

Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park

newsletter

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➤ 2025 Events Calendar ◀

- **Cape Henlopen Trail Days:** *USUALLY* Second Saturday Monthly
(THIS MONTH'S MEET ► March 1st 8:45 AM at Seaside Nature Center Parking Lot)
- **Annual Meeting:** March 8th 10 AM to Noon at Biden Environmental Center
- **Indoor Flea Market DONATION DAY:** March 14th 10 AM to 1 PM at CHSP Officers Club
- **Indoor Flea Market:** March 15th 9 AM to 2 PM at CHSP Officers Club
- **Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting:** April 5th 4 PM to 6 PM at CHSP Officers Club
- **Earth Day:** April 22nd **Meeting Time & Place TBD**
- **National Trails Day:** June 7th 9 AM to 1 PM **Meeting Time & Place TBD**
- **Birdseed Sale:** Order September 1st thru 30th / Pick Up on Oct 18th at Park Maintenance Garage
- **Youth Fishing Tournament:** September 6th (Rain Date Sep. 7th) CHSP Fishing Pier 8 to 11 AM
- **Chocolate Tasting:** September 6th 1 PM to 4 PM **venue TBD**
- **Coastal Clean Up:** September 20th 9 AM to Noon **Meeting Time & Place TBD**
- **Hawk Watch:** Everyday September 1st to November 30th (Hawk Watch Pavilion Lot)
- **Holiday Boutique & Book Sale:** November 15th 9 AM to 2 PM **venue TBD**

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

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FOCHSP Trail Days February 8, 2025

It was a cold and gray February morning. The air was heavy with the presence of an impending winter storm. And yet, twenty-three amazing Friends volunteers showed up for our monthly Trails Day. We met at the Seaside Nature Center to pick up some tools and then headed to the Ft. Miles and Observation Tower parking lots. We split into 2 groups. One group worked on clearing the Pinelands trail with loppers, pruners and saws. The second group, armed with picker/grabbers, cleaned up trash around Ft. Miles and the Observation Tower where they collected about 60 pounds of trash. The groups combined for a total of 57.5 volunteer hours.



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FOCHSP Annual Indoor Flea Market

March 15, 2025

Hey FRIENDS, it's almost time for our southern Delaware community to get together and pick through each other's "treasures." The Friends Annual Indoor Flea Market needs you to start collecting your donations of slightly used, in good working condition, items to raise money for our beautiful park.

Bring your "treasures" to the CHSP Officers Club Friday March 14th 10 AM 'til 1 PM.

NOTE: We CANNOT accept clothing items (e.g. shoes), furniture, any textbooks (e.g. computer software guides), dictionaries or encyclopedias.

↓ Click-the-Link ↓

[FOCHSP ANNUAL Indoor Flea Market Saturday March 15th from 9 AM to 2 PM](#)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS- March 13-15, 2025

FOCHSP Annual Indoor Flea Market

March 13th Set Up Day 9 AM to Noon

Five people to set up tables

Five to six people to spread-out donations we already have

March 14th Drop Off and Pricing Day 9:30 AM to 3 PM

Twenty to Thirty people to collect donations, spread them out and price them

March 15th Indoor Flea Market Day 8:30 AM to 3 PM

Twenty-five people to help with sales, bagging, directing, customer assistance, etc.

Five to Eight people need for clean up

Volunteers DO NOT have to work the entire scheduled time. Shifts are available.

Please contact our Vice President and Event Coordinator Polly White

pollywhite@friendsofcapehenlopen.org or call 302-858-6127 & leave a message

PARK PUZZLE by Carl Frey (3/21redux)

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Across	Down
1 What a high tide will do	1 And more just like these (abber.)
4 Weep	2 RuPaul's feathery neckwear
7 Please! Only one ____ Customer!	3 Park's historic military site: ____ 519
8 Tennis server objective	4 Destination for Lewes Ferry
9 End of a feline leg	5 Record label: ____ Victory
11 Summertime top	6 Evergreen used to make longbows
12. ____ trunk or ____ clam	10 Briny expanse
16 Normal for the course	12 Summer beach lotion specification
17 ____ Gardner (aka Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Rooney and Mrs. Sinatra) ____	13. Feather go-with
18 What you'll do if your 12 down is too low.	14. Peron portrayed by Madonna
19 It's often confused with a sweet potato.	15. Aries sign of the ____

FOCHSP Annual Membership Meeting UPDATE

March 8, 2025

This year's annual membership meeting takes place in the newly renovated **Biden Environmental Center**. This is a great opportunity for members to meet each other, review our 2024 accomplishments and join in on planning for the future. The annual meeting is a free event, which is open to the public, however, **PLEASE NOTE** that Park entrance fees will be in effect.

Welcome coffee and donuts will be served from **10:00 to 10:30 AM**. Presentations begin at 10:30 AM and we plan on the meeting lasting until about noon.

