Accredited
- Free Through Your Library
- 100% Online
- Transfer Credits



Safety Harbor Public Library offers free scholarships to adult residents of Pinellas County for the opportunity to earn an accredited private high school diploma online along with a certificate in their chosen career path. The program is designed to re-engage students in the educational system and prepare them for the workplace or postsecondary education. Paths include childcare, office management, retail customer service, food service, hospitality, general career preparation and more. To date, the Library graduated 20 students from this successful program. We encourage you to share this opportunity with friends and family who need a diploma.

Through a partnership with Career Online High School (COHS) and the Florida State Division of Library and Information Services, qualified students earn a high school diploma and a career certificate fully online. The program provides a 24/7 online classroom, personal academic coaches, and real-world career training. Previous high school credits may transfer.

“Libraries offer a safe, supportive environment to foster learning and community. Our online education program for adults is a natural extension of library services that empower adults to learn and grow,” said District Superintendent Dr. Howard Liebman. “COHS students receive support from Safety Harbor Public Library staff as well as from our academic coaches. Together, they help students achieve their goals.”

To learn more about the program and to take your “Are You Ready Survey”, visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com/cohs or call the Answers Desk, 727-724-1525 x 4112.

Children's Programs

*STORY TOTS (19 MONTHS - 4 YEARS)
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 AM

*BABY & ME STORY TIME (BIRTH-18 MONTHS)
THURSDAYS, 10:00 AM

BILINGUAL/SPANISH STORY TIME (8 YEARS AND UNDER)
1/22 & 2/26, 10:30 AM

*MIKEY & JO KID SHOWS (AGES 1-5)
1/19 & 2/16, 10:30 AM

PAWSOME READERS (AGES 8 & UNDER)
1/15 & 2/19, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*WILD ABOUT ART- TO GO (AGES 4-8)
MATERIAL PICK UP 1/24 - 1/29

*STORY TIME WITH FARMER MINOR AND
DAISY PIG (AGES 19 MONTHS - 4 YEARS)
2/8, 10:00 AM

*PRESCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS (AGES 2-4)
2/9, 10:30 AM

*KIDS COOKING- TO GO (AGES 4-8)
MATERIAL PICK UP 2/14- 2/19

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTER AT EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG

Library Tween Programs Ages 9-12

*Tween Taste Test Challenge Take
Home Kits: 1/4, 2/15

*Tween Book Bag: 1/10, 2/7

*Tween In Person Painting Programs:
1/11, 2/22, 5:00 pm

*Tween Zoo Mystery
Take Home Kit: 2/1

*Tween Graphic Novel
Book Club: 2/8, 5:30 pm



*Registration required
Register at events.safetyharborlibrary.com

JANUARY 14
6:30 PM

CASINO NIGHT



Dust off your leather jackets, poodle skirts, or come as you are! Evening includes games provided by Casino Party Planners, prizes, dancing music by DJ Les n' More, silent auction items, a 50/50 raffle, and hors d'oeuvres by Stuffed Mushroom.

Tkts/Info: SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org

THIRD ANNUAL LINKS FOR OUR LIBRARY



SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 2022

**DOWNTOWN
SAFETY
HARBOR**

INFO AND TICKETS:
SAFETYHARBORLIBRARYFOUNDATION.ORG

TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS AGES 13 - 18

Teen D&D Club: 1/8 at 1PM *
Teen Book Box: Pick up 1/10 & 2/7 *
Teen Led Book Club: 1/10, 1/24, 2/7, & 2/21, 5:00 - 6:00 PM *
Teen Rainbow Room: 1/12 & 2/9, 5:30 PM
Teen Cooking at the Library: 1/19 & 2/16, 5:30 PM *
All Ages Self-Defense Workshop: 1/26, 6:00 PM
Teen Zoo Murder Mystery Take Home Kit: Pick up 2/1*
Teen Make Your Own Terrarium: 2/23, 5:30 PM *

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
REGISTER AT EVENT.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Easy Ways to Boost
Your Brain Power**
1/13 | 6:30 pm

Saturday Movie Matinee
1/22 & 2/26
2:00 pm

**Andy & Judy:
New England Folk Concert**
2/17 | 6:30 pm

**The Lost Apothecary
Author Talk with
Sarah Penner**
3/3 | 6:30 pm

Book Clubs:

YA for Everyone*
1/5 & 2/2 | 1:00 pm

CrAfterWork:

Words & Wine
1/17 & 2/21 | 6:00 pm

Hot Cocoa Cross Stitch*
1/27 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels
1/18 & 2/15 | 10:30 am

Sand Art Mandalas*
2/24 | 6:00 pm

***Registration Required**

Visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com for a complete listing of events and register for our programs.

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR by: *Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent*



The new year is always a good time to try something new, and Safety Harbor Recreation has a variety of programs and events to get you started with a new hobby, fitness routine, or simply enjoying an event and meeting new friends! Safety Harbor *REAL Magazine* is the perfect guide to help you plan your new activities. You can pick up a copy of *Safety Harbor REAL* at any City recreation facility, the Library or City Hall, or flip through a digital copy at SafetyHarborRecreation.com.

Safety Harbor Recreation truly has something for every member of your family - from pre-school to seniors, even your fur babies!

While you're flipping through *REAL*, mark your calendar for all the 2022 special events in Safety Harbor. This year will bring back old favorites like Truck-N-Play Day, Art & Seafood on the Waterfront, road races throughout the year, and NEW favorites like Enchanted Garden Fest and Fright Nights Haunted Trail.

