

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

just the numbers

City Clerk

34 city commission meetings
 80 public records requests filled
 630 legal documents



Community Development



\$76,546 Community
 Redevelopment Agency
 provided incentives for physical
 improvements

\$177,000 in grant funds from Florida Department
 of Environmental Protection

1,631 permits for building construction & renovation
 412 resolved code complaints
 538 illegal signs removed

Leisure Services

Museum & Cultural Center

1,360 visitors toured the Museum

23 group tours

245 students in art & educational classes tours

106 summer campers

21 events

Parks & Recreation

15.5 acres of parkland added to the
 80 existing acres

★26 years as a Tree City ★6 years as a Playful City



Library

279,330 annual circulation
 7,722 e-book circulation
 6,475 volunteer hours
 17,113 program attendance
 4,873 new items added to collections
 2,310 donated items added to collections



Fire Department

3,762 incidents responded to
 less than 5 minute response time



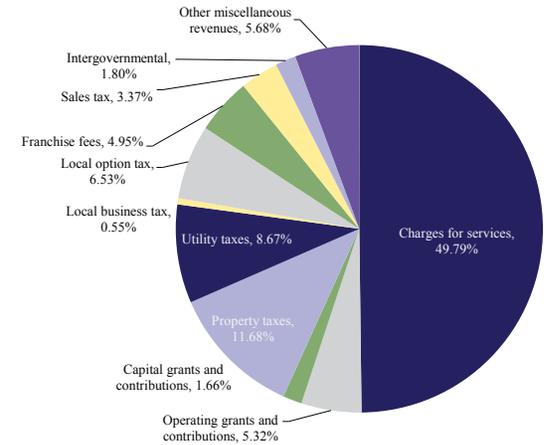
Public Works

13,100 total tonnage collected by sanitation
 11,700 tons of waste collected
 1,400 tons of recycling
 \$34,820 revenue generated from recycling
 6,100 catch basins cleaned & inspected
 203 traffic signs replaced
 334 water meters replaced

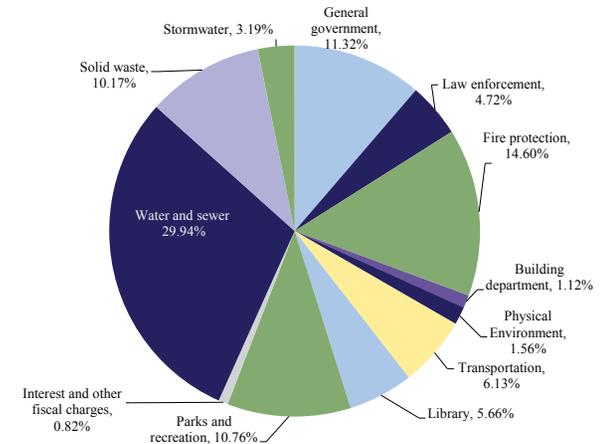


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

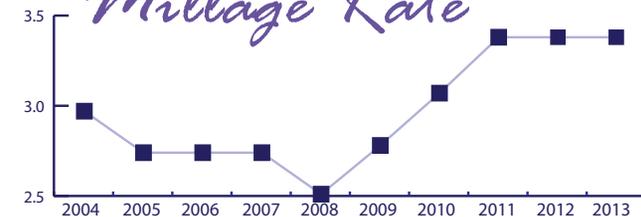
Revenue Sources



Expenditures



Millage Rate



Community Development

In 2013, Community Development united with Engineering to become a seamless department working together on community development projects and initiatives. They include:

Downtown Partnership Program: The City's Community Redevelopment Agency funded seventeen applications for \$76,546 in incentives toward leveraging \$610,882 in matching private investment (8:1 ratio) for qualified improvements to commercial and residential properties downtown. Recipients included Lola's Laces, Safety Harbor Investments, Inc., Harbor Oaks Office Park, Lawson Contracting, Sandwich on Main, Harbor Bar, Dabbler's Endeavors, Copperhead's Taphouse, Safety Harbor Galleria, Tupelo on 4th, Burgess Heating and Air, and Safety Harbor Senior Living.

