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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 October 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.

You can find the application here: cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipGrant

The City of Safety Harbor is accepting matching grant and Mayor's Award of Excellence applications through October 14, 2022.

Neighborhood project matching grant categories include entryway signs, fencing, walkways, fountains and lighting in a common area. Beautification matching grant categories include landscaping and irrigation in a common area. The Mayor's Award of Excellence recognizes property owners for beautifying their property and enhancing the property's curb appeal.

You can find the application here: cityofsafetyharbor.com/NeighborhoodGrants

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

HURRICANE & STORM PREP... IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Now is the time to prepare you home for regular summer thunderstorms, tropical storms, and yes, even hurricanes. Here's an easy checklist to get you started.

- Check your doors, windows, and walls for areas where water could infiltrate. Re-caulk around doors and windows. Seal any openings where pipes or cables enter through exterior walls.
- Trim trees and shrubs back away from exterior walls and away from the roof line. Complete regular pruning of trees (consult the City Arborist or a Certified Arborist with any questions regarding correct pruning of trees).
- The heaviest leaf fall of the season is now over. Clean out gutters to prevent water from flooding the roof causing roof damage and potential roof leaks.
- Clear away any unnecessary yard clutter. Unsecured lawn furniture, toys, plants, etc., can become projectiles during a storm. Clearing now will save time during storm preparation later.



SAFETY HARBOR JUNIOR MAYOR PROGRAM

If your child would like to help Mayor Joe Ayoub with his official duties and be the City's Junior Mayor, he or she can send an e-mail to JuniorMayor@cityofsafetyharbor.com and highlight a project or contribution that they worked on 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 of the project 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 August 15, 2022.

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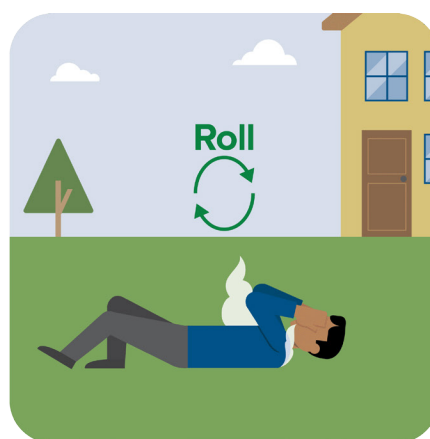
AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

STOP, DROP, AND ROLL *by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic*

As we begin this summer season, there is no better time to fall back on the basics of fire safety, specifically Stop, Drop, and Roll. Now is a great moment to remind children to avoid sources of fire such as lighters, matches, and grills. In addition to unintended structure or wildfires, children may unintentionally catch clothing or hair on fire. Stop, drop, and roll is an easy, life-saving technique kids (and adults) of all ages can comprehend to minimize risk and expedite help.

Let's review the steps. First, we stop where we are to avoid fire spread. Next, we drop to the ground and protect our eyes and mouth with our hands to mitigate further injury. While on the ground, we should roll back and forth until the flames are completely out. When safe to do so, children should notify an adult and seek medical help by dialing 911. Bystanders can improve efforts by deploying a fire extinguisher, dousing the patient with water, or smothering the fire with a blanket.

Now that we have reviewed this timeless fire safety practice, let's discuss when stop, drop, and roll is not appropriate. Children should not perform these steps if they have an isolated burn, hear the smoke alarm, or observe a structure fire. Instead, seek out an adult and immediately notify your Safety Harbor Fire Rescue personnel.



STORM DRAIN MURAL PROGRAM *by: Renee Cooper, Public Works Director*

The City of Safety Harbor is excited to present our Storm Drain Mural Program. We welcome our residents, students, artists, and civic groups to apply to paint their own storm drain mural. In addition to their artistic value, painted storm drains will serve a very important educational purpose by addressing the quality of stormwater that flows through our piped stormwater system and into our creeks, ditches, ponds, and the bay. Now is your opportunity to help others learn that trash, leaves, grass clippings, and chemicals do not belong in the City's storm drains. The water that flows through Safety Harbor's storm drains goes directly into Old Tampa Bay, sometimes without prolonged treatment. This messaging is essential to prevent illicit discharges of waste in storm drains and pivotal to maintaining safe, clean oceans and beaches.

