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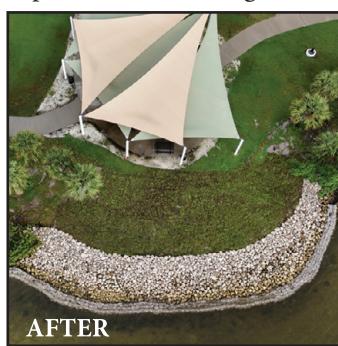
WATERFRONT PARK LIVING SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT

by: Michelle C. Giuliani, Engineering Director

The City's recovery efforts reached a major milestone with the restoration of the Living Shoreline, located along the shoreline next to the Shade Sails in Waterfront Park. The original living shoreline, constructed in June of 2019 to replace 225 linear feet of failing sea wall, had experienced severe erosion and damage from several major storms, including three severe hurricanes in 2024.

On June 16, 2025, City Commission approved a contract with Petrotech Environmental Services to reconstruct the Living Shoreline. Restoration efforts, completed on August 22nd, included upland grading, the installation of 60 tons of armor stone, and placement of 1,200 oyster bags, stacked along the shoreline in the intertidal zone. AquaTech Eco Consultants' biologists executed the overall oyster bag placement. Florida native plants will also be installed along the shoreline after storm season.

The Living Shoreline defends the shoreline against destructive wave action during severe storms, provides erosion protection, and serves as crucial habitat for fish and wildlife. The oyster bag placement between the high and low water lines will allow periodic exposure to air during low tide, which is ideal for oyster growth and recruitment. The oyster reef will leverage the natural ability of oysters to filter water, enhancing water quality in Old Tampa Bay.



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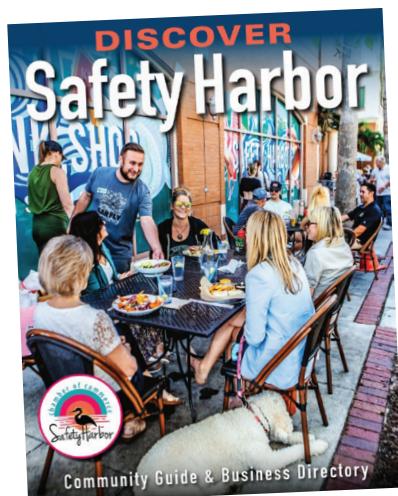


AFTER

photos by: Fred Brisard

The City of Safety Harbor remains committed to supporting green tourism and public enjoyment of the outdoors. Waterfront Park, including the pedestrian boardwalk through the two-acre preservation area, the Shade Sail seating area, and the Living Shoreline, remain open during the Pier and Marina reconstruction.

For more information about the City's Hurricane Recovery Projects, visit:
cityofsafetyharbor.com/989/Hurricane-Recovery-Projects.



NEW COMMUNITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE!

Community Contributor: The Safety Harbor Chamber Team

The Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce has officially released its 2025 Community Guide & Business Directory! This full-color publication highlights local businesses, upcoming events, and all the things that make Safety Harbor a vibrant and welcoming community.

This year's edition also includes stories featuring Mayor Joe Ayoub, City Manager Josh Stefancic, and Interim Leisure Services Director Shannon Schafer, showcasing the strong connection between the City and the Chamber.

Pick up your free copy at the Chamber Visitor Center or explore the digital version at SafetyHarborChamber.com.

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AROUND SAFETY HARBOR

MAINTAINING COMMUNITY STANDARDS THROUGH CODE COMPLIANCE

by: Carol Stricklin, Community Development Director

The City of Safety Harbor uses code enforcement as a positive tool to maintain quality of life and protect the character of our neighborhoods and businesses. The benefits of code enforcement include creating a sense of community pride, protecting health and safety, and preserving property values. The program's goal is to maintain city standards through ensuring compliance with city codes and regulations. The most common types of violations include tall grass and weeds, signs in the right-of-way, exterior property maintenance, and building without permits. Addressing these issues prevents properties from becoming a nuisance in the long term. The City also seeks to provide nuisance abatement for certain properties such as abandoned and hazardous structures.



