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2023 Quarterly Clean-Up Schedule*

March 13 - 15:
Spring Clean-up



June 12 - 14:
Hurricane Prep Clean-up

September 11 - 13:
End-of-Summer Clean-up

December 11 - 13:
Holiday Clean-up

What Items WILL be collected?

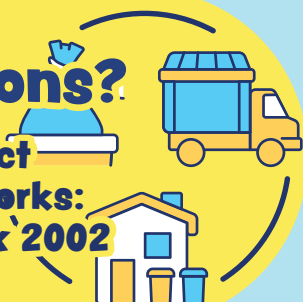
- Toilets
- Boxsprings & mattresses
- Scrap metal: pile separately
- Old appliances, including:
washers, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, microwaves, dishwashers
- Lawn/yard equipment:
drained of oil & gas
- Other items must be bundled,
bagged, or boxed – under 50 lbs

* 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 x 2002



SPRING CLEANING *by: Sherri Kennedy, Sanitation Supervisor*

Spring is in the air, and it's a great time to tidy up and clean out. And Safety Harbor Public Works is here to help you in your Spring Cleaning endeavors!

QUARTERLY CLEAN-UP IS BACK!

Our quarterly clean-up dates are set for 2023 and start in March. Be sure to mark your calendar for the clean-up dates, or cut out the ad to the left and stick it on your fridge! During these clean-up weeks, Sanitation will pick up a variety of bulk items right at your curb on your regular trash day. If you happen to miss the date or have special collection needs between the regularly scheduled events, you can contact Public Works at 727-724-1550 x2002 to schedule a special pick-up for a fee. To see what items will be collected, check out the schedule to the left.



Contaminated items at City drop-off site.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

Do you know the City has two recycling drop-off locations? One is located at the Public Works Complex on Railroad Avenue and accepts aluminum, glass, mixed paper, cardboard, and plastics; the drop-off at the Fire Station on McMullen Booth accepts cardboard, plastic, mixed paper, aluminum and newspaper.

CONTAMINATED RECYCLING

When using the drop-off locations, please do not put any trash into the containers. When residents throw trash (including perishable and non-perishable food), furniture, bags, and Styrofoam packing in the recycling bins, it contaminates the entire load.

Contaminated recycling has to be taken to the solid waste facility and not processed for recycling. It ruins the entire load. Help us keep our drop-off sites clean and sending items to the recycling center.



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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

FIRE SAFETY TIPS *by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic*



As you all know, Safety Harbor's firefighters serve the community around the clock as a bulwark against loss of life and property in the event of a structure fire. The organization constantly strives to improve its fire suppression tradecraft through experience, lessons learned, and training. Another equally critical aspect of the profession is fire prevention. Safety Harbor Fire Department takes proactive steps to avert preventable emergencies by employing a full-time Fire Marshall, executing fire inspections, researching national trends, and educating the public about life safety tips. Much of the fire prevention data we source from industry leaders at the national level is comprised of reports from throughout the country that identify trends over the years. We hope that by sharing these findings and offering a few tips, the citizens of this community can avoid being another statistic.

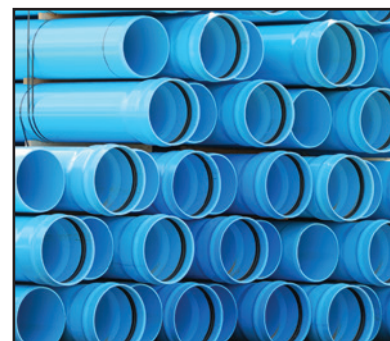
According to the U.S. Fire Administration, on average, there are nearly a quarter-million residential structure fires in 1- and 2-family homes every year. This specific subsection accounts for nearly two-thirds of the nation's structure fires and amounts to scores of casualties and an estimated property loss of \$6 billion. Naturally, cooking accounts for over one-third of fires in single-family dwellings, and the data shows most fires occur in the evening hours of dinnertime. Proactive steps any family can take include owning a fire extinguisher, monitoring cooking, and maintaining a "safe zone" where kids and pets cannot interfere. Another report finding indicates fires are more common in the cooler months, especially in January. The culprits include, but are not limited to, holiday decorations, heating appliances, and candles. Steps you can take include watering Christmas trees if applicable, monitoring lit candles, and maintaining a healthy distance from combustibles when operating space heaters. Of course, installing operational smoke detectors is a year-round life safety measure that has saved countless lives.

