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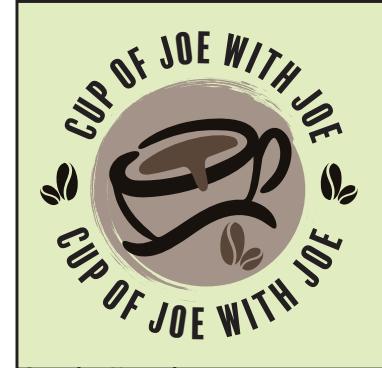


CUP OF JOE WITH JOE

Come on out to a "Cup of Joe with Joe" townhall-style meeting with Mayor Joe Ayoub at our beautiful Baranoff Park on Saturday, November 18th at 10:00AM. Complimentary coffee will be provided. If you can't make it, you can view it live and ask questions at Facebook.com/MayorJoeAyoub. This is a great opportunity to join the conversation about the direction of our city and to hang out with your neighbors. I hope to see you there!

MAYORS' BREAKFAST

The Mayors' Breakfast is back in the Harbor! Come out on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 7:30AM to the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. Individual tickets are \$30, and table sponsorships start at \$300. Your donations help to provide holiday meals and gifts to needy children and families in Safety Harbor and Oldsmar. Tickets on sale at: City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center, facebook.com/MattieWilliamsNeighborhoodFamilyCenter, and shnfc.org.



MAYOR AYOUB'S 6TH 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, then e-mail pictures of what was planted to: 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 29, 2023, and awards will be given out in early 2024!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN... ON A FIRE ENGINE!

by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic



Safety Harbor Fire Department is happy to announce another collaborative holiday event with none other than Old Saint Nick. For anyone recently joining us, the Santa Tour is a celebration held annually for the past 50 years when local firefighters invite Santa Claus to ride atop a fire engine and spread Christmas cheer around the community. This family-friendly Santa Tour is largely a success due to the community's strong support and commitment to observing safe practices as the fire engine passes.

As a reminder, we will not travel down dead-end streets, cul-de-sacs, and narrow roads to avoid potentially dangerous situations and

remain on schedule. The real-time Santa GPS Tracker will also be available on the City's website and Safety Harbor Fire Department Facebook page. Please see below for this year's Santa Tour schedule, which includes four opportunities to join the fun. We look forward to the celebrations!

SANTA'S APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE:

- Friday, 12/8: South of Enterprise & East of 9th Ave
- Saturday, 12/9: South of Enterprise & West of 9th Ave
- Friday, 12/15: North of Enterprise & East of RR Tracks; North of 580 & West Oldsmar
- Saturday, 12/16: North of Enterprise & West of RR Tracks; South of 580



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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

FIRE PIT SAFETY TIPS

by: Andrew Portale, Firefighter/Paramedic

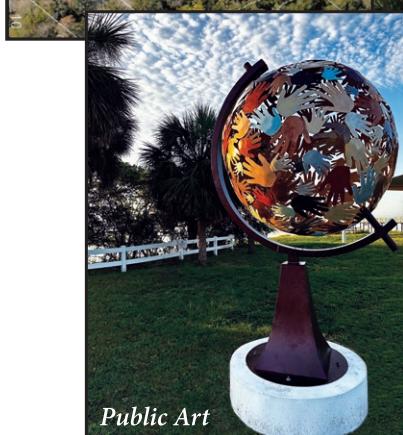
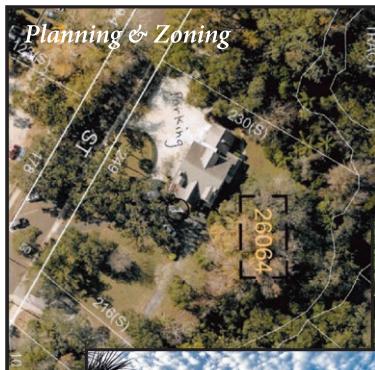
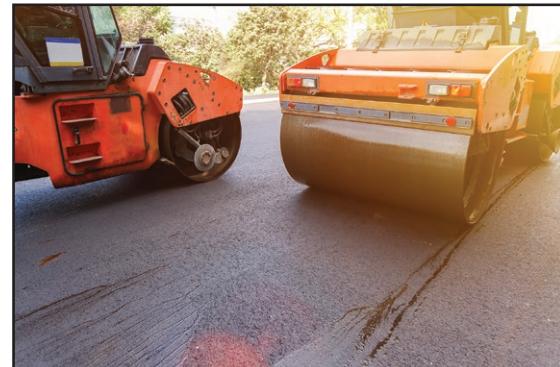


