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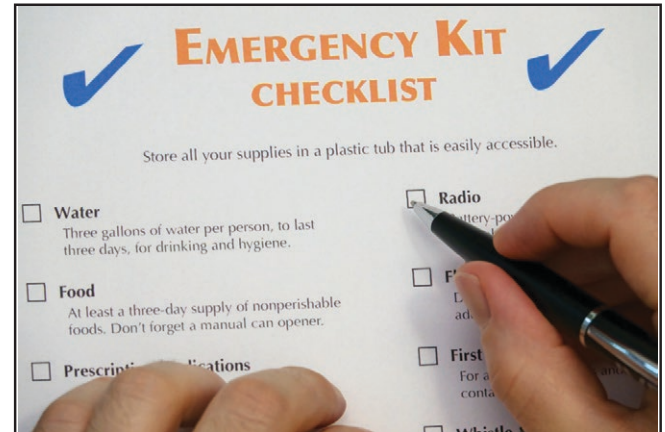


HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION

by: Renee Cooper, Public Works Director

Hurricane Season is on the horizon, starting June 1st and running through November 30th. A blue sky, sunny day is the perfect time to prepare.

Here's a checklist to get you ready for the 2024 Hurricane season and a few items that can even help you through those heavy summer rainstorms.



- Check your doors, windows, and walls for areas where water could infiltrate. Re-caulk around doors and windows. Seal any openings where pipes or cables enter through exterior walls.
- Trim trees and shrubs away from exterior walls and away from the roof line. Complete regular pruning of trees (consult the City Arborist or a Certified Arborist with any questions regarding correct tree pruning).
- The heaviest leaf fall of the season is now over. Clean out gutters, downspouts, and other connected yard drains to prevent water from flooding the roof causing roof damage and potential roof leaks.
- If you have a side yard or rear yard swale for stormwater conveyance away from your home, now is the time to ensure that the swale is clear of any debris, structures, or obstructions that could block the flow of stormwater.
- If you notice a City stormwater inlet on your street that is slow to drain, please contact Public Works at 727-724-1550.
- Clear away any unnecessary yard clutter. Unsecured lawn furniture, toys, plants, etc., can become projectiles during a storm. Clearing now will save time during storm preparation later.
- Assemble your emergency kit; including food, water, batteries, flashlights, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, etc. www.ready.gov/kit
- Know your evacuation zone! pinellas.gov/evacuation-zone
- Review your Family Emergency Plan. Where will you go if you need to evacuate? What is your evacuation route? How will you communicate if cellular service is down? www.ready.gov/plan-form
- Review your insurance policies; keep policy numbers and phone numbers in a recoverable location.
- Plan for your pets. www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/pets
- Know where to go to get weather updates; weather radio, trusted local news source, www.weather.gov, www.nhc.noaa.gov.

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Questions?
Contact Public Works:
724-1550 x 2002



Quarterly Clean-Up Schedule
June 10 – 12: Hurricane Prep Clean-up
for more details: CityofSafetyHarbor.com/sanitation



AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK 2024

by: Terri Kearnes, Human Resources Director



Celebrated annually in the first week of May, Public Service Recognition Week gives us an opportunity to honor the people who serve our nation on a federal, state, county, local, and tribal level. This year from May 5 – 11, 2024, join us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about the departments and staff members who serve the Harbor.

And stay tuned for ways that the public can participate by sharing gratitude for City staff. We'll see you in May!

BENEFITS OF SOLAR GENERATORS

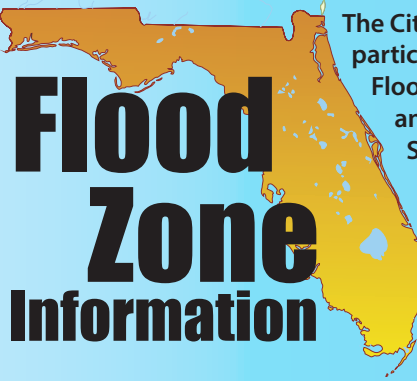
by: Colin L. Bartholomew, Public Works Program Coordinator

Hurricane season is right around the corner and one major concern many people have is, "What will I do if I lose power?" In the event of a power outage, many often turn to a generator to keep their refrigerator running and electronics charged. Traditional generators run on fossil fuels such as gas, diesel, or propane and are entirely dependent on your supply of fuel that may be scarce for an extended time after a storm.

