



CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Celebrating 100 Years



JUST THE NUMBERS

CITY CLERK

32 City Commission meetings

192 Public Record requests filled

179 Legal documents recorded with County

FIRE DEPARTMENT

4,595 Incidents responded to

HUMAN RESOURCES

848 New employee applications processed

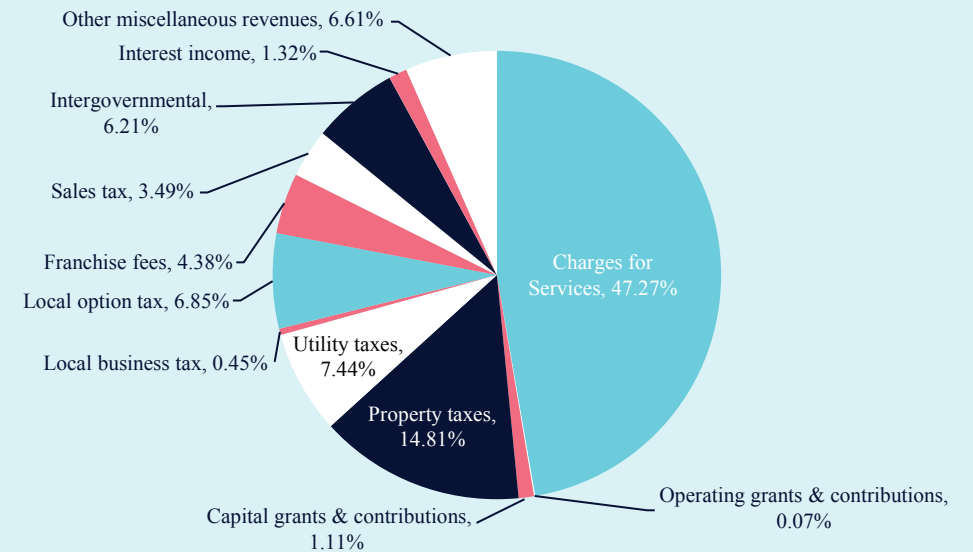
56 Job postings

59 New Hires

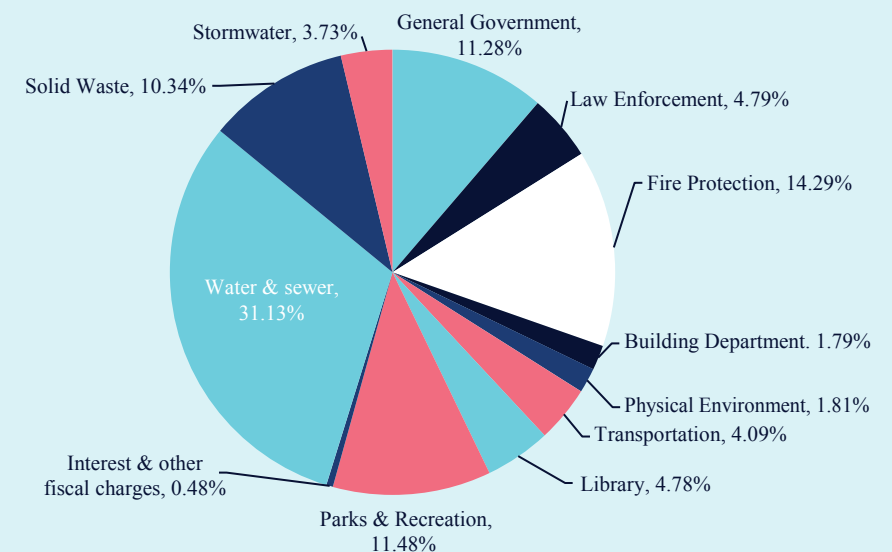
- Employee Wellness Fair
- Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy
- Employee Wellness Initiatives
- Negotiated three (3) year Firefighters' Union Contract to expire on 09/30/2019
- Employee of the Quarter Program
- Employee Open Enrollment
- Workers' Compensation/Property & Casualty RFQ
- Updated City's Crisis Management Plan
- Employee Wellness Lunch 'n Learns

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUES BY SOURCE



EXPENDITURES BY TYPE



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Neighborhood Grant Program

Neighborhood grants were awarded in the fall of 2017 for neighborhood project and beautification matching grants, as listed below:

- Weatherstone
- Briar Creek Mobile Home I
- Briar Creek Mobile Home II
- Rainbow Farms
- Cypress Trace North
- La Playa Estates
- Cypress Hollow
- Georgetown East

Development Review

During 2017, the City's Technical Review Committee reviewed five site plans, one site plan major modification, one major subdivision, and a Development Agreement. Approved development applications included an expansion to Mease Countryside Hospital and a Mixed Use development at the northwest corner of 2nd Avenue North and Main Street.

