



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/MattieWilliamsNeighborhoodFamilyCenter), and [shnfc.org](https://www.shnfc.org).

## MAYOR AYOUB’S 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](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 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

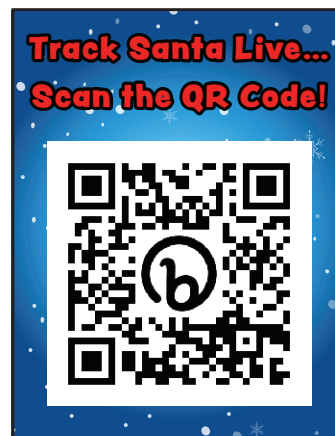


Safety Harbor Fire Department is happy to announce another collaborative holiday event with none other than Old Saint Nick. For anyone recently joining us, the Santa Tour is a celebration held annually for the past 50 years when local firefighters invite Santa Claus to ride atop a fire engine and spread 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.

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 9<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Saturday, 12/9: South of Enterprise & West of 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>ST</sup> Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 4 Wine Festival (Waterfront Park), 5-11PM
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony (Veterans Memorial Park), 11AM
- 17 3<sup>RD</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM



### Market on Main

Sun ☺ 10AM - 3PM ☺ Gazebo on Main St.

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

## 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 3<sup>RD</sup> Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 15 Santa Firetruck Tour (see route on page 1), 6PM
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City of Safety Harbor celebrates diversity

November is

**NATIVE AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**



Safety Harbor  
Diversity & Inclusion Board

## 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?**

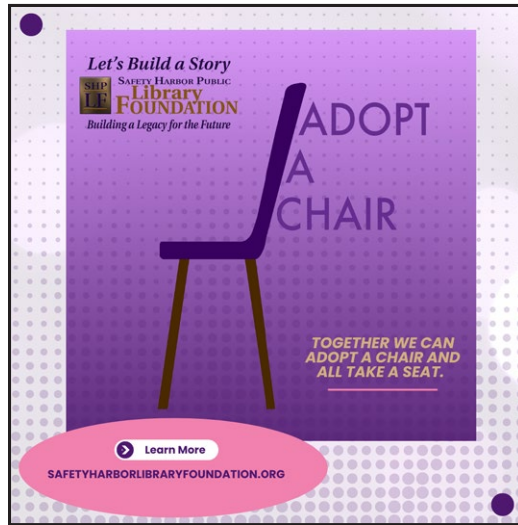
**Contact Public Works:  
727-724-1550 x 2002**



# 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](http://FriendsSafetyHarborLibrary.org) or [SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org](http://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](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com).

Friends of the  
Safety Harbor  
Library

## Book Sale

Saturday, December 9

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

GREAT SELECTION OF BOOKS IN ALL GENRES, CDS, DVDS, ANTIQUE BOOKS & MORE. HOLIDAY SHOPPING BARGAINS!

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

FOR MORE INFO ON THE  
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY VISIT:  
[SAFETYHARBORFOL.WEEBLY.COM](http://SAFETYHARBORFOL.WEEBLY.COM)

Free event  
sponsored by the  
Safety Harbor  
Public Library  
Foundation.

Beer & Wine  
Available

## Songs & Stories

WITH FORREST MCCURREN

Thursday, November 16 - 7:00 PM

Safety Harbor Public Library  
101 2nd Street N.  
Safety Harbor, FL 34695  
[SafetyHarborLibrary.com](http://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)

# 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](http://events.safetyharborlibrary.com)**

## 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](http://events.safetyharborlibrary.org)

## 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](http://SafetyHarborLibrary.com) for a  
complete listing of upcoming events.



# SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

## HOLIDAYS IN THE HARBOR

by Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent



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](http://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](http://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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Street Celebration*

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

SAFETYHARBOREVENTS.COM

## CITYSCAPE

CityScape is a publication of the City of Safety Harbor. For the latest updates on these and other stories visit us online at [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com).

## CITY OFFICIALS

Joe Ayoub, Mayor  
Andy Steingold, Vice Mayor  
Nancy Besore, Commissioner  
Carlos Diaz, Commissioner  
Cliff Merz, Commissioner  
Matthew Spoor, City Manager

## CITY DIRECTORY

City Hall: 727-724-1555  
Community Center: 727-724-1530  
Fire Department: 727-724-1520  
Library: 727-724-1525  
Museum & Cultural Ctr.: 727-724-1562  
Public Works: 727-724-1550  
Rigsby Recreation Center: 727-724-1545

## City of SAFETY HARBOR

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 of 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.



PAINT YOUR HEART OUT  
SAFETY HARBOR

## 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

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OR VISIT:  
[FACEBOOK.COM/PAINTYOURHEARTSH](https://www.facebook.com/PAINTYOURHEARTSH)

