

# CityScape

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## HOLIDAYS IN THE HARBOR

by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic



### SANTA TOURS

Safety Harbor Fire Department is pleased to announce another highly anticipated **Santa Tour** this holiday season. Last year, Old Saint Nick partnered with local firefighters to spread Christmas cheer around the community and celebrated the best tour to date. With your continued support and safe practices, the City of Safety Harbor is prepared to deliver more family-friendly fun to our residents.

Back by popular demand, the real-time Santa GPS Tracker will be available on the City's website and Safety Harbor Fire Department Facebook page. We trust this convenient resource will help residents plan their festivities accordingly.

Additionally, families can enjoy a predictable schedule and ample opportunities to see Santa (please see online or below).



In the interest of protecting first responders and families, the Santa Tour will continue to avoid traveling down dead-end streets, cul-de-sacs, and narrow roads. These proven practices allow crews to better focus on delivering a fun experience while maintaining a punctual schedule. You can do your part by maintaining a healthy distance from the fire engine to reduce unnecessary risk. From everyone at Safety Harbor Fire Department, we sincerely thank everybody for their unwavering support and look forward to the celebrations.

### SANTA'S APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE:

- Friday, 12/09: South of Enterprise & East of 9th Ave
- Saturday, 12/10: South of Enterprise & West of 9th Ave
- Friday, 12/16: North of Enterprise & East of RR Tracks; North of 580 & West Oldsmar
- Saturday, 12/17: North of Enterprise & West of RR Tracks; South of 580

### SAFE THANKSGIVING TIPS

We would be remiss if we glazed over the Thanksgiving Holiday and didn't share relevant fire prevention tips. If your holiday food preparation includes a turkey fryer, please understand the risks and safe practices to prevent injuries or property damage. We highly recommend selecting a steady outdoor surface at least 10-feet from your home and free from combustible items. Thoroughly thaw the turkey before introducing it to cooking oil, taking care to measure the correct oil amount to avoid spillage. While constantly monitoring the pan, periodically utilize a cooking thermometer to prevent burning and prepare to handle any cooking equipment with protective gloves. Should you experience an emergency, do not hesitate to contact emergency services by dialing 9-1-1.



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# AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

## JUNIOR MAYOR OF SAFETY HARBOR



Luke P. was selected as Safety Harbor Junior Mayor for November and December 2022 because of his philanthropic and charitable efforts to support a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

Luke is passionate about being involved in his community, supporting local non-profit organizations, and protecting Tampa Bay Waters for the benefit of the environment and to build a more sustainable future for all.

Safety Harbor's youth, teens, and aquatic ecosystems benefit from his efforts to support clean water in Tampa Bay. Luke is responsible for hosting an annual fishing tournament for

children and teens who want to have fun while supporting a good cause.

As a model advocate, student, environmentalist and citizen of Safety Harbor, Luke has a bright future ahead of him.



## MAYOR'S 5TH 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 30, 2022, and awards will be given out in early 2023!



2022 MAYORS TREE PLANT CHALLENGE WINNERS:  
SAFETY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB



## KEEP SAFETY HARBOR BEAUTIFUL DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Golf Cart Owners, please be sure any decorations on your vehicle are tightly secured so that they do not blow off when driving down the road. Also, remember to secure all cups, cans, bottles, napkins, papers, cigarette butts, etc., so they don't become litter, too.