The primary tools for code enforcement are voluntary compliance and education. Each investigation of a complaint provides an opportunity to educate property owners about the City's regulations and work with them to correct any issues or violations. Collaboration among departments allows for a coordinated approach to address issues. Working together, departments share information, resources, and expertise to provide comprehensive and efficient approach to compliance. If a code violation is discovered and is not voluntarily brought into compliance, a Notice of Violation is issued by the City. If the violation is not corrected, the violation may be referred to the City's Code Enforcement Board (CEB). If the CEB finds the property owner in violation, a compliance date is ordered after which daily fines may be imposed.

Effective July 1, 2021, the state law provides that a Code Enforcement officer is not allowed to investigate anonymous complaints. An individual complaining about a potential code violation must provide their name and address, which becomes subject to public records laws. The only exception is if the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, welfare, or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources. To file a code enforcement complaint, please email code@cityofsafetyharbor.com, or click on the Action Line to file a complaint via the City's website <https://cityofsafetyharbor.com/FormCenter/Action-Line-3/Action-Line-35>.

To learn more about Safety Harbor's Code Enforcement program, please visit <https://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/121/Code-Enforcement>.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

At the City Commission meeting on August 4, 2025, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2025-06, calling for a regular election to be held on March 10, 2026 to elect a Mayor and one Commissioner to Seat #4 for three-year terms. The candidate qualifying period begins at noon on December 1, 2025 and ends at noon on December 8, 2025.

If you're interested in becoming a candidate for the next regular election, you can contact City Clerk Rachael Telesca at rtelesca@cityofsafetyharbor.com or 727-724-1555 x1405.

ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL 2026

En la reunión de la Comisión de la Ciudad del 4 de agosto de 2025, la Comisión adoptó la Resolución n.º 2025-06, por la cual se convoca a una elección regular que se llevará a cabo el 10 de marzo de 2026 para elegir a una persona para el cargo de Alcalde y a un Comisionado para el puesto n.º 4, ambos con un periodo de tres años. El periodo de registro de candidaturas comienza al mediodía del 1 de diciembre de 2025 y finaliza al mediodía del 8 de diciembre de 2025.

Si le interesa postularse como candidato(a) para la próxima elección regular, puede comunicarse con la Secretaría de la Ciudad Rachael Telesca al correo rtelesca@cityofsafetyharbor.com o al 727-724-1555 x1405.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Check cityofsafetyharbor.com for meeting locations

SEPTEMBER

CITY MEETINGS

1 **Labor Day - City Closed;**

Trash Collection Occurs as Usual

2 City Commission, 7 PM

8 City Commission - Millage Rate Public Hearing, 6 PM

9 Library Advisory Committee, 7 PM

10 Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals, 6:30 PM

11 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30 PM

15 City Commission & CRA, 6:30 PM

17 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30 PM

22 City Commission - Millage Rate Public Hearing, 6 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

12 Pickin' in the Park (Folly Farm), 6:30 -8 PM

13 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9 AM-12 PM

19 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10 PM

OCTOBER

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6 City Commission, 7 PM

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9 Finance Advisory Committee, 6:30 PM

14 Library Advisory Committee, 7 PM

15 Code Enforcement Board, 6:30 PM

20 City Commission, 7 PM

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4 Junk in the Trunk (Community Ctr.), 9 AM-1 PM

10 Pickin' in the Park (Folly Farm), 6:30 -8 PM

11 Folly Faire (Folly Farm), 9 AM-12 PM

17 3RD Friday Street Celebration (Main Street), 6-10 PM

25 All British Car Show (Main Street), 9 AM-4 PM

31 Main Street Trick-or-Treat (Main Street), 4:30 - 6:30 PM



Market on Main

Sundays beginning September 21
10 AM – 3 PM @ Gazebo on Main Street

STREET SWEEPING SERVICES NOW MANAGED BY SAFETY HARBOR PUBLIC WORKS!

by: **Renee Cooper, Public Works Director**

To better serve our community, the Safety Harbor Public Works Department has brought street sweeping operations in-house. We've recently purchased a full-size street sweeper to maintain curbed City roadways more efficiently.

