

**The Friends of Liberty State Park
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Dear Friends,

Summer, 2007

Greetings ! We hope you'll be coming out to enjoy the park's beauty and peacefulness and the Jersey City free **Summerfest** concerts. These diverse shows with jazz, rhythm and blues, some rock, and country, will take place on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm, and at a new time on Sundays, 5 to 7 pm. Again this year, they will take place on the eastern side of Liberty House Restaurant. Park in the ferry lot on Zapp Drive for free after 4 pm. Bring your family and friends and picnics.

We especially appeal to your generosity this year. In addition to your usual annual contribution, please help us pay our legal costs in our fight to preserve the sacred NYC views and the Public Plaza. We were forced to start the law case because the Governor ignored the clear, strong voice of park users opposing the hill and walls 9/11 Memorial.

Sunday July 29 at 2:00 pm is our Members Barbecue, in the southern end of the Terminal Concourse. Please RSVP to above email address or call 201-792-1993.

The park is looking great. The **Friends Garden Program volunteers**, under the guidance of Maria de Wakefield, LSP's now full-time, knowledgeable horticulturist, have made a real difference in the number and quality of the park's gardens. Friendly volunteers come to pitch in every Sat. from 8 am to 11 am, rain or shine, and **everyone, with no experience necessary, is always welcome.** The Friends funded **\$10,000 of trees** this Spring, with the cooperation of the NJ Tree Foundation (NJTF) which selected, delivered and planted the trees. **The new wetland** with a pond and paths behind the Interpretive Center (where chromium was removed) will open in Fall.

The Friends volunteers were augmented last Fall by the NJ City University students of Dr. Cindy Arrigo and by the volunteers of the **Rutgers Master Gardeners Class**, which starts again at LSP in September. For information about volunteering or the Master Gardener Class, please contact **Maria at 201-915-3418 or at gardening@libertystatepark.us**

On a Sat., please call LSP's office to find out where the volunteers are (201-915-3403).

Another wonderful group of volunteers has been Goldman Sachs employees who worked on four days beautifying the park. Their main project was the "Freedom Gardens" in three beds at the northern entrance to Freedom Way near Zapp Drive. Please contact us if you work at a company that has an **employee volunteer work program, or a workplace contribution program.**

We also thank all those who came to or contributed to our Luncheon (next year it's on May 4), and volunteers at our mailings and festival information tables, and in our salt marsh clean-ups. If you want to become more involved with any aspect of the Friends' activities, please contact us.

Next April, the Friends of Liberty State Park will turn 20 years old !

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