

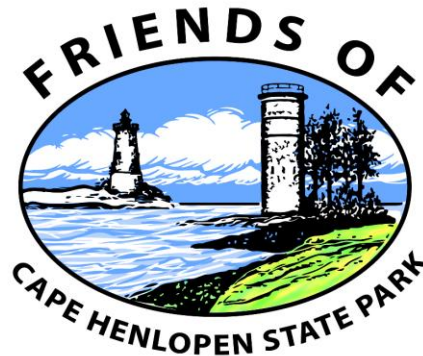
Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park

newsletter

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The Bike Barn is
CLOSED

Until Further Notice

➤ Schedule of 2022 Events ◀

- **Membership Renewals Due:** January 1, 2022 [CLICK HERE TO RENEW](#)
- **Cape Henlopen Trail Days:** Second Saturday Monthly
(THIS MONTH ► January 8th 8:45 AM at Bike Barn)
- **Annual Meeting:** March 5th 9 AM to 11 AM
- **Indoor Flea Market:** March 19th 9 AM to 3 PM
- **NEW Tour de Friends (Family Fun Biking):** Date/Time to be Determined
- **Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting:** April 9th 4 PM to 6 PM
- **National Trails Day :** June 4th 9 AM to Noon (Lunch will be provided)
- **Chocolate Tasting:** September 10th 1 PM to 4 PM
- **Coastal Clean Up:** September 17th 9 AM to Noon
- **Youth Fishing Tournament:** September 24th CHSP Fishing Pier 8 AM to 11 AM
- **Hawk Watch:** Every day September 1 to November 30 (Hawk Watch Pavilion Lot)
- **Birdseed Sale:** Order by October 1st / Pick Up on Oct 15th Park Maintenance Garage
- **Christmas Boutique & Book Sale:** November 19th 9 AM to 3 PM

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Rehoboth Beach Seashore Marathon

December 4, 2021

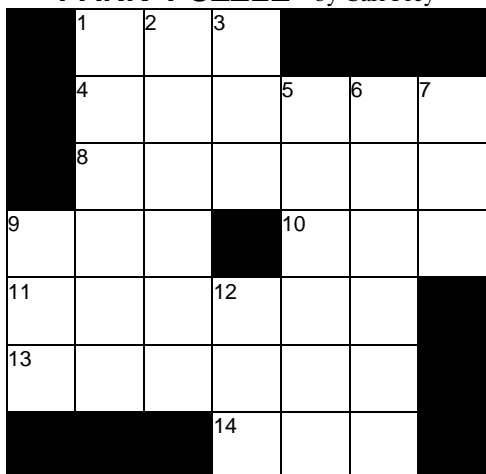
The Friends were there to help at the Rehoboth Beach Seashore Marathon held on Saturday, Dec. 4th. TWENTY FOUR volunteers were on hand to staff the Gordons Pond parking lot and Herring Point trail access water stations while also providing directions and cheers for the runners.



Park Updates

- CHSP Volunteer Manager, Catherine Eckbold, started in her new role as Campground manager this month. A new Volunteer Manager is being sought.
- The Pinelands Nature Trail re-routing project begins January 2022.

PARK PUZZLE by Carl Frey



ACROSS

- Place or position
- Doing the same old same old
- Matures or ages
- Grain associated with a Quaker
- Afternoon beverage at Victoria's on the Rehoboth boardwalk
- Leaf used as a non-caloric sweetener
- Passover dinners
- Summertime top

DOWN

- Jolly Roger flyer
- Working as a team
- Start a Dogfish Head keg
- What many do before moving to the Cape Henlopen area
- A feeling of foreboding
- Luggage peepers
- CIA precursor
- 11/11 honoree

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FOCHSP Trail Days December 11, 2021

FOCHSP Dec 11th Trail Days found seventeen volunteers performed a total of 49.25 hours clearing, cleaning, and pruning along the Gordon Pond trail from Herring Point parking lot down to the bird observation post.



FOCHSP Thanks the Staff of CHSP December 22, 2021

As a special “Thank You” to the staff at Cape Henlopen State Park, the Friends President, John Bracco, and Vice President, Polly White, made a special delivery of a scrumptious holiday pizza lunch. Ho Ho Ho. What no anchovies?



Bikes For Sale

The Bike Barn currently has a nice selection of bikes for sale.

[CLICK HERE FOR ADULT BIKES](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR KID BIKES](#)

We are always looking for donations of bikes in good condition. Just email us at fochsp@gmail.com. Proceeds go back into purchasing parts & supplies for our Borrow-a-Bike program.

Get to Know Our Members – Gavin Braithwaite

Gavin was born and raised on a dairy farm in the southwest of England. That’s what inspired his love of nature and the outdoors.

In 1976, after spending some time in northern Argentina’s cattle country, Gavin’s British employer sent him to Wilmington, Delaware USA.

With a career background as a veterinarian, specializing in entomology research, ticks started out to be Gavin’s thing, but from there he moved on to flies, fleas, mange...and the rest is history. In 1992 Gavin left the corporate world and moved to Lewes with his wife Lou to start their new careers as small business owners. In that year they opened two downtown Lewes shops, The Stepping Stone and PUZZLES.

In the early 2000s, Gavin and Lou were recruited into FOCHSP by Mirth and Dick Thatcher to help with wine and cheese fundraisers. They supplied the cheese which fell right into their line of expertise as they owned and operated Lewes Gourmet.

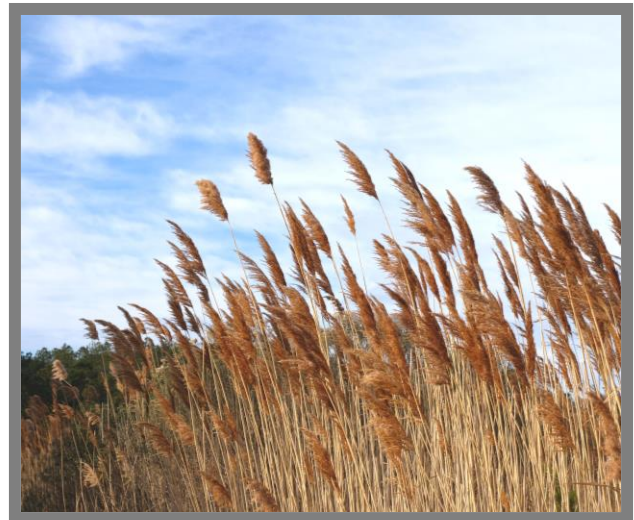
But their familiarity with the park goes way back before that, as Lou was on the park’s Master Plan Steering Committee in the early ‘90s. Later Gavin became “pen-pals” with then-Governor Ruth Ann Minner, as a group of Sussex County residents were pushing back against proposals to blacktop the Gordons Pond Trail.

Today, Gavin spends most of his time as a Bike Barn Ambassador and leading groups on the monthly Trail Days. Not to mention lending a hand with signage and set-up for fundraising events.



Park Puzzle Answers

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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. 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 on March 5th.

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