To encourage residents, volunteers, and students to get involved; the City of Safety Harbor will provide the needed supplies free to participating groups. Materials the City of Safety Harbor will provide: safety vests, traffic cones, up to two pre-made stencils (if requested), a wire brush, traffic rated paint (red, black, blue, white, and yellow), paint brushes, sidewalk chalk for outlining mural, rubber gloves, tarps to protect the pavement from paint, additional mixing containers, a bucket for soaking brushes, paint rollers, paint rolling trays, sealant, and painters tape. Some materials will be required to be returned to the City following mural completion. Materials participants will provide include water for soaking brushes, trash bags, paper towels, and towels to kneel on while painting if desired. For more information on this program, contact Public Works at 727-724-1550.



HARBOR HAPPENINGS

JULY

CITY MEETINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

4 **All City Facilities Closed - Independence Day**

13 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM

14 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

18 City Commission, 7PM

20 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM

28 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

4 4TH of July Parade & Patriotic Ceremony (Main St), 10AM

4 Safety Harbor 4TH of July Celebration *presented by*

Blake Real Estate (Waterfront Park), 5PM

15 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

AUGUST

CITY MEETINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

1 City Commission, 7PM

9 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM

10 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM

11 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM

15 City Commission, 7PM

17 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM

18 Firefighters' Pension Board, 9:00AM

25 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

19 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

Market on Main ↻ Sundays ↻ Gazebo ↻ 10:00AM-3:00PM

»»» **WE ARE HIRING** «««

JOIN OUR TEAM

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



Adopt-A-Street

Building Community One Street at a Time

The Safety Harbor City Commission created the Adopt-A-Street Program in 1993. This program encourages clubs, organizations, businesses, civic groups, and individuals to volunteer to remove litter along roadways within our city limits. The program is meant to increase civic pride in the City and continue to beautify the City's roadways. Adopt-A-Street is also vital to removing trash and debris before they become pollutants within the City's stormwater system.

For more information on this program, contact Public Works at 727-724-1550.



Getting Started

- Complete and return the Adopt-A-Street Agreement.
- Two representatives from your organization must meet at Public Works for a safety briefing and to pick up the safety supplies.

To Participate

- Commit to removing litter four times per year.
- Select a street segment or roadway to clean.

City Provided

- Recognition Signage
- Safety Vests
- Trash Bags
- Trash Bag Removal
- Record Keeping Forms

Volunteer Provided

- First Aid Supplies
- Cell Phones
- Transportation
- Sunscreen and Insect Repellent

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS *by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director*



LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Libraries play an important role in communities. New residents move to Safety Harbor for our beautiful parks, Main Street events, variety of restaurants and shops, and unique neighborhoods. Many locate here because of the strength of our downtown library. You probably already know about the digital resources, books, tools, museum passes, other collections, and events the library offers, but another important, immeasurable value is community connection.

We see parents attending Story Time, then staying so their children can play with the toys in the Imaginative Play area and checking out as many books as they can carry. We see caregivers reading to children in comfy chairs and young mothers lingering after Story Time talking, creating friendships. We see children grow up and years later as tweens and teens, visit after school to hang out with friends. Some get their homework done, others talk to friends or play video or board games. Many become teen volunteers, gaining pre-work experience and

creating meaningful relationships with our teen librarians.

We see older adults, our regulars, come in to pick up books or use the public computers due to lack of internet or a home printer. We listen to their stories about their weekend or family far away, providing a listening ear. We help our seniors with one-on-one computer training, giving them the confidence needed to use their iPad or new e-Reader. We've seen people learn to play the ukulele here and now teach it joyfully to others. We know what our homebound patrons like to read, listen to, and watch.

We are here when a frantic student needs a test proctored, and we celebrate when one of our students graduates from Career Online High School. We've seen ESOL students become citizens and members of our book groups become friends. We've seen residents create business plans and become successful small business owners. We provide meeting space for groups to gather. We've helped people research and write their personal history.

Librarians are in a unique position to identify the needs of residents of a small community and work hard to meet them. We create community connections. Our value is not quantifiable, but not less important.

We invite you to let us know how we can improve our connection with you. Please visit our website, SafetyHarborLibrary.com to find an event that may interest you or sign up online to receive our monthly newsletter, or by calling the Answer Desk at 724-1525 x4112. We invite you to visit in person. We'd love to meet you.

