

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

just the numbers

City Clerk

1,585 legal notices mailed 

27 city commission meetings 

144 public records requests filled 774 legal documents

Community Development

\$90,026 Community Redevelopment Agency provided incentives for physical improvements 

Fire Department

3,641 incidents responded to less than 5 minute response time 

Leisure Services

525+ total programming

75 special events 450+ programs & camps

80 acres of parkland maintained by parks division

600+ park shelter reservations 

★ 25 years as a Tree City

★ 5 years as a Playful City USA

Library

296,348 annual circulation

179,978 adult items checked out

116,370 youth items checked out

13,493 program attendance 

5,257 new items added to collections

2,853 donated items added to collections 

Public Works

9,341 total tonnage collected by sanitation

8,300 tons of waste collected

1,041 tons of recycling

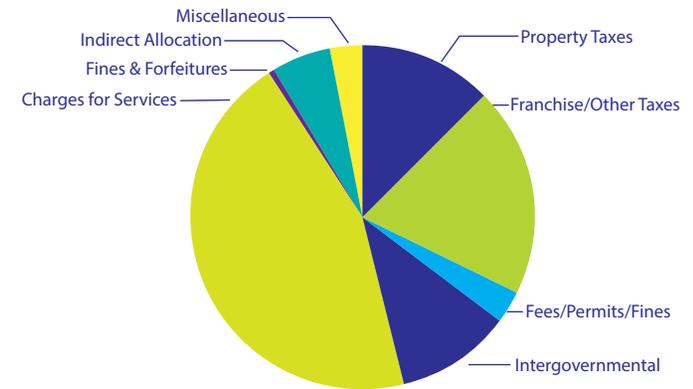
\$71,450 revenue generated from recycling 

1,000 catch basins cleaned & inspected

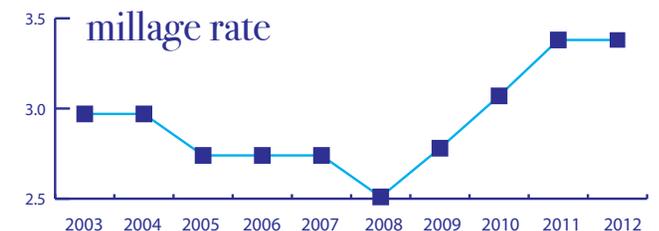
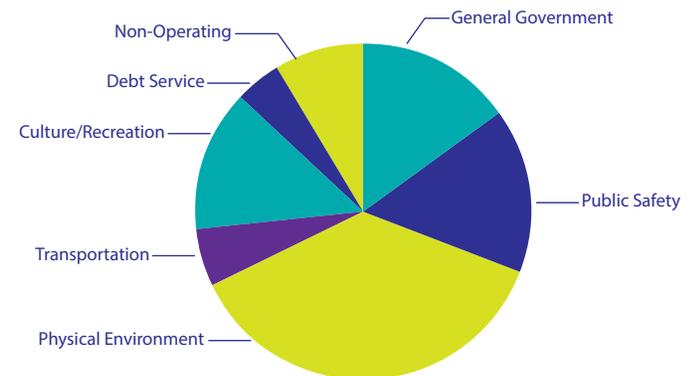
198 traffic signs replaced 407 water meters replaced

the budget

Revenue Sources



Expenditures



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Community Development



A major focus of the planning team this past year was placed on the design and development of Mullet Creek Park and guiding the preparation of conceptual development alternatives for the Safety Harbor Waterfront Park Master Plan. Working through the Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission, Staff formulated a new policy framework that was adopted into the City's Comprehensive Plan that limits the expansion of commercial nodes at SR 590 and Enterprise Road along the McMullen Booth Road Scenic/Non-Commercial Corridor to foster compact development patterns. In addition, the City implemented a new mobile vending ordinance for pub establishments.

The City continues to successfully market and attract interest in the Downtown Partnership Program. In FY 11/12, the Community Redevelopment Agency provided \$90,026 in incentives for qualified physical improvements to nine commercial and nine residential properties in the Community Redevelopment District resulting in \$736,243 in matching private investment. Some of the businesses that benefited from the program include Parts of Paris, Green Springs Bistro, Safety Harbor Grill, Copperhead's Taphouse, Burgess Heating and Air, and Franklin Clark, Inc.

Notable private development projects that were approved by the City include Harbor Key Townhomes, a 19-unit planned development community, and a 31,419 sq. ft. expansion to Mease Countryside Hospital for a central utility plant.

