

Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park

newsletter

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New Winter Hours

➤ 2023 Events Calendar ◀

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- **Cape Henlopen Trail Days:** Second Saturday Monthly
THIS MONTH ➤ February 11th 8:45 AM at
Whiskey Beach Pavilion, Gordons Pond Trail south entrance
- **Annual Meeting:** March 4th 9 AM to 11 AM at Officer's Club (Zoom Offering Details TBD)
- **Indoor Flea Market:** March 18th 9 AM to 3 PM ***Time to start putting aside your donations!***
- **Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting:** April 15th 4 PM to 6 PM at Officer's Club
- **Tour de Friends:** May 7th (Rain Date May 14th) 9 AM to 1 PM
- **National Trails Day:** June 3rd 9 AM to Noon
- **Youth Fishing Tournament:** September 9th (Rain Date Sep. 10th) CHSP Fishing Pier 8 to 11 AM
- **Chocolate Tasting:** September 9th 1 PM to 4 PM at Officer's Club
- **Coastal Clean Up:** September 16th 9 AM to Noon
- **Hawk Watch:** Every day September 1 to November 30 (Hawk Watch Pavilion Lot)
- **Birdseed Sale:** Order by October 2nd / Pick Up on Oct 14th at Park Maintenance Garage
- **Christmas Boutique & Book Sale:** November 18th 9 AM to 3 PM at Officer's Club

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FOCHSP Trail Days

January 14, 2023

Gavin Braithwaite and Rich Suszko led the January 2023 FOCHSP Trail Days group of 19 windblown & quite cold brave souls who provided 52 hours of volunteer time. The team split into two groups:

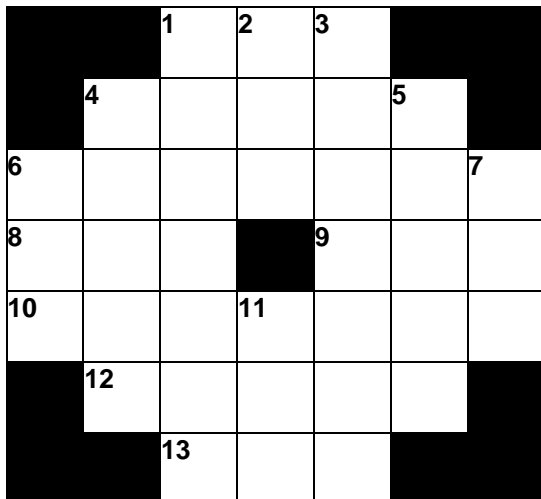
1. Gavin's Group serviced the Playground, The Point and The Point Comfort Station parking lots, the Hawk Watch area, its Pavilion & parking lots.
2. Rich's Group serviced the Seaside Nature Trail, the bay beach along to the Fishing Pier & Pavilion Area as well as the associated parking lots.

An estimate of 60 gallons of trash were collected. Interesting finds included a Rubik's Rectangle, a kite line reel retrieved by Mike Vavrek using his new 96" EZ Grabber and a \$1 bill that Tom Nelson put in the Bike Barn donation box. Both Mike & Joannie Vavrek have received their 96" Grabber Certification.



L to R Tom Nelson (observer), Joannie Vavrek (receiver), Mike Vavrek ("Master Grabber")

PARK PUZZLE by Carl Frey



Across

- 1 Carrier to Copenhagen
- 4 Looks on furtively
- 6 What a surgeon trains to do
- 8 Lord of the Rings goblin
- 9 Momma's boy
- 10 Italian native from the countryside
- 12 London tube
- 13 Bar patron who rarely dries out

Down

- 1 Some are invasive
- 2 You'll find it fresh at Cape Henlopen State Park
- 3 White stuff on a drying Cape Henlopen bather
- 4 Jack that could eat no fat
- 5 Like a beach that's uncomfortable to walk on
- 6 Caveman of the comics: Alley ___
- 7 Roxy Music musician Brian
- 11 Sign on a twisty, poorly graded road

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Bike Barn News January 31, 2023

We saluted our FOCHSP Bike Barn ambassadors at Big Oyster Brewery on Tuesday January 31st. Their outstanding performance this past season was an inspiration to us all. Thanks to their efforts, 2022 sales & donations were the largest ever: exceeding \$16K. Thank you for your service.



Bike Barn Coordinator
Ian Friedland's Encouragement



VP Polly White's Poem



President John Bracco's Thank You

FOCHSP Financial Review January 26, 2023

The FOCHSP Board of Directors met and reviewed finances with our Treasurer Tony Baldino. Since 2022 was the first full post covid year, they were very excited to see that donations exceeded all expectations. The treasurer's reports can be found on our web site by logging into the membership section. First time members must register before admittance.

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[Call for FOCHSP Board of Directors Candidates](#)

The Friends is governed by a Board of Directors dedicated to promoting the enjoyment, enhancement, preservation, maintenance, and improved safety of Cape Henlopen State Park. There are two director positions open for this coming year, 2023. Nominations to the board are now being accepted via email at fochsp@gmail.com. Voting by the membership will take place at our annual meeting in March 2023.

AmazonSmile Update

Amazon plans to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. To help charities like FOCHSP that have been a part of the program, they will be providing a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what was earned in 2022 through the program's close in February. There is still time to register FOCHSP as your designated charity adding more value to your Amazon purchases.

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Get to Know Our Park Staff – Karen Minner

Karen Minner was born in Wichita Falls, Texas at Sheppard AFB. After a short stint in Germany during her early years, she moved back to Wichita Falls and lived there until 1993. Karen went on to attend Midwestern State University and Clemson University. After various career adventures including working in the non-profit sector as a development director, she came to CHSP in March of 2013. Karen is currently our Volunteer Administrator – Internship and Campground Host Program Director and Private Grants Manager. In this position she oversees the internship program, campground host program, and private grants. Julie believes protecting the resources of the park for people to enjoy is one of her primary goals. She loves working with volunteers and educating the public on why protecting the park’s natural resources is so important. Karen is the happiest when she’s in the water so as a water lover, kayaking has become a very special activity now that she is so close to the



2023 Membership Renewal Drive

I would like to remind our members that it is time to renew your membership with the Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park. Please renew by using the link below. If you are a new member that joined after July 2022, don't worry your membership is good until the end of 2023. We appreciate your support. We could not accomplish what we do without your help.

John Bracco- President, Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park

[Membership RENEWAL](#)

Park Updates

- The pothole/dip at the main entrance intersect, which turned out to be caused by a rotted railroad tie, was repaired and new asphalt pavement installed.
- The Seaside Nature Center’s roof was replaced.
- The airline & hose were replaced at the Gordons Pond surf crossing refill station.

SAVE-THE-DATE

February 27, 2023, will be the Friends first chance to participate in Dine to Donates nights at Nicola Pizza. From 4pm to 8pm on Monday February 27th, 20% of your dine in receipt will be donated to FOCHSP. Imagine, you can donate to Friends just by eating pizza. What’s there not to like?



Park Puzzle Answers

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