Why street sweeping matters:

- Keeps our streets clean and beautiful.
- Reduces pollutant discharge found in sediment, debris, yard waste, and trash.
- Helps protect stormwater quality and prevent drain blockages.

Regular sweeping improves water quality and helps prevent flooding, making Safety Harbor safer and more sustainable for everyone.

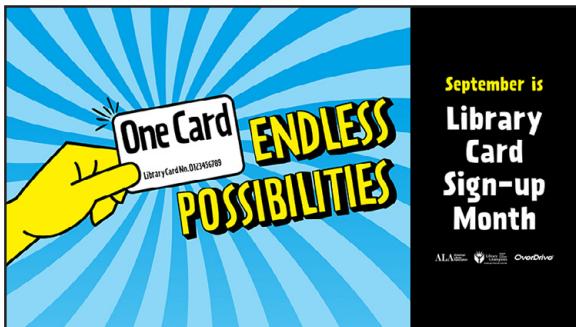
You can help reduce pollutants from entering our stormwater system by following these steps:

- Do not blow lawn or leaf clippings into the roadway.
- Do not direct discharge pool water, roof drains/downspouts, or any chemicals directly into the roadway, curb, or storm drain.
- Do not apply fertilizers during the rainy season. Fertilizers feed algae blooms if washed into a waterway.
- Maintain a pesticide, herbicide, and fertilizer buffer between you, a creek, a pond, or any other waterway.



Have questions or want to learn more? Contact Public Works at 727-724-1550.

LIBRARY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS DEMYSTIFIED *by: Lisa Kothe, Library Director*



The Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation are both 501(c)(3), non-profit support organizations helping our library to thrive and grow, but differ in structure, purpose, and activities. Our library is lucky to have both, each playing a complementary role in supporting and sustaining library services and being great library advocates. But many ask, "What is the difference?"

The Friends of the Library (FOL), established in 2001, provide funding for short-term items and programming needs, such as summer reading, special events, or other items desired by staff, over and above the city budget. In fiscal year '24, the FOL gifted \$30,226. This summer, weekly Terrific Tuesday

performers, summer reading prizes, and even new burners for cooking programs were funded by the FOL. Also this year, a new Book Store mural, murals in the Children's Wing, and the annual scholarship for a graduating teen volunteer, were among the many items the FOL sponsored, allowing staff to provide quality programs and enhancements. The FOL typically meet on the first Tuesday of the month, 5:30PM at the library. They are always looking for new members to assist with Book Sales, Book Store, or the popular annual Gift Basket fundraiser. Their next Book Sale is set for Saturday, September 13. For information visit: FriendsSafetyHarborLibrary.org.

The Library Foundation was established in 2006, to encourage private support to ensure the library continues to thrive. Memberships, business and individual sponsorships and private donations are sought to support activities to benefit and enhance the quality of the library, ensuring its future as an indispensable community resource. In February 2024, the Foundation presented the City of Safety Harbor with a check for \$500,000 for the second-floor addition. These funds consisted of private donations and numerous community fundraisers since the inception of the Let's Build a Story capital campaign in 2016. Today, the Foundation continues to fundraise for needed capital items, to ensure the library continues as a center for educational and cultural enrichment through advocacy and monetary support. Annual fundraisers include Links for our Library. A Mystery Dinner Theater fundraiser is set for Friday, September 12. For information visit: SafetyHarborLibraryFoundation.org.

Do you have your Library Card? 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, seeds, STEM kits, and more 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. Stop in to get yours or apply for a temporary card online: pplc.us/get-a-library-card, then visit the library within 14 days to receive your permanent card. You'll get a beautiful commemorative library card made possible by the FOL! All new and renewing cards in September are entered to win a prize basket.

Presented by:
Safety Harbor Public Library FOUNDATION
Building a Legacy for the Future

Friends of the Safety Harbor Library

Book Sale
Saturday, September 13
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

GREAT SELECTION OF BOOKS, CDS, & DVDS.
MOST ONLY \$1.00 EACH!
CASH, CREDIT, OR CHECK.

