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JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS & SUMMER SIZZLERS *by: Mayor Joe Ayoub*



The City of Safety Harbor is heating up this summer with a lineup of exciting events for the whole family. The highlight is the Independence Day celebrations on July 4th, starting with the 4th of July Parade hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238 on Main Street at 10:00 AM. This lively parade, featuring 50 participating organizations represented by over 200 people, promises fun for all ages. And stop by the John Wilson Park Gazebo immediately after the parade for a patriotic presentation.



The good times continue with the July 4th Celebration at Waterfront Park starting at 5:00 PM. Attendees can enjoy a variety of food vendors and live entertainment, creating a festive atmosphere leading up to the fireworks display at 9:00 PM. Proceeds from the beer sales will support the Friends of the Library. You'll want to get there early to find the perfect spot. Don't forget to bring your chairs or blankets.



Beyond Independence Day, the Summer Sizzlers event series offers more family-friendly fun, all taking place at Safety Harbor City Park. On July 12, kids can cool off at the Foam Party, a delightfully messy event sure to bring smiles. The Summer Carnival on July 26, features classic carnival games, bounce houses, and prizes. The series concludes with the End of Summer Party on August 9, a perfect way to wrap up the season with community spirit. You can find more details, pre-register, and purchase carnival tickets for any of these events at SafetyHarborRecreation.com.

Join Safety Harbor this summer for memorable events that bring together fun, community, and celebration!



MAKE A PLAN

DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Consumers can purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from tax during the 2024 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday:

August 24 – September 6, 2024

For a list of qualifying items visit:
floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep

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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

SAFETY HARBOR DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

by: Carol Stricklin, AICP, Interim Community Development Director



The updated Safety Downtown Master Plan has received final approval following citizen-driven effort over a period of more than four years. The Plan provides the basis to realize the community's vision captured through an interactive process that involved citizens and elected officials, business and property owners and other interested parties.

The updated Downtown Master Plan was approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners on May 21, 2024, completing the process to extend the time horizon for the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment District (CRD). Originally established in 1992 and expanded in 2009, this approval extends the life of the CRD for an additional ten years. The new sunset date for the Community Redevelopment District and the Community Redevelopment Trust Fund is October 6, 2032.

What is in the updated Downtown Master Plan? The Downtown Master Plan was amended in 2023 to update the vision, valued treasures and tax increment financing projections. A supporting 5-Year Action Strategy was prepared to implement short-term priorities embodied in the community's vision statement that reads:

Safety Harbor is a thriving city with a charming quality of life – committed to balancing responsible growth while preserving its small town atmosphere, quaint character, and valued treasures.

Extension of the Community Redevelopment Trust fund will provide continued funding for capital projects to further the community's vision for downtown Safety Harbor.

More information about the Downtown Master Plan can be found on the City's website at: cityofsafetyharbor.com/CRA.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS



\$100

All proceeds benefit the
Safety Harbor Youth
Scholarship Fund OR
Safety Harbor Museum
of Regional History

For more information, call 727-724-1560 ext. 3306 or
kgerlach@cityofsafetyharbor.com
Deadline for late October engraving - October 1

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Make checks payable to: City of Safety Harbor

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

JULY

CITY MEETINGS

- 4 **Independence Day - All City Facilities Closed;**
Recycling Collection Occurs as Usual
- 9 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 10 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 11 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 15 City Commission, 7PM
- 17 City Commission Budget Workshop, 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4 4TH of July Parade (Main St.), 10AM
- 4 4TH of July Celebration (Waterfront Park), 5-9PM
- 7 Market on Main (Gazebo), 10AM-3PM
- 13 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9AM-12PM
- 14 Market on Main (Gazebo), 10AM-3PM
- 19 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

AUGUST

CITY MEETINGS

- 5 City Commission, 7PM
- 8 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 13 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 14 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 19 City Commission, 7PM
- 21 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM

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- 16 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

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**



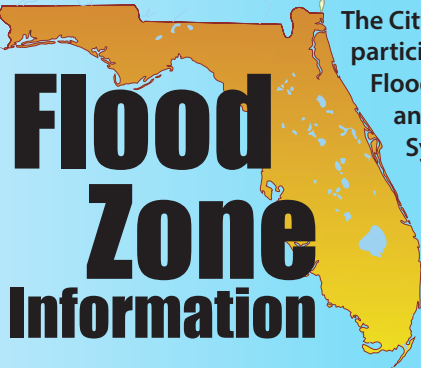
**Personnel
Review
Board**



**Planning
& Zoning
Board**



**Public Art
Committee**



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

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



GO PLACES THIS SUMMER *by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director*

The dog days of summer are the perfect time to escape with a good book, movie, or to take a trip or staycation. The library can help you plan for your trip, help you find a good read in format you desire, and provide things to do. Here's how...

