

CityScape

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Dear Safety Harbor Residents,

Safety Harbor has a real Who's Who when it comes to birds of prey. This is evidenced by our many bird lovers and photography enthusiasts who have captured breathtaking pictures of these beautiful creatures, as can be witnessed in Philippe Park where several of these birds often gather. You may have heard about the beloved owls in Philippe Park that recently died from anticoagulant rat poisoning. The poisons that killed these owls are indiscriminate, and they could also poison your pets.

Our city is proud to host multiple bald eagles, great horned owls, barred owls, eastern screech owls, red-tailed hawks, red shouldered hawks, swallow-tailed kites, and short-tailed hawks, the latter two being on the rare side. Wildlife is important to our community's culture and ecosystem. A single great horned owl alone can consume approximately 1,400 rodents in a year. Given the importance of these birds, keeping them healthy is critical to maintaining a proper balance in our environment.

One big threat is anticoagulant rat poisons, which cause internal bleeding to kill its target. Unfortunately, secondary unintended targets, such as owls and pets, can also be killed. This ultimately leads to increases in rodent populations over time and places a burden on non-profit rescue organizations who deal with the consequences. If we can preserve and protect these raptors, we give them a chance to do their job of maintaining a balance in our environment.

You can make a big difference to protect our wildlife and pets by not using anticoagulant rat poisons, which are often used in rat bait boxes. These poison baits actually lure rats to your property.

There are better ways to control the rodent population, including:

- Keeping garbage properly sealed
- Maintaining frequent trash pickup
- Sealing all points of entry to homes and buildings
- Removing pet food from outdoor areas
- Avoiding spilled bird food and ground fruits
- Requiring your pest control companies to not use anticoagulant rat poisons (both first and second generation are unsafe). Safer options are Bromethalin (such as Fastrac, Assault) or Cholecalciferol (such as Terad3)

Safety Harbor is known for its wildlife, and we have a special responsibility to protect it. In memory of the Philippe Park owls and other wildlife and pets in our area that are at-risk, I urge every resident of the beautiful City of Safety Harbor to do your part.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joe Ayoub

photo: Fred Brisard

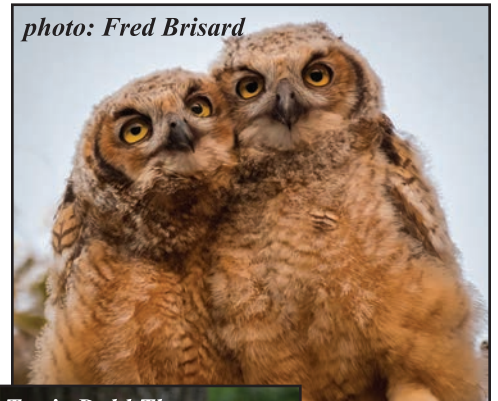


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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

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



What if I told you that 60% of residential structure fire fatalities were avoidable just by maintaining functional smoke alarms? We're here to offer suggestions for selecting a device, installation, and maintenance. National fire industry leaders recommend interconnected detection systems so that one activated smoke alarm will cause the entire home network to sound off. We believe everyone in the home should have ample time to react, because rapid fire growth might mean precious minutes to evacuate.

When installing your smoke alarms, place a detector outside each bedroom and on every level of your home. Additionally, maintain a 10-foot clearance from cooking appliances to prevent accidental alarm activation. All residents should recognize

the alarm sound and understand what actions to take when executing a predetermined evacuation plan. Now that you've installed your smoke alarms, you must test them monthly based on the manufacturer's instructions and replace the 9-volt batteries annually at a minimum. If you recognize that pesky "chirp" sound, this means the battery is low and requires replacement. An adage offers an easy reminder: "Change your clocks, change your batteries," which coincides with fall and spring daylight savings.

Did you know that our Fire Prevention Division recently partnered with the American Red Cross to give out free smoke detectors with 10-year batteries? To receive your free smoke alarm or seek further assistance, please call (727)-724-1520 or message us on our Facebook page.

