

CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR ANNUAL REPORT

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2024

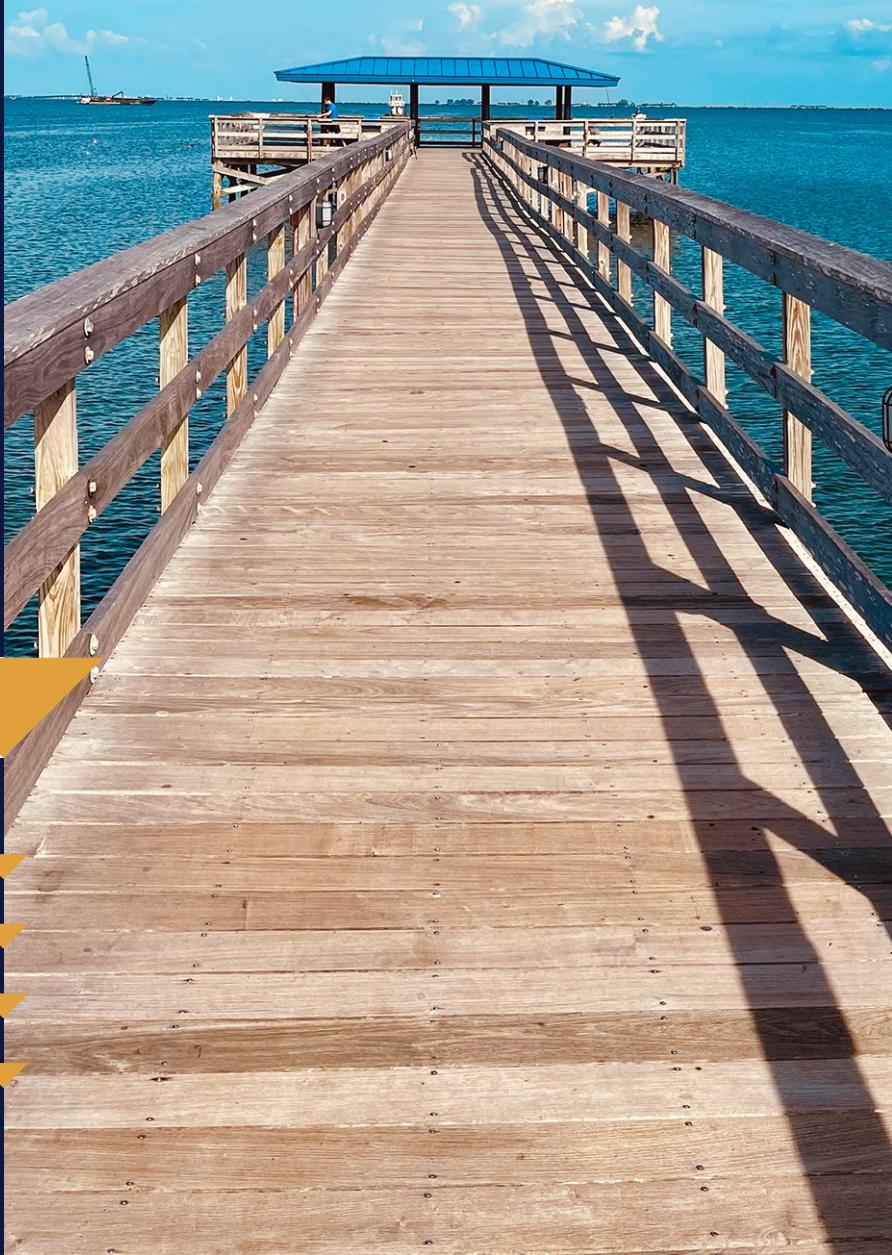


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CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR 2024 OVERVIEW

2024 was marked by change and transition for the City of Safety Harbor. It was a municipal election year for three commission seats. After eleven years of service to the City, Commissioner Cliff Merz chose not to run for re-election. Commissioner Andy Steingold ran unopposed; Commissioner Nancy Besore was re-elected, and the City welcomed new Commissioner Jacob Burnett to the dais.

