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SAFETY HARBOR SHREDS *by: Donna Mack, Recreation Program Coordinator*



Do you have unused or expired prescription medications that you no longer use? Do you know how to get rid of them? Do you throw your unused medications in the trash? Or flush them down the toilet? Do you throw away old bills or personal information in your trash can? Stop for a minute – is that the right thing to do? Can someone go through your trash to look for disposed of medication or personal information? Let's do the right thing by disposing of these items the correct way.

The City of Safety Harbor's Leisure Services and Public Works Departments have partnered with the Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Pinellas County Sheriff's Department to host our annual Safety Harbor Shreds event to help the community dispose of sensitive documents and unwanted prescription drugs.



As we all know, consumer fraud, identity theft, and the misuse of medication is on the rise and is becoming a severe problem. When someone obtains your personal information, such as your Social Security number, bank account number, or credit card information, they intend to do something illegal – such as open accounts, purchase products, and incur debt in your name. It may take years to detect, and even longer to correct.

This year's 4TH Annual Shreds event will be held on September 28, 2024, from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at the City's Public Works Complex, located at 1200 Railroad Avenue. We welcome both residents and non-residents to come dispose of their documents and unused prescriptions. This easy,

drive-through event allows people to bring up to five boxes of documents for free and secure on-site shredding and recycling along with the disposal of all old and unwanted prescriptions. All patrons are to remain in their vehicles during the event; City staff will do all the work for you.

A special thanks goes out to the Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Sheriff's Department for their partnership with us to make this event possible.



WHAT CAN I BRING TO THE EVENT?

SHREDDING:

- Documents
 - Newsprints
 - Hanging File Folders
- No need to remove paper clips or binder clips*

MEDICINE DISPOSAL:

- Prescriptions Medicines
- Over the Counter Medicines
- Vitamins and Supplements
- Pet Medicines



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Questions?
Contact Public Works:
724-1550 x 2002



Quarterly Clean-Up Schedule
September 9 – 11: End of Summer Clean-up
for more details: CityofSafetyHarbor.com/sanitation



AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

BUSINESS LICENSES – TIME TO RENEW! *Zain Husain, Assistant Community Development Director*



Is your business located within the City of Safety Harbor? If so, you must obtain a City of Safety Harbor Business License. These licenses are issued annually and are valid from October 1 – September 30, of each year.

Current business license holders need to renew their license by September 30, 2024. Invoices were sent out in July and payments can be made as follows:

- Pay online, using the URL of the City's business license web page.
- In person, at City Hall at 750 Main Street, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.
- By mail, to City of Safety Harbor, Building Division, 750 Main Street, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM – 4:30PM. The City accepts cash, checks, money orders, and credit cards. A 2.95% transaction service fee is added to credit card payments, with a minimum transaction fee of \$1.95. Renewals not received by September 30, 2024, will be assessed a late fee.

For more information about business license renewals or obtaining a new business license, please visit the City's website <https://cityofsafetyharbor.com/96/Local-Business-Taxes> or contact the Building Division at 727-724-1515.

DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS

The City of Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency is accepting Downtown Partnership grant applications through October 1, 2024. Categories include façade, front porch, fencing, new signage, ADA improvements, public art/mural, landscaping, dumpster enclosure, interior renovation, new non-residential building, and artistic bicycle rack.

Please, visit the webpages below:

Grant Brochure: cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipBrochure

Application Form: cityofsafetyharbor.com/DowntownPartnershipGrant



NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS & MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS

The City of Safety Harbor is accepting Neighborhood Grant applications and Mayor's Award of Excellence applications through October 14, 2024.



Neighborhood Project Grant categories include entryway signs, fencing, walkways, fountains and lighting in a common area or neighborhood entryway. Beautification Matching grant categories include landscaping and irrigation in a common area or neighborhood entryway. The Mayor's Award of Excellence recognizes property owners for beautifying their property and enhancing the property's curb appeal.

To apply for a grant or to make Mayor's Award of Excellence nomination, visit, cityofsafetyharbor.com/NeighborhoodGrants

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

SEPTEMBER

CITY MEETINGS

2 **Labor Day - All City Facilities Closed;**
Trash Collection Occurs as Usual

- 3 City Commission, 7PM
- 10 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 11 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 12 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 16 City Commission, 7PM
- 18 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 6 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 14 Best Damn Leftover 5K (Marina), 6AM
- 14 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9AM-12PM
- 20 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

OCTOBER

CITY MEETINGS

- 7 City Commission, 7PM
- 8 Library Advisory Committee, 7PM
- 9 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30PM
- 10 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30PM
- 16 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30PM
- 21 City Commission, 7PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 5 Craft Beer Festival (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 12 Tree Give Away (Public Works), 8-11AM
- 12 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9AM-12PM
- 18 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM
- 25 Blues on the Bay (Waterfront Park), 6-9PM
- 26 All British Car Show 5K (Main Street), 9AM-4PM
- 27 Manufacturers 5K (Marina), 7AM
- 31 Main Street Trick-or-Treat (Main Street), 4:30-6:30PM