As the weather cools down, we often head outdoors for campfires and smores. We kindly ask that you consider your neighbors when burning and comply with the Florida Fire Prevention Code and Pinellas County Ordinance. Recreational open burning is permissible when the fire is constantly attended, a garden hose or fire extinguisher is present, and the fuel load is limited to the following: clean burning charcoal, coal, fire logs, and untreated dry wood. Please do not burn treated wood, yard waste, paper, or garbage. Recreational fires are those located inside a container such as a grill, portable fireplace, or a designated ring that does not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height. The abovementioned contained fire must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials. If the fire is not contained, please add ten feet of distance. Please enjoy your time spent around the campfire responsibly and consider your neighbors!

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE: RESURFACING & OTHER ROAD WORK

by: Michelle C. Giuliani, Engineering Director

On September 6, 2023, City Commission approved a Contract with Gator Grading & Paving LLC, for the 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, Baywoods, Safety Harbor Industrial Park, Fernbrooke, Rainbow Farms, Northwood East, West and South Green Springs, Seminole Park, Bayshore Terrace, Harbor Oaks, Spring Park, Philippe Bay, Washington Brennan, North Bayshore Drive and Grand Central Subdivisions. Work will commence January 2024. Work hours are limited to weekdays from 7:00AM–6:00PM. No work will occur between the hours of 6:00PM–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).



BOARD & COMMITTEE APPLICANTS WANTED

by: Rachael Telesca, City Clerk

Do you want to help make the City a better place to live, work, and play? The Clerk's office is seeking applicants for various Boards and Committees, all of which greatly benefit from your contribution as a Board Member.

Applications are wanted for:

- **Board of Appeals**
- **Code Enforcement Board**
- **Diversity Advisory Board**
- **Finance Advisory Committee**
- **Library Advisory Committee**
- **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**
- **Planning & Zoning Board**
- **Public Art Committee**

If you'd like more information on each Board or Committee and how you can apply to help serve your City, please visit: cityofsafetyharbor.com/52/boards

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER

CITY MEETINGS

- 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 Thanksgiving - All City Facilities Closed
No Recycling Collection**
**24 Day after Thanksgiving - All City Facilities Closed
Thursday & Friday Recycling Collection**
 26 Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund Board, 9AM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 3 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
 4 Wine Festival (Waterfront Park), 5-11PM
 11 Veterans Day Ceremony (Veterans Memorial Park), 11AM
 17 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM



Market on Main

Sun ↗ 10AM - 3PM ↗ Gazebo on Main St.

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations



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



Safety Harbor
Diversity Advisory Board

DECEMBER

CITY MEETINGS

- 4 City Commission, 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
**22 Christmas Eve Observed - All City Facilities Closed
Recycling Collection Happens as Usual**
25 Christmas - All City Facilities Closed; No Trash Collection

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 Tree Lighting Ceremony (Gazebo), 6-7:30PM
 2 Holiday Parade (Main Street), 10AM
 8 Santa Firetruck Tour (see route on cover), 6PM
 9 Santa Firetruck Tour (see route on cover), 6PM
 9 Santa's Twilight 5K (Marina), 7PM
 10 Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Show (Main Street), 9AM-4PM
 15 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
 15 Santa Firetruck Tour (see route on page 1), 6PM
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Holiday Cleanup 2023 Quarterly Cleanup*