In May, City Manager Matt Spoor retired from the City of Safety Harbor after 20 years of service – 17 as City Manager. After Spoor's departure, the City began a competitive, nation-wide City Manager recruitment process that wrapped up in August. After a thorough process, the City Commission voted unanimously to hire Interim City Manager and Fire Chief Josh Stefancic as the new City Manager.

With the Fire Chief's promotion to City Manager that left an opening for Fire Chief. Deputy Fire Chief Andrew Hawkins was promoted to Fire Chief. In addition to these new leaders, the Community Development Department welcomed Carol Stricklin as their Director.

Tropical Storm Debby swept through the area in early August damaging Safety Harbor's Pier and causing it to be closed for public use. In September, Hurricane Helene moved along our coast causing substantial damage to many properties in Safety Harbor. Two weeks after Helene approached our coast, Hurricane Milton came through causing more damage to our community.

During these disasters, Team Safety Harbor rose to the occasion to expedite clean up and recovery efforts. Key response Departments included Fire, Public Works, Leisure Services, Community Development, Engineering, and Finance. Our team worked tirelessly to exceed deadlines set by the state for clean-up efforts.

Between hurricanes Helene and Milton, we were able to welcome five families into their forever homes built by Habitat for Humanity – the first in Safety Harbor. The community, organizational partners, City staff, and Vice Mayor Andy Steingold, Commissioners Nancy Besore and Carlos Diaz, and former Commissioner Cliff Merz came out to support the families.

As the year wrapped up, City staff continued storm recovery efforts, Library second story construction, and renovations to the Farm House at Folly.

The following pages provide a closer look at each Department, including their roles in the City along with notable accomplishments and projects from 2024.



SERVICES OVERVIEW

The City of Safety Harbor operates under a Commission-Manager form of government. City of Safety Harbor is a full-service City made up of the following departments.



CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Joe Ayoub

Vice Mayor Andy Steingold

Commissioner Nancy Besore

Commissioner Carlos Diaz

Commissioner Jacob Burnett

CITY MANAGER

Josh Stefancic

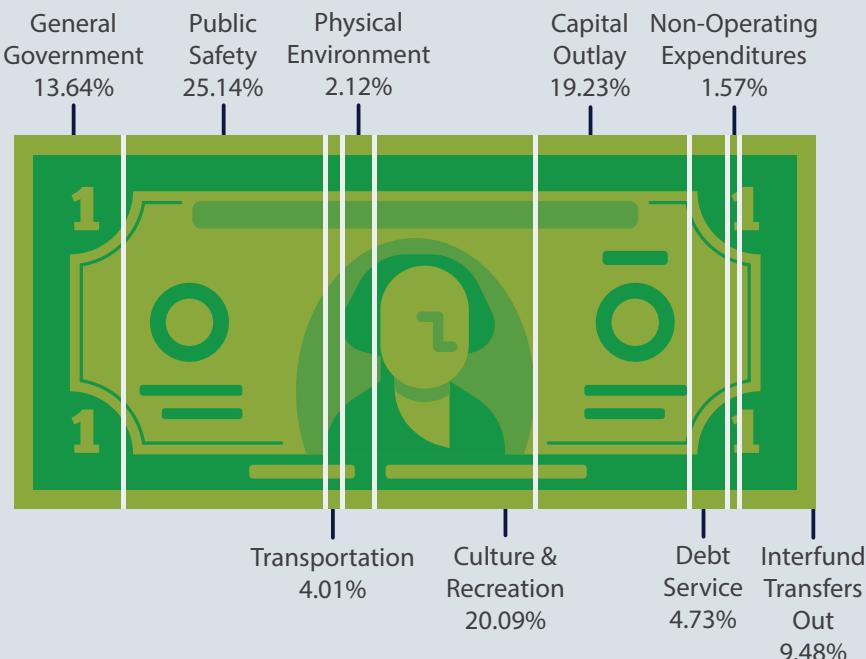


DEPARTMENTS

- City Clerk
- Community Development
 - Arborist
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- Engineering
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CITY BUDGET OVERVIEW

