



Showcase Safety Harbor

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Public Art Comes to City Hall

City Hall got a nice face lift compliments of local artists Gus & Lina Ocamposilva late last month. The husband and wife team helped Safety Harbor launch a new public art program called “Showcase Safety Harbor” when they installed “Tree” on the front yard of City Hall.



“Showcase Safety Harbor” is a new program created by the City of Safety Harbor and the Safety Harbor Public Art Committee and will feature rotating outdoor artworks. The artwork will highlight the City’s commitment to art and culture and serve as a visual magnet to attract residents and visitors downtown.

“Tree” is inspired by nature, a theme found in many of the Ocamposilva’s art.

“The tree is one of the most important elements of nature because it gives us air to breath and keeps us alive,” said Lina Ocamposilva. “So we wanted to honor it and make a sculpture of a tree.”

Gus and Lina were also inspired by the variety of colors found in trees around Florida. You can find other examples of Gus and Lina’s art on their website.

“Tree” will be on display in front of City Hall for one year, at which time a new piece of public art will be selected.

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