

City Government

Safety Harbor operates under a Commission/Manager form of government. This means that the five elected commissioners make policy decisions that are then carried out by the City Manager. The City Manager is in charge of the day to day operations of the City.

The City Commission regularly meets on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall, 750 Main Street. Commission meetings are video taped and air on the City's cable access channel, InSight. InSight can be found on Knology Channel 15 and Bright House Channel 615. Meetings are also available online at www.cityofsafetyharbor.com.

Staying Informed

The City of Safety Harbor works hard to keep residents informed about what's going on in our community.

The City's Public Communications Office produces a bi-monthly newsletter, CityScape. CityScape is mailed to every address in Safety Harbor and features news and event information about the City.

The Leisure Services Department puts out the REAL Magazine quarterly. REAL brings you all the information about recreation opportunities and special events happening in the City. The REAL Magazine is also mailed to residents and businesses in Safety Harbor.

The City also has a 24-hour cable access TV channel called InSight. InSight can be found on Knology Channel 15 and Bright House Channel 615. City information can also be found on our web site, www.cityofsafetyharbor.com.

Safety Harbor History

Safety Harbor's history goes back thousands of years. The first permanent inhabitants were the Tocobaga Indians, who used the plentiful bay waters to survive. Evidence of their harvest can still be seen at Philippe Park where one of their giant shell mounds still exists.

The first European explorer to visit the Safety Harbor area was Panfilo de Narvaez, in 1528. Count Odet Philippe arrived in Safety Harbor in 1823 and became the area's first permanent European inhabitant. The Count owned 160 acres of land and started the first citrus plantations in Florida. Today, Count Philippe is considered "The Father of Florida's Grapefruit Industry". He passed away in 1869 and is buried on the grounds of his plantation, which is now present day Philippe Park.

In 1855, Colonel William Baily visited the area while stationed at Ft. Brooke in Tampa and purchased the Mineral Springs located in Safety Harbor. By the early 20th Century a man named Mr. Green had set up a bottling plant to sell the mineral water all over the world. Safety Harbor was originally called Green Springs in honor of Mr. Green.

Safety Harbor became a city in 1917 and endured it's first disaster that same year. A fire destroyed downtown. The only building to survive was the local bank, which now houses the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

Safety Harbor saw massive growth during both the WWII era and the 1980's. Today, the City remains dedicated to improving the quality of life for its residents and protecting its small town feel.

Safety Harbor

Guide To Your Local Government



Utility Information

DEPOSITS

A deposit fee is required of all customers. Interest is earned on the deposit and is credited to the utility account annually. Deposits are held until an account is closed and is then applied to the final bill, any credit is refunded to the customer.

Deposit amounts are as follows:

City Residents	\$100 for owners \$160 for renters
Non-residents	\$125 for owners \$200 for renters

UTILITY BILL

The monthly utility bill facility fee is \$57.45, this includes base charges for water, sewer, sanitation, storm water and recycling services.

Consumption rates for water (based on 1000 gallons)

0-7 gal.	\$1.82
7-10 gal.	\$4.96
10-15 gal.	\$7.45
15-20 gal.	\$11.17
Over 20 gal.	\$13.97

Consumer rates for sewer (based on 1000 gallons)

0-15 gal.	\$4.64
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Outside City limits - rates are 25% higher

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City offers several different payment options including online bill pay, a drop box at city hall, direct debit, standard mail, or in-person payments at City Hall.

For more utility billing information call (727) 724-1555 or visit www.cityofsafetyharbor.com

SANITATION SERVICE

Collecting garbage is one of the most important and basic functions of your city government. Safety Harbor residents enjoy a high level of sanitation service. Please call (727) 724-1550 for questions about sanitation services. Utility Billing sets up your account and they can be reached at (727) 724-1555.

Garbage pickup is either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday with additional bulk on Monday or Tuesday. Bulk consists of up to seven bags or special items (mattresses, couches, etc). Larger amount or white good will require a special pickup and associated charges. Remember to use 90 gallon containers for trash and 32 gallon containers for yard waste.

YARD WASTE

Wednesday is the day we collect yard waste for mulch recycling at the Pinellas County Landfill. Please use the 32 gallon containers and limit them to 5 containers or cut into sections no longer than 4' in length and 6" in diameter and tied with twine in arm size manageable bundles.

RECYCLING

Safety Harbor offers curbside recycling collection of newspapers, aluminum cans, steel cans, mixed paper and plastic (#1 & #2 only). The City also offers two recycling drop-off centers at the following locations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (ONLY GLASS RECYCLING AVAILABLE/DROP-OFF ONLY)
1200 Railroad Ave.

FIRE STATION 53
3095 McMullen Booth Rd.

City Facilities



CITY HALL
750 MAIN STREET
SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
(727) 724-1555

COMMUNITY CENTER
650 9TH AVE. SOUTH
SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
(727) 724-1530



SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY
101 2ND STREET NORTH
SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
(727) 724-1525

RIGSBY CENTER
605 2ND STREET NORTH
SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
(727) 724-1545



PUBLIC WORKS (RECYCLING DROP-OFF)
1200 RAILROAD AVE.
SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
(727) 724-1550

SAFETY HARBOR MARINA
131 SOUTH BAYSHORE DR.
SAFETY HARBOR, FL 34695
(727) 724-1545

