Helping the Helpers
Invasive Removal Day,
Hammock Park Shelters
Saturday January 14, 2017,
9:00 AM to Noon
Volunteers who have adopted sections of the Hammock to control invasive plants will get a Spring jump-start if you join to help them on January 14th. The targets for remove are invasive Boston ferns and a new crop of air potatoes. Collection buckets will be provided. Bring gardening gloves and wear appropriate clothing for venturing into the woods. A hotdog cookout with chips and drinks will be provided after the event. Meet at the main entrance picnic shelters at 9 AM for assigned areas.

Hammock Matriarch Reaches Milestone
Vivien Skinner Grant, Dunedin native and Friends of the Hammock founder, celebrated her 103 birthday on 9-9-2016.
Vivien was also instrumental in getting the park designated the first “State of Florida Natural Feature” under a project heralded by the Florida Department of Natural Resources in 1976.

Friends of the Hammock, Inc.
c/o Parks & Recreation
1920 Pinehurst Road
Dunedin, FL 34698

Find us on the web at hammockpark.org & on Flickr.com as Dunedin’s Hammock Park

YES! I want to be a “Friend of the Hammock” and help preserve this park for future generations!

Here’s my tax-deductible donation payable to Friends of the Hammock:
☐ Corporate – $40  ☐ Family – $15  ☐ Individual – $10  ☐ Student – $5

Name (Please print)_________________________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State _________________ Zip __________________
Tel ( ) _________________________ E-mail ____________________________________________

Mail check (no cash please) to:
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**“Fun” Raisers**
The grass roots effort by the Friends of the Hammock to help the City retire the debt on the environmentally important eight-acre addition to the park has resulted in donations totaling over $25,000. Thanks go to the Blue Lightening Band who performed at the Hammockstock Concert and helped raise over $1,400 for the cause. The Board is also grateful to Tina Avila, owner of Casa Tina’s Mexican Restaurant who donated 20% of her dining profits for one evening to the cause. She also provided a venue for a successful raffle that raised $1,000. Kudos to all the volunteers who helped at both events.

**Friends of the Hammock Annual Meeting — Keeping Dunedin Green**
Join the Friends of the Hammock at the annual meeting on Monday, January 30th, Dunedin Community Center Elliott Room at 7:00 PM to gain an understanding of the challenges that face the City as they look at acquisitions and costs for parkland. As Dunedin reaches maximum development, the importance of saving as much green space as possible becomes forefront in planning for our future. Superintendent of Parks Lanie Sheets will present “Keeping Dunedin Green – Understanding the Past, Present, and Future of the Land Development Ordinance (LDO)” which intends to clarify the role of the LDO in this process. Learn how the ordinance has worked and how it will work in the future to help purchase and protect dwindling green spaces for Dunedin residents. Enjoy refreshments and a Fifty-Fifty Raffle after the presentation.

**Butterfly Garden Renewal**
The GFWC North Pinellas Womans’ Club works to bring positive changes through community service. As long-time members of the Friends of the Hammock, they have brought their hands-on directive to the Butterfly Garden. Members have volunteered their time and financial resources with a late fall project to clean and upgrade the plant beds in anticipation of adding new butterfly-attracting flowers in early spring. The sprinkler system has been repaired and upgraded according to Butterfly Garden founder Theresa Polgar.

**Fall Migration Bird Count**
The fall migratory bird count in the Hammock yielded 89 birds and 87 visitors. Jim McGinity, Master Bander, reported they had two new surprises with the capture and banding of a yellow-bellied flycatcher and an orange-crowned warbler. With the help of the Clearwater Audubon Society, 24 species were documented, including 28 gray catbirds and 15 cardinals. For more photos and information visit: hammockbirdbanding.wordpress.com