Notable Capital Projects:

oWaterfront Park: In 2012, the City of Safety Harbor acquired 13 acres of land along Old Tampa Bay adjacent to the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. Community Development Staff, working through a Steering Committee appointed by the City Commission, solicited community input through meetings and surveys in preparing a master plan for the long-term improvement of the property. The master plan envisions an interconnected green belt park with heavy tree plantings and designed landscape vegetation that showcases the natural beauty of the waterfront. The first phase consists of parking and walkways to provide safe and convenient access through the property. Design and construction documents for grading, drainage, hardscape, and landscape improvements will be prepared in-house. Pre-application meetings have been held with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the U.S. Corps of Engineers (COE), and Pinellas County Water and Navigation Department to address stormwater design and wetland impacts associated with the construction of a seawall, shoreline stabilization, and boardwalk system through the mangroves that include the crossing over Mullet Creek. The City has retained outside environmental, geotechnical, and survey consultants that are necessary for the design and permitting of the project.

oNorth Bay Hills Sanitary Force Main and Water Main Replacement: Engineering Staff prepared construction plans for approximately 5,000 feet of 10 inch force main that will replace aging 8-inch and 6-inch force main within the North Bay Hills subdivision. Plans also include replacement of approximately 8,000 feet of watermain to replace aging infrastructure. Watermains are proposed to be constructed by directional drill to minimize impacts to surface infrastructure. Water and wastewater permits have been obtained from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Work is scheduled to commence in 2014.

Outside Grants: Awarded a \$177,000 grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Recreational Trails Program) for the design and installation of a boardwalk system at the north end of the Waterfront Park.

Building and Code Enforcement: In 2013, the Building and Inspections team issued 1,631 permits for building construction and renovations that include electric, plumbing, mechanical, roofing, etc. Code enforcement removed 538 illegal signs and was successful in resolving 412 other code complaints such as overgrown yards, illegal dumping, abandoned cars, stray animals, zoning and licensing/permit violations.

Geographic Information System (GIS): Staff served on a Countywide GIS Coordination Committee working toward developing a common platform for local governments to share and display geographic data. The City is connected to County and Property Appraiser's Office servers with access to current datasets. The City anticipates launching a web-based viewer for public access to geographic information by the fall of 2014.



Leisure Services

REAL Fun continued in 2013, as Leisure Services proudly added two additional parkland properties to the community— Mullet Creek Park and the Waterfront Park green space. Mullet Creek Park's 2.5 acres opened in April featuring a strong public art element, combined with the natural surroundings producing a serene passive park appealing to all ages. On June 29, we peeled the fence back and opened the 13 acres of waterfront green space for the community to enjoy adjacent to Marina Park.



The year 2013 enhanced the historical side of Leisure Services with full operations of the Museum and Cultural Center. All combined, the Museum and Cultural Center, Community Center, and the Rigsby Center continue to be the major hubs of daily activity.

Leisure Services implemented the online program registration system WebTrac. WebTrac allows participants to register and pay for classes, programs, camps, and more online at their convenience. This opportunity has increased participation numbers across all programs and eased the burden of payment collection on staff.

To conclude 2013, the Leisure Services Department celebrated our 26th year as a Tree City USA and our 6th year as a certified Playful City USA.

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 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.

Library



The Library averaged 715 visitors a day, with a the highest annual number to date with 250,414 people entering our doors. Another attendance record was set with 12,326 youth and their families attending our youth programs, which numbered 450 this year. Total attendance for all programs was 17,113 guests.

The library added two new, exciting resources to our collection of online offering with Zinio downloadable magazines and IndieFlix, streaming movies. Our public PCs logged 54,801 sessions, almost 7,000 more than the previous year.

Our volunteers recorded 6,475 volunteer hours donating their time teaching computer classes, assisting with summer reading programs, materials processing, circulation, local history, book sales, and more!

As part of the Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas, our 10 ESOL tutors logged 454 tutor hours. Our student/tutor team won the annual county essay award for the second year in a row!