101 2ND STREET N. SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMS.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- STORY TOTS: (AGES 3 TO 5 YRS.)
WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 & OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
AT 10:30AM
- BABY & ME STORY TIME: (AGES 2 AND UNDER)
FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 26 & OCTOBER 3, 10, 24
AT 10:30AM
- STORY TOTS: (AGES 3 TO 5 YRS.)
MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22, 29 & OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27
AT 10:30AM.
- CIRE 8 - ART CLASS: (AGES 5 TO 95 YRS.)
MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8 & OCTOBER 13 AT 5:30PM
- BABY & ME YOGA: (AGES 1 AND UNDER)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 & OCTOBER 14 AT 10:30AM.
- PUPPETS, TUNES 'N TEA FOR TOTS: (AGES 2 - 5 YRS.)
TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16 & OCTOBER 21 AT 11:00AM.
- BABY STARS: (AGES 3 MONTHS - 2 YRS.)
FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19 & OCTOBER 17 AT 10:30AM
- ZUMBINI: (AGES 3 MONTHS-5 YRS)
TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 23 & OCTOBER 7 AT 10:30AM.
- WEE DISCOVERIES: (AGES 0-5)
WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9, AT 11:00AM.
- HALLOWEEN STORY TIME PARTY: (AGES 0-5)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 11:00AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG

Teen Library Programs

Ages 12-18

- *TEEN BOOK BAGS 9/2-9/6
- INTRODUCTION TO NATIONAL PARKS 9/3, 5:00 PM
- TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CAFE 9/10, 5:00 PM
- *TEEN COOKING-GNOCCI 9/17, 5:00 PM
- TEEN LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD 9/18, 4:00 PM
- *SAT MATH STRATEGIES WORKSHOP 9/20, 3:00 PM
- RAINBOW ROOM 9/24 & 10/29, 5:00 PM
- SPOOKY SWAP 10/11, 12:00 PM
- *TEEN CUPCAKE WARS 10/22, 5:00 PM
- *TEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING 10/28, 4:30 PM

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 Graphic Novel Book Club: 9/9 & 10/14,
5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Tween Creative Writers Group: 9/10 & 10/8,
6:00-7:00 p.m.

*Tween Cooking: 9/16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Tween Craft: 9/30 & 10/28,
5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Tween Halloween Cupcake Wars:
10/21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.



*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

REGISTER AT EVENTS.SAFETYHARBORLIBRARY.ORG

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Mystery Dinner Theater Fundraiser*
Tickets \$55 available online
9/12 | 6:15 - 9:30 pm

FOL Book Sale
9/13 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mary Shelley
Performance by Nan Colton
10/16 | 6:30 pm

Pumpkin Carving*
10/30 | 6:00 pm

CrAfterWork
Pearler Beads*
9/25 | 6:00 pm

Geode Skulls*
10/23 | 6:00 pm

*Registration Required

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

SAFETY HARBOR RECREATION



FALL INTO FUN:

SAFETY HARBOR'S REAL SEASONAL LINEUP IS HERE!

by: *Shannon Schafer, Interim Leisure Services Director*

Safety Harbor is ready to welcome the new season with a fresh lineup of community favorites and exciting new experiences. Fall is a time for change, for cozy traditions, and for making memories with the people who matter most. Whether you're looking for outdoor adventures, family-friendly fun, or toe-tapping entertainment, we've got something for everyone.

NEW THIS FALL!

We're thrilled to debut **Gazebo Gatherings**, a lively new series at our beloved Main Street Gazebo. Enjoy free performances by local musicians, storytellers, and entertainers in the heart of downtown. It's the perfect way to unwind after work, meet neighbors, and soak up that small-town charm. Follow our website and social media for schedule announcements—you won't want to miss a moment!

Another can't-miss addition is our **Boot Scootin' Barn Party** at Folly Farm! Dust off your cowboy boots and join us for a high-energy night of line dancing, music, and fun in the barn. It's a fall hoedown like only Safety Harbor can throw.