We hope this article proved informative and helps prevent residential structure fires throughout the City of Safety Harbor.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE *by: Michelle C. Giuliani, Engineering Director*

NORTH BAY HILLS PHASE III WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On September 19, 2022, City Commission approved a Contract with Augustine Construction, Inc. to perform the construction of a new water main project for the Capital Improvement Project, IFB 2022-01-CIP, North Bay Hills Phase III Water Main Replacement Project. The proposed work will take place along portions of Mallard Drive, Mandarin Terrace, North Bay Hills Boulevard, Avocet Place, Sandpiper Lane, and Teal Terrace. Construction will commence in March 2023. Work hours are limited to weekdays from 7:00AM to 6:00PM. No work will occur between the hours of 6:00PM and 7:00AM on any day or at any time on Sunday (per City of Safety Harbor's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Section 15.03).



PINELLAS AVENUE WATER MAIN AND FIRE PROTECTION PROJECT

On September 9, 2022, City Commission approved a Contract with Carl Hankins, Inc. to perform the construction of a new water main project for the Capital Improvement Project, IFB 2022-02-CIP, Pinellas Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. The proposed work will take place along portions of Philippe Parkway, Pinellas Avenue, Rajel Avenue, Madrid Avenue, Navarez Avenue, Philippe Drive, Club Drive, Melrose Drive, Glen Drive, Morningside Drive, and Avon Drive. Construction commenced in February 2023. Work hours are limited to weekdays from 7:00^{am} to 6:00PM. No work will occur between the hours of 6:00PM and 7:00AM on any day or at any time on Sunday (per City of Safety Harbor's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Section 15.03).



Remember... Only Rain Down the Drain

Do Not Blow Leaves & Grass into Street, Curb, or Storm Drains
Leaves should be bagged and disposed of with your regular yard waste collection. The City will collect up to 10 bags on your regular collection day or use the Quarterly Clean-Up to dispose of your yard debris.

 **Mark your calendar for the next Clean-Up on March 13-15!**



HARBOR HAPPENINGS

MARCH

CITY MEETINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

- 6 City Commission, 7PM
- 8 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 9 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 14 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 15 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 20 City Commission, 7PM
- 23 Diversity Advisory Board, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4 Junk in the Trunk (Community Ctr), 9AM-1PM
- 17 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 18 Bloom'N Chalk Art Fest (Main Street), 9AM-8PM
- 19 Bloom'N Chalk Art Fest (Main Street), 9AM-5PM
- 19 Kiwanis Art & Craft Show (Main Street), 9AM-4PM

APRIL

CITY MEETINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

- 3 City Commission, 7PM
- 7 **All City Facilities Closed - Spring Holiday**
- 11 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 12 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 13 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 17 City Commission, 7PM
- 19 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 Paddle the Bay (Waterfront Park), 7AM-5PM
- 15 5K by the Bay (Waterfront Park), 7AM
- 21 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

