

CityScape

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SANITATION COLLECTION CHANGES STARTING ON MARCH 7, 2022

by: Sherri Kennedy, Sanitation Supervisor



On February 7, 2022, the City Commission approved a Resolution regarding changes to the City's sanitation services. Starting on March 7, 2022, the City will begin the Sanitation Pilot Program – changing yard waste collection day and modifying collection routes (recycling days remain unchanged). Yard waste will now be collected on the same day as household trash.

In order to make this change, several neighborhoods will be changing collection days. The following neighborhoods will now be collected on Wednesdays:

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| • Willowick | • Philippe Estates | • Huntington Isles | • Baywoods I – III |
| • Bow Lane | • Bayshore Terrace | • Huntington Trace | • Philippe Point |
| • Harbor Heights Estates | • Mira-Mar Terrace | • Huntington | • Bayview Cottage |
| • Philippe Bay | • Philippe Woods | • Hillcrest Acres | • Elliott-Crile |
| • De Soto Estates | • Georgetown East | • Beacon Place East | • Philippe Harbor |
| • The Highlands at Safety Harbor | • Chevy Chase Estates | • Country Trails | • La Playa Estates |
| • Harry Kennedy Subdivision | • Huntington Estates | • Los Acros | • Bridgeport Estates |
| • Fairview Heights | • Huntington Trails | • La Forest at Greensprings The Grove | • Bridgeport South |
| • Signature Estates | • Huntington Lakes | • La Forest at Greensprings The Garden | • South side of Enterprise Rd from Philippe Pkway to Green Springs Dr |

All garbage, trash, and yard waste should be placed at the curb for pickup no later than 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled day for collection. All items must be placed in the City provided 90-gallon garbage barrel (with the exception of some mobile home parks). Please fill your 90-gallon barrel first before setting out bulk items. Any bulk items or additional bags of leaves/garbage that do not fit in the 90-gallon barrel, not to exceed 10 items, will be collected on your garbage day. Yard waste too bulky to be containerized such as branches and other vegetative materials must be cut into sections no longer than 4-feet long and 6-inches in diameter, must be bundled with twine in arm size manageable bundles. Any items not conforming to this will not be collected and a special pick-up will be required.

There are additional changes to the Annual Spring Clean-up program. The City is now transitioning to Quarterly Clean-up dates. The dates and collection details are listed on the back cover. Also, keep an eye out in your mailbox for a postcard with more information.

If you have any questions or need to schedule a special pickup, please contact Public Works at 724-1550 ext 2002. Additional information, including a map showing the new collection routes, is posted on the City's website. cityofsafetyharbor.com/Sanitation.



WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS

Incorrect use of fertilizer and poor landscape debris management can allow debris (leaves/lawn clippings), chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants to wash into the storm sewer system, creeks, ponds, lakes, and Tampa Bay. This causes harmful algae blooms, which lower oxygen levels and lead to fish kills.

Pollution can be controlled with your help. If you live near the waterfront (lake, pond, creek, Tampa Bay), the fertilizer-free zone begins 10-feet back from the top of the slope toward any seawall or body of water.

Remember, always blow grass clippings, sand, and leaves back in the yard. This debris is heavily loaded with nutrient pollutants and can cause street flooding. Always remember... When it Rains, It Drains.

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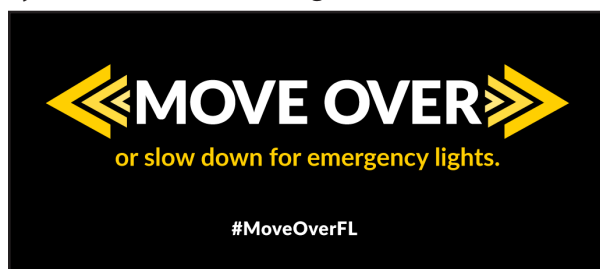
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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

MOVE ON OVER, SAFETY HARBOR

by: **Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic**



Picture this: you're cruising down McMullen Booth Road on a spring day with the windows down when you encounter emergency vehicles on the shoulder. How do you appropriately handle this situation so that the first responders can safely make it home to their families? Fortunately, your friends at the Safety Harbor Fire Department are prepared to share a few national safety standards and state statutes to prevent an irreversible mistake.

