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MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNER

by: Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director

On December 18, 2023, Mayor Ayoub awarded Jonathan Mills with the Mayor's Award of Excellence for Beautifying Safety Harbor. This program recognizes efforts by residents and businesses to beautify Safety Harbor through landscaping and renovation projects.

Claire Mills nominated her husband, Jonathan, for their residence at 690 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N. Jonathan Mills fully re-landscaped the yard by adding rock beds, landscape lighting, bringing the sod back to life, adding a front yard fence, and adding native plants and trees over a five-year period. Congratulations, Jonathan.



BILL CROPSEY CITIZENS ACADEMY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

by: Terri Kearnes, Human Resources Director



The City of Safety Harbor is now accepting applications for the 2024 - Bill Cropsey Citizens Academy. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00PM to 8:00PM beginning on April 16, 2024. The Academy takes place over a seven-week period and will be limited to 25 participants. Academy applicants will be chosen on a first come, first served basis with preference given to Safety Harbor residents.

The Bill Cropsey Citizens Academy will tour key facilities, interact with City leaders, discover ways to get involved with local government, and learn about the essential functions of a municipal government agency.



Application deadline is Monday, March 31, 2024. Applications are available online at: cityofsafetyharbor.com/citizensacademy. Call Human Resources at (727)724-1555 ext. 1401 with any questions.

Pictured Top Left to Right:
Citizens Academy Graduating Class
Tour of Public Works Complex
Hands-on with the Fire Department

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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

LOW SPEED VEHICLE PARKING DOWNTOWN

by: Marcie Stenmark, Community Development Director

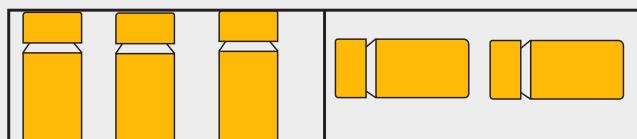


Florida Statutes define low speed vehicles as "any four-wheeled vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour, but not greater than 25 miles per hour." Low speed vehicles (LSV) are required to be registered, titled, and insured. Over the years, LSVs have become more common in Safety Harbor, and it is recommended that when able, drivers park side by side in a manner that allows two LSVs to fit in a parking space. A typical four-seat LSV is 9 feet X 4 feet. Below are graphics showing how parking spaces can be shared by two LSVs.

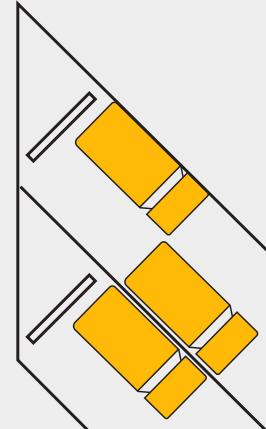
The City recently purchased the property located at the northeast corner of 2nd Street South and 6th Avenue South. The City Commission will be having discussions about the use of this property soon. LSVs are welcome to park in this lot during events or day trips downtown. No overnight parking is permitted.

EXAMPLES OF PROPER LOW SPEED VEHICLE PARKING

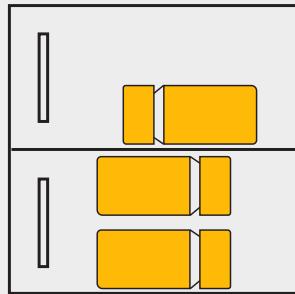
PARALLEL PARKING:



ANGLED PARKING:



PERPENDICULAR PARKING:



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.

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.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

MARCH

CITY MEETINGS

- 4 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
- 29 Spring Holiday - All City Facilities Closed;
Trash Collection Occurs as Usual**

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 2 Junk in the Trunk (Community Center), 9AM-1PM
- 9 Latin Food & Music Festival (Waterfront Park), 1-7PM
- 15 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 16 Bloom 'N Chalk Fest (Main Street), 9AM-7PM
- 17 Bloom 'N Chalk Fest (Main Street), 9AM-5PM
- 17 Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Show (Main Street), 9AM-4PM

APRIL

CITY MEETINGS

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- 11 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
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SPECIAL EVENTS

- 5 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 6 Paddle the Bay (Waterfront Park), 7AM-4PM
- 13 5K by the Bay (Waterfront Park), 8AM
- 19 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 27 Walk to Defeat ALS (Waterfront Park), 9AM-12PM

Market on Main
Sundays ☰ 10am - 3pm
Gazebo on Main St.