Engineering

South Bayshore Water Quality and Drainage Improvement Project

City of Safety Harbor, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Southwest Florida Water Management District worked together to accomplish several distinct efforts including: roadway resurfacing and widening, stabilization of roadway shoulders, construction of new water, sanitary sewer and stormwater lines, construction of a new 10 foot-wide trail adjacent to the Bay, and the installation of water quality devices including stormwater trash interceptors and water quality enhancements via the nutrient up-take of pollutants from the stormwater into the production of plant materials in grassy swales. As a result of the project, 7,300 pounds of polluting material will be removed from the stormwater entering Old Tampa Bay per year.

Emergency Repairs to Property Damaged by Tropical Storm Debby

On June 25, Tropical Storm Debby visited Safety Harbor and created damages throughout the city. One of the more destructive results was the severe erosion of the banks of Bishop Creek in the Harbor Woods subdivision which caused the creek banks to wash away and threatened homes along the creek. A repair design was formulated, and a contractor was put to work after approval by the city commission. The repairs included the restoration of the creek banks, the paving of the creek bed and the more hydraulically-efficient realignment of the creeks path. The work extended along the rear property lines of seven home sites and was performed at a cost of \$277,300. Partial reimbursement of the repair cost has been applied for to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Fire Department

The Safety Harbor Fire Department responded to 3,641 incidents in 2012 and averaged less than 5 minutes when responding to emergency calls within the City limits and Fire District. When providing fire protection, Emergency Medical Service, and various life safety assistance, all personnel maintained a high level of efficiency and customer service. The Department received excellent marks in all categories during its State EMS Inspection and continues to be committed to conducting fire safety programs, CPR training, inspections and fire investigations. SHFD staffs the Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station 53 when needed and is the Emergency Management support for the City.



Library



Last year, the Library saw record numbers starting with an annual circulation of 296,348 items checked out, the highest circulation year of library history. The Library also set a new attendance records with youth and adult program attendance of 13,493. 5,257 new and 2,853 donated items were added to the collection and additional e-books were added to OverDrive to keep up with popular demand. Computer classes and adult and children's cultural programs and story times remained a hit throughout the year, and youth summer reading signups increased 55% over the previous year. Library meeting rooms hosted 389 outside group meetings and 48,410 public Internet sessions were logged.

Leisure Services

Celebrating 95 Years with REAL Fun... It Starts in Parks! Leisure Services continues to be a large part of the Safety Harbor community. Fiscal Year 2012 welcomed a partnership of the Safety Harbor Museum & Leisure Services...forming aHa! – the Safety Harbor Museum & Cultural Center. The Center is proud to offer a multitude of activities that celebrate the history of Safety Harbor while welcoming the growing arts community. The City and the Museum Board have made it their mission to create a facility that will strive to serve its residents and visitors of Safety Harbor.

The Parks division added the right-of-way beautification areas to their maintenance schedule; which includes the Main Street & McMullen entryway. Safety Harbor's parks have become an integral component to economic development as well as an investment in the arts and cultural growth within our community. Parks provide the setting for social events, large and small, where people can connect with each other and participate in classes and group activities for personal enrichment. Parks also provide an investment in infrastructure needed to accommodate revenue generating events and tourism, benefiting the local economy and community as a whole. It's NOT just a walk in the park. It's your COMMUNITY. It Starts in Parks.



Public Works

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements are becoming more stringent, requiring more monitoring and reporting. We have added and continue to add more storm structures that trap debris for removal and quantity reporting. The stormwater crew cleaned and inspected over 1000 catch basins. The street sweeping process removed 189 tons of debris, preventing the debris from entering our waters.

The Street Division maintains sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic signage, and prunes or removes the trees on city property or in the Right-of-Way. We placed over 360 cubic yards of concrete and replaced 198 traffic signs, including 17 stop signs. Federal mandates require an upgrade of signs and the City is on track to complete this task prior to their deadline.

The Water/Wastewater division replaced a large standby generator at Fire Station 53/Emergency Operation Center, which will keep municipal service available if a major power outage occurs. Approximately, 21,000 feet of sewer lines were cleaned and 407 water meters replaced. We also performed 1,340 utility locates, which provides contractors information as to where our utility lines are to prevent line damage during construction.

City Commission



2013

Mayor Joe Ayoub, Vice Mayor Cliff Merz,
Commissioner Nina Bandoni, Commissioner Nancy Besore,
Commissioner Richard Blake



2012

Mayor Andy Steingold, Vice Mayor Joe Ayoub,
Commissioner Nina Bandoni, Commissioner Nancy Besore,
Commissioner Cliff Merz



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Public Works
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727-724-1550

Fire Station 52
700 Main Street
727-724-1520

Fire Station 53
3095 McMullen Booth Road
727-724-1536

Safety Harbor Community Center
650 9th Avenue South
727-724-1530

Rigsby Recreation Center
605 2nd Street North
727-724-1545

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