

# CityScape

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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

by: Michelle C. Giuliani, Engineering Director



### MARINA CHANNEL DREDGING

On May 15, 2023, City Commission approved a contract with Gator Dredging to perform channel dredging at the City Marina. The dredging limits took place from Channel Markers 3 and 4 to Channel Markers 9 and 10. Dredging operations will continue through the end of August requiring the boat ramp to remain closed to the public for safety.

### PICKLEBALL COURTS AT MARSHALL STREET PARK

On July 17, 2023, City Commission approved a Contract with Khors Construction to install five pickleball courts and a practice half-court behind the existing tennis courts at Marshall Street Park. The existing racquetball courts will be removed to make room for the new pickleball courts. Construction will commence in

September. 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).

### RESURFACING & MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK

The City issued an invitation for bid for milling and resurfacing of several City roadways and City park facilities, along with sidewalk and curb modifications. Streets included will be within the Bayfront Manor, Highway to Bay, Baywoods, Rainbow Farms, Harbor Woods Village, Northwood East, Philippe Woods, Philippe Bay, Bayshore Terrace, Washington Brennan, Spring Park, Safety Harbor Industrial Park, West and South Green Springs, Seminole Park, Fernbrooke, and Harbor Oaks Subdivisions.

Construction will follow upon project award by City Commission. 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).

## 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 2, 2023. 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 at the following website: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipGrant](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipGrant)

The City of Safety Harbor is accepting matching grant and Mayor's Award of Excellence applications through October 13, 2023.

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 at the following website: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/NeighborhoodGrants](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/NeighborhoodGrants)

For more information, contact Cecilia Chen at [cchen@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:cchen@cityofsafetyharbor.com).

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# AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

## FIRE SAFETY: BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION *by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic*



Attention to all college students beginning the new academic term this fall! By now, you've aced your standardized tests, knocked out a few AP courses, and satisfied many pre-requisite courses, but when is the last time you sat through fire safety training? Your empty-nester parents or caregiver(s) walked alongside you this far, but this next chapter involves making your own smart life choices, especially living in dorms and off-campus.

Available data points to several common causes of fires in collegiate settings, including cooking, smoking, candles, and overloaded power strips. You can help prevent structure fires by staying present while cooking, keeping a tidy work area, and only using authorized kitchen areas. See your Resident Advisor or landlord for more details.

Another leading cause of fire problems is cigarettes, especially when left unattended. Always be sure to extinguish cigarettes and avoid throwing them in a trash receptacle. Avoid smoking on living room furniture and especially in bed. Smoking while intoxicated or tired can quickly lead to structure fires. Lastly, unattended candles are fire hazards, especially when placed near combustible items or in unstable holders.

You can ace this school year by remaining cognizant of the hazards mentioned above and incorporating basic fire prevention measures. Take stock of fire alarm and sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors. And remember, immediately notify Fire and EMS when an emergency arises.

## DID YOU KNOW? YELLOW CURBS *by: Renee Cooper, Public Works Director*

Have you visited downtown lately? Have you seen the freshly painted yellow curbs? Public Works began painting curbs earlier this year in the downtown area in an effort to keep the intersections clear for safe pedestrian access, enhanced driver visibility, and allowing access for emergency vehicles.

As per Florida Statutes 316.1945 and the City's Code of Ordinances Section 23.10(c)(6), it is unlawful to park within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection, except where approved designated parking spaces are located; 23.10(c)(7) it is unlawful to park within 30 feet of any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of the street; 23.10(c)(4) it is unlawful to park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; 23.10(c)(8) it is unlawful to park within 20 feet of a fire station entrance (same side of road) and within 75 feet of the fire station entrance (opposite side of road).

The yellow curb markings assist drivers by indicating an area of no parking in accordance with City Ordinance and State Law. However, drivers shall still observe areas of no parking near intersections, crosswalks, hydrants, fire stations, etc., even if the curbs are not painted and wherever signs are posted. Through these efforts and continued monitoring, City staff will continue to work to improve parking conditions downtown.