**City of Safety Harbor
Celebrates Diversity**

**MARCH IS
WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**



Join a
Safety Harbor
Board or
Committee



Board of Appeals

Code Enforcement Board

Diversity Advisory Board

Finance Advisory Board

Library Advisory Committee

Parks & Recreation Board

Personnel Review Board

Planning & Zoning Board

Public Art Committee

application at:
cityofsafetyharbor.com/52/Boards

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

YEAR-ROUND LITERACY CHALLENGES @ YOUR LIBRARY *by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director*



Scholarships Available!

Adults, Finish your High School Diploma Online!

Safety Harbor Public Library
727.724.1525 x4112
CityofSafetyHarbor.com/cohs

The mural on the east side of our building has the motto, **Literacy, Learning and Enlightenment**. To promote literacy year-round, we have reading programs for all ages, beginning with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a new initiative, 500 Books Before Middle School, 100 Books Before High School, and 100 Books Before Graduation. Readers can register and log their reading on our site, SafetyHarborLibrary.org for any of the programs and earn great prizes. Adults can also get in on the fun with our summer reading challenge with chances to win prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

To promote learning and education, the library partners with Career Online High School to provide scholarships for adults the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and a career certificate. This free, fully online, high school program provides personal academic coaches, and real-world career training. To date, the library has 21 graduates and currently has four students enrolled. For information on this program, visit:

CityofSafetyHarbor.com/cohs. We'd love to help you meet your goal of becoming a high school graduate and further your opportunities.

Library Construction Update: Our second story construction project officially began on February 12. For safety reasons, the Children's Wing is closed. Meeting Rooms A and B, Study Rooms A and B are also closed. Study Rooms C and D and the small conference room are available by reservation only.

A portion of the youth collection has relocated to other parts of the library and programs will be held at the Safety Harbor Museum and other locations to be announced. Deaf Literacy ASL classes have moved to the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center. We will provide the same level of service with minor changes during this transition. Thank you for your patience during the construction period of approximately twelve months. Please visit our website SafetyHarborLibrary.com, follow-us on social media, email us at shplref@cityofsafetyharbor.com or call 727-724-1525 x4112 for updates on program locations or questions. We look forward to serving you.



Friends of the Safety Harbor Library

Literary Yard Sale
Saturday, April 24

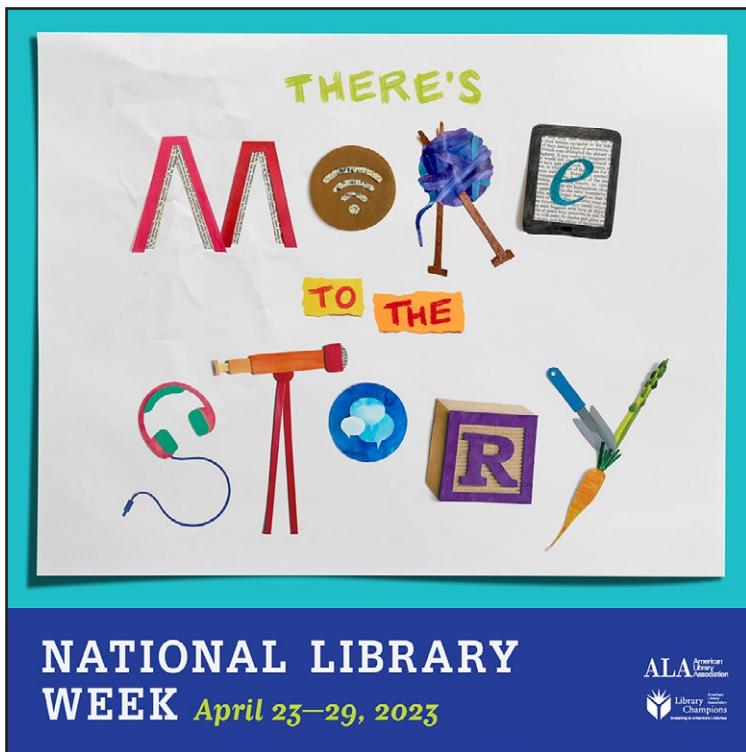
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