# HARBOR HAPPENINGS

## NOVEMBER

### CITY MEETINGS

Check [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://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
- 11 All City Facilities Closed - Veterans Day**
- 16 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 17 Firefighters' Pension Board, 9AM
- 17 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM
- 21 City Commission, 7PM
- 24 - 25 All City Facilities Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- 5 Wine Festival (Waterfront Park), 5-11PM
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony (Marina, 11AM-12PM)**
- 18 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

### Market on Main

Sundays ↗ 10:00AM - 3:00PM ↗ Gazebo



**HUMAN LIBRARY**  
unjudge someone.

SAFETY	HARBOR	PUBLIC LIBRARY
AIDS	ALCOHOLIC	
ANOREXIC	ASPERGER	
ASPERGER	BISEXUAL	
BDSM	BODY-POSITIVE	
BLINNIE	BRONNED	
COMPULSIVE GAMBLER	CONVERT	
DISABILITY CHILD	DEAF-BLIND	
DEPRESSIVE	DISABLED	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	FEMINIST	
DISLICIE	HIV	



**HUMAN LIBRARY**

**Human Books Needed**

The Library is hosting a Human Library in the future and is recruiting human Books. During the event, Readers check out human Books for meaningful, fifteen minute one-on-one conversations with the goal of fostering dialog that challenges stereotypes and prejudices.

If you defy a stereotype and have experiences Readers could benefit learning about and are motivated to help challenge stigma and stereotypes through personal conversation, we need YOU!

Human Library concept began in Denmark in 2000. Participants have the opportunity to 'borrow' a person for a conversation and build a positive framework, in a safe space for conversations through understanding.

For more information on how to become a book and share your experiences visit <https://cityofsafetyharbor.com/952/Human-Library> or email [lkoth@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:lkoth@cityofsafetyharbor.com)

## DECEMBER

### CITY MEETINGS

Check [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com) for meeting locations

- 5 City Commission, 7PM
- 8 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM
- 8 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 13 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 14 Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30PM
- 19 City Commission, 7PM
- 21 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 23 All City Facilities Closed - Christmas Eve Observed**
- 26 All City Facilities Closed - Christmas Observed**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2 Tree Lighting (Gazebo), 6PM
- 2 Sip & Shop (Main Street), 5-9PM
- 3 Holiday Parade (MainStreet), 10AM
- 9 & 10 Harbor Holiday Nights (Folly), 6-9PM
- 10 Santa's Twilight 5K (Main Street), 7PM
- 11 Kiwanis (Main Street), 9AM-4PM
- 16 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 16 & 17 Harbor Holiday Nights (Folly), 6-9PM



*City of Safety Harbor celebrates diversity*  
**November is**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN**  
**HERITAGE MONTH**



Safety Harbor  
Diversity Advisory Board

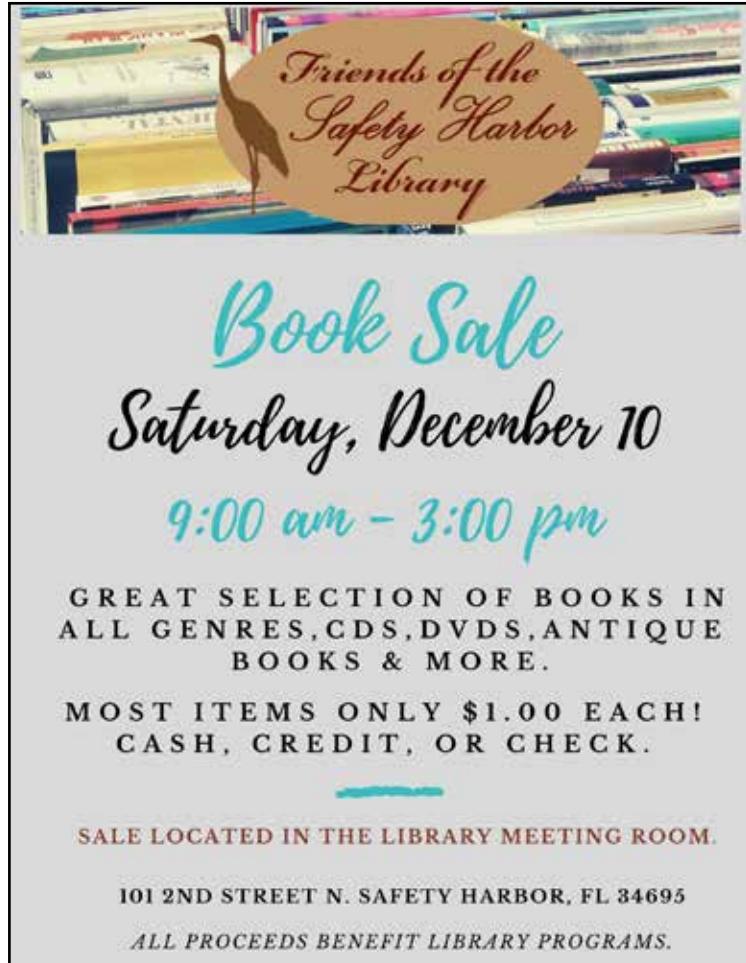
# SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

## YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN *by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director*

You already know you can get great books from the library, along with DVDs of thousands of movies, but have you tried our digital library? If you are looking to trim your Netflix bill or enjoy reading e-books, e-magazines, or the New York Times online, check out our free 24/7 library for the following resources:

- **Libby** provides access to digital books, audiobooks, e-magazines, and video on your favorite device.
- **hoopla** offers online and mobile access to thousands of movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks, eBooks, and comic books.
- **Kanopy** provides on-demand streaming of over 30,000 films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classics.
- **New York Times** digital edition allows unlimited articles on NYTimes.com and in the New York Times app by creating a free account using a special redemption link.
- **Pronunciator** is an online language learning program offering over 100 languages focusing on building conversational skills and phrases.
- **AtoZDatabases** provides detailed information on U.S. businesses to help with job searches, starting a business and exploring possible markets, or researching businesses by industry segment and company size.
- **Gale Legal Forms** delivers an easy-to-use, step-by-step approach to address basic legal matters with access to thousands of customizable documents.

You don't have to be an avid reader to take advantage of what your library offers. From lending tools to study spaces, programs for all ages, museum passes, board and video games, printing and scanning, FAX service and more, your library has something for everyone. For more information on all our resources, visit our website SafetyHarborLibrary.com or call the Answers Desk, 727.724-1525 x4112.



*Friends of the Safety Harbor Library*

## Book Sale

Saturday, December 10

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

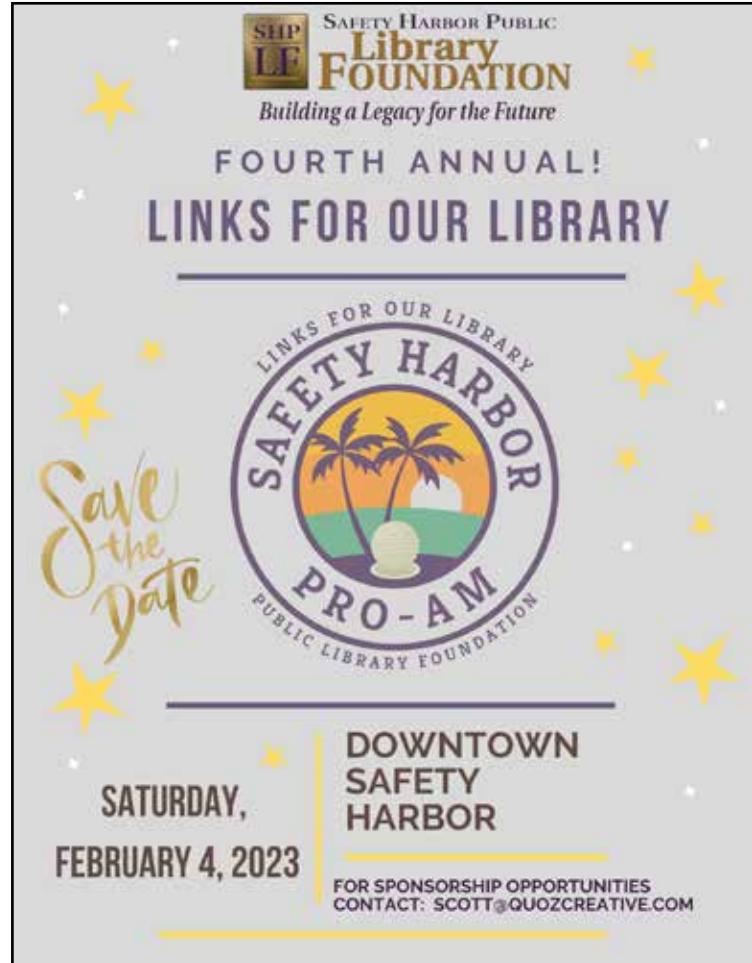
GREAT SELECTION OF BOOKS IN ALL GENRES, CDS, DVDS, ANTIQUE BOOKS & MORE.