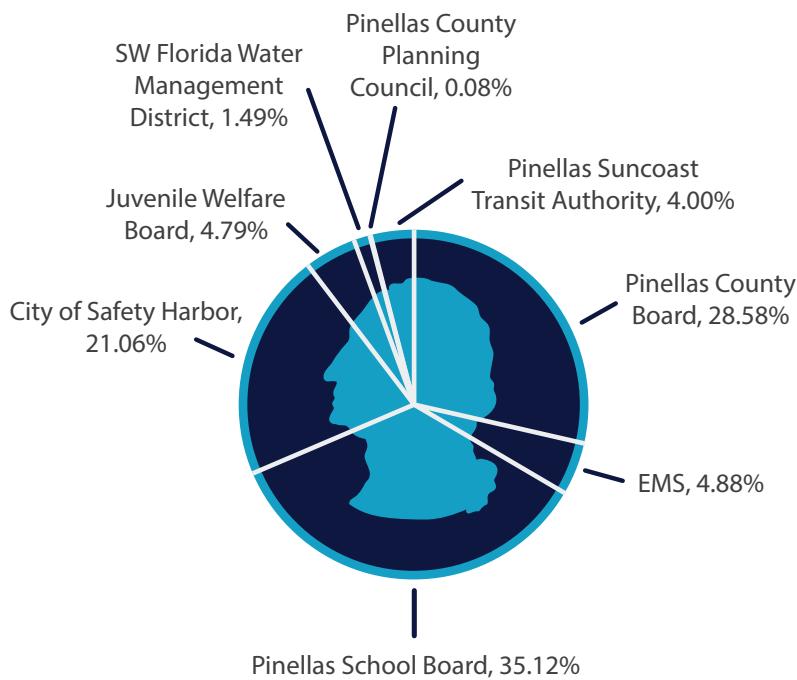
The City's operating millage rate for fiscal year 2024 was 3.9500 mills. The millage rate has remained the same for the past eight years. The property tax bill contains more than just City taxes. Residents also pay property tax to the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners, Emergency Medical Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Juvenile Welfare Board, School Board, Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. Safety Harbor City taxes make up twenty-one cents of every dollar in the total property tax bill.



ANNUAL FUNDING

For financial reporting the City maintains 15 individual governmental funds. Governmental funds are primarily supported by tax dollars and are used to account for the City's basic services provided, including general government, public safety, transportation, physical environment, culture and recreation, debt service and transfers. The majority of services provided are supported through property tax, utility tax, franchise fees, state shared taxes, and direct services revenues. Municipal property tax collections make up 29.0 percent of the total governmental fund revenues.

WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO?



2024 BY THE NUMBERS: CITYWIDE



1 Municipal
Election
3 Commission
Seats Eligible for Election



987 Businesses &
Licensed Professionals
registered with the City



8,620
tons of
residential
trash
collected

1,287
tons of
curbside
recycling
collected



6,017 Total
Fire District
Incidents



123 Citywide
Special Events

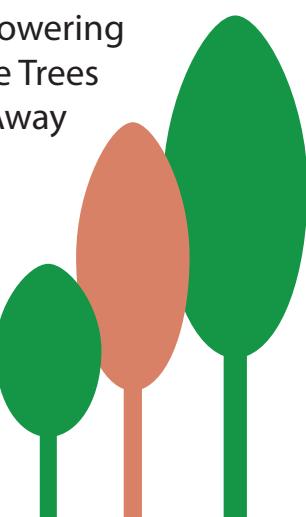
300 Flowering
& Shade Trees
Given Away



20 parks for a total of
136+ acres of parkland



17,568 Total Library
Card Holders



**3 MAJOR
STORM
EVENTS**

16,209 Total Citywide
Social Media Followers
2,432 Total Nixle
Subscribers



CITY CLERK

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for City Commission agenda preparation and meeting minutes; administering oaths; supervising municipal elections in accordance with Election Law, City Code, and the City Charter; board/committee management including the Annual Volunteer Banquet; serves as the City's Public Records Custodian and attests all City contracts; public records request management in accordance with Public Records Law; serves as the City's Records Management Liaison Officer, in accordance with the Division of Library and Information Services and State Retention Schedules; manages City code book and codification; publishes legal ads in accordance with state statutes; serves as the City's Financial Disclosure Coordinator; oversees budget for the department and manages personnel; serves a multitude of administrative functions as necessary.

