

# **Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Newsletter June 2018**

## **Please Welcome**

During the month of May 2018 the Friends did not have any new members. However, the first of June we welcomed John and Meri Peed to our organization. If you see them in the Park welcome them to our group!

## **President's Corner**

This is my last newsletter as President of the Friends of Huntington Beach State Park organization. I will remain on the board and continue to support the many activities of our non-profit group. Oh what many things our group does for the Park! Prior to becoming President in 2016, I was a long time Friends member and a board member since 2014. I knew the hard work our group does to support the Park and the doubly hard work our board members do to support the Park and our members. But, I don't think I knew fully what was involved in being the President. In my first month as President in 2016 the Nature Center fire occurred. Since that fire our board and all of our members have split time and monetary efforts into supporting the immediate things needed by the Park that couldn't be funded by the state and putting money into an account to purchase the exhibits for the new Nature Center. These efforts and many more efforts will continue under the leadership of Sandra Barnes as President.

My many thanks to my board and all of you as members for the support you have given me during my tenure as your President.

Your President,  
*Sally Kelly*

## **What's Happening in the Park**

The Park is in its full summer swing with visitors and beach goers. In addition to human visitors there are two active turtle nests on the beach at Huntington Beach State Park as of this newsletter. How exciting! Members of the Friends organization and others take turns early each day walking the different sections of Huntington Beach State Park searching for turtle nest so that if found the Rangers can put up the protective netting. If you happen to see an unprotected turtle nest be sure to notify the Park immediately.

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As we have been reporting the South campground is open and guests are enjoying its amenities. While the campground is open the beach access ramp for that area is not open to date. The ramp still needs safety handrails installed. Stay tuned. The handrails will be installed very soon until then it is not safe to use that particular beach access ramp.

## **Your Friends Activities**

This coming Wednesday June 13, 2018 starting at 5:00 p.m. our annual all members meeting / picnic will be held at Shelter #1. If you are coming and have not advised Charlie West please do so a.s.a.p. Charlie West can be reached @ 843-650-1979 or westdale@sccoast.net.

## **Membership Renewal**

Many of you have already renewed your annual membership and thank you for doing so. New car decals for renewing members are being mailed out as soon as we receive your renewal check and information. New car decals must be on your car by July 1, 2018 in order to enter Huntington Beach State Park without a valid South Carolina Park pass. Anyone not renewing their membership will be also be removed from our rosters by August 1, 2018.

## **No Board Meeting or Newsletter in July**

As the first Wednesday of the month falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July the board will not meet and there will not be a July newsletter. See you in August!

## **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)