December 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

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

SHOP AND RELAX @ YOUR LIBRARY THIS SEASON

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director

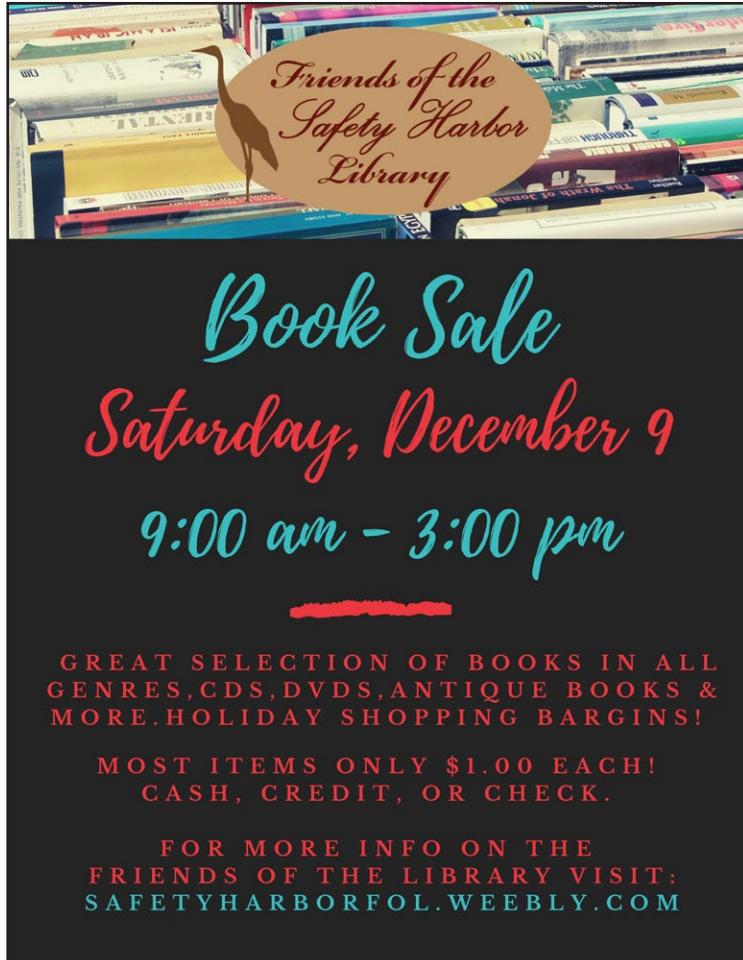


Looking for the perfect gift for the person who has everything this holiday season? The Library Foundation invites you to partner and Adopt a Chair to help outfit the second story addition or consider purchasing a bookplate or preserving an old VHS memory. The Friends of the Library provides bookplates to honor someone special for \$30.00 each. Recognition of your gift appears on a distinctive bookplate inside a book. The Friends can convert your memorable family VHS tapes to a DVD for \$10.00 per tape. Three perfect ways to support the library and recognize a special friend or family member. For more information, visit FriendsSafetyHarborLibrary.org or SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org for details.

On November 27, we kick off the holiday season with the Giving Tree in the library lobby to support the children of Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center. The tree is adorned with tags noting a child's name, age, and their gift wish. Patrons can select a tag, purchase the gift, and return it unwrapped to the library, with the gift tag attached, by Tuesday, December 21.

Look for us in the Holiday Parade with our library book bike, Bookin' Betty on December 2! We'll have holiday pencils courtesy of the Friends of the Library for parade spectators.

Escape the stress of the holiday season. Check out our free library programs for all ages, read a good e-book or stop by for a book, game, or museum pass and shop in the Friends of the Library Book Store. For a complete list of programs, visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com.



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.
- LEGO League: (Ages 3-12) Thursdays, 3:30 – 5:30 pm.
- Dinosaur Story Time Party: (Ages 5 & under) Wednesday, November 8, 11:00 am.