Many solar generators are available with portable solar panels that are lightweight and easy to store and transport. Solar generators also do not produce any greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and methane, which allows for safer use around your home.



The benefits extend beyond the storms. Solar generators are often more portable and can be used on camping trips, cook outs, in parks that may not have power outlets available and can be charged while still in use. Consider clean renewable energy for your next generator purchase. These generators are included as tax free during the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday that runs from June 1 to June 14, 2024, and August 24 to September 6, 2024.



Flood Zone Information

The City of Safety Harbor is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program and 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.

FERTILIZER Ban

June 1 to September 30



Protect our aquatic environment during the rainy season by using Florida-friendly yard products.

For more information:

pinellascounty.org/environment/pdfs/FAQ-Homeowners.pdf

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

MAY

CITY MEETINGS

- 6 City Commission, 7PM
- 8 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 9 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 15 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 20 City Commission, 7PM
- 27 **Memorial Day - All City Facilities Closed;**
Trash Collection Occurs as Usual

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 3 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 11 Hippie Dash (Waterfront Park), 6:30AM
- 11 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9AM-12PM
- 17 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

JUNE

CITY MEETINGS

- 3 City Commission, 7PM
- 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 Kick in the Grass Kickball Tournament (City Park), 9AM-7PM
- 8 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9AM-12PM
- 21 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

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

Join a Safety Harbor Board or Committee

cityofsafetyharbor.com/52/Boards



**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**

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JUNE IS...

**PRIDE
MONTH**



Safety Harbor
Diversity Advisory Board

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION FAQs/SUMMER READING IS AROUND THE CORNER

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



If you've walked by the library or Baranoff Park lately, you probably noticed construction of the second story has started. It officially began mid-February and is projected to take one year to complete and will add approximately 4,800 square feet. You may have wondered if we are still open for business. We are! Six days a week, normal business hours.

The addition is over the south end of the building, which includes our community meeting rooms and youth wing. For safety reasons, the areas below construction are vacated. The private study carrels are available via reservation on our website and the small business style conference room will be available again soon.

What's Going Upstairs? The space will feature an 1,800 square foot community room with a kitchenette. The Deaf Literacy Center, currently located on the first floor, will move to the second floor, vacating space for additional small group meetings, programs and a reservable Maker Space. There will be a separate room with multiple workspaces for quiet study and remote business workspace needs.

Where are all the Youth Books? Most of the children's books and youth materials are now located in other parts of the library. We've created smaller youth area for children and families to enjoy. Staff is happy to assist you in finding any items you need. If we don't have them available, holds can be placed from another Pinellas County library for pick-up in Safety Harbor.

Where will programs be held? Programs for all age groups are being held at the Safety Harbor Museum, outdoors weather permitting, local parks, and at Harborside Christian Church in their meeting room facility. Programs for smaller groups will remain at the library.

Do you have Curbside Pick-Up? Yes. For your convenience, curbside pick-up is back. After you have received notification your items have arrived from other libraries, or been pulled from our shelves, please follow the instructions in the graphic below. We are happy to bring them to your vehicle.

Summer Reading: Reading programs with incentives for all ages, adults too, begins June 3. Don't let the "summer slide" happen to your school age children! Enroll them on the Beanstack app for summer and other reading challenges.

Please pardon our dust during our exciting transition phase. Staff will provide the same level of service. For program location and information, visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com, follow us on social media, or give us a call, 727-724-1525 x4112 with any questions.


Curbside Hold Pick-Up is Available!

*To better serve you during library construction
curbside service is back!*


- After you receive an email, text, or phone call notifying you held items have arrived, pull under the portico in the front of the library or pull over to the left side of the driveway (by the mosaics.)
- Upon arrival, call 727-724-1525 x4114. Let staff know you are picking up. Provide your name and be ready to show your ID or library card.
- Staff will bring your items to your car. Please be patient while they check items out to your card.
- Sorry, items from the Tool Library must be picked up inside the library.

Curbside is available 9:30AM to fifteen minutes before library closing, Monday - Saturday







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PERSONALIZED LANGUAGE LEARNING




SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have all this and more!

Celebrate National Library Week April 7- 13.

