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MEMBERSHIP

REMINDER: Time to renew your memberships! Go to the Friends website & click "2020 membership renewal".

FOCHSP PROJECTS UPDATE

Osprey Cam: New Osprey Cam is being installed to be ready for Spring births & available for viewing on our website, Youtube, & the Nature Center

Borrow-a-Bike: Free bikes available for riding & used bikes for sale at the Bike Barn. Very successful program with major donations & sales supporting a thriving activity in the park!

Thatcher Education Fund: Thirteen Title 1 schools received FOCHSP scholarships in 2019 to fund field trips for students

Vos: the Belgian Malinois dog who patrols the park with his handler Cpl John Lister receives funding supported by FOCHSP

Storage Shed: Installed behind Officer's Club

The Friends dues, contributions, and fundraisers provide for the ongoing projects listed above as well as general support for the park. In 2019 FOCHSP sponsored the following: Nature center parking lot stone, playground maintenance, lifeguard stands, Fantasy Trail pumpkins, Park toilet services, Mobi-Mats, two beach wheelchairs, osprey cam, K9care

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every month - Trails Day, trail & park clean-up & maintenance, 2nd Sat of each month, 9am-noon, meet at the Nature Center

March 3 – Lewes Library Community Outreach 10am-2pm

March 6 – FOCHSP on Radio Rehoboth 99.1 FM, 8:30am

March 7 – Annual Meeting, 9am-11am at the Officer's Club

March 21 – Indoor Flea Market, 9am-3pm at the Officer's Club (drop off items Mar 20, 10am – 1pm)

April 18 – Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting, 4pm-6pm at the Officer's Club

RECAP OF EVENTS

January 9, Board of Directors meeting approved the 2019 annual report. FOCHSP logged 7,062 volunteer hours in 2019!

January 11, thank you to all those who volunteered at the Trails Day successfully collecting trash along the Point & out to the Pier on a cold windy day.

February 8, thank you to the hardy volunteers who joined the bike loop and salt marsh trail clean up on Trails Day, sweeping the trails, raking, shoveling and bagging trash. It was a sunny day with little wind enabling quite a bit of clean up.

February 13, the FOCHSP Board met at the Biden Center to review plans for 2020. Educational seminars "Friends Talks" and a summer bicycle fundraiser "Tour De Friends" are planned for 2020. Details to come.

Park News

- **Memorial park benches for \$2500.00 and trees for \$250, are available**
- **Water bottle refill stations at Gordon's Pond, FOCHSP funded, are being installed**
- **Public restrooms will be installed by the Park Office & playground**

- **New Washer & Dryers installed in the campgrounds**

Getting to know our FOCHSP Members: John Bracco



John is President of the FOCHSP Board and retired to Lewes with his wife in 2017. After working in New York City they had thought of retiring to New Hampshire until the day they visited Lewes and spent time at Cape Henlopen State Park. The unique nature and breathtaking beauty of the park pulled them to set down retirement roots here. The community of engaged volunteers felt like home and a natural place to begin a new phase of life. If you attend any of the many FOCHSP activities, you will certainly meet John who is deeply involved. He will introduce himself if you don't first, and he will engage you to become active members in the FOCHSP community.

Getting to know our Park employees: Thaddeus Fisher

Thaddeus has been working in the Building Maintenance section of Cape Henlopen State Park for the past five years. He enjoys the quiet beauty of the park and the range of activities that are available. During the winter months he concentrates his work on the bathhouses at the Pier and Main Pavilion, making sure the building and facilities are ready for the beginning of the tourist season. Thaddeus also volunteers on Trails Day as he enjoys engaging with the FOCHSP volunteers to maintain the trails he regularly cares for all year round. Thaddeus has an overview of the Park needs and would appreciate saying hello if you meet him during your visits to the Park or the monthly Trails Day.

February 8, 2020: Trails Day FOCHSP Volunteers



The Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park (FOCHSP) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that works with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, and staff, to support and advocate for one of the county's most unique public parks. Join now!