FAN FAVORITES RETURN

Of course, fall wouldn't be complete without your seasonal staples. **Fright Nights** is back to haunt the community with spooky surprises for thrill-seekers of all ages. **Junk in the Trunk** returns for treasure hunters and bargain lovers looking to score big at this community-wide garage sale. And little ones can once again enjoy a safe and spirited evening during our **Main Street Trick-or-Treat**—a beloved tradition that brings out the creativity (and candy) in us all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall in Safety Harbor is more than a season—it's a feeling. It's laughter echoing down Main Street, so grab your pumpkin spiced treat, invite your friends, and get ready to fall into the REAL Fun Safety Harbor has to offer.

Full details on all events and programs can be found on SafetyHarborRecreation.com and social media pages. Look for our **REAL Magazine** online, in your mail box, or in any of our facilities (City Hall, Library, Community Center, Rigsby Center, Museum, or Folly Farmhouse). We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

Boot Scootin' Barn Party

Saturday, 9/27
6-9pm
\$5/person
Barn at
Folly Farm



Teddy Bear picnic

Monday, 9/29
10:45am-12pm
\$10/child
Farmhouse



GAZEBO GATHERINGS

First Friday
October • November
SafetyHarborEvents.com



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10/24 & 10/25



FRIGHT NIGHTS

Haunted Trail
7:30-10pm
\$8 TICKET

Sponsored by:
Renaissance Real Estate
Benefits local Safety Harbor Non-Profit Organizations.

REAL FUN! EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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

SEPTEMBER

Little Irish Dance

Ages: 4-7, Mon, 9/8-9/29, 5:30-6:15PM, \$65/session
Community Center

Youth Irish Dance

Ages: 8-13, Mon, 9/8-9/29, 6:30-7:15PM, \$65/session
Community Center

Irish Dance

Ages: 16+, Mon, 9/8-9/29, 7:30-8:15PM, \$65/session
Community Center

Flash Mob Dance

All Ages, Mon & Wed, 9/3-12/17, 7-8PM, \$8/visit
Community Center

Candle Making Workshop

Ages: 10+, Mon, 9/15, 5-7PM, \$55, Museum
Ages: 10+, Thu, 9/25, 4-6PM, \$55, Museum

Cardio Drumming

Adults, Tue, 9/2-12/23, 9-10AM, \$6/visit, Community Center

Barnyard Breath & Stretch

Ages: 4-10, Tue, 9/23-10/7, 11:15-11:45AM, \$24/session, Folly

Youth Italian Lessons

Ages: 7-17, Tue, 9/9-10/14, 6:15-7PM, \$120/session
Community Center

Italian Lessons

Adults, Tue, 9/9-10/14, 7:15-8PM, \$120/session
Community Center

Narratives of Nature

Adults, Wed, 9/10-9/24, 10-11AM, \$20/session, Folly

Under the Wise Old Oaks

Ages: 16+, Wed, 9/10-9/24, 4-6PM, \$55/session, Folly

Table Tennis

Adults, Fridays, 4:30-7PM, \$4/visit, Rigsby

Spin/Row Sporting Ride

Ages: 16+, Sat, 9/13, 10-10:45AM, \$10/visit, Community Center

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Candle Making Workshop

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Ages: 10+, Thu, 10/23, 4-6PM, \$55, Museum

Safety Harbor Public Art Tour

Adults, Mon, 10/20, 10:30AM-12PM, \$15, Museum

Safety Harbor Historical Marker Tour

Adults, Mon, 10/27, 10:30AM-12:30PM, \$15, Museum

iPhone Photography Workshop

Adults, Tue, 10/7, 6-9PM, \$50, Museum

Barnyard Breath & Stretch

Ages: 4-10, Tue, 10/14-10/28, 11:15-11:45AM, \$24/session, Folly

Youth Italian Lessons

Ages: 7-17, Tue, 10/21-12/2, 6:15-7PM, \$120/session
Community Center

Italian Lessons

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Community Center

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Community Center

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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, 2025.

Requests will be considered at the City Commission meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025.

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



2025 Quarterly Clean Up Schedule*



**End-of-Summer Clean Up:
September 8 – 10**

**Holiday Clean Up:
December 8 – 10**

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



* 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.