

Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park

newsletter

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*for Details &
New Winter Hours*

➤ **NEW 2024 Events Calendar** **NEW** ◀

- **Cape Henlopen Trail Days:** Second Saturday Monthly
(**THIS MONTH'S MEET** ▶ January 13th 8:45 AM at the Seaside Nature Center)
- **Annual Meeting:** March 9th 9 AM to 11 AM at Officer's Club (Zoom Offering Details TBD)
- **Indoor Flea Market:** March 16th 9 AM to 3 PM at Officer's Club
- **Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting:** April 13th 4 PM to 6 PM at Officer's Club
- **2024 Earth Day:** April 22nd Meeting Time & Place To-Be-Determined
- **National Trails Day:** June 1st 9 AM to Noon Meeting Time & Place To-Be-Determined
- **Youth Fishing Tournament:** September 7th (Rain Date Sep. 8th) CHSP Fishing Pier 8 to 11 AM
- **Chocolate Tasting:** September 7th 1 PM to 4 PM at Officer's Club
- **Coastal Clean Up:** September 21st 9 AM to Noon Meeting Time & Place To-Be-Determined
- **Hawk Watch:** Every day September 1 to November 30 (Hawk Watch Pavilion Lot)
- **Birdseed Sale:** Order by September 30th / Pick Up on Oct 19th at Park Maintenance Garage
- **Christmas Boutique & Book Sale:** November 16th 9 AM to 3 PM at Officer's Club

PLEASE NOTE: Park Entrance Fees are in Effect March 1 to November 30

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 will be three director positions opening for two-year terms starting in the spring of 2024. Nominations to the board are now being accepted via email at fochsp@gmail.com. Be Part of The Leadership!

Voting by the membership will take place at our annual meeting on March 9th.

Park Updates

- The new Verizon/ATT cell tower is installed and fully functioning. Improved cell service is expected.
- The park will be partially closed Jan. 16 & 17 to perform maintenance projects.

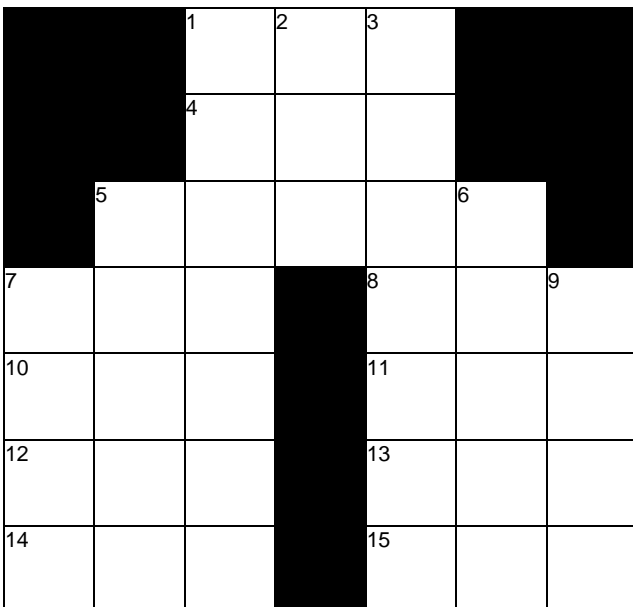
FOCHSP Trail Days December 9, 2023

The FOCHSP December 2023 Trail Days had 22 volunteers in attendance. Led by Fran Giacomia, the group spread out with some doing the entire Pinelands Trail and others cutting off to get on the Bike Loop at Navy Crossing and Ft. Miles. About 5 lbs. of trash was collected, a lot of lopping and pruning was done, everyone was safe and had fun.

FOCHSP Administration News

- Friends member Linda Hardin has volunteered to be our new Volunteer Coordinator.
- Friends member Mary Jane (MJ) Candaux has volunteered to be The Friends merchandising manager.

