

City Scape

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HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION

by: Renee Cooper, Public Works Director

It's hard to believe, but once again 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 2025 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 pruning of trees).
- 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.

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

• Know your evacuation zone! <https://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? <https://www.ready.gov/plan-form>

• Review your insurance policies; keep policy numbers and phone numbers in a recoverable location.

• Plan for your pets. <https://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.



2025 Quarterly Clean Up Schedule*

Hurricane Prep Clean Up: June 9 – 11

* Collection occurs only once during the clean-up cycle.
Be sure to place items at the curb by 6:30AM on your regular collection day.

For more details
& what will & won't
be collected:



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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

NEW BOARD ALERT! SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

by: Rachael Telesca, City Clerk



The City of Safety Harbor has a new advisory board and is accepting applications for the Sustainability Advisory Board. The Board will review and make recommendations to the City Commission regarding Sustainability Initiatives including policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations that promote sustainability and resiliency, and make recommendations to the City Commission for updates to the City's Resiliency and Sustainability Plan.

Board Applicant must have expertise, experience, training, or education in sustainability-related fields and meet City eligibility requirements.

To learn more about the City's Sustainability and Resiliency plan, visit the City's Sustainability and Resiliency webpage at <https://cityofsafetyharbor.com/976/Sustainability-Resiliency>

If sustainability isn't your area of expertise, the City of Safety Harbor has nine other boards and committees to choose from. Take a look at the list below and find the area you're most passionate or knowledgeable about and submit your application.

You can apply at any time for any board. The Clerk's office will keep your application until a vacancy becomes available. When vacancies open up, the City Commission reviews applications and resumes and appoints new members at a regular commission meeting. Each board or committee meets regularly throughout the year.

CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- Board of Appeals/Planning & Zoning Board
- Code Enforcement
- Diversity Advisory Board
- Finance Advisory Committee
- Library Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Personnel Review Board
- Public Art Committee



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

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

MAY

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
- 26 **Memorial Day - City Closed;**
Trash Collection Occurs as Usual

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2 1st Friday Flicks (Waterfront Park), 8PM
- 9 Pickin' in the Park (Folly Farm), 6:30AM
- 10 Hippy Dash 5K & 10K (Marina), 6:30AM
- 10 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9AM-12PM
- 16 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

JUNE

CITY MEETINGS

- 2 City Commission, 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
- 19 **Juneteenth - City Closed;**
Recycling Collection Occurs as Usual

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 14 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9AM-12PM
- 20 3rd Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10PM

Market on Main

Sundays ☺ 10am - 3pm ☺ Gazebo on Main St.

City of Safety Harbor Celebrates Diversity

May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

June is Pride Month

asian
pacific
american
heritage month

PRIDE
MONTH



Safety Harbor
Diversity Advisory Board

SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

COLOR MY WORLD – SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES: WHERE ART & READERS UNITE

by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director



When the bell rings signaling the end of the school year, students can't afford to take long breaks from reading. Studies indicate youth who don't read over the summer, especially reluctant or struggling readers, lose important ground. One of the best places for children to become comfortable with reading is your local library. Beginning June 2 through August 2, we invite readers of all ages to join this year's Color My World summer reading program to prevent the summer reading slide and to read for the fun of it! Logging your reading time is simple, using *Beanstack*, found on our website: *SafetyHarborLibrary.com*, and accessing "Events & Programs," then "Reading Programs." After reading 12 and 24 hours, visit the Children's Desk to collect prizes. Readers who log the most time in each age group win a special prize!

Our children's Summer Reading Kick-Off Party is set for Tuesday, June 2, from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Terrific Tuesdays, featuring a special performer weekly, kicks off on June 3 and continues through July 29. A big thank you to the Friends of the Safety Harbor Library for sponsoring these programs! Monday Fundays for ages 4-8 are offered at 2:00 PM and story times for all ages continue throughout the summer. Visit our

website for exciting tween and teen programs and check out our former small story time room, now nicknamed The Cube, a revamped space for tweens!