SafetyHarborLibrary.com



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY PROGRAMS

START OF SUMMER ICE CREAM PARTY: 6/3

4:30-5:30 PM. ART PARK

STORY TIME: (AGES 0-5) 5/1 & 5/8

10:30 AM. ART PARK

STORY TOTS: (AGES 19 MONTHS - 5 YRS) WEDNESDAYS

IN JUNE. 10:30 AM. HARBORSIDE CHURCH

BABY & ME: (AGES 0-18 MONTHS) 6/14, 6/21

6/28. 10:30 AM. HARBORSIDE CHURCH

STARLITE PUPPET SHOW: (AGES 2-10) 6/4

11:00 AM. HARBORSIDE CHURCH

★ GREAT EXPLORATIONS - LOOKING UP: (AGES 4-10)

6/14. 11:00 AM. HARBORSIDE CHURCH

MAD SCIENCE - UP, UP, AND AWAY: (AGES 4-10)

6/18. 11:00 AM. HARBORSIDE CHURCH

★ BOOK-A-TRIP FRANCE: (AGES 3-10). 6/25

11:00 AM. HARBORSIDE CHURCH

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

CHILDREN'S SUMMER

READING: 6/3-8/3

REGISTER ON THE BEANSTACK APP OR

SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG

READ UP TO 24 HOURS TO EARN BADGES AND

WIN PRIZES. EVERY CHILD WHO FINISHES READING

24 HOURS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING

FOR THE GRAND PRIZE!



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

TWEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

START OF SUMMER ICE CREAM

PARTY: 6/3 AT 4:30-5:30 P.M.

IN THE ART PARK

*TWEEN SAND ART TERRARIUM: 6/4

AT 6:00-7:00 P.M.

*DOODLING FOR TWEENS: 6/11 AT

6:00-7:00 P.M.

*TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK

CLUB: 6/18 AT 6:00-7:00 P.M.

*SUMMERWEEN PARTY: (FAMILY)

6/25 AT 5:00-7:00 P.M. AT THE

SAFETY HARBOR MUSEUM &

CULTURAL CENTER



* **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
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ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

AGES 8-12

TWEEN SUMMER READING:

6/3-8/3

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GRAND PRIZE!



Teen Library Programs

Start of Summer Ice Cream Party: 6/3

4:30-5:30 pm

Teen Mystery Book Give Away (while supplies last): 6/3-6/15

Sand Art Terrarium Craft (Ages 13-18): 6/4,

4:30-5:30 pm*

Teen Anime & Manga Club (Grades 6-12): 6/11

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Teen Rainbow Room (Grades 6-12): 6/18

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Summerween Party (Ages 8-18) : 6/25

5:00-7:00 pm

*Registration required at
<https://events.safetyharborlibrary.org/>

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY

SUMMER READING

6/3-8/3

Teens can register for Summer Reading on Beanstack!

Log books read to earn prizes throughout the summer. Anyone who completes the reading challenge has a chance to win the Grand Prize!

Register for Summer Reading at
<https://safetyharborlibrary.beanstack.org/>



LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Concert with the
St. Petersburg Sax
Quartet

5/9 | 6:30 pm

@ John Wilson Park Gazebo,
401 Main St.

Adventure Begins
at the Library

Adult Summer
Reading Program

June 4 - August 6

Tech Tutoring

Available by Appointment

Wednesday Afternoons

Friday Mornings

CrAfterWork

Tie-Dye*

5/23 | 6:00 pm

Barn Quilt*

6/27 | 6:00 pm

*Registration Required

Book Clubs

Words & Wine

5/20 & 6/17 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels

5/21 & 6/18 | 10:30 am

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

STEPS FOR MAXIMIZING YOUR FULL FITNESS POTENTIAL

by Tim Sattinger, Recreation Supervisor



SLEEP

Sleep is the most important element of your development! Your body requires at least eight to ten hours of quality sleep each night. Your body recovers the most during the deep sleep period. Studies show the longer you sleep the deeper sleep you will get. So, get your sleep!

NUTRITION/HYDRATION

Nutrition is the second most important element in the development of being fit. It is essential that you eat proteins and carbs no later than 45 minutes after your workout. Fat-free or low-fat chocolate milk is very good to drink after a hard workout; it has a good protein to carb ratio. A whey protein shake is another good post-workout drink. A rule of

thumb for staying hydrated is for women to drink 72 ounces of water daily and men to drink 104 ounces of water daily. Stay hydrated!



FOOD IS FUEL

You wouldn't put cheap gas in a luxury car, so why put unhealthy fats and added sugars in your body?