## NEW! ONLINE PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST CENTER

*by: Rachael Telesca, City Clerk*

We are excited to announce that beginning August 28, 2023, the City will offer an online Public Records Center that will be available on our website. This new system will allow a variety of features to enhance the Public Records Requests process including electronic submissions and payment, a status tracker, and the ability to view and retrieve past requests all through one portal. Users will be able to access the portal from the City homepage at [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com).



# HARBOR HAPPENINGS

## SEPTEMBER

### CITY MEETINGS

- 4 **Labor Day - All City Facilities Closed**  
*Trash Collection will happen as usual*
- 5 City Commission, 7PM
- 12 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 13 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 14 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 18 City Commission, 7PM
- 20 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 26 Charter Review Committee, 6:30PM

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- 15 3<sup>RD</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM



**Market on Main**  
Sundays 10AM - 3PM  
Gazebo on Main Street

## OCTOBER

### CITY MEETINGS

- 2 City Commission, 7PM
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- 12 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 16 City Commission, 7PM
- 18 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- 6 1<sup>ST</sup> Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 7 Off the Hook Outdoors Expo (Waterfront Park), 10AM-5PM
- 7 Junk in the Trunk (Community Center), 9AM-1PM
- 20 3<sup>RD</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 21 Manufacturers 5K (Marina), 7AM
- 21 Tree Give Away (Public Works Complex), 8-11AM
- 27 Jazz on the Waterfront (Waterfront Park), 6:30-9:30PM
- 27, 28 Fright Nights (Folly Farm), 6-10PM
- 28 All British Car Show (Main Street), 9AM-3:30PM
- 31 Main Street Trick-or-Treat (Main Street), 4:30-6:30PM

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



## Outside Agency Funding 2024



The City of Safety Harbor is taking requests for outside agency funding. To be considered, funding requests must be returned to the City no later than September 30, 2023.

Requests will be considered at the City Commission meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023.

The application can be found online on the homepage of [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com).

# SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

## CHECK OUT WHAT THE LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when libraries nationwide work together to ensure every child signs up for a library card and to remind communities about valuable resources available at your library.

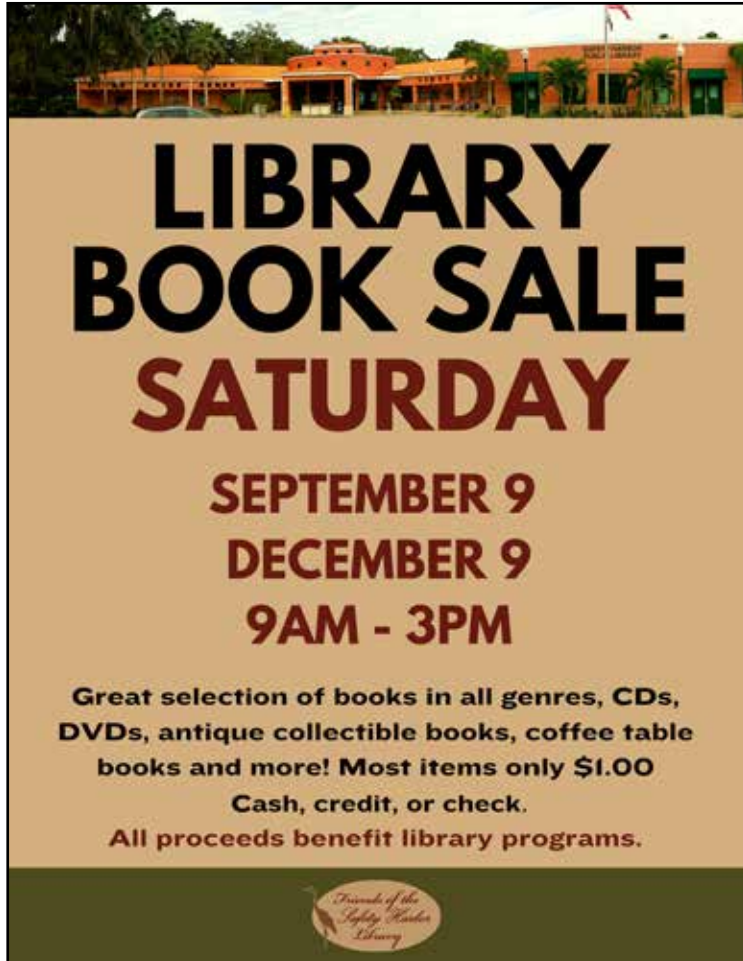
From borrowing books, ebooks, emagazines, and audiobooks to getting homework help, or attending a program, concert, book club or story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. All without stretching your budget.