BY THE NUMBERS: CITY CLERK

Legal Ads Published: **24**
Ordinance Adopted: **15**
Proclamations: **21**
Record Requests: **238**
Recorded Documents: **83**
Resolutions Adopted: **27**

HIGHLIGHTS

March 19, 2024, for City Commission Seats 1-3. Commissioner Steingold ran unopposed for Seat #3, Commissioner Besore was re-elected for Seat #1, and Commissioner Burnett was elected for Seat #2.

One Candidate Forum was held on February 1, 2024.

A Charter Review Committee was appointed in 2023 to make recommendations to the City Commission for City Charter Amendments. A total of eight City Charter Amendments were placed on the 2024 Ballot, all of which passed by voters.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING PERMITS

Throughout 2024, the City of Safety Harbor has reviewed and issued 776 building permits resulting in more than \$16 million dollars (\$16,422,904.61) of improvements to private property. During that time, the City completed 1,455 inspections to ensure that permitted work was completed in compliance with approved plans. These figures do not include permits issued by Pinellas County, which serves as the City's Building Official and issues and inspects all permits regulated by the Florida Building Code.

BUSINESS TAXES

During 2024, 987 businesses and licensed professionals registered with the City. These registrations come from businesses with physical locations within the city like restaurants and retail stores, as well as licensed professionals such as doctors or attorneys that have offices within the city.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

New developments approved in 2024 included the development of five Habitat for Humanity homes on Elm Street on properties purchased from the City. The Safety Harbor Spa and Resort received site plan approval for construction of a parking lot to be accessed off of Veteran's Memorial Lane. Site plan approval was also granted for construction of a new Wendy's with a drive-through at the northeast corner of Enterprise and McMullen Booth Roads.

CODE COMPLIANCE

In fiscal year 2023-2024, Code Compliance staff responded to 286 requests for assistance. Common code violation categories included building and property maintenance, trash accumulation, illicit discharge, animal violations, and building permit violations. The Code Enforcement Board heard 6 cases.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

On May 21, 2024, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approved an eight year extension of the Safety Harbor Community Redevelopment District and the Community Redevelopment Trust Fund. The new sunset date for the Community Redevelopment District and the Community Redevelopment Trust Fund is October 6, 2032.

TREE PROJECTS

Safety Harbor's Tree Fund the City's efforts to maintain and enhance the tree canopy on public and private property. The City donated over 300 trees to residents of our community during the annual tree giveaway. In 2023-2024 the city used funding from the tree fund to plant 28 new shade trees throughout the city. The trees were planted in various parks, at Safety Harbor Middle School, and in homeowner's yards. Tree bank funds were also used to fertilize trees and palms throughout the city, structural pruning, lightning protection repairs and installation, and for the tree giveaway. The City renewed the Tree City USA designation and approved an Arbor Day proclamation October 12, 2024.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

GRANT CYCLE	NEIGHBORHOOD	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	GRANT AWARD
NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT GRANT			
Spring 2024	Huntington HOA	Wall replacement	\$5,000.00
Spring 2024	La Playa Estates	Entryway Sign	\$3,813.00
Fall 2024	Bayshore Terrace	Main Entrance Lighting	\$5,000.00
Fall 2024	BayTowne Villas East	New fence	\$4,828.00
Fall 2024	Georgetown East	Painting perimeter wall	\$5,000.00
Fall 2024	Greensprings the Gardens	Entryway Sign Replacement	\$3,774.20
Fall 2024	Old Harbor Place	LED lighting for Fountain	\$2,645.00
Fall 2024	Village of Safety Harbor	New bridge at the entrance with lighting	\$5,000.00
BEAUTIFICATION MATCHING GRANT			
Spring 2024	Cypress Trace North Condominium Association	Landscaping	\$536.50
Spring 2024	Weatherstone Association	Landscaping	\$2,500.00
Spring 2024	Philippe Bay HOA	Landscaping	\$2,500.00
			TOTAL: \$40,596.70