Learn a Language with Pronunicator: With 315 languages to choose from you can get ready for your trip. This free, interactive online resource builds conversational skills and personalized courses tailored to your language learning needs, from Afrikaans to Zuni!

Kanopy: Get ready for your trip by watching a travel documentary or beat the heat with a good film. Either way, you are bound to find something you like with over 30,000 unique titles available.

Museum Passes: In partnership with 13 local museums, libraries in Pinellas County offer free museum passes on a first come, first serve basis. A perfect mini getaway! Visit: <https://pplc.us/museums/>

Learn Something New: Want to try pickleball, but don't want to invest in a racquet? We have sets for you to borrow. Too hot outside, but cooler in the kitchen? Check out our collection of novelty and specialty cake pans.

Games: Staying home and with the kids? Check out one of our many board games, from Throw Throw Avocado to Ticket to Ride. Check out Storytime Chess or Backgammon, a game that teaches children using fun stories, custom pieces, and a unique double-sided board.

Adventure Reading Backpacks: Check out one of many Adventure Reading themed backpacks. There is even one to explore Waterfront Park and Folly Farm. Want to learn about goats? We have books for that too, along with STEM Kits to continue learning all summer long.

Grow Plants: It's tough to grow from seed during the heat of the summer, but you can start your seedlings inside for your fall garden or plant a herb garden on your windowsill with free seeds from the Seed Library.

Read and Listen: Whether you prefer to read online or a hardcover book, we've got you covered with Libby for e-books, e-magazines, and audio books and hoopla for even more titles to enjoy. If you are interested in meeting new people and talking about books we have book clubs for all ages.

If you'd like more information on any of the services above or any of our events, please visit SafetyHarborLibrary.com, email us at shplpref@cityofsafetyharbor.com, or call the Answer Desk, 727-724-1424 x4112. Go places with your public library!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

* CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM:
FROM JUNE 3-AUGUST 3

*ICRE8 - ART CLASS: (AGES 5-95)
MONDAY, JULY 8, 5:30 - 6:30 PM.
SAFETY HARBOR MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER.

*TERRIFIC TUESDAY: GABIE BUS: (AGES 5-12)
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 11:00-11:45 AM.

STORY TOTS: (AGES 19 MONTHS - 4 YEARS)
WEDNESDAYS, JULY 10, 24, 31, 10:30 AM.
HARBORSIDE CHURCH.

BABY & ME STORY TIME: (AGES 0-18 MONTHS)
FRIDAY, JULY 12, 19, 26, 10:30 AM.
HARBORSIDE CHURCH.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY: DIGERIDOO DOWN UNDER: (FAMILY)
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 11:00 AM.
HARBORSIDE CHURCH.

*ZUMBINI: (AGES 0-4 YEARS)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 10:30 AM.
HARBORSIDE CHURCH.

BOOK BUS: (GRADES K-12)
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 11:30 AM.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY: GIVING TREE DRUM CIRCLE (FAMILY)
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 11:00 AM.
HARBORSIDE CHURCH.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY: ATLANTIC COAST THEATRE: (FAMILY)
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 11:00 AM.
HARBORSIDE CHURCH.

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT: SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG

TWEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

*TWEEN FANTASY MAP MAKING
CRAFT: 7/9 AT 6:00-7:00 P.M.

*TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: 7/16 AT 6:00-7:00 P.M.

*TWEEN CRAFT TO GO: SKY IN A BOTTLE: PICK UP 7/22-7/27

*DOCTOR WHO PARTY: (FAMILY)
7/23 AT 5:00-7:00 P.M. AT THE SAFETY HARBOR MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

*S'MORES & SCARY STORIES:
(AGES 8-18) 7/30 AT 6:30-7:30 IN THE ART PARK

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY. AGES 8-12

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING: (AGES 6-11) 6/3-8/3

REGISTER ON THE BEANSTACK APP OR AT 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 ONE OF THREE GRAND PRIZES!





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

Teen Library Programs

Library Card Travels Contest: 6/3-8/3

Teen Anime & Manga Club (Grades 6-12): 7/9, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

*Virtual College Applications Workshop (Grades 6-12): 7/13, 4:00 - 5:00 pm.