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**



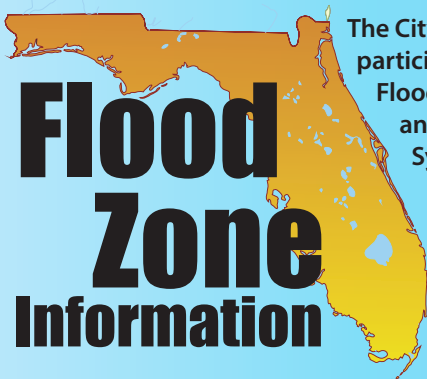
**Personnel
Review
Board**



**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.

Outside Agency Funding



The City of Safety Harbor is taking requests for outside agency funding. To be considered, funding requests must be returned to the City no later than September 30, 2024.

Requests will be considered at the City Commission meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024.

The application can be found online on the homepage of cityofsafetyharbor.com.

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE. FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO FUNDRAISE. LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH.

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



If you've been by or inside the library lately, you've noticed our construction progress. In August we celebrated 45% completion of the second story and our interior lighting upgrades are complete. You'll notice the new elevator shaft and stairwell in the front of the building and relocation of the bike rack to the west side parking lot. Solar panel stands are being installed on the flat roof of the second story and window install and exterior stucco has commenced, along with interior framing. Everyday progress is being made. We look forward to the finished project in spring 2025 and sharing our new space with you.

The Safety Harbor Library Foundation continues their fundraising efforts to enhance their previous \$500,000 donation to the city for the second story project for needed furniture and fixtures. On the evening of September 13th, the Foundation presents Best Laid Plans an interactive Mystery Dinner

Theater fundraiser. For information and tickets visit: SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 25, 7-9PM for Blues on the Bay, a free concert, with Julie Black & her Band at Waterfront Park in partnership with the library. Beer, wine, and food trucks available. Donations accepted at the event.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when libraries nationwide work together to ensure every child signs up for a free library card and to remind communities about valuable resources available at your library. From borrowing tools, museum passes, books, eBooks, board and electronic games, and STEM kits, or attending a program, concert, book club or story time, a library card helps you do more of you enjoy. All without stretching your budget. You can apply for a temporary library card online: pplc.us/get-a-library-card, then visit the library within 14 days to receive your permanent card.

All renewal and new library card sign-ups in September are automatically entered in a raffle to win a prize. We'll have a prize for kids, tweens, teens, and adults. For information on all our programs and resources, visit: SafetyHarborLibrary.com or call the Answers Desk, 727-724-1525 x4112.



BEST LAID PLANS
AN OLD HOLLYWOOD WHODUNNIT

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER
Friday, September 13, 2024
Doors Open 6:15 PM- Show 7:15

LOCATION: THE ESTATE
1850 COUNTY RD 193 - CLEARWATER, FL 33759

Delicious Italian Buffet & Dessert.
Beer & Wine available.
TICKETS \$45.

Dress up for this WHODUNNIT if you'd like!

Presented by
Let's Build a Story
SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC
Library
FOUNDATION
Building a Legacy for the Future

Info: SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org



Free Event

Blues on the Bay
with Julie Black & her Band

Friday, October 25, 2024 - 7PM

Food Trucks & Beverages.
Bring your lawn chair.
Donations to the SHPL Foundation Welcomed.

Let's Build a Story
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Waterfront Park
110 Veterans Memorial Lane
SafetyHarborLibrary.com

SAFETY HARBOR
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children's Programs



Story Tots: (Ages 19 months to 5 years)
Wednesdays, September & October at 10:30 am.
This library program is held at Harborside Church.

Baby & Me Story Time: (Ages 18 months and under)
Fridays, September & October at 10:30 am.
This library program is held at Harborside Church.

ICRE8 - Art Class: (Ages 5-95)
Mondays, September 9 & October 14 at 5:30 pm.
This library program is held at the Safety Harbor Museum.

Music with Mr. Brad: (Ages 0-5) Tuesday, September 10 at 10:30 am.
This library program is held at Harborside Church.

Puppets, Tunes 'n Tea for Tots: (Ages 2-5)
Tuesdays, September 17 & Oct 15 at 11:00 am.
This library program is held at Harborside Church.

Zumbini: (Ages 0-5) Tuesdays, Sept 24 & Oct 22 at 10:30 am.
This library program is held at Harborside Church.

