

The Sandy Hook
Foundation



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The Sand Paper A Newsletter from The Sandy Hook Foundation

Dear Friends of Sandy Hook,

It's been a great start to the fall season on Sandy Hook, especially with our All-Star Benefit Concert held on Sunday, September 26. Over 1,200 people came out to support us and we were blessed with fabulous weather, plenty of outside space on Beach E, and an afternoon of terrific performances from some of the Jersey Shore's best musicians.

Special thanks to The Haven, our house band, and all the individual performers including Tim McLoone, Carl Gentry, Layonne Holmes, Kyle Ward, Sam Sims, Joe Bonanno, Karl Pfeil, Steve Russo, Lisa Sherman, Pat Guadagno, Robert Murdock and Lee Scott Howards.

Also huge thanks to our restaurant partners including the Stavola's Salt and Smoke Kitchen, David Burke's Red Horse and Drifthouse, and Beach Haus Brewery.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to our generous sponsors Betsy and Bob Barrett, Donna and David Hoder, John and Gail Waltz, and Robert Donald and Jennifer Chrone, and thank you to **Sherman and Sons Fine Jewelers**, for the beautiful Sandy Hook bracelets.

Sandy Hook has many interesting programs and opportunities coming up in October, so come out and enjoy your national park. Fall is one of the best seasons on the Hook!

The Staff and Board of Trustees of the Sandy Hook Foundation





Hydration Station Near Completion

The Sandy Hook Foundation's hydration station project, in partnership with the National Park Service, will result in four spigots pouring potable water for reusable bottle refills. This will be located on the north side of building 157 near the Observation Deck and Lot M, where visitors can hydrate while walking, running, biking, or just exploring Sandy Hook. The decking is almost finished and next steps are the signage and spigots.



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October Programs in the Park



Monarch Butterfly Walk

Like many birds, monarch butterflies migrate south for the winter. They're not able to survive winters in the US. The plant the caterpillar feeds on, milkweed, is not available to them in the winter. Every fall, in early October, huge clouds of monarch butterflies make the 2,500-mile trek south where they live in hibernation for six to eight months. Then, in February or March, the entire cycle starts all over again. This remarkable insect will be featured on a ranger-led tour U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot (between Lot D and Lot E)



Your Business ... at the Beach

The Sandy Hook Foundation is partnering with the National Park Service to host corporate beach cleanups for interested companies.

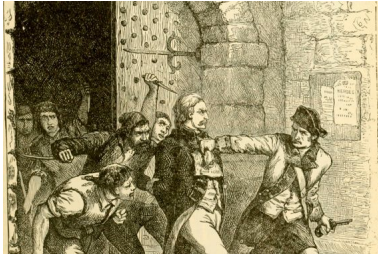
Gather together with colleagues and forward your community engagement goals, while providing a much

needed service in our National Park. This fee-based program fosters team building and pollution awareness during your day at Sandy Hook. This day of service will include a ranger-led introduction and information session, materials and supplies, and snacks or a boxed lunch depending on engagement level.

Please email info@sandyhookfoundationnj.org or call (732) 291-7733 to learn more. To make a corporate contribution to The Sandy Hook Foundation please [click here](#).

Tall Tales and Sandy Hook Lore this Halloween Season

Oral tradition tells of a secret cellar beneath



the Sandy Hook Lighthouse or the Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters, which, when excavated in the 1860s, revealed an eerie skeleton seated before a fireplace (or at a table, depending upon who is telling the tale). Almost a century later, the Army Corps of Engineers unearthed the corpses of four men and one woman buried near the base of the lighthouse. Allegedly, these are not the only skeletons at Sandy Hook. According to New Jersey folklore, Captain Kidd, the infamous pirate, buried his ill-gotten booty in the pines of Sandy Hook. To this day, his skeletal crew is said to anchor their phantom vessel, The Adventure Galley, at Sandy Hook, and roam the shore in search of the lost treasure. The pirate skeletons supposedly dance in the moonlight, swords in hand, before sailing into the shadows once more.

The most popular ghostly legend surrounding Sandy Hook Lighthouse is, perhaps, that of the ghost of Captain Huddy, a prominent 18th Century Middletown citizen and Patriot.

Captain Huddy, dressed in his Patriot's uniform, is allegedly a frequent spectral visitor to the Sandy Hook Light. During the American Revolution, both Patriots and Tories had a vested interest in the Sandy Hook Lighthouse: the Patriots needed to watch British naval movements to and from New York City, a British stronghold and the British sought to protect Sandy Hook Lighthouse against the rebels who might want to destroy it to increase British shipwrecks. Captain Huddy was captured when he led an attack on British troops stationed at Sandy Hook. Falsely accused of murdering a British soldier, Captain Huddy was swiftly hanged from a tall tree in the Highlands overlooking Sandy Hook Bay, on April 12, 1782. Ever since his tragic death, Captain Huddy is rumored to wander the shores of Sandy Hook intent upon vengeance. Of course, the importance of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse exceeds its ghostly lore. In 1889, the lighthouse became the first in the country to be lit by electric incandescent lamps. It remains in operation, and is equipped with a 3rd order Fresnel lens illuminated by a 1,000 watt bulb, emitting 45,000 candle-power and visible 19 miles at sea. As long as the Sandy Hook Light

Saturday, October 2

10am - 11:30am

Reservations required by calling 732-872-5970, 1 mile

Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey Weekend

The Sandy Hook Lighthouse is one of 10 NJ land-based lighthouses, museums, and two life-saving stations along the Atlantic coastline and Delaware Bay open for tours on 10/16 and 10/17. These two days of fun and exploration will help raise funds for the continued preservation, education, and restoration of these historic structures. For more information visit

<https://lighthousechallenge.nj.com/> or follow on

Facebook: Lighthouse Challenge of NJ.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Saturday, 10/16, 8 am - 6 pm

Sunday, 10/17, 8 am - 6 pm



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shines, the ghostly legends of Sandy Hook will not dim.

Repost from The Monmouth Journal 2009

Image above: Captain Huddy being taken to prison



From Our Friends in the Park ...

American Littoral Society's Spooky Walk

Join the American Littoral Society for their annual Sandy Hook Spooky Walk! Get into the Halloween Spirit on this moonlight walk around Historic Fort Hancock where ghosts have been known to linger. Cider and fall snacks will be provided. Dress for the weather and be prepared to walk approximately two miles. Fun for the whole family, ages 10+

Littoral Society HQ, 18 Hartshorne Drive

Thursday, 10/28, 7 pm – 9 pm

\$20 per person. Participants must register in advance

[HERE](#)

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