Teen Rainbow Room (Grades 6-12): 7/16, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

*Doctor Who Party (Family): 7/23, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

*S'Mores & Scary Stories (Ages 8-18): 7/30, 6:30-7:30 pm

*Virtual SAT Workshops (Grades 6-12): 8/10 & 8/17, 4:00 - 5:00 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

Adventure Begins at Your Library
Adult Summer Reading Program
Until August 3

CrAfterWork
Craftlace Keychain*
7/25 | 6:00 pm

Painted Sunflower Field*
8/22 | 6:00 pm
*Registration Required

Ukulele Summer Strummin' & Jammin'
7/5 | 2:00 pm

Financial Literacy 101
7/11 | 6:30 pm

Salsa Tasting
7/18 | 6:30 pm

Book Clubs
Words & Wine
7/15 & 8/19 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels
7/16 & 8/20 | 10:30 am

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

JULY IS PARK & RECREATION MONTH *by: Andrea Norwood, Leisure Services*



Are you ready for the best month of the year? Since 1985, the United States has celebrated July as Parks & Recreation Month to recognize all the parks and recreation professionals – along with part-time & seasonal workers combined with volunteers – who maintain our local parks and provide programs to build a strong, vibrant, and resilient, community through the power of Parks & Recreation. The Safety Harbor Leisure Services department plays a vital role in the quality of life for our residents and visitors. The Leisure Services Department overarching goals are Community, Health, Economic Development, and Environment. We accomplish our goals daily through our events, programs, opportunities, and preservation of our parks. The July

theme this year is “Where You Belong” and celebrates the many ways park and recreation professionals foster a sense of belonging in our own community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe accessible spaces to build meaningful connection. We encourage our residents and visitors to share how Parks & Recreation have improved their lives on social media by using *#WhereYouBelong*.

Join us in the celebration!

- Visit a park
- Walk the Trail
- Visit our Museum & Cultural Center
- Pick up a Public Art or Historical Marker Map
- Take a class
- Volunteer
- Try the fitness center
- Attend a Summer Sizzler event and celebrate *#WhereYouBelong*

Summer SIZZLERS

7/12

FOAM PARTY \$5 • 12-3PM

@ Safety Harbor City Park

7/26

SUMMER CARNIVAL \$5 • 12-3PM

@ Safety Harbor City Park

8/9

END OF SUMMER PARTY

@ Safety Harbor City Park

safetyharborrecreation.com



REAL FUN! EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Indoor Little Toes Soccer

Ages: 2-3, Fri, 7/19-8/9, 3-3:30PM, \$40, Rigsby
Ages: 2-3, Fri, 8/16-8/30, 3-3:30PM, \$30, Rigsby

Rug Rat Recess

Ages: 6 mo-4 yr, Fri, 5/3-8/30, 9-10:30AM, \$2, Rigsby

Music with Mom

Ages: 2-3, Mon, 7/15-8/19, 1:30-2PM, \$57, Rigsby

Let's Make Music

Ages: 4-6, Mon, 7/15-8/19, 2-2:45PM, \$57, Rigsby

Sprout Splash

Ages: 2-6, Mon, 7/1-8/26, 10-11:30PM, \$3, Rigsby

Showtime for Tykes

Ages: 0-5, Thu, 8/29, 10:30-11:30PM, Free, Folly Farm

Folly Faire

All Ages, Sat, 7/13, 9AM-12PM, Free, Folly Farm
All Ages, Sat, 8/10, 9AM-12PM, Free, Folly Farm

DIY Rain Barrel Workshop

Ages: 18+, Fri, 8/2, 5-6:30PM, \$60, Folly Farm

Kids Night Out

Ages: 6-11, Fri, 8/9, 6:30-9PM, \$25, Museum

Fish Talk Series

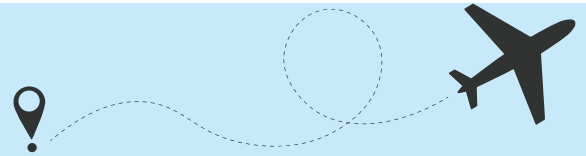
All Ages, Thu, 8/15, 6:30-8PM, Free, Museum

For Aquatic Classes and Swim Lessons, contact:
Rigsby Center at 727-724-1545

Florida Flyers: History of Flight in Florida & Beyond

Exhibit: June 1 – July 28, 2024

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



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

FOLLY FARM

Nature Preserve

NEW!
Barn
Rentals

TOURS RENTALS

NATURE VOLUNTEER

Bug Safari
Wings over Folly
Florida Snakes
All About Owls
Nature Journaling
Observation Garden Tour
Wetland Wonders Tour
Guided Butterfly Gardens Hike
Night Hike (add a campfire for additional fee)
Breakfast with the Birds
Chicken Encounters
AND More!

Folly Farm
1562 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.
To schedule a tour or to volunteer
with urban garden or animals
call 727-724-1552

Volunteer to work
in our Urban
Garden

We want your feedback

Take our survey today!

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SafetyHarborRecreation.com

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The poster features a patriotic theme with a red, white, and blue wavy border at the bottom. The text is in bold, red and blue fonts. It includes the title "CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT WATERFRONT PARK" and the time "5-9 PM * FIREWORKS AT 9 PM". There are also illustrations of fireworks and a stylized American flag.

CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR'S
INDEPENDENCE
DAY CELEBRATION
AT WATERFRONT PARK
5-9 PM * FIREWORKS AT 9 PM

PARKING map at:
CITYOFSAFETYHARBOR.COM/PARKING
SAFETYHARBOREVENTS.COM