Did you know that all 50 states have passed "Move Over" laws that mandate drivers reduce their speed or move over one lane for emergency workers? When encountering emergency vehicles with their lights on, Florida state law requires you to move over (if possible) or reduce your speed to 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit. Another way to protect yourself and others from an avoidable accident is to remain alert and avoid distractions while driving.

We look forward to our future safe encounters out in the community.

GRANT APPLICATIONS & MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS

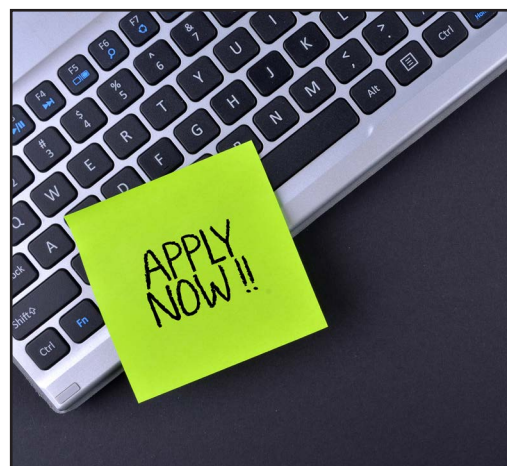
by: **Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director**

The City of Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency is accepting Downtown Partnership grants through April 1, 2022. Categories include façade, front porch, fencing, signage, public art, landscaping, dumpster enclosure, interior renovation, new non-residential building, market/hardware store, and artistic bicycle rack. A link to the application is below:

cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipGrant

The City of Safety Harbor is accepting Mayor's Award of Excellence applications. The Mayor's Award of Excellence recognizes property owners for beautifying their property and enhancing the property's curb appeal. A link to the applications is below:

cityofsafetyharbor.com/27/Neighborhood-Grants



For more information, contact Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director, at mstenmark@cityofsafetyharbor.com.



JUNIOR MAYOR OF SAFETY HARBOR

Emilia V. is a Safety Harbor resident whose philanthropic nature and volunteer efforts earned her recognition as part of the Junior Mayor Challenge.

Safety Harbor's youth, teens, and senior citizens benefit from her efforts promoting businesses and supporting a healthy economy that helps Safety Harbor thrive and raising awareness that children and teen residents wish to be heard on topics and concerns they feel their community would benefit from by being addressed.

Emilia helps advertise, and frequently visits, downtown businesses, volunteers at local restaurants for various events, and offers dog-walking services in her community through her own private business.

Emilia is passionate about being involved in her community and helps target areas of focus that provide a better place to live and play for all Safety Harbor residents. As a model volunteer, student, entrepreneur, and citizen of Safety Harbor, Emilia has a bright future ahead of her.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

MARCH

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, 6:30PM
- 21 City Commission, 7PM
- 31 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4 First Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 7PM
- 5 Junk in the Trunk (Community Center), 9AM-1PM
- 5 Bands on the Bay (Waterfront Park), 3-10PM
- 6 Enchanted Garden Fest (Folly Farm), 10AM-2PM
- 18 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 19 Chalk Art Festival (Main Street), 9AM-8PM
- 20 Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Show (Main Street), 9AM-4PM
- 20 Chalk Art Festival (Main Street), 10AM-5PM
- 25 Doggie Day by the Bay (Waterfront Park), 5-8PM

APRIL

CITY MEETINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

- 4 City Commission, 7PM
- 12 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 13 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 14 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 15 **All City Facilities Closed - Spring Holiday**
- 18 City Commission, 7PM
- 20 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 28 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 First Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 2 Paddle the Bay (Waterfront Park), 8AM
- 15 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 16 Beer & Burger Throwdown (Waterfront Park), 12-6PM

MARKET ON MAIN

Sundays ☞ Gazebo ☞ 10:00AM-3:00PM

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.

Stay Connected...

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

To opt-in, text all or some of the **KEYWORDS (individually)** below to **888-777**

City Events

text keyword:
COSHEVENTS

City Programs

text keyword:
COSHPROGRAMS

City Services

text keyword:
COSHSERVICES

Public Safety

text keyword:
COSHPUBSAFE

888-777

cityofsafetyharbor.com

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

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK @ YOUR LIBRARY *by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director*



The Safety Harbor Public Library, along with libraries across the country, celebrate National Library Week, April 2-9, recognizing how libraries transform their communities through innovative materials, services, and programs.