Getting around to that DIY project? The library can help with resources and tools you need. Ready to start researching your family tree or learn a new language, we have e-resources for that too. Want to try pickleball but don't want to invest in paddles yet? Check out a set at the library! Looking for a new board or video game, we have them, too. You can even check out a museum pass.

There's something for everyone at your library. Signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning not just for students,

but everyone. Whether you are a lifelong library patron or someone new to the world of libraries, your library card will help you embark on a journey of discovery and lifelong learning.

In September, all renewal and new library card sign-ups will be entered in a raffle to win a prize. We'll have a special prize for kids, tweens, teens, and adults. We hope you'll get your library card today! For information on all our programs and resources, visit: [SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com) or call the Answers Desk, 727-724-1525 x4112.





# Children's Programs



Children's Fall Reading Program: (Ages 5-8)  
September 11-November 18.

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

Baby & Me Story Time: (Ages 18 months and under)  
Fridays, 10:00 am.

Bluey Story Time Party: (Ages 0-5)  
Wednesday, September 13, 11:00 am.

Family Movie – Hotel Transylvania: Transformania:  
(Family) Saturday, September 16, 10:30 am.

★ STREAM Team: (Ages 4-8)  
Monday, September 18, 3:30 pm.

★ Preschool Arts & Crafts: (Ages 2-4)  
Tuesday, September 19 & October 10, 10:30 am.

Pawsome Readers- Beginning Readers Program:  
(Ages 4-8) Saturday, September 23, 10:30 am.

★ ICRE8- Art Class: (Ages 5-95)  
Monday, September 25, 5:30 pm.

Wee Discoveries: (Ages 5 & under)  
Wednesday, September 26, 11:00 am.

★ Preschool Halloween Party: (Ages 5 & under)  
Wednesday, October 25, 11:00 am.



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



# TWEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS AGES 9-12



Tween Fall Reading Program: 9/11-11/18

Homework Help: (Grades K-8) Wednesdays,  
3:00-6:00 pm

\*Tween Cooking- Boba Tea: 9/5, 5:30 pm

\*Tween Budget 101: 9/12, 5:00 pm

\*Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: 9/19, 5:30 pm

\*Tween Craft- Pokémon Landscape: 9/26, 5:30 pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Scavenger Hunt: 9/25-10/24

\*Family Interactive Hocus Pocus

Take Home Kit: 10/2-10/7

\*Tween Halloween Cupcake

Wars: 10/17, 5:30 pm

\*Tween Paint a Mini Pumpkin:

10/24, 5:30 pm



**\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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

# TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS AGES 13-18

TEEN FALL READING - 9/11 - 11/18

TEEN ANIME AND MANGA CLUB - 9/6, 10/4 - 5:00 PM

\*TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS - 9/9, 9/23, 10/7,  
10/21 - 5:00 PM