★ Pawsitive Painting with Your Pet (All Ages) Saturday, November 18, 11:00 am.

★ ICRE8- Art Class: (Ages 5-95)
Saturday, November 11, 10:30 am.
Monday, December 4, 5:30 pm.

- Holiday Story Time Party (Ages 5 & under) Wednesday, December 13, 11:00 am.



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

Teen Library Programs

Ages 13-18

Teen Anime & Manga Club - 11/1, 12/6 - 5:00 pm

*Teen Dungeons & Dragons - 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16 - 1:30 PM

Teen Five Nights at Freddy's Party - 11/8 - 5:00 PM

*Teen Cooking To Go - Boba Tea - 11/13-11/18

Teen Rainbow Room - 11/29 - 5:00 pm

All Ages Percy Jackson Party - 12/12 - 5:00 pm

*Teen Cooking - Gingerbread Houses - 12/13 - 5:00 pm



*Registration required

Register at 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 except during school breaks

Beyblades Club: (Ages 6-12) 11/7 & 12/11, 4:30-5:30 pm

*Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: 11/7,

5:30-6:30 pm

*Tween Cooking: 11/14, 5:30-6:30 pm

*Tween Painting: 11/28, 5:00-6:30 pm

*Tween Gingerbread Houses: 12/5,

5:30-6:30 pm

All Ages Percy Jackson Party:

12/12, 5:00-7:00 pm



*Registration opens one month prior at
events.safetyharborlibrary.com

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Songs & Stories

Concert with
Forrest McCurren
11/16 | 7 pm

The Blues Story

Concert with
Honeyboy & Mr. Jones
12/7 | 6:30 pm

Book Sale

12/9 | 9 am - 3 pm

Cookie Bar Crawl

(Registration Required)
12/21 | 6 pm

Saturday Movie

Matinee
11/18 & 12/16 | 2:00 pm

Book Clubs

Words & Wine
11/20 & 12/18 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels

11/21 & 12/19 | 10:30 am

Take-Home Crafts

Book Folding
11/1 - 11/22

Felt Wreath
12/1 - 12/21

ESOL Class

Wednesdays | 10:00 am

Citizenship Class
Wednesdays | 11:30 am

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

HOLIDAYS IN THE HARBOR

by Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent



Holidays in the Harbor have always been a time for connecting – connecting with family, neighbors, and with your community. Safety Harbor Leisure Services has been hard at work prepping for another magical holiday season with plenty of opportunity to connect. Harbor Holiday Nights takes place Thursday, December 14; Friday, December 15; and Saturday, December 16. The event is free at Folly Farm Nature Preserve. Free parking and shuttle is available at the corner of Elm Street and Cedar Street. The park will sparkle in Holiday cheer with nightly performances, vendors, and campfire. And this year, the Leisure Services Department has a real treat in store...

The Jolley Trolley will be back, and this year, our Trolley elves will whisk passengers off to visit the Candy Cane Forest where magic and mystery are sure to delight! Trolley tickets can be pre-purchased for \$5 per ticket. Trolley rides to the Candy Cane Forest are scheduled, so make sure to leave plenty of time for parking and shuttle. Tickets can be pre-purchased by visiting cityofsafetyharbor.com/harborholiday.



Harbor Holiday Nights isn't the only holiday fun we have going on this December! The month's festivities will kick off on Friday, December 1 at 6:00PM with the annual Tree Lighting at the Gazebo. Then on Saturday, December 2 at 10:00AM, the spirit will continue with the Holiday Parade on Main Street.

Check out the rest of the holiday events on the next page and check out our holiday themed classes, programs, and camps listed below!

REAL FUN! EVENTS & PROGRAMS

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CAMPS

Holiday Art Camp

Ages: 7-12, Mon-Tue, 11/20-11/21, 9AM-2PM, \$100, Museum

Keep your child creative and inspired during school break. Students will work with a variety of materials, experimenting with painting, drawing, and much more. Make sure to pack your lunch and a snack. All art supplies will be provided.