Market on Main

Sundays ☞ 10:00AM - 3:00PM ☞ Gazebo on Main Street



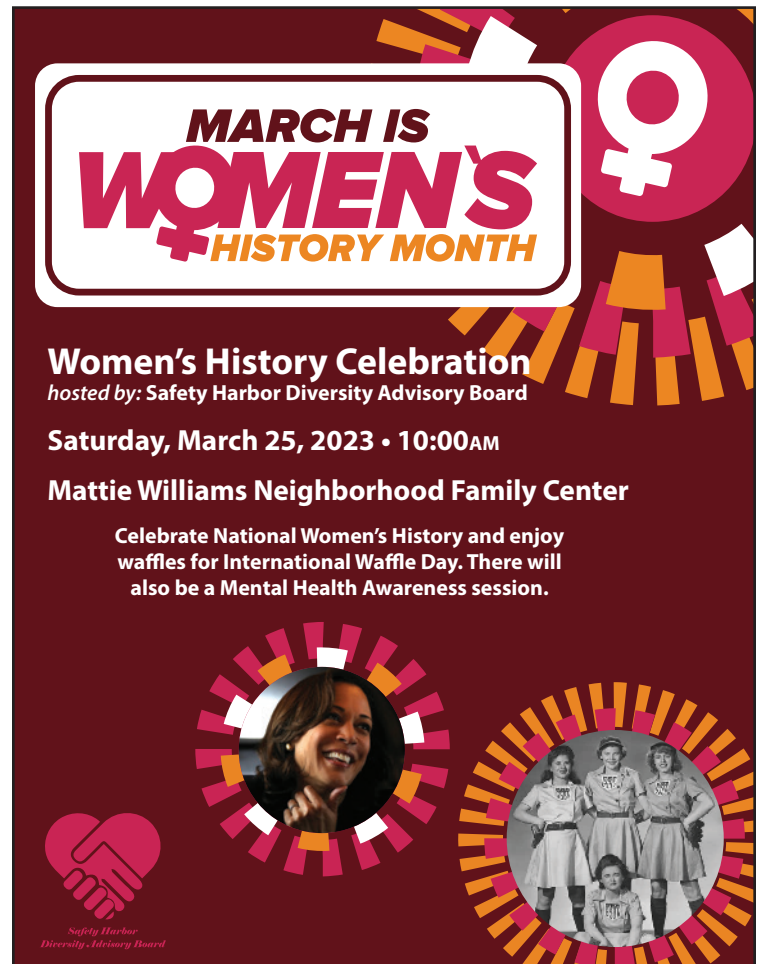
JUNK in the TRUNK

It's a new twist on the old garage sale. Bring your cash and find new-to-you treasures to love!

Saturday, March 4th
9AM-1PM | FREE

Community Center
safetyharborrecreation.com

Recreation Events Arts Leisure
REAL




MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Celebration
hosted by: Safety Harbor Diversity Advisory Board

Saturday, March 25, 2023 • 10:00AM

Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center

Celebrate National Women's History and enjoy waffles for International Waffle Day. There will also be a Mental Health Awareness session.

 **Safety Harbor Diversity Advisory Board**

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY SETS SIGHTS ON SECOND STORY CONSTRUCTION

by: *Lisa Kothe, Library Director*



During the pandemic, library staff learned how to adapt programs to stay safe, create opportunities such as for take home kits and other programs and used outdoor spaces to our advantage. But most of all, we learned patience. The Library Foundation's 2020 Vision – Let's Build a Story capital campaign dropped the 2020 portion of their slogan and is focusing on construction to begin in fall 2023 and consequently hopes to exceed their goal of raising \$500,000 for technology and furniture for the second story of the library. A fall start will allow library staff to focus on summer reading programs for all ages before construction starts, when space to hold programs and events will be limited.

The Foundation will continue to host fundraisers, including the return of the “do over” Prom for adults in August and an interactive mystery dinner theater in the future. Their annual membership drive kicks off in March, providing an effortless way to support the Foundation. Visit SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org for updated information on events and membership opportunities. We are thankful to the Friends of the Library for also contributing \$35,000 to the second story project.

The library will celebrate its 85th birthday during National Library Week April 23rd to 29th with special events. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with the community. To keep apprised of programs, online resources, and to browse our catalog, visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com.



HOURS:
WED - FRI
10AM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY
10AM - 4PM

The Safety Harbor Library's tool lending library is the first in the state of Florida. Our mission is to provide access to quality tools at no cost. All you need to borrow tools is your library card!

Tools are reserved through our online catalog at least one day prior to the day you need them and can be picked up during Tool Library hours. Sorry, same day pickup is not available. You'll be required to sign a one-time membership agreement and release form when picking up tools for the first time.

Visit: SafetyHarborToolLibrary.myturn.com to browse inventory and create your account. Questions? 727-724-1525 x4112

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Story Tots: (Ages 19 months to 4 years)
Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Baby & Me Story Time: (Ages 18 months and under)
Thursdays, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30 & 4/13, 4/20, 4/27 at 10:00 am.

Pawsome Readers: (Ages 3-8)
Saturdays, 3/18 & 4/29 at 10:30am

Ukulele Sing-Along in the Art Park: (Ages 5 & under)
Saturdays, 3/4 & 4/1 at 10:30 am.

Homework Help: (Grades K-8).
Wednesdays (except during school breaks) from 3 to 6 pm.

Bunny Story Time Party: (Ages 5 & under)
Wednesday, 4/5 at 11:00 am.

Dr. Seuss Story Time Party: (Ages 5 & under)
Wednesday, 3/1 at 11:00 am.

