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 nonprofit organization.

Hammock Profiles

Intrepid City Arborist

Art, Finn, City of Dunedin Arborist and dedicated spelunker, is used to rappelling down the walls of caves, but recently went the opposite direction in a daring rescue mission. When called upon to return a Great Horned Owl chick that had fallen out of its nest, Art didn’t hesitate to volunteer. He catapulted a rope up to the top of 70-foot pine tree and proceeded to hoist himself up to return the baby to its parents. The feat was made all the more difficult because the nest was degraded and he had to rebuild it with twigs and Spanish Moss passed up to him. With the chick safely returned, he left a rodent treat in the nest to insure the parents would return.

Boy Scouts & “Friends” Unite With City

With funding from Friends of the Hammock, City coffers and a specific donation, the Hammock received a boost in its tree population. Boy Scouts volunteers planted six Black Gum (Tupelo) trees, six Red Maple trees, six Sweetbay Magnolia trees and twelve Cypress trees. In addition they planted fifty swamp ferns that are indigenous to the area. To further improve access to the Hammock they shelled and elevated the Harris Trail, adding much needed drainage tubes to ensure a dry trail.

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Cyclists To Get Unique Rack

A new bicycle rack, designed by Bill Coleman, a Dunedin metal sculpture craftsman, will feature a butterfly design and be put in front of the Butterfly Garden.

Mr. Coleman’s uniquely shaped bike racks can be seen throughout the downtown area. With this project he has “spread his wings” to the Hammock. The six unit parking design will encourage cyclists to visit the Hammock and the Butterfly Garden, knowing their bikes will be safe.

Major Preserve Management Plan Proposed

A long term professional interdisciplinary management plan for the Hammock has been proposed by The Friends of the Hammock and the Parks & Recreation Department and will be considered for funding by the City Commission. The study would include an assessment and description of the plant community, ecological health of the preserve, hydrological factors, measures and justification for eradication of large exotic species, long-term management and restoration of the upland plant community and its gopher tortoise population. The proposal would include an on-site review of progress in implementing the plan at two and four year intervals with key measurable benchmarks.
**Seeing Green**

Friends of the Hammock and the Pinellas Co. Chapter of The Florida Native Plant Society really saw green on St. Patrick’s Day when almost fifty volunteers worked all morning to remove one hundred and fifty bags of invasive ground cover from the Hammock. The cleared area now has a better chance for native growth to thrive.

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**International Migratory Bird Day Celebration Includes Hammock Park**

Participate the 20th anniversary of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) and observe an actual research project being conducted in Hammock Park.

On Thursday, April 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Environmental Educator Jim McGinity, will present a free program in the Elliott Room at the Dunedin Community Center.

At the event you will learn about the international efforts of the IMBD and 20 ways you can help migratory birds. You will discover a local migratory bird conservation program being conducted in the Hammock, an important natural area for a wide variety of migrating birds.

This presentation is combined with an opportunity to see the migratory bird banding project in the Hammock on Sunday, April 22 from 8:00 AM to Noon on Palm Trail. Researchers and trained volunteers will be on hand the entire morning to explain and demonstrate the techniques used in the research. Viewers can come and observe at any time that morning.