ENGINEERING

MARSHALL STREET PARK: PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Marshall Street Park pickleball courts Grand Opening took place on February 10, 2024. The project included five new pickleball courts and one half-practice court with an 8-foot wall. The construction cost was \$476,000. Demolition, site work, grading, base installation, court and wall installation, electrical lighting, sidewalk installation, parking lot grading and resurfacing took place from September 2023 through February 2024. Engineering Department provided parking lot drainage design, proposal and contract development, bid services, project management, consultant coordination, Duke Energy coordination, and daily coordination with the Contractor, Khors Construction. Engineering staff performed daily construction inspections and on-site coordination during construction. The final walk through occurred in January 2024.

LIBRARY: 1ST FLOOR LIGHTING UPGRADES & 2ND FLOOR ADDITION

The library 1ST Floor Lighting Upgrades and 2ND floor addition construction is currently in progress. Construction began in February 2024 and the project will be completed in March 2025. The final design and permitting with the City and Pinellas County occurred in June 2023. The project was publicly bid for construction in July 2023. The Contractor, All Phase General Contractors was selected in December 2023 with a construction budget of \$3,765,466. Engineering Department provided proposal coordination, contract development, bid services, project management, daily construction observation and coordination with the Architect Consultant, Long & Associates, and Contractor, All Phase General Contractors.

STREET RESURFACING, MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE & ADA WORK

The Street Resurfacing, ADA concrete ramp upgrades, and miscellaneous concrete project began in January 2024 and was completed in November 2024. The project was publicly bid in August 2023 and was awarded to Gator Grading & Paving in September 2023 with an overall construction budget of \$2,370,433. The project included four separate projects. Base Bid "A" included ADA ramp and concrete work, and ten miles of milling and resurfacing of roadways within the Rainbow Farms, Baywoods, Harbor Woods Village, Northwood, Philippe Woods, Philippe Bay, Bayshore Terrace, Harbor Oaks, Safety Harbor Industrial Park, Fernbrooke, Seminole Park, and West and South Green Springs subdivisions. Base Bid "B" included City Facilities milling, resurfacing and concrete work within Marshall Street Park, Daisy Douglas Park, Rigsby Recreation Center, and 7TH Street Park. Base Bid "C" included drainage design, concrete work, and milling and resurfacing at the intersection of 2ND Street South and 6TH Avenue South. Base Bid "D" included drainage design, concrete work, milling and resurfacing work at Highway to Bay Boulevard and Philippe Parkway. Engineering completed the cost estimate, drainage design, construction plans, contract documents, bid services, project management and daily construction inspection for the overall project.

ENGINEERING

FOLLY FARM

EAST & WEST ENTRY DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS & INTERNAL SIDEWALKS

The Folly Farm East and West Entry driveway drainage improvements and internal sidewalk projects were completed in November 2024. Engineering Department provided drainage design and construction plans for the two entry drives into Folly Farm and sidewalk design within the park. The project also included a widened driveway at the Farm house with ADA parking. The project was awarded to Gator Grading & Paving in June 2024 with an overall construction budget of \$170,700. Engineering provided daily inspections, and coordination with the Contractor, Gator Grading & Paving.

GOAT HOUSE PROJECT

The Folly Farm Goat House project was completed in November 2024. The project consisted of surface drainage design, conveyance pipe, and a new concrete surface within the goat house. A drainage swale in the goat yard, and new concrete base for a storage shed was included in the project. Engineering Department provided design and construction plans for the drainage swale and the drainage design of the concrete surface inside the goat house. The project was awarded to Gator Grading & Paving in June 2024 with an overall construction budget of \$35,000. Engineering provided daily inspections, and coordination with the Contractor, Gator Grading & Paving.