Baby & Me Yoga: (Ages 0-1 year)
Tuesday, September 3 at 10:30 am.
This library program is held at Harborside Church.

Fire Safety Story Time: (Ages 0-5) Wednesday, October 2 at 10:30 am
This library program is held at Harborside Church.

Paint a Mini Pumpkin: (Ages 4-7) Tuesday, October 22 at 3:30 pm.
This library program is held at the Art Park behind the library.



***REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT:
EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG**



TWEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

AGES 8-12

Homework Help: (Grades K-8) Mondays,
3:00-6:00 p.m.

***Tween Creative Writers Group: 9/11,**
5:30-7:00 p.m.

***Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: 9/18 & 10/8,**
5:30-6:30 p.m.

***Tween Taste Test Challenge: 9/24**
& 10/29, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

***Tween Paint a Mini**
Pumpkin: 10/22,
5:30-6:30 p.m.



***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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

Teen Library Programs



Homework Help (Grades K-8): Mondays, 3:00-6:00 pm

Teen Anime & Manga Club (Ages 12-18): 9/4, 10/2,
5:00 pm

***Teen Podcasting 101: 9/10, 9/17**

Teen Rainbow Room (Ages 12-18): 9/25, 10/30, 5:00 pm

Two Sentence Scary Story Contest: 10/1-10/31

Halloween Art Contest: 10/1-10/31

Teen Surprise Book & Tea Giveaway: 10/14-10/26

Teen Writers Group: 10/16, 5:00 pm

***Teen Paint a Mini Pumpkin (Ages 13-18): 10/22, 4:30 pm**



***Registration required at events.safetyharborlibrary.org**

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Mystery Dinner Theater*

Best Laid Plans: An Old Hollywood Whodunnit

9/13 | 6:15 pm

***Registration Required**

Decadent Desserts

With Chef Warren

9/19 | 6:30 pm

Fall Plant Swap

9/28 | 10:00 - 11:30 am

Friends of the Library

Book Sale

10/26 | 9:30am - 1:30pm

Blues on the Bay

With Julie Black & Her Band

10/25 | 7:00 pm

Tech Tutoring

Available by Appointment

Friday Mornings

Saturday Mornings

Book Clubs

Silent Book Club

9/5 & 10/10 | 6:00 pm

Words & Wine

9/16 & 10/21 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels

9/17 & 10/15 | 10:30 am

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

BENEFITS OF ART *by: Christine McWilliams, Recreation Program Supervisor*



You don't have to consider yourself an artist to benefit from creating art. Art in any form can be a great way to improve your mental health by reducing stress, increasing happiness, fostering social connections and promoting self-discovery. Making art is an effective way to increase focus, improve self-esteem, enhance concentration, reduce pain and depression. Whether it's painting, writing, dancing or music, art in all its forms can be beneficial to your self-care and mental health.

ART WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Making art is a form of self-care. You can use art to calm your mind, get into the flow, and just breathe. Whether you are creating art for yourself, with a group or sharing your work with others, art facilitates social connections, thereby reducing loneliness. Art classes and programs provide opportunities to meet new people who share a common interest and can be a great way to learn from others. The Recreation Department offers many art classes and enrichment

programs throughout the year. Program class offerings include painting, photography, stitching, dance, piano lessons and many more. Register for one of our art programs today!

PUBLIC ART & TOURS

Public art benefits cities, by attracting tourists, visitors and transforms civic icons into vibrant expressions of creative imagination. Public art can add color, texture, dimensions to buildings, streets, and public areas, making them more inviting and visually appealing. Public art can improve the quality of life for the community and help attract visitors, which can have positive social and economic benefits to the city. Register for one of our public art tours and explore the city's art today!

CITY GALLERIES

The City of Safety Harbor, has three city art galleries, where artist can display their art. These locations include City Hall, the Library and the Museum and Cultural Center. Artist who are interested in having their work displayed in a City Gallery, should fill out the application on our city website page.

In summary, it doesn't matter whether you consider yourself an artist, expressing yourself creatively can be beneficial for your mental health, self-care and happiness. Making art can boost self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment. It allows us to explore new things in a safe space. Art provides us with the opportunity to see things from a new perspective and live in the moment. So, what are you waiting for? Let's create some art!



