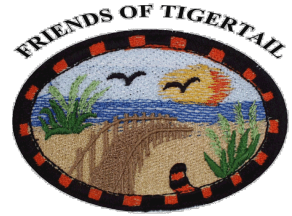


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Friends of Tigertail Beach, Inc. Marco Island, Florida

FOT President's Report

The intent of this newsletter is to notify FOT members of some important upcoming events in the next few months. As you may recall from our October news, sadly, due to personal circumstances, President Joanna Metzger has had to resign from the Board of Directors. Her unexpected departure has created a great deal of work, not only for myself but for the other Board members as well. We desperately need to fill the vacancy on the Board as soon as possible, and are hoping that an interested member will step up and volunteer for the vacant position. Most Board members have been serving for quite a long time and it's time for other members to volunteer their time and expertise to keep the Friends of Tigertail non-profit group functioning.

Student Scholarships

The Friends of Tigertail group has been providing student scholarships each summer to deserving students each summer so that they may participate in important environmental

education projects. For 2023, the FOT Board of Directors made the decision for donating to the Marco Island Academy (MIA) Ambassadors of the Environment Camp, supporting student scholarships. The camp took place in early June, introducing the 12-14-year-old participants to several hands-on environmental experiences, including beach exploration, nature walks, kayaking, snorkeling, and lab activities. Without scholarship donations, several students would not have been able to attend the camp, and Friends of Tigertail joined Rene and Tish Champagne and the Relley family in providing this support, knowing that early introduction to the environment fosters lifelong interest.

December 2nd

8-10am

Tigertail Beach Cleanup

Friends of Tigertail hosts a Tigertail Beach cleanup quarterly. This event has been scheduled for December 2nd for the 4th quarter. The cleanup will run from 8-10am. As usual, plastic bags and gloves will be provided, as well as grabbers. We will also provide water and informational literature. You may have noticed that Collier County has not been

Board of Directors and Officers

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Harriette Tax

maintaining the park as well as it used to, so let's have a HUGE turnout to show County officials that we, the public and Friends of Tigertail really care about the park.

January 5th 2024

4-6pm

Members Welcome Back Picnic and Party



Some of our snowbird members have already returned and others are coming back soon. We are also welcoming all members who are here year-round as

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we usher in a new year. The Board of Directors are sponsoring a "Welcome Back" picnic with hotdogs, snacks, salads and adult beverages on Friday, December 5th. The picnic will be hosted by Harriette Tax at her beautiful home on the water at Barfield Bay. The address is 935 Caxambas Dr. We hope to see as many members as possible and also welcome all guests who have an interest in joining Friends of Tigertail! **Please bring lawn chairs and prepare for a good time!**

**January 13th 2024
Breakfast and Birds**

Friends of Tigertail will host our 21st 'Breakfast and Birds' on Jan. 13 at Tigertail Beach from 10:00 to 11:30. Bring your breakfast and meet other

interested birders to learn about the shorebirds and wading birds which forage on the mudflats and in the shallow waters of the lagoon. Binoculars are recommended. Birding ID cards, hats and shirts will be available for a donation. FOT memberships are tax deductible and benefit our scholarship program. This is a free program. Parking is free with a Collier County Beach Parking sticker. No reservations necessary.



PLEASE VOLUNTEER - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

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Our Mission Statement:

"The Friends of Tigertail Beach, Inc. is dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the natural features of Tigertail Beach".