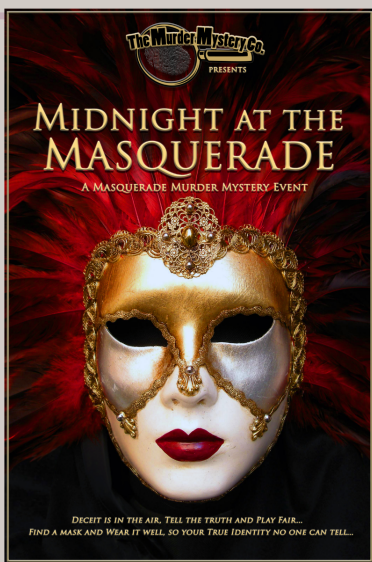
Your library isn't just a place to study or get the new bestseller. It's a creative and engaging community center where people of all ages can meet and collaborate, attend a concert, cultural program, or story time, pick up free seeds or a to-go program, or check out a museum pass or one of the 400+ tools from our Tool Library.

If you know someone who needs a high school diploma we can help through our Career Online High School program. Want to meet people and talk books? Try one of our book clubs. If you can't get here to pick up materials, we can come to you via our home delivery service.

Our digital library never closes, offering audio, e-books, and e-magazines via Libby and hoopla. We recently added Kanopy, a video streaming service with access to independent and documentary films and Great Courses. If you want to learn a new language, try Pronuciator, an online program offering your choice of 163 languages.

We continue to evolve every day to support our community. We recently added a sensory corner in the children's area with materials children can see, touch, and explore to regulate their bodies through calming sensory experiences. We are excited about the construction of the second story and transforming our space to better serve you.

There is Something for Everyone @ your Library. Please come visit us person or online, www.SafetyHarborLibrary.com or call the Answers Desk, 727-724-1525 x4112, for information on our services or programs.



MARCH 25, 2022

DOORS OPEN 6PM • DINNER 6:30 PM • SHOW 7PM

TKTS \$35 EACH. INCLUDES SHOW & BOXED DINNER FROM THE STUFFED MUSHROOM. BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.



Safety Harbor Public Library FOUNDATION

Building a Legacy for the Future

Safety Harbor Public Library

101 2nd Street N.

Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Visit: SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org to purchase tickets



LIBRARY BOOK SALE SATURDAY

Property of Friends of the Safety Harbor Library

Saturday, March 12

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

BOOKS, CDS, & DVDS. ALL GENRES, IN GREAT CONDITION.

MOST ONLY \$1.00 EACH!

CASH, CREDIT, OR CHECK.

101 2ND STREET N. SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMS.

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

*1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: (AGES 0-4) ONGOING.
REGISTER AT [HTTPS://SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG/](https://safetyharborlibrary.beanstack.org/)

*SPRING INTO READING: (AGES 5-8) FEBRUARY 1-APRIL 23.
REGISTER AT [HTTPS://SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG/](https://safetyharborlibrary.beanstack.org/)

UKULELE SING-ALONG IN THE ART PARK: (FAMILY) SATURDAYS, MARCH 5 & APRIL 9,
10:30 AM

*WILD ABOUT ART TO GO (AGES 4-8) MONDAY, MARCH 14-19

BILINGUAL/SPANISH STORY TIME: (AGES 8 & UNDER) SATURDAYS, MARCH 26 & APRIL 2,
10:30 AM

*GREAT EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM: BOPPIN' TO THE BEAT (AGES 5-8) MONDAY, MARCH 28,
3:30 PM

*THEATER & IMPROV GAMES: (AGES 5-8) MONDAY, APRIL 11, 4:00 PM

*GREAT EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM: TIME FOR TAKE OFF: (AGES 5-8) MONDAY, APRIL 25,
3:30 PM



***REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTER AT
[EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG](https://events.safetyharborlibrary.org)**



Library Tween Programs Ages 9-12



*Tween Taste Test Challenge Take Home Kit: 3/1, 4/11

*Tween Book Bag: 3/7, 4/4

*Tween In Person Craft: 3/22, 4/26,
5:30 p.m.

*Tween In Person Painting Program: 3/29, 4/19,
5:00 p.m.

*Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: 3/8, 4/5, 5:30 p.m.