MOST ITEMS ONLY \$1.00 EACH!  
CASH, CREDIT, OR CHECK.

SALE LOCATED IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM.

101 2ND STREET N. SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMS.



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**Library FOUNDATION**  
Building a Legacy for the Future

### FOURTH ANNUAL! LINKS FOR OUR LIBRARY



LINKS FOR OUR LIBRARY  
SAFETY HARBOR  
PRO-AM  
PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Save the Date

SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 4, 2023

DOWNTOWN  
SAFETY  
HARBOR

FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES  
CONTACT: SCOTT@QUOZCREATIVE.COM

# Children's Programs

STORY TOTS: (AGES 19 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS) WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 AM.

BABY & ME STORY TIME: (AGES 18 MONTHS AND UNDER) THURSDAYS, 10:00 AM.

LEGO LEAGUE: (AGES 3-12) THURSDAYS, 3:30 PM

UKULELE SING-ALONG IN THE ART PARK: (AGES 5 & UNDER)  
SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 10, 10:30 AM.

HOMEWORK HELP: (GRADES K-8), TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
(EXCEPT DURING SCHOOL BREAKS), 3-6 PM.

BILINGUAL/SPANISH STORY TIMES: FRIDAYS,  
NOVEMBER 8 & DECEMBER 2, 10:30 AM.

HOLIDAY STORY TIME PARTY: (AGES 0-5) WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 14, 11:00 AM.

PAWSOME READERS: (AGES 8 AND UNDER) SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12, 10:30 AM.

\*MONDAY FUNDAY: STORY, CRAFT & GAMES (AGES 4-8) DECEMBER 5, 4:00 PM.

STARLITE PUPPET SHOW: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 11:00 AM.

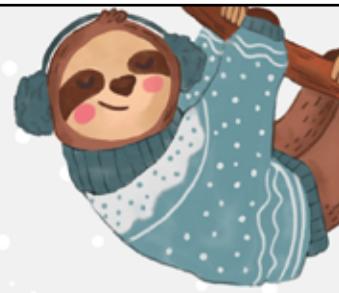
\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

REGISTER AT  
[EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG](http://EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG)



# Tween Library Programs

Ages 9-12



Homework Help: (Grades K-8) Tuesdays & Wednesdays except during school breaks, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

\*Tween Craft: 11/1, 5:30 pm

\*Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: 11/8, 5:30 pm

\*Tween Cooking: 11/15, 5:30 pm

Reading Doesn't Stink- Florida Skunk Advocates & Rescue: 11/19, 11:30 am

\*Tween Painting Program: 12/6, 5:00 pm

\*Tween Gingerbread Houses: 12/13, 5:30 pm

\*Registration Required

Register at [events.safetyharborlibrary.com](http://events.safetyharborlibrary.com)

# TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Teen Boba Keychain Craft\*-  
11/2, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Teen Rainbow Room:  
11/9 & 12/14, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Teen Anime Club:  
11/16, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Reading Doesn't Stink!:  
11/19, 11:30 AM  
(Pet a real live skunk)

Teen Generic vs Name Brand Taste Test\*:  
12/7, 5:00-6:00 PM

INTERESTED IN BEING A TEEN VOLUNTEER?