The Library taught 51 computer classes from basic computing to e-readers, 391 students were trained, in addition, 296 one-on-one tutoring sessions were held.

Public Works

Environmental protection of our surface water, lakes, ponds, and Tampa Bay is of vital importance. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements are stringent and require monitoring and reporting. Employees continue to trap debris for removal and report quantities. The stormwater crew cleaned and inspected over 6,100 catch basins. The street sweeping process removed 180 tons of debris. We continue to seek residents' help in preventing debris from entering our waters.

The Street Division maintains sidewalks, curb ramps, asphalt roadways, traffic signs, and the pruning or removal of trees on city property or within the rights-of-way. The division placed over 270 cubic yards of concrete and replaced 203 traffic signs.

The Water/Wastewater Division rebuilt the pump station at Cypress Trace Condominiums. This work entailed the placement of a 10' deep wet well with two 3 H.P. pumps. The in-house rebuilding of pump stations saves about 50% of the total project cost. Approximately, 11,400 feet of sewer lines were cleaned and 334 water meters replaced. Staff also performed 1,074 utility locates, which provides contractors information as to where our utility lines are to prevent line damage during construction.

Sanitation and recycling began our new 1-1-1 system. Solid waste and bulk items are collected on the first collection of the week, Monday/Tuesday. Yard waste is collected on Wednesday. Recycling materials are collected the second collection of the week, Thursday/Friday. The new 1-1-1 system is designed to reduce costs and sustain our long-term sanitation and recycling program. Within the first three months we have reduced our dumping fees and more than doubled recycling collections:

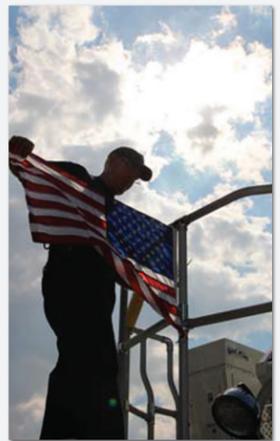
Oct.–Dec. 2012: collected 1,932.67 tons of residential trash
Oct.–Dec. 2013: collected 1,599.31 tons of residential trash

Oct.–Dec. 2012: collected 183.40 tons of recycling from the curb
Oct.–Dec. 2013: collected 398.17 tons of recycling from the curb



Fire Department

Annual Fire Prevention continues with on-going safety inspections, hydrant testing, plan reviews, fire investigations, and public relations/education. Both stations continue to conduct group safety talks and fire station tours. Firefighters work with Safety Harbor Elementary School to escort children to the fire station and back. While at the fire station, firefighters teach fire safety and show off the fire trucks and equipment.



The City purchased a new ladder truck for Fire Station 53. The old truck was sold to offset the cost of the new apparatus. The equipment committee worked on nearly every specification of the truck. Firefighters trained on all aspects of operations associated with the new Ladder Truck. Representatives from the manufacturer were on hand to explain all of the technical details and capabilities

Firefighters are current on their annual requirements for drills and online classes. This involves having fire crews train at various locations and emergency scenarios. Paramedics were required to attend Advanced Cardiac Life Support classes and required to pass a written and practical exam. All personnel passed the exams and are now certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support for another two years. Other continuing medical education classes were also attended by all personnel. By the end of the year, all firefighters met the annual requirement for training.



CITY COMMISSION



Mayor Joe Ayoub

Commissioner Nina Bandoni

Commissioner Nancy Besore

Commissioner Richard Blake

Commissioner Cliff Merz

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The City of Safety Harbor operates under a Commission-Manager Form of Government. The City Commission is the legislative body, representing the residents of Safety Harbor, and empowered by the City Charter to form policies. The City Manager then directs staff to implement the policies of the City Commission.



City Hall
750 Main Street
727-724-1555

Safety Harbor Public Library
101 2nd Street North
727-724-1525

Public Works
1200 Railroad Avenue
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

Museum & Cultural Center
329 Bayshore Boulevard South
727-724-1562

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