Code Amendments

Several code amendments were adopted in 2017, including regulations for backyard chickens, R-2 (single family residential) zoning district setbacks, mobile vendors, and the noise ordinance. In addition, two code amendments resulting from the 2017 legislative session were adopted including regulations for small wireless communication facilities in public rights of way, a code amendment to ban medical marijuana dispensaries, and the adoption of regulations regarding medical marijuana cultivating and processing.

Walkability Audits

In October of 2017, the City of Safety Harbor held a walkability audit pilot project. Twenty-nine participants learned how to conduct walking audits and evaluated two walking routes leading to downtown Safety Harbor. The routes included a northern route from Marshall Street Park to City Hall and a southern route from the SR 590/McMullen Booth Road intersection to City Hall. This effort was led by Forward Pinellas. Report recommendations are under review for implementation. A link to the full report is below:

<http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/DocumentCenter/View/11315>



Free Tree Giveaway

On October 21, 2017, the City gave away 300 flowering trees to city residents and business owners



Building and Code Compliance

In fiscal year 2016-2017, the Building Division reviewed 2,762 building permits and conducted 4,943 inspections. Code Compliance staff responded to 513 requests.

Small Town Charm

In 2017, the City Commission requested the Planning and Zoning Board prepare a mission statement regarding measures to protect the City's small town charm. The Planning and Zoning Board reviewed and discussed the request and recommended a design incentive program for residential and commercial development to incentivize identified design elements. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended several code amendments.





Community Center Fitness Center

Project will include internal renovations to the Community Center, roof leak repairs, electrical updates, HVAC expansion, utility modifications, and the addition of a 1,900 square-foot one-story fully sprinkled fitness center building addition.

Main Street Electrical, Irrigation, Streetscape & Landscape Improvements

Upgrades to the existing electrical system needed to meet power demands during City events. Irrigation repairs and upgrades required for a fully functional system. Streetscape improvements to increase pedestrian path widths and replacement of broken concrete. Landscape improvements to replace plants and trees in poor health.

North Bayshore Drive Drainage Improvements

Drainage improvements at four intersections on North Bayshore Drive to eliminate flooding. Construction is complete on Hillsborough Street. Tucker Street improvements will be completed February, 2018. Church Street and Jefferson Street improvements shall be completed by April, 2018.



South Green Springs Water Main Replacement

Replacement of approximately 6,500 feet of aging water main. The majority of the water main was installed via directional drilling in order to minimize impacts to trees, sidewalks, driveways, roadways, and other infrastructure. The process consists of drilling a path at the desired location and depth, then pulling the water main into place. Construction is ongoing with an anticipated completion date of April, 2018. Installation of a 6 inch water main through private property to provide for a water main loop near SR590 and McMullen Booth Road was also a part of this contract. Construction was completed in September, 2017 for this portion of work.



Waterfront Park Phase 1B

Phase 1B features a 2,000 linear foot boardwalk providing scenic outlooks to Tampa Bay and a bridge crossing over Mullet Creek. Additional features include a 10 foot wide concrete sidewalk, trailhead facilities, 16 grass parking spaces, and 2 acres of restored wetlands. Volunteer wetland planting events occurred in February, March, April, and December 2017. A grand opening ceremony occurred June 16, 2017.

Waterfront Park Phase 2

Phase 2 consists of removal of the eastern pavement area of Veterans Memorial Lane to allow for green space connectivity between Marina Park and Waterfront Park, additional parking, a plaza area, living shoreline, and pedestrian pathways. ESA Sveda has been contracted to pursue grants for the living shoreline. Design and construction commencement of the plaza area, additional pedestrian pathways, and bollard lighting is to occur in 2018.

