



Spring 2013 • Have you renewed your membership for 2013? [www.hammockpark.org](http://www.hammockpark.org)

The Friends of the Hammock Board of Directors and the Hammock City Advisory Board meets the second Monday of every month at the Dunedin Community Center, Room 161, 1920 Pinehurst Road at 7 P.M.

All members and public are welcome. Friends of the Hammock of Dunedin, Inc. is an IRS-recognized non-profit organization.

## Hammock Benchmark Restoration Project



**Old bench**



**New bench**

The Friends of the Hammock of Dunedin, Inc. is seeking donations from individuals, groups and organizations to help fund much-needed natural restoration projects in the Hammock.

For a \$1,000 donation, the Friends of the Hammock will purchase a bench with the donor(s) personalized inscription. Memorialize a loved one, honor a friend, recognize your organization or highlight your school with a two line inscription on a bench. Season after season your bench will be a welcome spot to stop, rest, and enjoy the beauty of the Hammock.

There are 24 sites available for the new benches. They will be replace the aging and mismatched ones currently within the Hammock and Youth Guild Park. The City of Dunedin will permanently mount each six foot forest green bench on a concrete pad.

These park benches are a superior product with a 50-year limited warranty from the manufacturer. They are made from a closed molecular formula of recycled plastic products which protects them against mold, mildew and rot. They are waterproof, stain resistant, UV resistant, splinter free and are impervious to insects and bacteria. They require no painting or sealing and are not affected by cleaning products. Graffiti paint, ink and other substances cannot permeate the plastic making them easy to clean.

However, in the rare event part of a bench is damaged, The Friends of the Hammock will pay up to \$100 per bench for

replacement parts for the first five years after the bench is installed. Further costs for repairs will be at the discretion of the donor(s).

**If you wish consider a donation contact the Dunedin Parks and Recreation Department at 727-812-4531.** We'll schedule a meeting with a Friends of the Hammock representative to discuss the inscription parameters desired and obtain approval by the Board of Directors of Friends of the Hammock. Or, you can pick up a donation slip at the Kiosk in the main picnic area of the Hammock.

You may also give a partial donation for a community bench with inscriptions such as: Our Dogs Love the Hammock, Dunedin Isles Neighbors, Fairway Estates Families, Dunedin Falcons, San Jose Elementary School, UF Gators Alumni, FS Seminoles, Alumni, USF Bulls Alumni, SPC Titans Alumni, Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, or Hammock Guardians. If your choice is not fully funded, or if you chose to make a general donation for the Restoration Project, your gift will be applied to a bench selected by the Friends of the Hammock and to reforestation and invasive plant control.

**Make donation payments to Friends of the Hammock, c/o Parks & Recreation, 1920 Pinehurst Road., Dunedin, FL 34698 Indicate Bench Inscription On Your Check.**

**Help us in our efforts to preserve Hammock Park with your tax-deductible donation to the Benchmark Restoration Project.**

## **Birdbanding In The Hammock**

***Sundays 8:00 AM to Noon on March 17, 2013, March 24, 2013, April 7, 2013, April 21, 2013 & April 28, 2013***

***Researchers Will Be On Kettles Trail (South East Of Palm Trail)***

You are invited observe a bird banding conservation project in the Hammock and talk with the researchers who study these birds. Environmental educator, Jim McGinity will highlight one of the most spectacular events throughout the Americas — Bird Migration. Learn the important role of Hammock Park to a wide variety of migratory birds and what part the park plays in this research.



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## **Join The Friends Of The Hammock For Dr. Tom Cuba's Spring Fling In Hammock Park**

***Sunday Afternoon, March 10, 2013 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM***



**Meet in the main picnic area and begin an expert guided tour along Hammock Trails exploring the flora, fauna and ecology of the forest in the springtime.** During this leisurely stroll, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and discover the wonders of this unique natural feature. Dr. Tom Cuba, a Certified Environmental Professional and Certified Lake Manager, has degrees in Zoology and Marine Science with an emphasis on successional ecology. He has years of experience studying the Hammock and working to remove invasive plants with his company, Delta 7. As the former Administrator of the Pinellas County Environmental Resources Management Division, he offers a unique perspective of this sensitive preserve. You will enjoy his delightful presentation and be amazed by his vast knowledge of Florida environs. Water will be provided.