WATER MAIN PROJECTS

PINELLAS AVENUE, MELROSE DRIVE & AVON DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

The Pinellas Avenue, Melrose Drive and Avon Drive Water Main Replacement project began in February 2023 and the project was completed in February 2024. The water main project consisted of the removal of existing galvanized watermain with the replacement of 2,550 linear feet of 2-inch C900 watermain, 3,750 linear feet of 6-inch C900 watermain and additional fire protection to the area and water service connections. The new water mains were installed by horizontal direction drilling and open cut methods. The project was publicly bid for construction, and a Contractor was selected in September 2022 with a construction budget of \$1,324,583. Engineering provided contract development, bid services, project management, daily inspections, and coordination with Pinellas County, Consultant, Ardurra, and Contractor, Carl Hankins, Inc.

NORTH BAY HILLS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE III

The North Bay Hills Phase III Water Main Replacement project began in April 2023 and was completed in May 2024. The water main project consisted of the removal of existing galvanized watermain with the replacement of 260 linear feet of 4-inch PVC DR-18 watermain, 5,600 linear feet of 6-inch C900 watermain and 1,600 linear feet of 8-inch C900 watermain along with associated fire hydrants and water service connections. The new water mains are installed by horizontal direction drilling and open cut methods. The project was publicly bid for construction and Augustine Construction was selected in September 2022 with a construction budget of \$2,458,423. Engineering provided contract development, bid services, project management, daily inspections, and coordination with FDOT, Consultant, and Contractor, Augustine Construction.

ENGINEERING

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REVIEWS & INSPECTIONS FOR PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- 450 Building Permit Reviews
- 250 Building Permit Inspections
- 440 Flood Plain Reviews
- 57 Flood Plain Inspections
- 35 PZE TRC Reviews
- 10 Traffic Calming Applications

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- Armanious Subdivision
- Harbor Pointe North
- Safety Harbor Spa parking lot

OTHER ENGINEERING TASKS

VACATIONS

- 680 Pine Street - Vacation of easement application review and coordination with homeowner. Vacation petition application presented to City Commission on August 19, 2024. No further action at this time.
- Willow Pond Villas Home Owners Association vacation request for portion of utility/drainage easement at NE corner of Lot 25, Block 'A' of Safety Harbor Heights. Resolution 2024-06 was passed and adopted on May 20, 2024.

EXCAVATION & FILL PERMITS

- 1200 12th Ave South
- 334 North Bay Hills Blvd.
- 1002 Chillum Court
- 6 Fernery Lane
- 60 Harbor Oaks Circle
- 2 Idlewilde Drive
- 208 Lighthouse Ct

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

- Upper Mullet Creek Advance Tool Pond ERP 44014996.002
- 2nd Street South Parking Phases I and II, ERP 44017228.001 and 44017228.002

FIRE DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

In 2024, the Fire Department had many accomplishments including the promotion of a new Fire Chief Andrew Hawkins, Deputy Chief Brady Hummer, District Chief Lyall Heishman, and Captain/Paramedic Charles Russell. We also hired FF/EMT Matthew Hall, FF/EMT Michael Peticca, FF/EMT Chase Glenn, FF/EMT Zachary Blanken, FF/EMT Kristopher Conklin, and our first single certified Paramedic Liam Brannen.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department managed the City's response to Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton. The Department continued to increase training and education for all chief officers in prepping and managing the City's Emergency Operation's Center (EOC), as well as leading and managing Fire Department response crews over multiple operational periods. To manage citywide emergencies more efficiently and effectively, the Fire Department and Public Works Department continue to meet periodically to discuss EOC staffing and prepping for likely emergency management incidents.

OPERATIONS & TRAINING

The Department completed all required annual training including EMS continuing medical education, firefighter training, vehicle extrication training, fire boat exercises, incident command training, and hazardous materials management. The Department continues to update and install new training props at Station 53 allowing personnel to complete training within the City, and while available for an emergency call.

LOGISTICS

Over the past year, the Department continued to ensure that all equipment used by FD personnel was in good condition, that all apparatus owned by the City was serviced and maintained, and that both fire stations and mechanical equipment was in good working order. To ensure all equipment, apparatus, and stations are functioning properly, the Department has spent considerable time and funds repairing and/or replacing outdated equipment, as well as, creating and ensuring an aggressive maintenance schedule to ensure longevity of all major purchases.