MAYOR'S TREE PLANT CHALLENGE WINNER

by: Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director & Robert Moser, Parks Manager

At the February 21, 2022, City Commission meeting, Mayor Ayoub presented the Safety Harbor Garden Club with the Mayor's Tree Plant Challenge Award for planting several trees at the Folly Farm Nature Preserve. Theresa Badurek, from the University of Florida/IFAS Pinellas County Extension office, presented the Safety Harbor Garden Club with the "Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Award of Excellence for Beautification and Enhancement."

The City of Safety Harbor's residents, staff, and park patrons would like to thank the Safety Harbor Garden Club on their invaluable service to help beautify our city. The Garden Club meets weekly at Folly Farm Nature Preserve and Mullet Creek Nature Park. For more information, please visit safetyharborgardenclubsafetyharborflorida.com.



SAFETY HARBOR JUNIOR MAYOR

At the April 18, 2022, Commission Meeting, the City of Safety Harbor Commission recognized Macey Tarrance and Olivia Kofoed as Junior Mayors for April and May 2022 as part of the Junior Mayor Challenge. They were chosen as Junior Mayors for their volunteer efforts in cleaning up Safety Harbor and creating a safer and healthier environment for residents, visitors, and animal and marine life in their community.

NEXT JUNIOR MAYOR

If your child would like to help Mayor Joe Ayoub with his official duties and be the city's Junior Mayor, then have him or her send an e-mail to JuniorMayor@cityofsafetyharbor.com and highlight a project or contribution that was done to benefit the city. Possibilities include raising money for a non-profit, cleaning up litter, helping the environment, or anything else that is creative. Please include pictures with the e-mail.

Some responsibilities for the Junior Mayor will include gaveling the start of a city meeting, leading the pledge of allegiance and invocation at a city meeting, helping with ribbon cuttings and with remarks at public events. Please email Mayor Ayoub by June 1, 2022.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

MAY

CITY MEETINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

- 2 City Commission, 7PM
- 10 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 11 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 12 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 16 City Commission, 7PM
- 18 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 26 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM
- 30 **All City Facilities Closed - Memorial Day**

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 6 First Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 7PM
- 13 Multicultural Social: Asia Pacific American (Museum), 6-9PM
- 14 Hippie Dash (Marina), 6:30AM-12PM
- 20 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

JUNE

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- 4 Best Damn Leftover 5K (Marina), 7:15-11AM
- 17 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

MARKET ON MAIN

Sundays ☼ Gazebo ☼ 10:00AM-3:00PM

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COME JOIN US

For full list of jobs or to apply, visit:
cityofsafetyharbor.com/662/Employment



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pacific
american**
HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate with Us...

Multicultural Social

Friday, May 13TH

6:00–9:00 PM • Free

Museum & Cultural Center


Dancing • Food • Shopping • History & Culture



City of Safety Harbor
Celebrates Diversity

JUNE IS...

**PRIDE
MONTH**



SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES - SUMMER READING PROGRAM @ YOUR LIBRARY

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



When the bell rings signaling the end of the school year, students of all ages can't afford to take long breaks from reading. Studies show youth that don't read over the summer, especially reluctant or struggling readers, lose important ground. One of the best places for children to become comfortable with reading is your local library. Beginning June 6, we invite readers of all ages to join this year's Oceans of Possibilities summer reading program to prevent the summer reading slide.

Logging your reading is simple, using Beanstack, found on our website: SafetyHarborLibrary.com, and accessing Events & Programs, then Reading Programs.

The first 25 children, 25 tweens, and 10 teens to sign up for summer reading will receive a goody bag. After reading 12 and 24 hours, visit the Children's Desk to collect prizes! The first 12 children to complete 24 hours win a jumbo squishy and the first 15 tweens and 15 teens to complete 24 hours each win a Squismallow and are entered to a raffle for fantastic grand prizes. Readers who log the most amount of time in each age group win a special prize!

Since we don't think kids should have all the fun, adults too can join summer reading and be eligible for prizes.

Visit our website for programs and events for all ages, including Terrific Tuesdays for children, which kicks off on June 7, 11:00 AM with a Drum Circle presented by Giving Tree Music and continues with other special weekly programs until August 2. Monday Fundays for ages 4-8 are offered at 2:00 PM and story times for all ages continue throughout the summer.

BOOK SALE

SAT. JUNE 4

*Friends of the
Safety Harbor
Library*

9 AM - 3 PM

BOOKS, DVDS, CDS, MAGAZINES, ANTIQUE BOOKS & MORE. MOST ITEMS ONLY \$1.00. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMS.