STOP BY THE TEEN ZONE  
AND PICK UP A TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION!

YOU MUST BE 14-17 YEARS OLD  
AND IN HIGH SCHOOL TO VOLUNTEER.

\*Registration required  
Register at [events.safetyharborlibrary.org](http://events.safetyharborlibrary.org)



# LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

## Diabetes:

What You Need to Know

11/3 | 6:30 pm

## Afro-Cuban Jazz

History & Concert

11/17 | 6:30 pm

## Saturday Movie Matinee

11/19 & 12/17 | 2:00 pm

## Living by the Stream

Concert

12/8 | 6:30 pm

## Book Clubs:

Words & Wine

11/21 & 12/19 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels

11/15 & 12/20 | 10:30 am

## CrAfterWork:

Paper Quilling

11/1 - 11/30 | Take & Make

Snow Globes \*

12/15 | 6:00 pm

\* Registration Required

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

# SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

## MAKE HOLIDAY MEMORIES IN THE HARBOR *by Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent*



Fall is in the air... A time for memories, festivities, friends, and family, and there are plenty of opportunities in Safety Harbor to create those memories and traditions. One way is to come out to Folly Farm now through Thanksgiving and take advantage of our Fall Photo Spots.

After Thanksgiving, the City will be sparkling with lights! Harbor Holiday Nights offers a perfect chance to check out the lights at Folly Farm while enjoying some free family fun. If you want to venture out to see more lights throughout the City, you can hop on a Trolley for \$5.00 per person at Harbor Holiday Nights. You have four chances for holiday fun at Folly Farm – December 9, 10, 16, and 17, from 6:00–9:00PM.



Need tips on adding some festive flair to your home? Sign up for our Holiday Wreath Decorating or Holiday Bow Making classes. Or maybe you want to make a fun holiday gift yourself or someone else? Come to one of our Wine Glass Painting Classes. All of these creative classes take place at the Museum and Cultural Center.

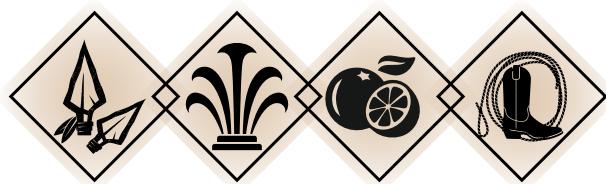
Be sure to register for Slices with Santa! Eat pizza, hear some stories from Mrs. Claus, then get your list out for your visit with the Jolly Ol' Elf himself.

Do you want to help others create their holiday memories? We are hiring for Holiday Elves. If you are interested in assisting with our holiday events, you can apply for the On-Call Leisure Services position by visiting [CityofSafetyHarbor.com](http://CityofSafetyHarbor.com) and clicking the "Employment" link.

The Holidays are sure to be a fun and festive time in the Harbor, so join us for some REAL Fun!



## REIMAGINING THE PAST *by Bobbie Wheeler, Safety Harbor Museum of Regional History Board President*



### REIMAGINING THE PAST

the Safety Harbor Museum and Cultural Center and then hop aboard the Jolley Trolley for a guided tour of some of Safety Harbor's historic sights. Of course, no tour of Safety Harbor would be complete without stops at a few of the Harbor's favorite eateries for some food samplings and wine tastings - and perhaps some early Christmas shopping. Tickets to the event are \$50 per person and include tastings and beverages at reception and on the tour. Tickets may be purchased at the museum or Post Office Square on Main Street – or look for us at local events. For questions about this event contact [guides@toursintheharbor.com](mailto:guides@toursintheharbor.com).

The museum is making plans to bring the past into the future, so to speak. With the use of new storyboards, technology, and upgraded permanent displays, the hope is to greatly improve visitor experience as they immerse themselves into the unique history of Safety Harbor. In order to accomplish this goal, the museum recently launched a fundraising campaign, *Reimagining the Past*.

