

2015 Safety Harbor Annual Report

A Closer Look...

Just the Numbers

City-Wide FY 2015

Department Highlights

Community Development

A neighborhood grant cycle was held in the Fall of 2015 for neighborhood project and beautification matching grants. Three homeowner associations submitted grant applications. They were all approved as summarized below:

Grant Type	HOA	Project	Grant Amount
Beautification Matching	Cypress Hollow	Magnolia Tree Planting along McMullen Booth Rd.	\$540
Neighborhood Project	Huntington Trace	Entryway Improvements	\$2,812.50
Neighborhood Project	Baywoods	Entryway Improvements	\$2,337.30

Leisure Services

- Events Commemorating:
- Playful City
 - Kids to Parks Day
 - Runner Friendly Community
 - Tree City Designation
- Acquired Folly Farms and expanded Green Springs Preserve
 - Waterfront Park Development Groundbreaking
 - Unveiling of the 9-11 Memorial
 - Little League Senior Division Southeast Regional Tournament
 - Ian Tilmann Skate Park Renovations and Grand Opening
 - Historical Society Formation and Implementation of the Historical Marker Program
 - Increased Volunteer Opportunities & Hours by 100%
 - Parks and Building Maintenance Facility Improvements
 - Main Street Streetscape Improvements
 - Completion of City Hall LED Lighting Upgrades - Phase I

Engineering

- Progress on the Following Capital Improvement Projects:
- Waterfront Park
 - North Bay Hills Sanitary Force Main & Water Main Replacement
 - Street Resurfacing
 - Brick Street Repair
 - South Green Springs Water Main Replacement
 - Tall Pine Drive Ditch
 - Marina Dredging
 - North Bayshore Drive Drainage Improvements
 - Community Center Fitness Room
 - SR 590 Water Main Loop
 - Safety Harbor Art & Music Center Parking

Fire

- Training drills were conducted throughout the year at various facilities and locations. Our firefighters train at the SPC Fire Academy, Fire Station 48 in Clearwater, Fire Station 53, and many locations throughout our City. In addition to the normal required training mandated by I.S.O., below are some additional trainings that crews participated in:
- Extensive training on the new Fire Boat:
 - Operating, Electronics, Trailing & Launching
 - Fire Officer Development
 - Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification
 - Blue Card Incident Management Certification
 - New Recruit Training
 - SCBA Emergency Procedures
 - HazMat Decon Drills
 - Railway Emergency Operations
 - Extrication
 - Driver/Engineer Certification Training
 - Driver/Ladder Operator Training
 - Special Operations Training (Stokes Basket/Aerial Ops)
 - Downed Firefighter/CPR & Rescue in Full Gear

Library

- Overview:**
- Averaged 566 Visitors Daily
 - 196,232 Visitors Annually
 - 6,476 Attendees at 415 Group/Club Meetings in Meeting Rooms
 - 3,430 People Used Study Rooms
 - 25,963 Questions Answered at Service Desks
 - 32,378 Public Computer Sessions
 - 19,578 Total Youth & Adult Program Attendance
 - Average of 10 ESOL Tutors per Month Logged 829 Hours Teaching English to Non-Native Speakers
 - 14,821 Youth & Families Attended 469 Children's Programs
 - 3,944 Adults Attended 149 Adult Events

Public Works

- Street Division**
- Annual Maintenance of Sidewalks, Curbs, Ramps, Asphalt Roadways, & Traffic Signs
- Stormwater Division**
- Cleaned and Inspected 3,700 Catch Basins
 - Street Sweeping Process Removed Over 120 Tons of Debris Prior to Entering Storm Water Catch Basins
- The Water/Wastewater Division**
- Rebuilt Pump Station at Amber Glade
 - Approximately 2,689 Feet of Sewer Lines Cleaned
 - 351 Water Meters Replaced
 - Staff Performed 1,500 Utility Locates
 - Construction inspection of the North Bay Hills Water & Force Main Project
- Sanitation Division**
- Curbside Recycling Collected 1,592 Tons
 - Waste Material Collected 11,334 Tons

Library

Home Delivery service was implemented providing materials to patrons unable to visit the library. The new Teen Room opened, a unique space for teens to work and play. Our building was painted and looks inviting inside and out. A state of the art fax/scanner/print release system and a self-check out was installed

Engineering • Leisure Services

The end of 2015, recognized the groundbreaking of the Waterfront Park development. Construction plans were completed by in-house staff for the 13 acre Waterfront Park project on Tampa Bay. All permits were obtained with exception of the U. S. Corps of Engineers (COE) permit. The project will be constructed in two phases:

Phase 1 consists of improvements within the upland portion of the property south of the wetlands that includes grading and drainage improvements, and construction of a 10 foot wide concrete walk.

Phase 2 will consist of a 2,000 foot boardwalk, wetland enhancements and grass parking.

Phase 1 construction commenced in November 2015 and will be complete in March 2016. Phase 2 construction will commence following receipt of the COE permit.

Community Development

Tree Ordinance

On March 16, 2015, the City Commission adopted a new tree ordinance and began reviewing tree removal permits. Prior to adoption of the ordinance, these reviews were overseen by Pinellas County. From March through December of 2015, the Building Division processed 158 tree removal permit applications. Ninety-five percent of the permit applications were to remove hazardous protected trees on developed properties. In addition, the City Arborist conducted over 100 on-site tree evaluations requested by residents and businesses. In 2015, the City fined two property owners for illegally removing protected trees under the new ordinance.

Sign Code Review

In the Fall of 2015, the City Commission requested a review of the City's sign regulations. A Town Hall meeting was held in October and an online survey was conducted. In addition, staff researched sign regulations in other municipalities including Oldsmar, Dunedin, and Tarpon Springs. As a result of this review, the City Commission requested amendments to the regulations for awning, A-Frame, and window signs and to add a fine for repeat sign code violations. These amendments are planned in the Spring of 2016.

Fire Department

Fire Station 52 had a new roof installed with a new color.



City Clerk

- 30 City Commission Meetings
- 107 Public Records Requests Filled
- 393 Legal Documents Recorded with County

Community Development

- 2,031 Permits for Building Construction & Renovations
- 535 Illegal Signs Removed
- 355 Resolved Code complaints
- 300 Trees Given to City Residents & Business Owners

Fire Department

- Emergency Responses:
- 2,720 Medical
 - 445 Vehicle Crashes
 - 195 Fires & Gas Leaks
 - 4,184 Total Calls

Human Resources

- 877 New Employee Applications processed
- 31 New Employees Acquired
- 53 Job Postings
- 82 Employees Attended Wellness Fair

Library

- 273,568 Items Circulated, including 12,434 E-Books
- 1,271 New Library Cards Issued
- 3,927 New Items Added
- 2,299 Donated Items Added
- 502 Loaned items to libraries outside Pinellas Co.
- 55,987 Loaned Items to Other Libraries in Pinellas Co.