Check out the Spin/Row Room!
Fitness Center Members have access
to the room during non-class times

Spin Class

Mon/Wed • 6–6:45PM • \$48
9/4–9/30
10/2–10/30

Spin Sporting Ride

Fri • 6:30–7:30PM • \$10/class
9/6–9/27
10/4–10/25

Spin/Row Sporting Ride

Sat • 10–10:45AM • \$10/class
9/14 & 9/18
10/12 & 10/26

Community Center • 650 9th Ave. S. • 727-724-1560

REAL FUN! EVENTS & PROGRAMS

AQUATICS AT CAMP SOULE POOL

S'WET/Aqua Zumba

Adults, Thu, 8/15-10/31, 9-10AM, \$10/class

Star Tots Swim Lessons

Ages: 1.5-4yr, Thu, 8/15-9/19, 10:30-11AM, \$55

Ages: 1.5-4yr, Thu, 10/3-10/24, 10:30-11AM, \$55

Splash n' Play

All Ages, Thu, 11:15AM-12:15PM, \$3

Intro to Mermaid

Ages: 6-16, Tue/Wed/Thu, 9/17-9/19, 5:45-6:15PM, \$45

Basic Mermaid

Ages: 6-16, Tue/Wed/Thu, 9/24-9/26, 5:45-6:15PM, \$45

Basic Mermaid

Ages: 10-17, Tue/Wed/Thu, 10/1-10/3, 5:30-6:15PM, \$60

EVENTS

Pickin' In the Park

All Ages, Fri, 9/13, 6:30-8PM, Free, Folly Farm

All Ages, Fri, 10/11, 6:30-8PM, Free, Folly Farm

All Ages, Fri, 11/8, 6:30-8PM, Free, Folly Farm

Scarecrow Building with Campfire

Ages: 3+, Sat, 10/5, 2:30-4:30PM, \$25, Folly Farm

Park Clean-Up

All Ages, Sat, 9/7, 8-11AM, Free, Folly Farm

All Ages, Sat, 11/2, 8-11AM, Free, Folly Farm

All Ages, Sun, 10/6, 8-11AM, Free, Waterfront Park

All Ages, Sun, 11/3, 8-11AM, Free, Waterfront Park

Community Picnic in the Park

All Ages, Sat, 9/7, 11AM-2PM, Free, North City Park

Creative Conversations at the Museum

Arts in Safety Harbor: Adults, Tue, 9/3, 6-7PM, Free

Fall Prevention: Adults, Tue, 9/17, 10:30-11:30AM, Free

Wheel of Knowledge: Adults, Tue, 10/1, 10:30-11:30AM, Free

Tocobaga Culture: Adults, Tue, 10/8, 10:30-11:30AM, Free

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



FOLLY FAIRE

2nd Saturday of the month 9am to 12pm

Free Entry

Sep. 14th
Oct. 12th
Nov. 9th
Dec. 14th

SPECIAL ANIMAL GUESTS

Vendors, Live Music, Plant Help Desk, Native Plant Sale, Nature Activities and Educational Programs.

30 Years and Still Growing
Safety Harbor Garden Club



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10/25 & 10/26

6:30 - 10 PM

FRIGHT NIGHTS

\$8 TICKET

\$3 kids area 6:30-9pm

Sponsored by:

Renaissance Real Estate

Benefitting:

- Alligator Wildlife & Discovery Center
- Common Grounds Gardens
- First Presbyterian Church Harbor Dish
- Kiwanis Club
- Safety Harbor Garden Club
- Safety Harbor Museum of Regional History

VISIT IF YOU DARE!

FOLLY FARM
1538 Dr. MLK St. N.
SafetyHarborRecreation.com

PARKING AND FREE SHUTTLE TO & FROM EVENT AT THE CORNER OF ELM ST. & CEDAR ST.

CITYSCAPE

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Library: 727-724-1525
Museum & Cultural Ctr.: 727-724-1562
Public Works: 727-724-1550
Rigsby Recreation Center: 727-724-1545



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www.cityofsafetyharbor.com

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TAMPA FL

TREE GIVEAWAY

Property owners within Safety Harbor may stop by to pick up 2 trees.

Available Tree Types:

Pink, Purple, and White Crape Myrtles
Live Oak
Bald Cypress
Southern Magnolia
Red Cedar
Cedar Elm (Winged Elm)
Dahoon Holly
Walter's Viburnum

OCT. 12, 2024 | 8 TO 11 AM
PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX
1200 RAILROAD AVE

Arrive early – trees are first come, first served.
For more information: James C Ryan, City Arborist
JaRyan@CityofSafetyHarbor.com
727-724-1555 x1303

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday, November 28, 2024. Thursday recycling collection will be collected on Friday, November 29, 2024. 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 Wednesday, December 25, 2024. Wednesday's sanitation services will be collected on Thursday, December 26, 2024. Monday's and Tuesday's sanitation collection will occur as regularly scheduled. Thursday's recycling collection will be pushed back to Friday, December 27, 2024. Friday's recycling collection will occur as scheduled.

New Year's Day

New Year's Day falls on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Wednesday's sanitation services will be collected on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Monday's and Tuesday's sanitation collection will occur as regularly scheduled. Thursday's recycling collection will be pushed back to Friday, January 3, 2025. 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 6, 7, or 8.