CALL VOLUME

Total Safety Harbor FD Incidents: **6,017**

• Total EMS Incidents: **4,844**

• Total Non-EMS Incidents: **1,173**

Total T53/E53 Responses: **2,947**

Total ME53 Responses: **672**

Total E52 Responses: **2,374**

Total Working Fires: **7**

HUMAN RESOURCES

OVERVIEW

The City of Safety Harbor employees impact hundreds of individuals who choose to live, work, and play here. The Human Resources Department provides comprehensive services for our employees, residents, and the community. While fostering an environment that encourages innovative, productivity, diversity, wellness, and safety.

PROGRAM AREAS

- Employee Benefits, Payroll, and Retirement: Processing of payroll, health, voluntary and retirement benefits, and administration of the annual open enrollment process.
- Employee Events and Initiatives: Citywide employee facing events including the Annual Employee Wellness Fair, Public Service Recognition Week, Chris Palmieri Employee of the Quarter, and the quarterly HarborGram employee newsletter.
- Employee and Labor Management Relations: Administration of Personnel Rules and Regulations, and Administrative Policies, employee performance evaluation system for probationary, annual, and merit review system, various employee and labor relations items, and collective bargaining processes.
- Employee Training: New Hire Orientation, employee development, and other required trainings.
- Recruitment and Selection: Coordination for recruitment and advertisement of vacant positions, applicant interview and screening process, on-boarding, and off-boarding.
- Risk Management: Workers' Compensation, self-insurance administration, general liability and property/casualty insurance renewals, coordination of Certificates of Insurance
- Human Resources Department coordinates the Annual Bill Cropsey Citizen's Academy.
- The Human Resources Director acts as the Liaison for the Firefighter Pension Board (FFPB), Diversity Advisory Board (DAB), Personnel Review Board (PRB), and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Contract.

RECRUITMENT SNAPSHOT

73 Positions Posted
970 Applications
88 New Hires

LEISURE SERVICES

RECREATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

The Recreation Division is responsible for administering, operating, and maintaining the recreation facilities that include the Community Center, Rigsby Center, and Museum. Staff are responsible for all recreational program, activity, league, childcare coordination, and special events. In addition, the Division oversees facility rentals, Main Street public relations, and liaison with local nonprofit groups and partners.

The Special Events Division ensures event activities within the city reflect the personality to maintain Safety Harbor's unique qualities. The goal for each special event is to provide a wholesome event that enhances the quality of life for the residents of Safety Harbor while showcasing the city to visitors and participants. We strive to host professional events that are well-organized and profitable for all parties involved. Realizing that each event has a variety of goals that need to be met for the event to be considered a success, the division ensures that success.

PARKS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The Parks Division is responsible for administrating, supervising, operating, and maintaining the City's parklands and buildings for the 130+ acre system. In addition to the maintenance responsibilities, the Division oversees citywide aesthetic horticultural and tree plantings and maintenance, playground equipment safety, and park and field turf surfacing.

The Building Maintenance Division is responsible for all interior and exterior maintenance of City building facilities along with Park facilities, which include carpentry, electrical, plumbing, roofing, flooring, and construction projects.

Both divisions oversee the installation of holiday and seasonal decorations, provide specialized needs of recreational programs, special events, qualified groups, and contracted services.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Public Communication division strives to strengthen community image providing residents with a sense of place and pride. Staff continues to expand the level of public information.

