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UPDATES

As part of precautions against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) Delaware State Parks will be implementing safeguards consistent with guidance from state and federal health agencies. We appreciate your support of our Parks and thank you for your understanding during this unprecedented time. We ask that you please adhere to recommended precautions.

1. The Park will remain open
2. There will be no entrance fees charged through April for admission into the Park
3. The beaches are closed
4. The Division has closed all Park Offices, Nature Centers, Pavilions and gathering facilities to the public
5. All interpretive programming and group volunteer activities through May 15 are canceled
6. No public gathering of more than 10 persons, including Friends

MEMBERSHIP

Become a member now, or renew your 2020 membership by going to the Friends website and click either "membership" or "2020 membership renewal". Five new members joined in February, all are welcome! Member volunteer hours increased in February to 353 hours! Thank you all!!!!

POSTPONED EVENTS

The following activities are closed or postponed in following the advisement from the CDC and Delaware State Parks. New dates and openings will be announced, once scheduled:
Bike Barn closed until further notice starting March 15
March 21 – Indoor Flea Market, postponed
April 11 – Trails Day canceled
April 18 – Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting, postponed

RECAP OF EVENTS

March 3 – Lewes Library Community Outreach
March 6 – FOCHSP members John Bracco, Ian Friedland and Rod Parsons were on Radio Rehoboth 99.1 FM
March 12 – FOCHSP Board meeting

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 7

Over 70 participants in attendance!



The Friends dues, contributions, and fundraisers provide for ongoing projects as well as Park identified needs.

Park News

- **The Point at Cape Henlopen, including a stretch of ocean beach and dunes, and a half mile along the bay shoreline closed March 1 for the benefit of threatened and endangered nesting migratory shorebirds and will reopen in the Fall.**
- **Two buoyant mine casings and two mine anchors dating from the 1940's were discovered just north of the fishing pier and will be displayed inside Battery 519 starting April 25th.**
- **Park maintenance picked up a 1986 Chevy 4WD utility truck from Ft. Delaware which will allow a fully stocked vehicle to drive down the beach if needed in an emergency.**

Getting to know our FOCHSP Members: Sandee Coyle



Sandee became a member of the Friends group five years ago and the first day she volunteered for an event she joined the Board. Sandee is involved in many of the activities offered through the Friends. She manages all aspects of the annual Bird Seed Sale. Sandee also cooks and organizes food for events. In general she is an enthusiastic volunteer, involved in helping in all ways she can. Sandee worked for 27 years as a preschool teacher so the Friends sponsored Thatcher Fund, which helps kids to see the beach, has a special place in her heart. Sandee loves Cape Henlopen State Park and is eager to ensure others can experience this special place and enjoy all the wonderful activities that are available.

Getting to know our Park employees: Jayce Madden



Jayce Madden became the Park Manager at Cape Henlopen State Park in March 2018, coming from Killens Pond State Park in Felton, DE, and prior to that working at Loudoun County Parks and Recreation in Sterling, VA. As Park Manager she oversees the Park Office, the Family Campground, all Special Events, Youth Camp and Youth Primitive, Cape Dorms, facility rentals and a number of seasonal staff. Jayce loves the opportunity to serve as a steward for the park and truly feels Cape Henlopen is one of the most beautiful places in the world. She feels fortunate to work at such a great place with wonderful staff.

March 14, 2020: Trails Day had 24 volunteers from the FOCHSP led by Fran Giacomia. There was also a Boy Scout group that assisted in the task of clearing out the wineberry invasive species across from the Ferry. All volunteers were guided by Andy Hansen- Environmental Stewardship Program Team Leader.