***Registration required**

Register at events.safetyharborlibrary.com

TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS AGES 13 - 18

Teen Take Home Taste Test Challenges:
Pick up 3/1 & 4/11*

Teen Book Box:
Pick up 3/7 & 4/4*

Teen Led Book Club:
3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5:00 - 6:00 PM *

Teen Rainbow Room:
3/9 & 4/13, 5:30 PM

Free Virtual Planning for College as a
Middle Schooler with Carla Barry:
3/26, 12PM*

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTER AT
[EVENT.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG](https://event.safetyharborlibrary.org)**



LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Meet NYT Bestselling
Author Sarah Penner
3/3 | 6:30 pm

Water Conservation 101
3/10 | 6:30 pm

Little Free Library
Scavenger Hunt
3/5 & 3/6

Saturday Movie Matinee
3/26 & 4/23 | 2:00 pm

Ukulele Workshops
3/1, 3/15, 3/23 | 7:00 pm

April Poetry Contest
Theme: *Perseverance*

The Jazz Phools in Concert
3/31 | 6:30 pm

Spring Plant Exchange
4/2 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Book Clubs:

Words & Wine
3/21 & 4/18 | 6:00 pm
Books & Bagels
3/15 & 4/19 | 10:30 am

CrAfterWork:

Beaded Dragonfly*
3/24 | 6:00 pm
Yarn Bird*
4/28 | 6:00 pm

*Registration Required

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

FOLLY MAGIC

by: *Kelsy Johnson, Safety Harbor Garden Club*



Native plants, butterflies, and cheer galore at Folly Farm and Mullet Creek Park, the homes of the Safety Harbor Garden Club!

The Club is a group of plant-loving people with the intention of learning about, educating others on, and fostering the growth of local flora. With help from the talented and dedicated city team, the Club is underway making Folly Farm the best butterfly garden in the state.

Efforts include the planting and care of a rainbow-like display of nectar and host plants that keep our winged lovelies plenty happy stopping in town! With such a noble task at hand, the Safety Harbor Garden Club is always welcoming new members and extra hands. All are welcome to volunteer, and those seeking to become new members of the Club should visit <https://www.safetyharboregardenclubsafetyharborflorida.com> and click on “Application Form New Members” under the “Membership” tab.

Yearly dues are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, and you may email any additional questions to MembershipSHGC@Gmail.com.

Or you might want to simply come out to Folly Farm Monday and Tuesday mornings to meet the family and volunteer! Tasks include weeding, pruning, having a blast, transplanting plants, eating deserts, sunbathing (while filling buckets with weeds), learning the names and ways of plants and their butterfly friends, and of course, the beautification and enhancement of Folly Farm, for which the Safety Harbor Garden Club is famous. Hope to see you soon, cheers!

IT'S BACK, SAFETY HARBOR ECO-EGG HUNT!

by: *Donna Mack, Volunteer Coordinator*



Gather up your friends, family, and neighbors for a family-friendly twist on the traditional egg hunt! Teams of six will meet at Folly Farm Nature Preserve on Saturday, April 9, from 10:00AM – 1:00PM to clean up the park by hunting air potatoes. You'll have 90 minutes to fill up as many buckets as possible with air potatoes. Once your buckets are full, turn them in to be weighed to see who wins the grand prize.

Don't forget to name your team and create a team shirt.

You'll want to bring gloves, garden tools, and bug spray and be sure to wear long sleeves, pants, a hat, and sunscreen.

There will be food vendors, games, crafts, a plant sale, and pictures with the Bunny!

WHAT IS AN AIR POTATO?

The air potato is a member of the yam family with twisting vines, characterized by large, heart-shaped leaves growing alternately on stems which can grow up to 70-feet high. It grows rapidly – up to 8 inches per day – choking off the air, water, and sunlight supplies of the nearby plant life. Each leaf produces one potato bulb, which falls to the ground and re-sprouts a whole new plant, continuing the deadly cycle.



Sign up today to help eliminate this problematic plant and keep Folly Farm green! Please contact Donna Mack at dmack@cityofsafetyharbor.com with any questions.



RECREATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Spring Farm Camp

Ages: 5–10 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17, 9–11AM, \$25/day, Folly Farm

Spring Camp: Exploring Veterinary Science

Ages: 5–10 3/21, 9AM–3PM, \$30, Folly Farm

Spring Break Cooking Camp

Ages: 7–12, 3/16–3/18, 10AM–12PM, \$30, Youth Ranch

Street Hockey Spring Break Camp

Ages: 7–12, 3/14–3/18, 9:30AM–12PM, \$70, Youth Ranch

School's Day Out: Wildlife, Water & Worms

Ages: 5–11, 4/15, 9AM–3PM, \$30, Folly Farm

Balloon Art Days

Ages: 7–11, 3/14–3/15, 9–11AM, \$40, Museum

Magic Days

Ages: 7–12, 3/14–3/15, 12–2PM, \$40, Museum

Lunch Bunch Days

Ages: 7–12, 3/14–3/15, 11AM–12PM, \$10, Museum

PROGRAMS

Nature Craft Workshop

3/8 & 4/12, 3:30–4:30PM, Ages: 6–12, \$10, Folly Farm

Young Buds

3/10: Good Bugs, 10–11AM, Ages: 3.5–5, \$7.50, Folly Farm

4/14: Herbs & Flowers, 10–11AM, Ages: 3.5–5, \$7.50, Folly Farm

Bluebird Nest Box Workshop

3/12, 12:45–1:45PM, Ages: 5+, \$25, Folly Farm

Nature Photography Workshop

3/18 & 4/29, 8:30–11:30AM, Ages: 8+ \$15, Folly Farm

Butterfly Gardening

3/24: Butterfly Gardening 101, 6–7pm, Ages: 16+, \$15, Folly Farm

4/7: Butterfly Gardening 201, 6–7pm, Ages: 16+, \$15, Folly Farm

Tree Talks with Art Finn

3/22, 5–6PM, All Ages, Free, Baranoff Park

Vertical Garden Workshop

4/21, 10–11:30AM, Ages: 14+, \$20, Folly Farm

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

SAFETYHARBORRECREATION.COM

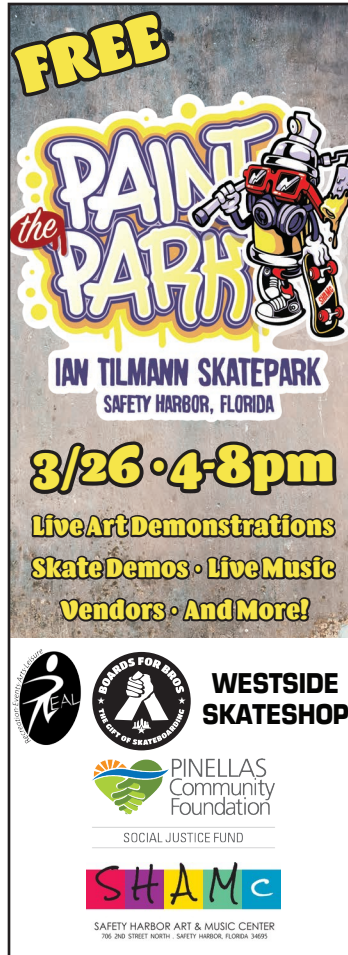


Enchanted Garden Fest **FREE**

Sunday March 6th
10am – 2pm

- Plant & Art Vendors
- Fairy Walk
- Enchanted Character Costume Contest
- Enchanted Performances

SafetyHarborRecreation.com



FREE

PAINT PARK

IAN TILMANN SKATEPARK
SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA

3/26 • 4-8pm

Live Art Demonstrations
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WESTSIDE SKATESHOP

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Celebrate National Kite Day

Go Fly a Kite!

April 10th
11am–1pm
Free
Waterfront Park

- Activities
- Contests
- & More!

SafetyHarborRecreation.com



Safety Harbor's Annual

SENIOR EXPO

APRIL 26TH
10AM-12:30PM
FREE

Community Center
727-724-1530

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2022 Quarterly Clean-up Dates*

March 14 - 16: Spring Clean-up

June 13 - 15: Hurricane Preparation Clean-up

September 12 - 14: End-of-Summer Clean-up

December 12 - 14: Holiday Clean-up

What items **WILL** be collected?

- Toilets
- Boxsprings & mattresses
- Scrap metal, please pile separately
- Old appliances, including: washers, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, microwaves, dishwashers
- Lawn/yard equipment – drained of oil & gas
- Other items must be bundled, bagged, or boxed – under 50 lbs

* Collection occurs only once during the Clean-up cycle, so it is important to place items at the curb by 6:30AM on your regular collection day.

If you miss the clean-up day, special pick-ups may be requested, for a fee, by calling Public Works.



Questions, contact Public Works: 724-1550 x2002

CityofSafetyHarbor.com/sanitation

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate with Us...

Tea Pary Social

Mon, March 7TH

12:30–2:00 PM • \$10

Museum & Cultural Center



Safety Harbor
Diversity Advisory Board

