

Dear Friends of Liberty State Park,

Summer, 2011

With LSP 35 years old, we thank you all for supporting this urban open space, a treasure of history and nature. We have tried to live up to the challenge and mission of protecting, guiding and improving this public land. **We hope you'll make a member contribution to help us continue our efforts.** We funded 100 new shade trees this Spring, and volunteer gardeners are making the park more attractive. The Interior Restoration's first stage and the Picnic Pavilion Field, partly funded by our Hudson County grant, will start construction in the Fall.

UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday August 7th at 2:00 pm is our annual Members Barbecue. Please RSVP to above email or phone number. BBQ is in Terminal Concourse's south side. Superintendent Josh Osowski lets us park behind Terminal (turn right just before brick bathroom on Zapp Drive, and go around sheds). Summerfest concert in Liberty House gardens is at 5 pm.

“City of Water Day” Festival - Sat. 7/16 10am to 4pm. Largest family waterfront event in the region. Location is the field just to east of Liberty House Restaurant gardens across from ferry lot. Boat tours, kids' activities, music. Free rides to Governors Island for more activities. To volunteer, please contact above email/ph.

Summer Programs: For nature Interpretive Center programs and free kayak “eco-tours” (call 201-915-3409 for both) & Terminal programs (201-915-3440). Also, please see Home Page & “Upcoming Events” at www.folsp.org

Senior Citizens: for free parking in Ferry Lot and Liberty Science Center lot and in other state parks, please go to the park's office at the south end of the park and fill out the application to get a “State Park Service Senior Citizen Pass”.

Volunteer Gardeners -with no experience necessary - Are Always Needed and Appreciated

The Friends' main ongoing program is our Volunteer Garden Beautification Program. Volunteers work on existing gardens and create new ones. The park's reputation as a garden showcase is growing.

On almost every Saturday of the year, from 9am to Noon, the park's official gardener, Maria Wakefield, welcomes volunteers and is always glad to give help and advice to volunteers of all ages. Individuals and a variety of groups including employees of small companies and large corporations, church groups, college honor societies, and other non-profit groups participate each year. Groups can also arrange to volunteer on a weekday which several corporate partners have done. Volunteers leave the park feeling good for having made a real difference in beautifying the People's Park. For more info, please contact Maria at lspgardening@verizon.net or 201-915-3418. For corporate employee groups, please contact vice pres. Michel at schatzidog@earthlink.net

Shuttle Bus – We thank all who worked to save the shuttle bus from the LSP Light Rail station into and around our waterfront urban state park. The bus will run on summer weekends through Labor Day - making stops every half hour - and it costs \$1 per ride. The first shuttle loop leaves the Light Rail station at 9 am and the last loop around the park leaves at 9:30 pm. We urge people to use the shuttle to enjoy LSP's terrific destinations including the lawns, picnic areas, playgrounds; the historic train Terminal where the Statue Cruises ferries leave for Lady Liberty and Ellis Island; Liberty Science Center; Liberty Landing Marina with its restaurants, Liberty House Restaurant and Maritime Parc and also the Offshore Sailing School; and also Pole Position Raceway (outside LSP off of Caven Point Road and a short walk from LSP's southwest corner's Liberty Park Café Diner). Those businesses thankfully joined the Friends in contributing about half of the shuttle bus costs and we also thank Hudson County Exec. Tom DeGise and NJ Transit for rescuing the shuttle bus by agreeing to fund the other half of the costs. We strongly urge the state next year to fully fund the shuttle. County Freeholder Chairman Bill O'Dea played a leadership role and the Freeholders approved a Resolution to save the shuttle. We also thank park officials and Senators Sandra Cunningham and Brian Stack.

Enjoy your summer!

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