Theater & Improv Games: (Ages 4-8)
Mondays, 3/27 & 4/24 at 4:00 pm.

Wee Discoveries: (Ages 4 & under)
Tuesdays, 3/28 & 4/25 at 11:00am

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT
SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG



Tween Library Programs



Ages 9-12



Homework Help: (Grades K-8) Wednesdays,
3:00-6:00 p.m.

***Tween Painting: 3/7 & 4/11, 5:00-6:30 pm**

Tween Switch Tournaments: 3/8, 3/22, 4/5 &
4/19, 4:30-5:30 pm

***Snacks Around the World with Chef Adam:**
3/11, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

***Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: 3/28 & 4/25,**
5:30-6:30 pm

***Tween Peeps Taste Test Challenge: 4/4,**
5:30-6:00 pm

Family Mandalorian
Program: 4/22,
11:00 am-12:30 pm



***Registration Required**

Register at events.safetyharborlibrary.com

TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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Register at events.safetyharborlibrary.org



Teen Rainbow Room
3/21, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Teen Led Book Club
3/6, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5:00-6:00 PM

Teen D&D- The Witchlight Carnival
3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 6:00-7:30 PM

Snacks Around the World with Chef Adam*
3/11, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

All Ages Self-Defense Workshop
3/14, 6:00-7:00 PM

Tattoos 101 with The Ivy Fine Art & Tattoo
4/3, 6:00- 7:00 PM (Ages 13+)

Family Mandalorian Program
4/22, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Game Night
3/9 | 6:00 pm

Sounds of Ireland
Concert with the
King of Strings, Gary Lovini
3/16 | 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library
Book Sale
3/18 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday Movie Matinee
3/25 & 4/22 | 2:00 pm

Finding Venus:

The Astrology of What You Love
4/20 | 6:30 pm

ESOL Conversation Club
Weds. | 10:00 am
Citizenship Class
Weds. | 11:30 am

Book Clubs:

Words & Wine
3/20 & 4/17 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels
3/21 & 4/18 | 10:30 am

Visit us at SafetyHarborLibrary.com for a
complete listing of upcoming events.

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

ENCHANTED GARDEN FEST IS BACK! *by Autumn Reich, Recreation Program Supervisor*



This will be our 3RD year of sharing the magic of Folly Farm through our Enchanted Garden Fest on March 26TH from 10:00AM–2:00PM. The event is free to attend and will have many things to do:

- Plant and Craft Vendors
- Fairy Doors and Homes Scavenger Hunt
- Costume Parade *for those willing to dress up in their very best Fairy or Gnome attire*
- Workshops (see below)
- Plant a Tree to Re-forest Folly Farm
- Talk to Master Gardeners, who will be on hand to sharing their knowledge and expertise!
- Or just sit back and enjoy the live music at the Gazebo!

You will not want to miss the installation and live build (you can help!) of our 17-foot tall “Gnomeo” to be constructed near the Fire Circle and Wind Phone.

Food Vendors will be on-site and so much more! Park at our off-site lot at the corner of Elm Street and Cedar Street and ride the Trolley to the Farm. Parking and Trolley ride are free.

- Workshops hosted at the Barn during the event:
- Backyard Composting with Living Roots EcoDesign and Amanda Street at 10:30am FREE
- Vertical Garden Workshop at 11:45am, cost \$15 per person
- Rain Barrel Workshop at 1:45pm, cost \$55 per barrel and must have a vehicle large enough to transport home.
- Register at any of our centers or online at SafetyHarborRecreation.com



Gnomeo is a 17' tall gnome that will be built during the festival.

VOLUNTEERS *by Donna Mack, Recreation Program Coordinator*

Most volunteers work regular jobs, care for family members, and keep busy with the demands of life. Yet somehow, they still fit volunteering into their schedules. Former US Representative Elizabeth Andrew said, “Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”

In Safety Harbor, we value our volunteers and their contributions to our community. Whether they help with clean-up efforts, outreach events, assist staff in the office, or coach our youth sports teams, their time makes a huge impact on what we do. From October 2021 through September 2022, our volunteers logged 4,959.50 hours saving the City \$148,537.03!

What Keeps Them Coming Back?