PROGRESS REPORTS

DESIGN

- 13th Ave N to 9th Ave N Water Main Replacement
- 100% Construction Drawings
- Community Center Fitness Center
- 100% Construction Drawings (to be constructed in 2018)
- Espiritu Santo/Washington Brennan Water Main Replacement

Design

- Folly Farm Sidewalk Extension Survey
- Force Main Bypass at CSX and Enterprise Rd
- 100% Construction Drawings
- Green Springs Water Main Replacement
- 100% Construction Drawings
- Harbor Heights Intersection Drainage Improvements and Curb Replacement
- 100% Construction Drawings
- Huntington Office Park Water Main Replacement
- 100% Construction Drawings
- Main Street Electrical, Irrigation, Streetscape and Landscape Improvements
- 95% Construction Drawings (to be constructed in 2018)
- Marina Seawall Rehabilitation Preliminary
- N Bayshore Dr Sanitary Sewer and Force Main Replacement
- 100% Construction Drawings
- Pavement Condition Assessment Preliminary
- Storm Water Projects FY17-18 Survey
- Street Resurfacing FY18 Preliminary
- Waterfront Park Phase 2 Design

CONSTRUCTION

- 10th Ave S Sidewalk Extension Completed 11/2017
- 5th St S Drainage Improvements Completed 03/2017
- Baywoods 1 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Under Construction
- Brick Street Repair FY16-17 Completed 11/2017
- Cypress Trace Water Main and Force Main Replacement Completed 10/2017
- Daisy Douglas Park Drainage Improvements Completed 03/2017
- Folly Farm Pond/Wetland Cleanup Completed 05/2017
- Mullet Creek (Philippe Parkway) Bridge Improvements Completed 03/2017
- Museum Parking Completed 12/2017
- N Bayshore Dr Drainage Improvements Under Construction
- Pipe Lining FY16-17 Under Construction
- South Green Springs Water Main Replacement Under Construction
- SR 590 Water Main Completed 09/2017
- Veterans Memorial Lane Sidewalk Completed 02/2017
- Waterfront Park Phase 1B Completed 05/2017

LEISURE SERVICES



Parks, Building Maintenance & Horticulture Division

- The Folly Farm Nature Preserve opened in April offering residents and visitors an eight acre park featuring the community orchard, observation gardens, a playground, butterfly gardens, and a three quarter mile nature hiking trail.
- The Rigsby Recreation Center had a complete landscape makeover that included the installation of over 24 trees, shrubs, and 2,500 feet of drip irrigation.

- The Little League Senior division Southeast Region baseball tournament returned to town with the state champions from Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Florida competing for a birth to the Little League World Series. The tournament was held in beautiful Safety Harbor City Park in July.

- The Waterfront Park Boardwalk opened in June offering residents and visitors the opportunity to explore the Upper Tampa Bay mangrove coastline with a boardwalk system that's over 2,600 linear feet. The boardwalk features 4 trail heads with benches and bike racks. The boardwalk project included a community wetland restoration event bringing over 250 volunteers to plant over 12,000 native and restorative plants.



- Hurricane Irma blew through Safety Harbor in September requiring staff to evaluate, repair, and clean up all 120-plus acres of parks and parkland, and 12 buildings.
- Provided support staff through all 100 Centennial special events.



Recreation

- Through a joint use agreement, Safety Harbor youth can participate in Clearwater's youth field athletic programs. Current program opportunities are: soccer, lacrosse, and football
- Recreation staff continued the commitment to health for all ages with following programs: Yoga, Zumba, Lunchtime Fitness, Pilates, Total Toning, Tai Chi, Aqua Fitness, and Belly Core.
- Pickleball is a hit in Safety Harbor! Monthly drop-in opportunities for all ages continue to grow.
- The outreach program, Park Pals, expanded its Tutoring Program due to high demand from Safety Harbor Elementary School teachers. Students can be tutored after school twice a week at the Rigsby Center.

Special Events

- Celebrating the City's Centennial birthday with over 100 events throughout the year - from family friendly happenings to open air festivals to evening celebrations - Safety Harbor had it all in 2017. Community-wide special events continue to drive economic development for downtown and provide fundraising opportunities for numerous non-profit groups.
- City organized favorites continued: monthly 3rd Friday Music Series, Seafood Festival (Mar), July 4th Celebration, and Wine Festival (Nov).
- New events by outside organizations: Primavera Music Festival (Apr), Bands and Beer by the Bay (May), Best Damn Summer 5K (Jun), Super Hero 5K (Sep), and the Holiday Concert (Dec).

- The Inaugural Harbor Holiday event in December brought many residents and visitors to downtown for a night of holiday themed activities at various venues transported by open air trolleys. Look for this popular event to return in 2018.



- The year culminated with the Centennial Folk-n-Fruit Brew Fest and Games in November celebrating Safety Harbor's heritage and 100th birthday with nationally headlining band Magic Giant.