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Call:
727-724-1525 x4112

Are You Ready?

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GRADUATE!
VISIT THE WEBSITE AND TAKE THE
ARE YOU READY SURVEY TO GET STARTED!

Children's Programs



*GREAT EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM - ART OUT OF THE BOX: (AGES 4-8) MONDAY, MAY 2, 3:30 PM.

BILINGUAL/SPANISH STORY TIME: (AGES 8 & UNDER) SATURDAY, MAY 7, 10:30 AM.

UKULELE SING-ALONG IN THE ART PARK: (FAMILY) SATURDAY, MAY 14, 10:30 AM.

STORY TOTS: (AGES 19 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS) MONDAYS, JUNE 6, 13, 20 & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 10:30 AM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY - GIVING TREE DRUM CIRCLE: (FAMILY) TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 11:00 AM.

*MONDAY FUNDAY: (AGES 4-8) MONDAYS, JUNE 13, 20, 27, 2:00-3:00 PM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY - ATLANTIC COAST THEATRE: (AGES 3-10) TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 11:00 AM.

BABY & ME STORY TIME: (AGES 18 MONTHS & UNDER) THURSDAYS, JUNE 16, 23, 30, 10:00 AM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY - STARLITE PUPPET SHOW: (AGES 3-8) TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 11:00 AM.

ERIC CARLE STORY TIME PARTY: (AGES 8 & UNDER) WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 11:00 AM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY - MR. RICHARD SING-ALONG FUN: (AGES 3-10) TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 11:00 AM.



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

Library Tween Programs



Ages 9-12



*Tween Star Wars Take Home Kit: 5/3

Tween American Girl Doll Raffle: 6/6 - 7/30

Youth Ocean Photography Contest: 6/6 - 7/30

*Tween Painting Program: 6/7, 5:00 pm

*Tween Taste Test Challenge Take Home Kit: 6/14

*Tween Cupcake Wars: 6/21, 5:30 pm

*Tween Jellyfish Lantern

Craft To Go: 6/28

***Registration
Required**



Register at events.safetyharborlibrary.com

TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS AGES 13 - 18

Teen Star Wars Take Home Kit:
Pick up 5/2 - 5/7 *

Youth Ocean Photography Contest:
6/6 - 7/30, <https://bit.ly/36GcYyO>

Teen Led Book Club:
6/6 & 6/20, 5:00 - 6:00 PM *

Teen Rainbow Room:
6/8, 4:00 PM

Teen Taste Test Challenge Take Home Kit:
Pick up 6/14 - 6/18 *

Teen Ocean Cupcake Wars:
6/22, 4:00 PM *

Teen Book Box:
Pick up 6/28 - 7/2 *

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LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Non-Profit Volunteer Fair
5/12 | 4:30 - 8:00 pm

Saturday Movie Matinee
5/28 & 6/25 | 2:00 pm

Friends of the Library
Book Sale
6/4 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Oceans of Possibilities:
Adult Summer Reading
Program
6/6 to 7/30

Seafood 101: Cooking with
Chef Warren Caterson
6/16 | 6:30 pm

Book Clubs:

Words & Wine
5/16 & 6/20 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels
5/17 & 6/21 | 10:30 am

CrAfterWork:

Bojagi Curtain*
5/19 | 6:00 pm

Tote Bag*
6/23 | 6:00 pm

*Registration Required

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

SUMMER CAMP FUN IS HERE IN SAFETY HARBOR!

by: *Christine McWilliams, Recreation Supervisor*



This summer, we will be running our ever so popular part day camps which offer endless opportunities for your child to make summer memories that will last a lifetime! Some of our returning part day camps include: soccer, all sports, volleyball, cooking, theatre, fishing, kayaking, standup paddleboard, art, painting, clay, magic, balloon art, and STEAM camps. In addition to those fan favorites, we've got new camps that are sure to become favorites, including: 3D printing, African drumming, STEAM frostbitten, build your own game, nature craft, weather watchers, flying wild, farm discovery, girls in America, academy of wizardry, and many more!