\*TEEN BOOK BAGS - 9/11 - 9/16

\*TEEN COOKING — DESSERT KABOBS - 9/13 - 5:00 PM

\*TEEN CRAFT — 9/20, 10/11 - 5:00 PM

TEEN RAINBOW ROOM - 9/27, 10/25 - 5:00 PM

TEEN SPOOKY SHORT STORY CONTEST - 10/1 - 10/31

\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

# LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Library Open House  
9/7 | 6:30 pm

Book Sale  
9/9 | 9 am - 3 pm

Spot That Scam!  
9/14 | 6:30 pm

St. Pete Sax Quartet  
9/21 | 6:30 pm

ESOL Conversation  
Class  
Wednesdays | 10:00 am

Library Card Sign - Up Month:  
9/1 - 9/30

Sign up for a card or renew your existing card for prizes and more!

Visit us at [SafetyHarborLibrary.com](https://SafetyHarborLibrary.com) for a  
complete listing of upcoming events.

Book Clubs

Words & Wine  
9/18 & 10/16 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels  
9/19 & 10/17 | 10:30 am

Saturday Movie  
Matinee

9/23 & 10/21 | 2:00 pm

Citizenship Class  
Wednesdays | 11:30 am

# SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

## FRIGHT NIGHTS AT FOLLY FARM IS BACK & SCARIER THAN EVER!

by **Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent**

Are you ready for some spooky REAL Fun? So is Safety Harbor Recreation! We're getting ready for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Fright Nights at Folly Farm on Friday, October 27, and Saturday, October 28, from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Tickets for the Haunted Trail are \$7 per person and tickets for the Kids Zone are \$3 per person; both can be pre-purchased online at [safetyharborrecreation.com](http://safetyharborrecreation.com).

Not into the scary scene? There will be fall-themed activities and a campfire for those who don't want to brave the Haunted Trail. And the Kids Zone will be a not-so-scary place for little kids to join in the Halloween spirit.

We're excited for Renaissance Real Estate to return as an event sponsor, and our partners and beneficiaries who will provide the scary scenes along the Haunted Trail and the Kids Zone are Safety Harbor Museum of Regional History, First Presbyterian Church, Common Grounds Garden, Safety Harbor Garden Club, and Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor.

If you're interested in getting in on the scary fun behind the scenes, we're looking for volunteers to be scene actors along the Haunted Trail. To become a volunteer scene actor, contact Donna Mack at [dmack@cityofsafetyharbor.com](mailto:dmack@cityofsafetyharbor.com) or 727-724-1562 ext. 1155.

We look forward to seeing you at Fright Nights this October!



## RISEUP TEENS! BEFORE & AFTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

by **Donna Mack, Volunteer Coordinator**



School is back in session, and Safety Harbor Recreation has a new Before and After School Program for Safety Harbor Middle School students - RiseUpTeens! RiseUp will be based out of the Safety Harbor Museum and Cultural Center, Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00AM with after care until 6:00PM. Teens can come to before care for \$175 per month, after care for \$150 per month, or before and after care for \$300 per month. Drop off and pick up is at the Museum, and transportation to and from Safety Harbor Middle School is provided as part of the program.

RiseUp Teens offers middle school students a unique before and after care opportunity that goes beyond supervised care. Teens in the program will get to develop healthy social skills, learn life and job skills, and just kick back and have fun with a variety of opportunities. Students will begin their day with arts & crafts, video games, homework, and more. Some days, they'll venture out into Downtown visiting restaurants for a bite to eat or spending the morning at the park before heading off to school. After school, children can visit the library, recreation centers, or stroll to the Safety Harbor pier to watch the manatees.

If your Safety Harbor Middle School teen could benefit from this program, you can register online at [safetyharborrecreation.com](http://safetyharborrecreation.com). Space is limited, so sign up today.