Our Mission

The mission of Safety Harbor Public Library is to inspire lifelong learning and offer individuals of all ages a center for literacy and cultural activity within the community. The Library will provide an empowering and caring environment where educational, cultural, and business needs can be successfully met through quality materials, programs, services, and the use of traditional and emerging technologies.

Overview

- Averaged 578 visitors per day, 195,996 visitors (Increase of 20 people per day over last FY)
- 4,898 people attended 271 outside group/club meetings in our meeting rooms
- 2,535 people used our study rooms
- 25,979 questions answered at our service desks.
- 22,832 public computer sessions
- Total youth & adult program attendance 24,787 (Broke last year's record by 969 guests!)

ESOL

As part of the Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas, an average of six ESOL tutors logged 564 hours teaching English to non-native speakers.

Outreach

Delivered 2,614 items to homebound customers in 194 visits. Facilitated 64 outreach programs and coordinated SHINE, AARP Driving Classes, Health Care Navigators, and other programs serving 556 people. Delivered 44 Book Boxes to pre-schools and 27 Memory Boxes to local assisted living facilities.

Volunteers

Our volunteers recorded 6,968 hours donating their time teaching computer classes, assisting with summer youth programs, materials processing and repair, circulation, book sales, writing classes, and more!

Programs

- 18,043 youth & families attended 492 children's programs (1,539 more youth guests than last FY, another year of a new library record!)
- 5,032 adults enjoyed a variety of 264 adult events (264 more adult guests than last FY, another year of a new library record!)
- 1,712 young adults attended 142 teen events (51 more teen guests than last FY, another year of a new library record!)

Computer Classes/Technology

13 technology classes held with 104 students trained. 228 one-on-one tutoring sessions assisting students with a variety of electronic devices. CoderDojo and Robotics programs for youth continues to grow with community mentorship and support.

JUST THE NUMBERS



Circulation

- Circulated 239,756 items, including 17,587 e-books.
- Loaned 444 items to libraries outside Pinellas County
- Loaned 83,121 items to other libraries inside Pinellas County
- Issued 1,489 new library cards
- Tool Library loaned 242 items!



Collection

- 4,162 new items added
- 1,851 donated items added
- Withdrew 5,624 items keeping the collection relevant
- 707 items repaired



Other Accomplishments

- Implemented new local history platform for easy searching of *Safety Harbor Herald* newspapers
- Initiated City Poet Laureate program and created artistic Poetry Corner
- Opened first Tool Library in the state
- Whimsical new mural completed in youth department with Friends funding

PUBLIC WORKS



Street

- A total of 138 work orders requests were received and were completed by the Street and Stormwater Divisions.
- A total of 229 cubic yards of concrete used to repair/replace driveways, ADA ramps, curbs and sidewalks.
- Recycling of dirt accumulated as a result of various city projects performed by city staff or city-hired contractors. This process involves the sifting of the material, which separates the debris from the usable soil. The debris is hauled to a dump site and the remaining soil is stock-piled and reused on future city projects.
- Sifted and hauled away 1,174 tons of debris from Public Works.
- Removal or trimming of 90 diseased or dead trees.
- Replaced 15 traffic signs due to new federal standards and installed new stop signs.
- Street sweeping debris collected equals to 175 tons.
- Completed various asphalt repairs using 55 tons of asphalt.

Stormwater Division

- Pamphlets, brochures and other informational and educational material are available at City buildings to increase public awareness. Information was also made available on the City's website. Placed inlet stencil markers on city-wide catch basins identifying their purpose and importance.
- Maintained 9.64 miles of ditches and creeks this year.
- Cleaning 409 and inspection of 1,592 catch boxes within the city.
- Maintain compliance with SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District) in conjunction with the Engineering Department.
- Excavated sediment deposits from ditches and reshaped eroded banks.
- Cleaned and inspected 147 outfall structures.
- Repaired 5 catch basins
- Completed 1 erosion project

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Fleet Maintenance Division

- Performed 94 preventative maintenance services
- Answered 7 roadside service calls to city vehicles
- Completed 92 small engine repairs
- Replaced the brakes on 34 vehicles and then adjusted to specifications

Sanitation/Recycling Division

- Curbside recycling collected 1,523 tons
- Residential trash collected 11,614 tons
- Received \$10,856.20 in recycling revenue



Water/Wastewater Division

- 18,874 feet of sewer line was cleaned
- 1,934 locates were done
- 118 meters were replaced
- 427,836,160 gallons of wastewater pumped for treatment
- 553,274,000 gallons of potable water purchased from Pinellas County