The program includes:

- Jeff Underwood, Friends President, reviewing Friends programs, financials and accomplishments for 2024 as well as our planned events and volunteer opportunities for 2025.
- Matthew Ritter, the **NEW Delaware State Parks Director** will be introducing himself and talk about the Delaware state park system, 2024 accomplishments & 2025 plans.
- Sean Cain, Assistant Superintendent CHSP, reporting on park activities through the past year.
- Guest speaker, Suellen Blackwood chairwoman of the local **DarkSky** committee. Suellen will speak to us about the various initiatives taking place in Delmarva to help reduce light pollution and preserve stary skies through the use of proper outdoor lighting.

FOCHSP Event Support- Biden Environmental Center Open House February 22, 2025

What a great turnout at the Biden Center open house. Over 800 people attended generating 24 new members. Our yet to be open Monarch Butterfly Waystation got more than seventy-five interested visitors. Thanks to Rich Langwell for the photos & the Friends information & merchandise team.



FOCHSP Administration News

ITS OFFICAL!!! Our brand-new Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park website is LIVE!

Click-the-Link → fochsp.org.

If you use the old web address, www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org, you'll be redirected to the new site.

Our new website features:

- A new membership page
- Easy navigation
- Information on completed and upcoming projects
- Bird informational pages
- A page highlighting our featured Friends events

We are also working on additional communication channels, so stay tuned to the Newsletter for updates on what's coming next!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS- April 5, 2025

FOCHSP Wine, Beer & Cheese Tastings in the Park

Yes, FRIENDS our fundraising “happy hour”, The Annual Wine, Beer & Cheese Tastings in the Park, on April 5th is almost here. We need about **thirty volunteers** to help make this into another wonderful FRIENDS occasion. Remember, if you volunteer to help, you are eligible to purchase a ticket, on event day, for just \$10.00. You would then work for 2 hrs. of the event and sample for **1 HOUR**.

The hours are as follows: WORK 3 PM - 5 PM TASTE 5 PM - 6 PM
 WORK 5 PM - 7 PM TASTE 4 PM - 5 PM

We need: Hors d'oeuvres-ers: organize and/or prepare appetizers
 Kitchen Helpers: putting appetizers together and onto trays
 Servers: doing exactly that, serving appetizers
 Runners: emptying trash (wine bottles) and dumping discarded wine buckets
 Ticket Takers: collect tickets at the entrance

Please contact our ViP & Event Coordinator Polly White

Email: pollywhite@friendsofcapehenlopen.org or
Call: 302-858-6127 & leave a message

FOCHSP Running Event Support

Hopefully there will be no more snow this winter as we can look forward to Spring. And with Spring comes the running events season. We are looking for volunteers to help with either of these two events.

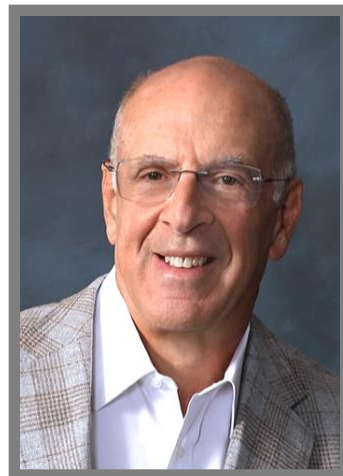
- **Sunday, April 6th, Oy Vey 5K Run/Walk:** 3-4 volunteers needed for a relatively small event which is a fundraiser for the Seaside Jewish Community Center. The water stop/turn-around would be located **along the Junction Breakwater Trail**, between Wolf Neck and Holland Glade. The race is pet friendly so you may get to pet a few dogs!!
- **Sunday, April 13th, Coastal Delaware Running Festival.** This is one of the bigger events of the year, and as such we are looking for approx. 30 volunteers. This will include staffing water stations, as well as acting as course marshals within the park. Typically volunteer t-shirts are provided for this event so if interested please include your shirt size(s) when responding so that we can get the correct number and type of volunteer t-shirts to the race organizers.

INTERESTED?

Please email Alane Owsiany (aowsiany@hotmail.com) and
cc: Ian Friedland (friendlandian@verizon.net)

Get to Know Our Members – Jim Zambito

Jim Zambito grew up in western Pennsylvania. After graduating college, he began his forty plus year career at Johnson & Johnson in New Jersey. Jim wore many hats during that time all supporting Marketing & Communications in areas like finance, operations, procurement, advertising & global media. He and his wife Cathy initially came to Kent County Delaware to train their Labrador Retrievers but after a deeper retirement area search, in 2017, they fell in love with Lewes. The Zambitos moved to Lewes full time in the summer of 2019. It just so happens that they decided to purchase a house that borders on Cape Henlopen State Park. After acclimating themselves with the area they became more interested in what the park has to offer and started visiting often. Jim's new, favorite spot is the vista he enjoys from their backyard which borders the park behind Fire Control Tower #7. They heard about the FRIENDS through park employees and our web site and have just become new members. Jim is eager to help in any way he can. In fact, he has just agreed to be the new newsletter editor. We look forward to his success with the FRIENDS.



2025 Membership Renewal Available TODAY!

Just a reminder, you still have time to renew your 2025 Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park membership.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! JUST Click-the-Link →

Membership
RENEWAL

We appreciate your support and cannot accomplish what we've got planned without your help.

Jeff Underwood

President- Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park



Park Puzzle Answers

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