Volunteers get involved for a variety of reasons – from gaining professional experience, improving social skills or self-esteem, or simply for personal growth. Our volunteer opportunities allow people to boost their confidence by taking them out of their comfort zone or even provide an avenue back to self-satisfaction while helping others along the way.

What Is the Benefit for the Volunteers?

Volunteering makes people feel connected. Volunteers spend hours networking, educating, and socializing with others. This is beneficial to their physical health, stress reduction, mind and body, and it helps bring fun and fulfillment to their lives and our staff – benefits that go a long way!

Want to Become a Volunteer?

If you'd like to offer your time and talents to Safety Harbor Leisure Services, you can sign up in person at any of our recreation centers or visit SafetyHarborRecreation.com and search activity number 400002 to sign up online.

I, Donna Mack, the Volunteer Coordinator for Safety Harbor Leisure Services truly thank every one of our volunteers for their service. Their willingness and dedication to assist the City has been a tremendous help and has impacted our staff. We look forward to continued volunteer partnership with the city!



RECREATION EVENTS & PROGRAMS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Showtime for Tykes

Ages: 3-6, Thu, 3/16 & 4/20, 10:30-11:30AM, Free, Folly Farm

Bakers, Brushes & Beakers

Ages: 3-6, Wed, 3/22- 4/26, 5:15-6PM, \$56, Rigsby Center

Preschool Sports

Ages: 3-6, Fri, 3/17- 3/31, 3:30-4:15PM, \$25, Rigsby Center

Basketball Clinic

Ages: 7-10, Tue, 3/7- 4/25, 6:15-7:15PM, \$80, Community Ctr
Ages: 11-15, Tue, 3/7- 4/25, 7:15-8:15PM, \$80, Community Ctr

Afterschool Art

Ages: 6-11, Thu, 4/13- 5/18, 3:45-4:45PM, \$60, Museum

Spring Farm Camp

Ages: 5-10, Mon-Fri, 3/13- 3/17, 9-11AM, \$25/Day, Folly Farm

Teen Leader

Ages: 13-17, Day/Time Varies, May-Aug, \$75, Museum

Youth Naturalist

Ages: 10-14, Tue, 3/7- 3/28, 5-7PM, \$50 Folly Farm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Intro to Carpentry for Women

Tue, 3/7- 3/28, 6-9PM, \$450, Folly Farm

Public Art Tour

Mon, 3/27, 10:30AM-12PM, \$10, Museum

Safety Harbor Resort & Spa Tour

Mon, 4/10, 10:30AM-12PM, \$5, Museum

Safety Harbor History Museum Tour

Mon, 4/24, 10:30AM-12PM, \$5, Museum

Rock Painting

Ages: 15+, Fri, 3/31, 6:30-8:30PM, \$20, Museum

Ages: 15+, Sat, 4/29, 1-3PM, \$20, Museum

Sumi-e Art

Ages: 21+, Thu, 3/2-3/23, 1-2:30PM, \$100, Museum

Ages: 21+, Thu, 4/6-4/27, 1-2:30PM, \$100, Museum

Lucky Leprechaun BINGO Night

Fri, 3/17, 7-9PM, \$6, Museum

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



PICKIN' IN THE PARK
Bluegrass
March 24 & April 14
6:30-8:30PM
Folly Farm Nature Preserve
1538 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N., Safety Harbor
safetyharborrecreation.com

Vendor Food



Doggie Date Night
March 3rd
4:30-6:30pm
FREE!
Dog Activities
Vendors
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\$25/Space
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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.

Enchanted Garden Fest
Folly Farm

FREE

Sunday March 26th
10am - 2pm

Plant & Art Vendors • Family Activities • Garden Demos

Workshops at the Barn:
Backyard Composting 10:30AM, FREE
Vertical Garden Workshop 11:45AM, \$15
DIY Rain Barrel Workshop 1:45PM, \$55

Offsite Parking at Elm St. & Cedar St.
Free Shuttle to & from Event

Community Build!
Come help build Gnomeo, a 17' gnome, onsite during the festival.

Contractor: Sean Carbery
Artists: Chris Dotson & Kumpa Tawornprom

Safety Harbor Summer Camps

Summer Camp Expo and Summer Job Fair
Wed. 3/1/22 • 6-8pm
Community Center

Registration:
Residents: 3/2/23-3/10/23
Open Registration: 3/11/23

SafetyHarborCamps.com