We invite you to cool off this summer in our Children's Wing to enjoy our new enhancements including a puppet theater, Reading Nook Tree, beautiful multimedia mural made of recycled materials, train table, and expanded educational toys in the Imaginative Play Area, including a light table! We've also added two AWE Learning Computers to inspire literacy focused digital learning readiness.

Since we don't think kids should have all the fun, adults too can join our art inspired summer reading program and be eligible for great prizes, also by tracking their reading in *Beanstack*. Visit our website or follow-us on social media for information on all our adult programs. We invite you to kick back and cool off this summer at the library with a new book!

2ND FLOOR ADDITION, CHILDREN'S WING UPDATES, & ART PARK MURAL



photos by: Fred Brisard



CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

STORY TOTS: (AGES 19 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS)
WEDNESDAYS, MAY 7 & JUNE 4,11,25 AT 10:30AM

BABY & ME STORY TIME: (AGES 18 MONTHS AND UNDER)
FRIDAYS, MAY 2,9 & JUNE 6,13,20,27 AT 10:30AM

★ **ICRE8-ART CLASS: (AGES 5-9.5 YEARS)**
MONDAYS, MAY 12 & JUNE 9 AT 5:30PM

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY: (FAMILY)
MONDAY, JUNE 2 AT 3:00PM

★ **MONDAY FUNDAY: (AGES 4-7 YEARS)** MONDAYS, JUNE 9,16,23 AT 2:00PM

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

★ TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT 30 MIN PRIOR TO EACH PROGRAM - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

★ **TAMPA TAIKO DRUMMING: (FAMILY)** JUNE 3 AT 11:00 AM
★ **MAGIC WITH CESAR DOMICO: (FAMILY)** JUNE 17 AT 11:00AM

★ **STARLITE PUPPET SHOW: (AGES 2-7 YEARS)** JUNE 10 AT 11:00 AM
★ **SAFARI SAVVY REPTILES: (AGES 6-16 YEARS)** JUNE 24 AT 11:00AM

★ **REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG**

TWEEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS AGES 8-12

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY: (ALL AGES) 6/2, 3:00 PM

***SQUISHMALLOW PAINTING: 6/3 @ 5:30 PM**

***GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: 6/10 @ 5:30 PM**

***CREATIVE WRITERS GROUP: 6/11 @ 6:00 PM**

***CUPCAKE WARS: 6/17 @ 5:30 PM**

AVATAR: THE LAST AIRBENDER PARTY: (ALL AGES) 6/24 @ 5:00- 7:00 PM

COLOR OUR WORLD Children's Summer Reading: 6/2-8/2

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!

REGISTER ON THE BEANSTACK APP OR AT SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG



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

Teen Library Programs

Ages 12-18

YA Author Event: When the Bones

Sing with Ginny Myers Sain: 5/9, 6:00 pm

***Teen Cooking:** 6/4, 5:00 pm

Teen Creative Writing Cafe: 6/11, 5:00 pm

Teen Craft Cart: 6/13, 6/27, 3:30 pm

***Teen Glow Painting:** 6/18, 5:00 pm

All Ages Avatar: The Last Airbender Party: 6/24, 5:00 pm

Teen Rainbow Room: 6/25, 5:00 pm

***Teen Craft To-Go:** 6/30

Summer Reading begins on 6/2! Register at safetyharborlibrary.beanstack.org

*Registration required at events.safetyharborlibrary.org

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

The Amalfi Curse
Author Talk w/ Sarah Penner
5/15 | 6:30 pm

From Bach to Rock
Concert with Liz Glushko
5/29 | 6:30 pm

Saturday Movie Matinee
Wicked (PG, 2024)
5/24 | 2:00 pm
Gladiator II (R, 2024)
6/28 | 2:00 pm

Book Clubs
Words & Wine
5/19 & 6/16 | 6:00 pm

Books & Bagels
5/20 & 6/17 | 10:30 am

Color Our World
Adult Summer Reading
6/2 - 8/2

Friends of the Library Book Sale
6/14 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

History of the Banana
6/26 | 6:30 pm

Wholistic Wellness Lifestyle
5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24
1:15 - 2:45 pm