SPECIAL AREAS

Marina
Public Art

HIGHLIGHTS

Citywide HVAC Replacement Project

Fire Station #52 Mural Refresh

Hurricane Prep and Recovery for Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton

Sid Boughton Pickleball Courts at Marshall Street Park Opening

Waterfront Park Turf and Irrigation Improvements

LIBRARY

Construction of the second story expansion officially began in February. Due to construction, staff spent January preparing for the closure of the Youth Wing and Meeting Rooms determining what books and collections would be relocated within the library and boxing those not widely circulated. Comfortable, new spaces for children and their families were created to sit, read, and do homework. Without our meeting rooms, we relied on program space at the Gazebo, Museum, Harborside Church and the Art Park for book sales, youth programs, and story times. This year a Cake Pan collection, Tonie Boxes, electronic games and new tools were added to our vast options of items to check out. Our Seed Library was revamped and is replenished weekly. We look forward to the grand opening of the second story in Spring 2025!

BY THE NUMBERS:

Our library isn't just about numbers. It's about a caring, creative staff, a place for private study, community gathering, and providing popular materials to read, view, use, and enjoy.

1,577 items delivered to homebound residents in **533** visits.

2,990 tools checked out from the **TOOL LIBRARY** for a **17%** increase. A **27%** increase in seeds distributed from our **SEED LIBRARY**.

9,226 public computer use sessions, providing access to public PCs, printing, scanning, and FAX service along with free Wi-Fi.

13,676 total number of guests attending programs. **591** educational and cultural programs held for all ages during construction using offsite locations, outside, and available library space.

17,568 registered library cards along with **402** unincorporated residents who call our library their home library.

71,173 virtual visits to online resources including: Libby, Kanopy, hoopla, and other online resources.

204,226 circulation of physical items. Due to construction, some materials are in storage, resulting in lower circulation from last year. However, we were still able to provide items currently not available at other Pinellas Libraries.

PUBLIC WORKS

OVERVIEW

The Public Works Department continued to provide effective and efficient services to our citizens, customers, and internal departments throughout 2024. Public Works Staff also participated in special events such as the 4th of July Fireworks and the Holiday Parade.

WATER/WASTEWATER

Water/Wastewater Divisions conducted testing of all City-wide backflow devices along with changing out approximately 403 water meters. Staff also prepared and responded to Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton.

- **14,086** feet of sewer line was cleaned
- **1,734** locates were completed
- **499,232,000** gallons of sewer flow
- **443,025,000** gallons of potable water

FLEET

- Performed **154** preventative maintenance services
- Completed **41** small engine repairs
- Replaced the brakes on **14** vehicles
- Successfully surplus aged/useable City equipment and vehicles on GovDeals

SANITATION

Staff responded to Hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton; assisted in City-wide clean-up efforts. Disposed of 4,200 tons of storm debris. Sanitation employees also worked with Pinellas County Solid Waste staff at the Pinellas County Chemical Collection events.

- **1,287** tons residential recycling was collected curbside
- **137** tons of recycling collected at drop off sites
- **259** tons of commercial recycling collected
- Collected **8,620** tons residential trash
- Collected **3,802** tons of commercial trash

STREETS

Staff completed multiple projects, including instituting a roadway condition inspection program along with trimming trees in all City parks. Staff also prepared and responded to Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton.

- A total of **120** work orders were received and **91** were completed by the Street and Stormwater Division.
- **32** cubic yards of concrete used to repair/replace driveways, ADA ramps, curbs and sidewalks.
- Removal or trimming of **228** trees.
- Replaced **252** traffic signs due to new federal standards and installed new stop signs.
- Street sweeping debris collected by City staff totaled **81** cubic yards.
- Litter control volunteers collected **642** pounds of trash from roadways.
- Utilized **8** tons of asphalt for roadway and alley maintenance.
- Hauled away **558** tons of debris from Public Works.

STORMWATER

Staff prepared and responded to Hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton.

- Maintenance of **16** miles of ditches and creeks annually.
- Cleaning and inspection of over **196** control structures within the city.
- Maintain compliance with SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District) in conjunction with the Code Enforcement and Engineering Departments and the City's NPDES Permit.
- Cleaned and inspected **210** outfall structures.

PERMITTING

Staff reviewed and inspected a multitude of right-of-way/easement utilization permits as well as building plans. This work ensures that contractors are adhering to City codes and industry standards for all work being completed within the City's jurisdiction.

- **334** Right-of-Way permits were reviewed
- Building plans were reviewed, **321** were inspected