OUTSIDE IN THE ART PARK BEHIND THE LIBRARY

BOOKS IN ALL GENRES, CDS, DVDS, ANTIQUE BOOKS

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK **April 23-29, 2023**

ALA American Library Association
Library Champions

Children's Programs

- Story Tots: (Ages 19 months to 4 years) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. at the Art Park
- Baby & Me Story Time: (Ages 0-18 months) Fridays, 10:00 am. at the Art Park
- ★ ICRE8- Art Class: (Ages 5-95) Monday, March 4, 5:30 pm. at the Museum Monday, April 8, 5:30 pm. at the Museum
- Ukulele Sing-Along at the Art Park: (Ages 0-5) Saturday, March 16, 10:30am. Saturday, April 13, 10:30am.
- Farmer Minor & Daisy Pig Story Time: (Ages 0-5) Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 am. at the Art Park
- Family Self-Defense: (Family) Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 pm. at the Waterfront Park
- ★ Children's Tie Dye: (Ages 4-7) Monday, April 10, 3:30 pm. at the Art Park



All outdoor programs are weather permitting

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT: EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG

TWEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Homework Help: (Grades K-8) Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- *Tween Craft: (Ages 8-12) 3/5 & 4/23, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Family Self-Defense at the Waterfront Park: 3/13, 6:00 pm
- *Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: (Ages 8-12) 3/19 & 4/30, 5:30-6:30 pm
- *International Soda Tasting: (Ages 8-18) 3/20, 5:30 pm
- Beyblades Club: (Ages 6-12) 3/25 & 4/15, 4:30-5:30 pm
- *Tween Tie Dye: (Ages 8-12) 4/10, 5:30-6:30 pm
- *Cheese Tasting: (Ages 8-18) 4/16, 5:30 pm

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED
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TEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

AGES 13-18



LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Art on Canvas Fundraiser March 1 - 30	CrAfterWork Faux Stained Glass 3/28 6:00 pm
The Great Puzzle Exchange 3/14 6:00 pm	Beaded Suncatchers 4/25 6:00 pm
Spring Plant Swap 3/23 10:00 am	Book Clubs Silent Book Club 3/7 6:00 pm
ESOL Class Wednesdays 10:00 am	Words & Wine 3/18 & 4/15 6:00 pm
Citizenship Class Wednesdays 11:30 am	Books & Bagels 3/19 & 4/16 10:30 am

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

KEEP THE GOODNESS GOING *by Tarra Madore, Recreation Coordinator*



It's time to check in and see how you are doing since making your New Year's resolutions. There's a practice in other parts of the world where people set intentions rather than set goals. It may seem like just semantics, so let me explain. The New Year comes, and many people begin taking inventory and making resolutions. I am going to lose 20 pounds by February 1. That is a resolution with a goal. There is an end point. You can succeed or fail. Let go of that kind of language and anything that may or may not have happened since the first of the year. Take this time to regroup. Each moment is a chance to do better than before. With an intention, it sounds more like this: I'm going to live a healthier lifestyle. That will include eating better and getting more exercise. You set that as your intention, and you do the best you can. Will you be perfect? Probably not. That's okay; you will be human. If one day you don't do as well, you reset that intention and move forward. Here are some simple tips to stick with good intentions.

- 1. Learn Mindfulness eating** to improve your health and make a real change in your eating habits. Mindfulness is about being in the moment – fully and completely. With eating, it can help slow you down and savor the experience - something that has truly helped me eat better and even lose weight. When I treat myself to something rich and decadent, I really use this technique. I have a little less but enjoy a lot more!
- 2. Don't completely eliminate your favorite foods.** If you enjoy sweet treats, try to have a smaller portion. You can share with a friend. For example, if you go out with the family, order 2 desserts and share them among 4 people.
- 3. Bring in more vegetables and fruits.** You will get nutrients and fiber that are so important for overall health. By bringing in veggies, you can cut back on the heavier part of your meal. Again, you aren't eliminating anything, just adding more vitamins and minerals that our body thrives on!
- 4. Stick with the facts!** Trendy diets are just that – trends – they come and go. You need carbohydrates, protein, and fats. Carbs are your most efficient source of energy. Proteins are building blocks. Fats are needed for your heart to function. Be smart about your choices. For carbs, choice whole grains, fruits, and veggies NOT simple sugars like donuts.
- 5. Get more exercise.** Add it into your day. Exercise doesn't have to be an elaborate plan. Take a 20-30 minute walk each day at a brisk pace. Park farther away from a building and take the stairs when you can. Safety Harbor has amazing parks – get out and enjoy the fresh air this time of year offers. Take a class at one of our facilities then walk down to Waterfront Park and see if you get a glimpse of a manatee off the pier.
- 6. Most importantly, be grateful for all the good things you do.**

It's the little changes that can make a big difference. I have an 80/20 rule. Eighty percent of the time I eat really well and stick to an exercise routine, and I give myself twenty percent of wiggle room. This way, you have a sustainable plan. Make smart choices and give yourself a break. Set your intention to be healthier in the new year and do your best. The more you often you make healthy choices, the easier will be to continue. Create good habits.