ESOL Conversation Club
Weds | 10:00 am
Weds | 6:00 pm

Citizenship Prep
Weds | 11:30 am

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION

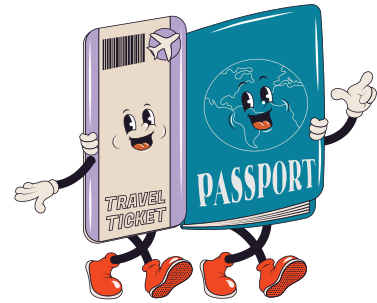
SAFETY HARBOR SUMMER CAMP IS YOUR PASSPORT TO REAL FUN!

by: **Shannon Schafer, Recreation Superintendent**

Safety Harbor Recreation has another year of REAL Fun camps lined up for your kids to keep them busy all summer! Check out the different options we have available...

PART DAY SPECIALTY CAMPS

Looking for specialty part-day camps for your kids to learn something special or nurture a budding interest? We have over 75 specialty, part-day camps planned this summer. Creative camps, sports camps, enrichment, water, and wee camps offer everything from Mad Science to Jewelry Making to Fishing, Basketball and even Munchkin Chefs! Check out our summer camp brochures at SafetyHarborCamps.com for all camps and descriptions.



FULL DAY CAMPS

Need something to keep your kids engaged all day while you're at work? Check out our Full Day Camps. Full Day Camps take place at the Community Center, Monday through Friday. Structured camp hours are 9:00AM – 4:00PM with drop off starting at 7:30AM and pick up until 5:30PM.

TEEN LEADERS

Teens in our Teen Leader program gain leadership experience, assist camp staff, and make a difference all while earning Bright Futures service hours! This program is for teens entering 8TH through 12TH grades. The program takes place weekdays through the summer. Mandatory training dates for new Teen Leaders are May 14 or May 18; returning Teen Leaders training is May 21.

To see the full line up and details for all camps or to sign up, visit SafetyHarborCamps.com.

MARSHALL STREET PARK COMMUNITY PICNIC & CREATIVE CONVERSATION

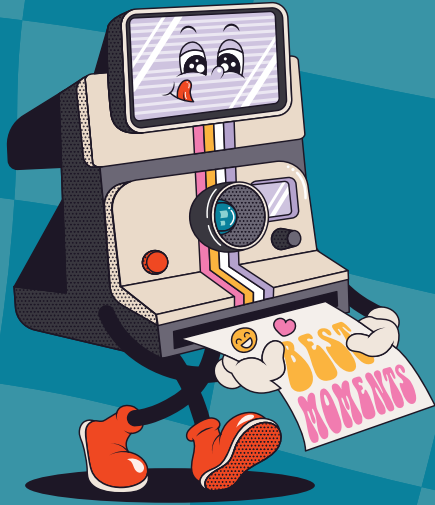
by: **Donna Mack, Recreation Program Coordinator**

Join us for our next Community Picnic at Marshall Street Park on Saturday, May 17, from 11:00AM – 2:00PM. There will be food, activities, music, and dancing! Come out for a fun-filled day with family, friends, and neighbors.

During the Community Picnic, the Museum & Cultural Center will be hosting a Creative Conversation on Hurricane Preparedness right there at the Picnic. Representatives from Pinellas County will provide important information on storm safety precautions, hurricane watch and warning levels, public shelters, evacuation routes, and how to obtain emergency supplies. It's the perfect time to get prepared before June 1!

See you at the park!





Passport to REAL Fun!

SUMMER EVENTS

2nd & 4th Fridays | 12-3PM

**JUNE
13**

Ultimate Nerf Event

Safety Harbor City Park

\$5

**JUNE
27**

Foam Party

Safety Harbor City Park

\$5

**JULY
11**

Summer Carnival

Safety Harbor City Park

Ticketed
Event

**JULY
25**

End of Summer Party

Waterfront Park

\$5

CITYSCAPE

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Skip the Fertilizer*

from June 1 to September 30

*** Keep fertilizers out of our waterways.**

Fertilizers that enter stormdrains flow directly into our waterways, and without treatment, will contaminate our lakes, ponds, and streams.



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.