This is the perfect year to get into America's pastime and join the baseball community by signing the kids up for Safety Harbor Little League. Registration closes 1/15. Not into baseball? Take advantage of our agreement with the City of Clearwater and join some of Clearwater Youth Leagues like football, soccer, or lacrosse.

Set your fitness and wellness goals, explore your creative side, or just make plans to visit more of Safety Harbor. Whatever your goals are we hope to see you soon and are here to help you register for REAL Fun! Let's make 2022 the best yet, Safety Harbor!

SAFETY HARBOR FITNESS CENTER

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HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 6AM-8PM

Sat: 8AM-4PM

Sun: 9AM-2PM

FEES:

Monthly:

\$10 R/\$15 NR

Annual:

\$100 R/\$150 NR

R=Resident

NR=Non-Resident

cityofsafetyharbor.com/fitnesscenter



RECREATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

EVENTS

Nature Journaling: Families 1/5 & 26, 2/2 & 23, 4:30-5:30PM, \$2/class, Folly Farm
Explore, Discover & Grow 1/8, 2/12, 10AM-12PM, Free, Folly Farm
Tree Talks with Art Finn 1/11, 5-6PM, Free, Folly Farm
Container Garden Workshop 1/13, 5-6PM, \$25, Folly Farm
Evening Campfire & Hike 1/14, 2/11 5:45-8PM, \$3/pre-register, \$5/night of, Folly Farm
Family African Drumming 1/16, 2/6, 2/20, 2-3PM, \$7, Museum
Nature Photography Workshop 1/21, 2/18, 8:30-11:30am, \$15, Folly Farm
Films @ Folly 1/28, 7PM, Free, Folly Farm Nature Preserve
Sweet Treats Portraits 2/13, 11am-3:30PM, \$25, Museum
Backyard Games 2/5, 11AM-1PM, Free, Folly Farm
Public Art Tour 2/7, 10:30AM-12PM, \$5, Museum
Toddler Trot 2/11, 4-5PM, Free, Waterfront Park
How Does Your Garden Grow 2/12, 2:30-3:30PM, \$15, Folly Farm
Teddy Bear Picnic 2/21, 10:30AM-12:30PM, \$3, Folly Farm
Community Cleanup 2/26, 9AM-12PM, Museum
Historical Marker Tour 2/28, 10:30AM-12PM, \$5, Museum

PROGRAMS

Teen Musical Theatre 1/6-5/5, 5:30-6:30PM, \$180, Rigsby
Homeschool History & Science 1/7-1/28, 11-11:55AM, \$40, Museum
Adult Tap 1/11-2/15, 10-11AM, \$75, Community Center
Puppy Preschool 1/15-2/19, 9:45-10:45AM, \$60, North City Park
 1/18-2/22, 10-11AM, \$60, North City Park
K9 Academy 1/15-2/19, 8:30-9:30AM, \$60, North City Park
 1/18-2/22, 5:00-6:00PM, \$60, North City Park
Little Ninja Warriors 1/21-2/4, 3:30-4:15pm, \$25, Rigsby
Sprout Sports 2/11-2/25, 3:30-4:15PM, \$25, Rigsby

DROP-IN

Pickleball Open Play Mon-Fri, 9-11AM, \$3, Community Ctr.
Senior Strength Training Mon & Wed, 8-9AM, \$5/visit, Rigsby
Pinocle Mon, 9AM-12PM, \$2/visit, Youth Ranch
Bridge Tue, 1-4PM, \$2/visit, Rigsby Center
Mah Jongg Tue/Thu, 1-4PM, \$3/visit, Rigsby Center
Wii Bowling Wed, 11:45AM-1:45PM, Rigsby Center, \$2/visit
Stitching Fri, 11AM-2PM, Rigsby Center, \$2/visit
Hand, Knee & Foot Fri, 11:30AM-2:30PM, \$2/visit, Rigsby

For full list of Recreation events, classes, and programs:

SAFETYHARBORRECREATION.COM

Safety Harbor's Annual
SENIOR EXPO
FEBRUARY 15TH
10AM-12:30PM
FREE
 Community Center
 727-724-1530

Explore Your Creative Side
 Museum & Cultural Center
Possibilities in Pastels
 1/5-1/26 | 1-3PM | \$48
 2/2-2/23 | 1-3PM | \$48
Wine Glass Painting
 1/19 & 2/9 | 6:30-8PM | \$15
Watercolor: Painting in Nature
 1/20-2/17 | 2-4PM | \$75
Floral Design Class
 1/24 & 2/21 | 1-3PM | \$8
Sewing with a Twist
 1/24 & 2/28 | 6:30-8PM | \$10

Jan Feb 22
 Museum & Cultural Center
I Have a Dream Celebration
 1/12 | 6-7PM | Free
 1/13 | 10:30AM-12PM | Free
 Breakfast by Harbor Dish
Multicultural Social: African American
 Fri, 2/11 | 6-9PM | Free
City Gallery: Black History Month
 January & February

REAL Family Fun!
Kids Night Out
 1/28 | 6:30-9PM | \$20
 Museum & Cultural Center
Family Camp Out
 2/4-2/5 | 4:30PM-11AM
 \$35/tent
 Folly Farm Nature Preserve
Family Fort Building Challenge
 2/5 | 2:30-3:30PM
 \$3/person
 Folly Farm Nature Preserve
 SafetyHarborRecreation.com

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Christmas Tree Recycling

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

For additional information, contact our Sanitation Division at 724-1550 x2002.



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.



February is BLACK HISTORY MONTH

See Recreation section for events & programs celebrating Black History Month