26 JUL
16 AUG
21 SEP
6:30 PM
Family Friendly!
TAMPA BAY UKULELE SOCIETY
Ukulele Jam Nights
@ the Library
SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.COM

THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY FOUNDATION
REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
Music By:
Bluegrass Woodshed
Adult Prom
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
7:00 - 9:30 PM
SAFETY HARBOR COMMUNITY CENTER
FOOD, DRINK, DANCING, PHOTOS, PROM KING & QUEEN
- SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE - PROCEEDS BENEFIT -
LET'S BUILD A STORY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
TICKETS \$50
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SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
Building a Legacy for the Future

Children's Programs



LEGO LEAGUE: (AGES 3-12) FRIDAYS, JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

STORY TOTS: (AGES 19 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS) MONDAYS, JULY 11, 25, & AUGUST 1, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 10:30 AM.

BABY & ME STORY TIME: (AGES 18 MONTHS AND UNDER) THURSDAYS, JULY 14, 21, 28, & AUGUST 4. 10:00 AM.



*MONDAY FUNDAY: (AGES 4-8) MONDAYS, JULY 11, 18, 25, & AUGUST 1, 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY - MERMAID & PIRATE STORY TIME PARTY: (AGES 0-8) TUESDAY JULY 12, 11:00 AM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY - MAGICIAN CESAR DOMICO: (AGES 3-10) TUESDAY, JULY 19, 11:00 AM.

OCTOPUS STORY TIME PARTY: (AGES 0-8) WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 11:00 AM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY - CLEARWATER AQUARIUM: (AGES 3-10) TUESDAY, JULY 26, 11:00 AM.

*TERRIFIC TUESDAY- GREAT EXPLORATIONS- SOLID, LIQUID, GAS: (AGES 3-8) TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 11:00 AM.

UKULELE SING-ALONG: (FAMILY) SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 10:30 AM



*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

Tween Library Programs Ages 9-12

*Tween D&D Workshop: 7/9, 2:00 pm

*Tween Painting Program: 7/12, 5:00 pm

*Tween Beach Terrarium: 7/19, 5:30 pm

*Tween Book Bag: 7/19-7/23

*Tween Taste Test Challenge Take Home Kit: 7/26-7/30

*Tween Graphic Novel Book Club with Pizza: 7/27, 5:30 pm



*Registration Required

Register at events.safetyharborlibrary.com

TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS AGES 13 - 18



Teen Happy Little Painting: 7/2, 1:00 PM *

Teen Led Book Club: 7/11 & 7/25, 5:00 - 6:00 PM *

Teen Rainbow Room: 7/13, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Teen Led Botanical Club:
7/14, 7/28, & 8/11, 4:30 - 5:30 PM *

Teen Beach Terrarium: 7/20, 4:00 PM *

Teen Seaweed Taste Test Challenge
Take Home Kit:
Pick up 7/26 - 7/30 *

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Oceans of Possibilities:

Adult Summer
Reading Program

Chance to win a \$200 VISA gift card!

Until 7/30

Book Clubs:

Words & Wine
7/18 & 8/15 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels
7/19 & 8/16 | 10:30 am

Gators!

presented by the
Florida Aquarium

(All Ages Program)

7/21 | 6:30 pm

Saturday Movie

Matinee

7/23 & 8/27 | 2:00 pm

CrAfterWork:

Sea Glass
Picture Frame*

7/28 | 6:00 pm

Embossed
Watercolor Art*

8/25 | 6:00 pm

*Registration Required

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

CELEBRATE JULY - PARK AND RECREATION MONTH *by Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent*



Since 1985, Americans have celebrated National Park and Recreation Month during July. It is a chance to promote the benefits that our local parks and recreation facilities bring to a community. Our benefits and our goals are wrapped in 4 words: Health, Community, Economy, and Environment.

HEALTH: Safety Harbor parks and facilities encourage healthy and active lifestyles as well as social development. Sound bodies and sound minds require physical activity and the chance to experience personal growth. Parks naturally provide this opportunity.

COMMUNITY: Parks bring communities together in a common place without the constraints of everyday life. Connecting to everything around us and each other, we learn to value our environment, our heritage, and our place in the world.