Holiday Farm Camp

Ages: 6-10, Mon 11/20, 9AM-2PM, \$45, Folly Farm

Ages: 6-10, Tue 11/21, 9AM-2PM, \$45, Folly Farm

Ages: 6-10, Wed 11/22, 9AM-2PM, \$45, Folly Farm

We will learn about farm life, animals, and food from the farm. Take home projects and explorations included. Pre-registration is required.

The Gobble Wobble Party

Ages: 4-7, Wed, 11/15, 4-5:30PM, \$15, Rigsby

Bah Humbug Bash

Ages: 4-7, Wed, 12/20, 4-5:30PM, \$15, Rigsby

Elves in the Kitchen

Ages: 7-11, Thu, 11/30-12/14, 5-6PM, \$42, Rigsby

Holiday Rock Painting

Ages: 16+, Fri, 11/17, 6:30-8:30PM, \$6, Museum

Holiday Wreath Decorating

Adults, Wed, 12/6, 1-3PM, \$6, Museum

Holiday Bow Making

Adults, Wed, 12/6, 3-4PM, \$10, Museum

Holiday Painting with IMI

Ages: 16+, Sat, 12/9, 1-3PM, \$30, Museum

Children 10+ may attend with registered adult \$7/child

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

Holidays IN THE Harbor

Tree Lighting



FRI, 12/1 · 6-8PM · FREE · GAZEBO AT JOHN WILSON PARK



Sip & Shop

FRI, 12/1 · 5-9PM · FREE · MAIN STREET

Safety Harbor Holiday Parade

SAT, 12/2 · 10AM · FREE · MAIN STREET



Santa's Twilight 5K

SAT, 12/9 · 7PM · PRICES VARY · MARINA

Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Show

SUN, 12/10 · 9AM-4PM · FREE · MAIN STREET



Harbor Holiday Nights

THU 12/14, FRI 12/15, SAT 12/16 · 6-9PM · FREE · FOLLY FARM

NEW! TROLLEY TO CANDY CANE FOREST · \$5/PERSON

3rd Friday Street Celebration

FRI, 12/15 · 6-10PM · FREE · MAIN STREET

CITYSCAPE

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Home of the Mineral Springs



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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.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Thursday recycling collection will be collected on Friday, November 24, 2023. Friday's recycling will be collected as usual. There are two recycling drop off locations, located at 1200 Railroad Ave and at Fire Station 53 at 3095 McMullen Booth Road, available for residential drop off.

Christmas

Christmas Day falls on Monday, December 25, 2023. Monday's sanitation services will be collected on Thursday, December 28, 2023. Tuesday's and Wednesday's sanitation collection will occur as regularly scheduled. Thursday's recycling collection will be pushed back to Friday, December 29, 2023. Friday's recycling collection will occur as scheduled.

New Year's Day

New Year's Day falls on Monday, January 1, 2024. Monday's sanitation services will be collected on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Tuesday's and Wednesday's sanitation collection will occur as regularly scheduled. Thursday's recycling collection will be pushed back to Friday, January 5, 2024. Friday's recycling collection will occur as scheduled.

Christmas Tree Pickup

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



We're Looking For Houses to Paint

Paint Your Heart Out Safety Harbor (PYHOSH) is a local non-profit organization that enables citizens to lend a helping hand by painting the exteriors of houses, cleaning the yards and doing minor external repairs for homeowners in need.

PAINT DAY IS MARCH 2, 2024.

Do you know a resident in need who could benefit from this free community service?

If you would like to be considered to have your house painted (or know of someone in need), the following criteria MUST be met:

- Own and live in the home as your primary residence
- Live in the City of Safety Harbor
- Have special needs such as age, limited income, or physical disability

EMAIL: PYHOSH@GMAIL.COM
OR CALL: 727-380-0626
OR VISIT:
FACEBOOK.COM/PAINTYOURHEARTSH