And we've got something for all age ranges, from our Wee Camps for children ages four to six, all the way to teens! For the older campers, we have Junior Teen Camp and Active Teen Adventure Camp in June and July. And Bricks 4 Kidz is back with a fun lineup, including: LEGO Masters Theme Mashup, Minecraft, and Superheroes Camps.

For older teens, entering 9th–12th grades, who need to stay busy or are working toward Bright Futures hours, our Teen Leaders program is an excellent way to do just that. Teen Leaders learn leadership, professionalism, and communication skills while assisting instructors, staff, and counselors at our summer camps. Part-Time Teen Leaders will

help with our specialty part-day camps throughout the summer. Shifts range from one and half to six hours in the morning, afternoon, or evening, depending on selected camps. Teens can select camps based on their availability, vacation schedule, and hours needed for Bright Futures. The cost for the Teen Leaders programs is \$75 for the summer.

Camps fill up fast, so be sure to check out SafetyHarborCamps.com and register today!

SUMMER IS ON!

by: *Jillian Cook, Recreation Supervisor*

Summer is just around the corner! Is your child looking for fun while school is out? At the Safety Harbor Community Center, we provide **REAL Fun!** Full Day Summer Camp. Your child's days at camp will be jam-packed with excitement, from engaging activities and themed camp days to field trips and more!

But why choose us? We pride ourselves on selecting staff that are the best fit for our program. Staff is thoroughly trained on group management, child behaviors, and safety. Each staff member is CPR and First Aid certified and has gone through water safety training for pool days. We have certified lifeguards on rotation at the offsite pool located at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

While we highly value safety, staff members also have to be **REAL Fun!** We look for counselors who have creativity, enthusiasm, and warm, welcoming attitudes when interacting with campers. Counselors have the special job of making this summer the best one yet for each and every child in their groups, and they can't wait to get started.

We are committed to promoting a safe, fun, healthy, and exciting environment for all our campers. Campers will attend field trips with their group, cool off in the pool, learn new indoor and outdoor games, and participate in special events, dress up days, and themed activities, all while making new forever friends. During our care, your child will experience new places and activities that are not only super fun, but also foster important life skills like teamwork, kindness, respect, and inclusivity.

You can register for our Full Day camps online at SafetyHarborCamps.com. Camps fill up quickly, so register today. We can't wait to see you this summer!

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child go to camp!**

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for one week.**

**Visit:
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to make donation**

**For more info:
727-724-1530 ext. 3306
kgerlach@cityofsafetyharbor.com**

RECREATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

SUMMER CAMPS

Full Day Camp

Ages: 5-11, 5/31-8/5, 7:30AM-5:30PM, \$300/2-wk, Community Ctr

PART DAY CAMPS

African Drumming

Balloon Art

Bricks 4 Kidz

Challenge Island

Cheerleading

Clay Camp

Cooking

Dance

Farm Food Discovery

Fishing

Fort Challenge

Gardening

Jewelry Camp

Junior Teen Camp

Kayak

Magic

Munchkin Chef

Nature

Nature Craft

Nerf Combat

Paddleboard

Pram Sailing

Repurpose Sewing

Skate Camp

Speed & Agility

STEAM

Volleyball

Weather Watchers

For full list of summer camps:

