

# **Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Newsletter April 2019**

## **New Members**

No new members joining our Friends organization during the month of March 2019.

## **President's Corner**

Spring is trying to arrive in the South! If you have been in the Park recently you know it has been extremely busy with spring break campers and visitors and many activities. April 6, 2019 is the first annual Gator Gauntlet race and 1-mile fun race in the Park. Not to mention the Palmetto Camp Out is going on April 6 -7, 2019. Get out and have some fun this weekend.

National Volunteer Recognition week is celebrated April 7 -13, 2019. This week organizations across the country will honor volunteers and recognize the irreplaceable impact of their time and energy all year round. It is also a time for us to honor our volunteers and recognize their impact to our organization and Huntington Beach State Park. While we do not have an organized recognition event the board members and I would like to thank each and everyone of you who volunteer your talents and financially support our efforts to make the Huntington Beach State Park the place that we know and love. We couldn't do it all without you!

Your President,  
*Sandra Barnes*

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## **Annual Election of Officers**

The Friends of Huntington Beach State Park will hold its annual board member elections in June. Per our bylaws each board member position is a two-year term. When our charter was created in 2003 the election of officers was established so that not all of the officer positions would expire in the same year. This year we have 6 officer positions that are expiring and fortunately all have agreed to stay on for another term. However, we still have openings for 3 more officers. If you are interested in serving as a board member please contact our President Sandra Barnes at [sbarnes93@ymail.com](mailto:sbarnes93@ymail.com) or our Vice President Karen Korzeniewski at [korsz@sccoast.net](mailto:korsz@sccoast.net) for more information and / or submit your name for nomination. Nominations should be submitted no later than April 15, 2019. The ballot will be sent out the end of April and /or early May and the election results will be finalized at our annual all members picnic.

## **Membership Renewal**

At the end of April/beginning of May members will start receiving their membership renewal information. Those of you who recently joined our organization will not need to renew. You will however receive an envelope containing an invitation to our all members picnic on June 12, 2019 and a ballot to elect officers of our organization. We look forward to seeing everyone in June at the picnic. Members renewing and those who do not need to renew this year will receive their new vehicle decals once they are available.

### Renewal Categories of Membership Information

- Family Volunteer Membership is \$30 and includes all members of the family living in the household with badges to wear when volunteering.
- Individual Volunteer Membership is \$25 and includes a badge to wear when volunteering.
- Supporting Membership is \$50. This membership is for persons living in or out of the area who wish to support us financially, but cannot volunteer. Those in this category receive one vehicle decal but no volunteer badge.

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## **Earth Day 2019**

Earth Day is celebrated around the world and our neck of the woods on April 22, 2019. Look out for local activities that you can participate in to help save our area and the planet. It is also a good day to get out and take a walk. Take a trash bag with you and pick up trash including plastic.

## **Save the Date**

Mark your calendar for June 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Shelter #1 for our annual all members picnic. More details to come!

## **The Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Website**

Please be sure to bookmark on your computer or tablet our website [www.friendshbsp.com](http://www.friendshbsp.com)

If you would like to make a monetary online donation to the Nature Center Building Fund click on the Donation Tab on the far right at the top of any of our website pages or you can click on the underlined Heading (that will take you to the page for the Friends PayPal account).

If you wish to mail in a donation, please make the check out to the Nature Center Rebuilding Fund and mail to the following address:

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