# REAL FUN! EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## Paint in the Park

Ages: 1-5, Wed, 9/6-12/27, 9-10:30AM, \$3/visit, Rigsby

## Nature Play

Ages: 3-5, Thu, 9/7 & 10/5, 10:30-11:30AM, \$2/visit, Folly Farm

## DIY Rain Barrel

Adults, Sat, 9/9, 12-1:30PM, \$60, Folly

Adults, Sat, 10/7, 12-1:30PM, \$60, Waterfront Park

## Pom Cheer Dance

Ages: 6-10, Mon, 9/11-10/16, 5-5:45PM, \$75, Rigsby

## Breakfast with Birds

Adults, Wed, 9/13, 8-9:30AM, Free, Folly

## Hip Hop Dance

Ages: 5-8, Wed, 9/13-10/18, 3:30-4:15PM, \$75, Rigsby

Ages: 9-13, Wed, 9/13-10/18, 4:15-5:15PM, \$75, Rigsby

## Framed Resin Art Workshop

Adults, Tue, 9/19, 6:30-8:30PM, \$45, Museum

Adults, Tue, 10/17, 6:30-8:30PM, \$45, Museum

## Estate Planning

Adults, Sat, 9/23, 11AM-12:30PM, Free, Museum

## Neon Rock Painting

Ages: 16+, Fri, 9/29, 6:30-8:30PM, \$25, Museum

## Safety Harbor Public Art Tour

Adults, Mon, 10/2, 10:30AM-12PM, \$15, Museum

## Books & Games!

Ages: 5-17, Wed, 10/4, 3:15-5:15PM, Free, Mullet Creek Park

## Wine Glass Painting

Adults, Wed, 10/4, 6:30-8PM, \$15, Museum

## Blacklight Art Show

All Ages, Sat, 10/7, 6-8:30PM, Free, Museum

## Scarecrow Building with Campfire

Ages: 3+, Sat, 10/14, 3:30-5:30PM, \$20, Folly Farm

## Safety Harbor Historical Marker Tour

Adults, Mon, 10/16, 10:30AM-12:30PM, \$15, Museum

## Celebrate Reptile Awareness Day

All Ages, Sat, 10/21, 9-11AM, Free, Folly Farm

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

## SAFETY HARBOR SHREDS

NEW  & PRESCRIPTION  
THIS YEAR DRUG DROP-OFF

SAT 9/16 • 8AM - 12PM • FREE

- UP TO 5 BAGS/BOXES  
NO MORE THAN 10 POUNDS
- REMOVE BINDER CLIPS
- NO NEED TO REMOVE PAPER CLIPS
- PARTICIPANTS SHOULD STAY IN CAR

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?  
CALL 727-724-1562

PUBLIC WORKS • 1200 RAILROAD AVENUE

## Showtime for Tykes

These monthly mini concerts will be held outside at Folly Farm Gazebo.

Each month will be a different genre of child-friendly entertainment.

Sep. 21  
Ventriloquism

Oct. 19  
Music with Mar

Nov. 16  
Puppet Show

Dec. 21  
Mr. Brad's Music

WHERE?  
 Folly Farm

WHEN?  
 Thursdays  
10:30am

Free!

## CITYSCAPE

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Public Works: 727-724-1550  
Rigsby Recreation Center: 727-724-1545

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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 and information regarding wetlands and other natural systems 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.

## TREE GIVEAWAY

Property owners within Safety Harbor may stop by to pick up 2 trees.

### Available Tree Types:

Pink, Purple, and White Crape Myrtles  
Live Oak  
Bald Cypress  
Southern Magnolia  
Red Cedar  
Cedar Elm  
Dahoon Holly  
Sweetgum  
Walter's Viburnum

**OCT. 21, 2023 | 8 TO 11 AM**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX**  
**1200 RAILROAD AVE**

Arrive early – trees are first come, first served.  
For more information: James C Ryan, City Arborist  
[JaRyan@CityofSafetyHarbor.com](mailto:JaRyan@CityofSafetyHarbor.com)  
727-724-1555 x1303

## End of Summer 2023 Quarterly Cleanup\*



## September 11 – 13

### What Items WILL be collected?

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

\* 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:**  
**727-724-1550 x 2002**