PARK PUZZLE by Carl Frey



Across	Down
1 A lawn in a hurry	1 Event for a thrifty shopper
4 Actress Gardner from Grabtown, N.C.	2 Egg cells
5 Baseball double and triple	3 New Year's event at Cape Henlopen State Park: 'First ___'
7 Wide shoe specification	5 Pie for nut cases
8 That guy	6 What you find on the web
10 Many a video screen	7 Napoleon's exile island
11 George Harrison's ' <i>Isn't ___ Pity</i> '	9 Poet/writer Angelou
12 Pasture remark	
13 ___ Largo or ___ West	
14 Journey's ' <i>___ Way You Want It</i> '	
15 Hi-tech exploration org. based in Paris	

Running Event Support- Rehoboth Beach Marathon and Half-Marathon December 2, 2023

Other than overcast skies, the weather was great for this year's Rehoboth Beach Marathon and Half-Marathon. With temperatures in the 50s, little to no wind, and dry conditions, thirty FOCHSP members came out to support the event. We staffed water stops at both Herring Point and Gordons Pond beaches. Gordon Pond saw almost 3,000 runners early in the race, while Herring Point and Gordon Pond saw approximately 900 runners who completed the full Marathon.



Running Event Support- Seashore Striders Ugly Sweater 5K Run/Walk December 16, 2023

Friends members assisted at this event by staffing a water stop at the turn-around up in Fort Miles providing approximately 8 hours of total volunteer time. The event was a fundraiser for the non-profit community organization Redemption City, which helps people experiencing homelessness find shelter and comprehensive care. Lovely weather, a lot of kids running, virtually everyone wearing their favorite (or most hated) sweaters or Christmas outfits. A good time was had by all.



FOCHSP Members Holiday Party December 3, 2023

We sure had a great time at our member holiday party. It was nice to get together and spend some quality time without a rake or trash bag in our hands. Thanks to all that joined us. A special thank you goes to our Vice President, Polly White, for all she did to make this event a success.



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FOCHSP Donations- Thatcher Education Fund December 2023

The Friends board approved two Thatcher Grant requests.

- \$597 to Mispillion Elementary School for 85 2nd graders attending Beach Detectives in May.
- \$650 to Phillip C. Showell Elementary School for 56 5th graders attending Seining the Bay & Night Adaptations Hike in May.

FOCHSP Donations- CHSP Main Beach Sign December 2023

The Friends donated the funds to purchase a new sign to help visitors looking for the main beach which was never really called out by signage. Can't miss it now.



FOCHSP Thanks the Staff of CHSP December 21, 2023

The Friends annual "Thank You" lunch to the staff at Cape Henlopen State Park, was "delivered" by Friends Vice President, Polly White and President, John Bracco. FOCHSP are so happy to work with such a dedicated staff that does an amazing job maintaining our beautiful park. This is our way of letting the park staff know just how much they are appreciated. Thank you.



2024 Membership Renewal Available TODAY!

Just wanted 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 2023, don't worry your membership is good until the end of 2024. We appreciate your support and cannot accomplish what we've got planned without your help.

Have a GREAT NEW YEAR!

John Bracco

President- Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park

[Membership RENEWAL](#)

Get to Know Our Park Staff – Scott Borino

Scott Borino was born and raised outside of West Pittston, PA (between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre). He received his BA in History from Temple University and continued his history studies receiving an MA from Villanova University. Scott has worked for the Delaware park system for a bit over 10 years, 2 years as Assistant Superintendent of Indian River Marina, 8 years as Assistant Superintendent of Delaware Seashore State Park, and a short stint as it's Superintendent. In August of 2023 he became the new Coastal Region Administrator. Having worked at two of the three parks that Scott now oversees provided him with a solid foundation to understand the similarities, differences, and complexities that exist within these parks. Additional training was provided him by the parks division through programs like the Indiana University Executive Development Program, The Delaware State Park Supervisory Development Program, and trainings through the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society. As Region Administrator Scott oversees Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware Seashore State Park, and Indian River Marina. He is responsible for the daily supervision and management of the operations, programs and services at these facilities. Scott enjoys meeting and getting to work with the diverse staff, volunteers and friends of the parks. His favorite place at Cape Henlopen State Park is the Walking Dune Trail but he also enjoys fishing near the pier when Bluefish are running. Join us in welcoming Scott to his new digs.



Park Puzzle Answers

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