You need healthy calories to be the best you. Choose quality calories from fruit, vegetables, whole-grain breads and cereals, low-fat dairy, lean protein, and heart-healthy fats. These foods provide the vitamins and minerals fitness enthusiasts need.

- Breakfast is a great time for whole-grain cereal with low-fat milk or whole-grain waffles with peanut butter and banana.
- For lunch, choose performance foods instead of fried or fast food. Bean and beef burritos topped with salsa or grilled chicken sandwiches with coleslaw deliver nutrients needed for afternoon training sessions.

• For dinner, spaghetti with meat sauce accompanied by a salad or vegetables and whole-grain Italian bread with olive or canola oil spread plus low-fat milk is a great recovery meal.

• Keep nutritious snacks handy — fresh fruit, veggies and hummus, low-fat cheese or yogurt, and low-fat microwave popcorn are great options.

BUILD MUSCLE WITH PROTEIN FROM FOODS

Eat real food and muscles can get all the protein they need! Include some protein in every meal to help muscles recover.

- Lean red meat, chicken, turkey, fish, eggs, low-fat milk, cheese, yogurt, tofu, and edamame are excellent protein sources.
- Dried beans (such as black beans), chickpeas, lentils, nuts, and seeds are good sources of protein.

SOME MENU IDEAS FOR THE ACTIVE FAMILY

- Steak, sweet potato or white potato, and fresh broccoli or fresh green beans.
- Grilled chicken thighs, yellow rice, black beans, and frozen vegetables.
- Protein pasta with meat sauce, salad, and fresh bread.
- Grilled center cut pork chops, fresh vegetable, and salad.
- Fresh fish, potato, and vegetables.
- Beef and chicken hard or soft tacos – load up with lettuce, tomatoes, some sour cream, and any other sauce you use.

Stay away from – fried foods, highly processed, high fructose corn syrup, more than 8 grams of sugar per serving, anything that has a long ingredient list.



REAL FUN! EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Pickin' in the Park

All Ages, Fri, 5/3, 6:30-8:30PM, Free, Folly Farm

Folly Faire

All Ages, Sat, 5/11, 9AM-12PM, Free, Folly Farm

All Ages, Sat, 6/8, 9AM-12PM, Free, Folly Farm

Marshall Street Park Community Picnic

All Ages, Sat, 5/18, 11AM-2PM, Free, Marshall Street Park

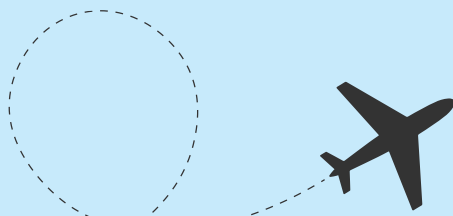
Beautification In the Park

Ages: 16+, Sat, 5/25, 8-11AM, Free, Folly Farm

Florida Flyers: History of Flight in Florida & Beyond

Exhibit: June 1 – July 28, 2024

Open House: June 21, 2024, 11AM-4PM, Free, Museum

A poster for "1st Friday Flicks" featuring the movie "Moana". The background is dark blue with white stars and a palm tree. In the foreground, there is a red and white striped popcorn bucket, a blue movie projector, and a small stack of movie tickets. The text "1st Friday Flicks" is in large red letters, "@ Waterfront Park" is in orange, "May 3 • 8pm" is in white, and "Moana" is in a white script font. A logo for "Title Sponsor DAD Positively Dad." is in the bottom right corner.

1ST Friday Flicks
@ Waterfront Park
May 3 • 8pm
Moana
Title Sponsor
DAD Positively Dad.
Podcast for dads on being great fathers

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

A poster titled "Summer SIZZLERS" with a bright orange and yellow background featuring a sunburst pattern. Below the title, two event boxes are listed. The first box for "6/14 ULTIMATE SCAVENGER HUNT @ Folly Farm \$5 • 12-3PM" and the second for "6/28 SUMMER SPLASH @ Waterfront Park \$5 • 12-3PM". The website "safetyharborrecreation.com" is at the bottom. A stylized white figure is jumping in the water on the right side.

Summer SIZZLERS

6/14	ULTIMATE SCAVENGER HUNT @ Folly Farm \$5 • 12-3PM
6/28	SUMMER SPLASH @ Waterfront Park \$5 • 12-3PM

safetyharborrecreation.com

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