ECONOMY: Parks have become an integral component to the economic development of the state. Parks provide an investment in the infrastructure needed to accommodate revenue generating events and tourism which in turn benefit the local and state economy. Additionally, parks positively impact housing and commercial real estate.

ENVIRONMENT: Parks are key to connecting with our natural and historic treasures to preserve them. We grow in awareness of our responsibility to protect and cherish these things through stewardship and gentle use, increasing our desire to conserve what we enjoy today for future generations.

Safety Harbor's parks and recreation facilities make July worth celebrating. Check out SafetyHarborRecreation.com to join us and take a class, visit the museum, or soak in the sunshine outdoors – ***It Starts in Parks!***



BE A PART OF SAFETY HARBOR'S HISTORY! *by: Kelliann Gerlach, Recreation Facility Manager*

The City of Safety Harbor has an ongoing fundraising project selling custom-engraved commemorative bricks. Bricks can be placed at our Veteran Memorial Park, the Gazebo on Main Street, and the Safety Harbor Museum and Cultural Center. These mementos are a visible symbol of community love and support that give anyone a chance to place a lasting piece in Safety Harbor. The personalized bricks can be in honor or memory of a veteran, family member, friend, or even a pet. Businesses and organizations can also show support. What a great way to leave a legacy or mark in the community while also paving the way to our future!

Proceeds from the brick sales will support the Leisure Services Youth Scholarship Fund to assist children that need financial assistance to participate in recreation programs and camps and the Museum & Cultural Center to help preserve the City's history by maintaining exhibits.

Bricks are available for purchase for \$100 each. Deadlines are October 1st and April 1st each year. You can download an order form at cityofsafetyharbor.com/bricks or fill out and mail in the form below. If you have any questions, please call Kelliann Gerlach at the Safety Harbor Community Center at 724-1530 ext. 3306 or email kgerlach@cityofsafetyharbor.com.



GAZEBO

\$100

All proceeds benefit the
Safety Harbor Youth
Scholarship Fund OR
Safety Harbor Museum
of Regional History



MUSEUM

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

For more information, call 727-724-1530 ext. 3306 or

kgerlach@cityofsafetyharbor.com

Deadline for late October engraving - October 1

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to: City of Safety Harbor

RECREATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

PART DAY SUMMER CAMPS

Super Duper STEM Camp

Ages: 6-12, 7/11-7/15, 10AM-12PM, \$125, Folly Farm

Ages: 6-12, 8/1-8/5, 10AM-12PM, \$125, Folly Farm

Kitchen Science is Cool!

Ages: 6-12, 7/11-7/15, 12:30-2:30PM, \$125, Folly Farm

Ages: 6-12, 8/1-8/5, 12:30-2:30PM, \$125, Folly Farm

Butterfly Fairy Dancers Camp

Ages: 9-13, 7/18-7/22, 10AM-1PM, \$65, Folly Farm

Nature Photography Camp

Ages: 10-14, 7/25-7/29, 8:30-11:30AM, \$75, Folly Farm

Rockets, Planes, & Flying Things

Ages: 8-12, 7/18-7/22, 9-11:45AM, \$100, Folly Farm

Planet Protectors

Ages: 8-10, 7/25-7/29, 1-3:45PM, \$75, Folly Farm

For full list of summer camps:
SAFETYHARBORCAMPS.COM

PROGRAMS

Ice Cream Social

All Ages, Sun, 7/17, 1-3PM, Free, Museum

Fly Day

Ages: 5-17, 7/6, 3:30-6PM, Free, Daisy Douglas Park

Back to School Bash

Ages: 5-17, 8/3, 3:30-6PM, Free, Daisy Douglas Park

Family Friendly Yoga

Youth, Sat, 7/16, 10-11AM, \$7/family, Folly Farm

Youth, Sat, 8/20, 10-11AM, \$7/family, Folly Farm



For full list of Recreation events, classes, and programs:
SAFETYHARBORRECREATION.COM

SESSION	CAMP DATES	COST
C	6/27 - 7/8	\$270
C	7/11 - 7/22	\$300
E	7/25 - 8/5	\$300

*No Camp on 7/4

connect with us...
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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.



Safety Harbor Diversity Advisory Board Meet & Greet

with your Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Community Police Officers

Saturday, August 13, 2022 • 10:00AM

**Mattie Williams
Neighborhood Family Center**