December will bring more great opportunities to participate. The first Bricks & Books event will take place on Thursday, December 15, 2022, and will feature local authors, including Safety Harbor's own Laura Kepner whose new publication, *Images of America Safety Harbor*, was recently released. And 2023 will be greeted with a Pub Crawl in January, followed by Bloom'n Chalk Fest Live Auction in March and a Local Artist Dinner and Auction in May.

Come learn how you can help the Museum reach its goal and support our mission to preserve and share our history. Visit us Thursday through Sunday, 11:00AM – 4:00PM. You can reach the museum at 727-724-1555 ext. 1510.

# RECREATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## HOLIDAY CAMPS

### Kids Kast Fishing Camp

11/21-11/22, 9AM-1PM, Ages: 8-15, \$400, Marina

*Spend the day on a boat fishing! Learn how to cast, rig bait and tackle, proper fish handling techniques, and more! Life vests provided. Each boat will have 2-4 children of similar ages.*

### Bricksgiving Week LEGO Camp

11/21 & 11/22, 9AM-4PM, Ages: 5-12, \$70/Day, Youth Ranch

### Balloon & Magic Camp Days

11/21-11/22, 9-11AM, Ages: 7-12, \$100 Museum

### Art Camp Days

11/21-11/22, 9AM-2PM, Ages: 7-12, \$100 Museum

### African Drumming Camp Days

11/21-11/22, 11AM-1PM, Ages: 7-12, \$75 Museum

### New Year's LEGO Camp

Half Day: 1/3-1/6, 9AM-12PM, Ages: 5-12, \$120, Youth Ranch

Half Day: 1/3-1/6, 1-4PM, Ages: 5-12, \$120, Youth Ranch

Full Day: 1/3-1/6, 9AM-4PM, Ages: 5-12, \$200, Youth Ranch

For full list of Recreation events, classes, and programs: [SAFETYHARBORRECREATION.COM](http://SAFETYHARBORRECREATION.COM)



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## PROGRAMS

### Pancakes in the Park

Sat. 11/5, 8-10AM, All Ages, FREE, Folly Farm

### Backyard Composting & Worms!

Thu. 11/10, 10:30-11:30AM, Ages: 14+, \$5, Folly Farm

### Holiday Wreath Decorating

Tue. 11/15, 1-3PM, Adults, \$6, Museum

Tue. 12/13, 1-3PM, Adults, \$6, Museum

### Wine Glass Painting

Thu. 11/17, 6:30-8PM, Adults, \$20, Museum

Thu. 12/8, 6:30-8PM, Adults, \$20, Museum

### Family Camp Out

11/4-11/5, 4:30PM-11AM, Families, \$40/Site, Folly Farm

### Holiday Bow Making

Tue. 12/13, 3-4PM, Adults, \$8, Museum

### Holiday Arts & Crafts

Wed. 12/14, 3:15-5:15PM, 5-17, FREE, Daisy Douglas



## CITYSCAPE

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## CITY OFFICIALS

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Andy Steingold, Commissioner  
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

## CITY DIRECTORY

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Fire Station #53: 727-724-1536  
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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.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

### THANKSGIVING

Thursday recycling collection will be suspended this week. Friday's recycling will be collected as usual.

For drop off locations:

[cityofsafetyharbor.com/108/Sanitation-Division](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/108/Sanitation-Division)

### CHRISTMAS

Sanitation services will not change for the this holiday. Please place your trash and recycling out on your regularly scheduled collection day.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sanitation services will not change for the this holiday. Please place your trash and recycling out on your regularly scheduled collection day.

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Christmas Trees should be put out with yard waste on normal garbage day – January 2, 3, or 4.



## 2022 Quarterly Clean-up Holiday Clean-up: Dec 12 – 14

### 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](http://CityofSafetyHarbor.com/sanitation)