SAFETYHARBORCAMPS.COM

PROGRAMS

Pirate Talk Series

All Ages, Mon, 5/2-5/23, 6-7PM, Free, Museum

Intro to Carpentry for Women #244015

Ages: 18+, Sat, 5/7-5/28, 9-11AM, \$450, Folly Farm

Tree Talks with Art Finn

All Ages, 5/10, 5-6PM, Free, Folly Farm

Hurricane Preparedness

All Ages, Wed, 5/11, 6-7PM, Free, Museum

Boost Your Brain

All Ages, Wed, 5/18, 6-7PM, Free, Museum

Aqua Fitness #241000

Adults, Thu, 5/26-8/25, 9-10:15AM, \$10/visit, Youth Ranch

Aqua Yoga #2410030

Adults, Thu, 5/26-8/18, 11AM-12:15PM, \$10/visit, Youth Ranch

Senior Trips #440000

Register for Trip List and Quarterly Newsletter mailing list

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

SAFETYHARBORRECREATION.COM



Safety Harbor
Summer
Camps
begin 5/31

Full Day
Ages: 5-11

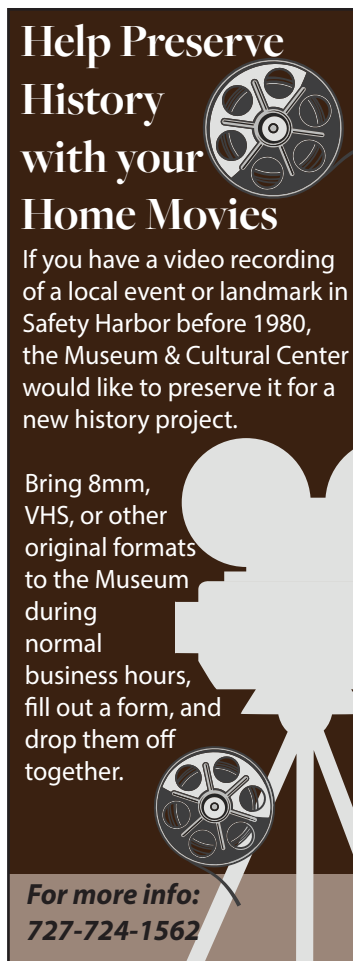
Specialty
Part Day
Ages: 4-17

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today at:
SafetyHarborCamps.com



learning to
swim in
Florida, is
not an option.
It is a
necessity.

Safety Harbor Swim Lessons
SafetyHarborRecreation.com



Help Preserve
History
with your
Home Movies

If you have a video recording of a local event or landmark in Safety Harbor before 1980, the Museum & Cultural Center would like to preserve it for a new history project.

Bring 8mm, VHS, or other original formats to the Museum during normal business hours, fill out a form, and drop them off together.

For more info:
727-724-1562



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Team

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- Lifeguard
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Summer Bus Driver

Year Round Jobs:

- Recreation Leader I
- After School Counselor
- REAL Fun Bus Driver
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Cliff Merz, Commissioner
Andy Steingold, Commissioner
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

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Fire Station #53: 727-724-1536
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Looking for a job? Visit 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.

SANITATION COLLECTION



Correct Can
Placement
3-Foot Apart



Correct Number of Items
10 or Fewer



Needs to be
bundled & tied

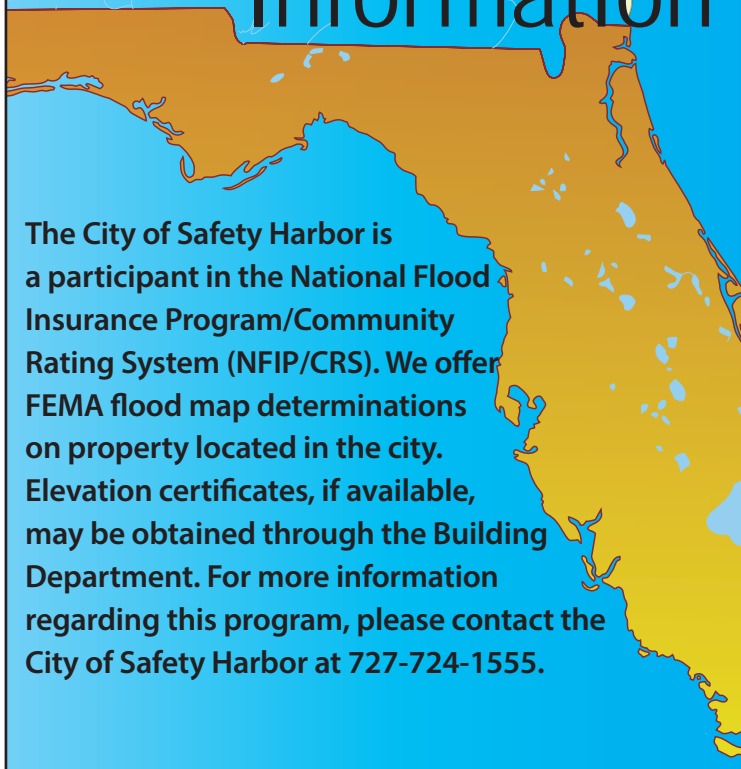


No Construction
Debris or Pallets



Needs to Be 3-Feet
Away From Can

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.