HAPPY DOGS, HAPPY HUMANS *by Janiece Strance, Recreation Supervisor*

"Get a dog," they said. "It'll be fun," they said... Most of us have owned a dog at some point in our lives – whether we got there by begging and pleading as a child or as an empty nester seeking companionship. However you got there, I can guarantee that all dog owners have shared the struggle of dog obedience. Dogs have been our faithful companions for centuries, offering unconditional love, loyalty, and a myriad of benefits to our well-being. Beyond the joy and companionship they bring, the importance of dogs is further amplified when they undergo proper training and play a crucial role in fostering a harmonious relationship between humans and their canine counterparts. With proper training, dogs become invaluable contributors to our physical and emotional well-being. Whether as beloved family members, service animals, or community connectors, the impact of dogs on society is profound. It's important for us as responsible pet owners to recognize the significance of training to ensure that our canine companions can fulfill their roles effectively.



Socialization is another crucial aspect of having a healthy and happy dog. Safety Harbor Recreation offers opportunities to socialize through designated dog parks and dog obedience training classes. We offer classes year-round in six-week sessions, and we have two fenced dog parks and one dog run. You can find more information on these services on our website or in *REAL Magazine*.



Saturday, March 2nd • 9AM–1PM • FREE

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Community Center • 727-724-1560
SafetyHarborRecreation.com



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CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the City Charter and Chapter 6 of the City Code, a Municipal Election of the City of Safety Harbor will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

This election will be held for the purpose of electing Commissioners to Seat Numbers 1 and 2, each for a three-year term. Qualified candidates are, in alphabetical order:

Seat #1: Nancy J. Besore; and Scott Long
Seat #2: Jacob Burnett; and Hayley Ann Rae

Polling places will be as follows, but are subject to change:

Precinct 606 Safety Harbor Community Church
401 2nd St. N.
Precinct 612 Cypress Meadows Community Church
2180 N. McMullen Booth Rd.
Precinct 613 The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
601 Philippe Pkwy.
Precincts 614/615 Countryside Baptist Church
2525 N. McMullen Booth Rd.
Precinct 619 Briar Creek Mobile Home Park (Clubhouse 1)
100 Briar Creek Blvd.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mail Ballots may be requested by calling (727) 464-VOTE (8683), by e-mail at MailBallot@VotePinellas.gov or by visiting www.votepinellas.com.



CIUDAD DE SAFETY HARBOR AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

De acuerdo con los Estatutos de la Ciudad y el Capítulo 6 del Código de la Ciudad, se llevará a cabo una Elección Municipal de la Ciudad de Safety Harbor el martes 19 de marzo de 2024.

Dichas elecciones se llevarán a cabo con el propósito de elegir a los Comisionados para los Escaños Número 1 y 2, cada uno por un periodo de tres años. Los candidatos calificados aparecen en orden alfabético:

Escaño n.º 1: Nancy J. Besore; y Scott Long
Escaño n.º 2: Jacob Burnett; y Hayley Ann Rae

Los centros de votación serán los siguientes, pero están sujetos a cambios:

Precinto Electoral 606 Iglesia Comunitaria Safety Harbor
401 2nd St. N.
Precinto electoral 612 Iglesia Comunitaria Cypress Meadows
2180 N. McMullen Booth Rd.
Precinto Electoral 613 The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
601 Philippe Pkwy.
Precintos electorales 614/615 Iglesia Bautista Countryside
2525 N. McMullen Booth Rd.
Precinto electoral 619 Parque de Casas Móviles de Briar Creek (Casa Club 1)
100 Briar Creek Blvd.

Los centros de votación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. Se pueden solicitar Boletas de Voto por Correo llamando al (727) 464-VOTE (8683), por correo electrónico a MailBallot@VotePinellas.gov o en el sitio web www.votepinellas.com.

