

**The Friends of Liberty State Park**  
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Dear Friends,

**Summer 2012 Newsletter**

With LSP 36 years old, we thank you all for supporting this urban green space, American sacred ground. We have tried to live up to the challenge and mission of protecting, guiding and improving this waterfront jewel. We funded 75 trees this Spring. **We hope you'll make a membership contribution to help us continue our efforts.** You could send it to the above address or go online to donate at [www.folsp.org/donate/donate\\_now.htm](http://www.folsp.org/donate/donate_now.htm)

The new LSP Superintendent Rob Rodriquez and Deputy Superintendent Jon Luk, both from this urban area, are enthusiastic about LSP's future, and about working with the Friends and the public. If you have any park issues or questions to discuss, please call them at the park office, 201-915-3403.

We hope you will enjoy the new **"The Gardens at LSP Map & Guide"**, created by longtime garden volunteer Agnes de Bethune. If you didn't get it in the mail, please pick one up at the park office or Terminal info counter. This wonderful brochure includes LSP's main 16 gardens, established and maintained by gardening volunteers.

**Volunteer Gardeners - with no experience necessary - are always needed and appreciated.**

The Friends' main ongoing program is our Volunteer Garden Beautification Program. On almost every Saturday of the year, from 9am to Noon including refreshment time, LSP's Chief Gardener, Maria Wakefield, welcomes volunteers and is always glad to give guidance to volunteers of all ages. For more info including each Saturday's location, please contact Maria at [lspgardening@verizon.net](mailto:lspgardening@verizon.net) or 201-915-3418 (on Sat., call 201-915-3403). A variety of employee groups, college and church groups, and other non-profit groups participate each year and can arrange to volunteer weekdays. For groups, please contact co-vice pres. Michel at [schatzidog@earthlink.net](mailto:schatzidog@earthlink.net)

The Friends thank Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise, the County Freeholders and the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board for the generous \$200,000 grant to us toward the \$1.8 million Picnic Pavilion facility in Freedom Field. The grant jumpstarted the DEP's decision to go forward with constructing it, envisioned a decade ago. This new group picnic reservation amenity, visible from Pesin Drive, adds to the South End and Freedom Way picnic areas, and enriches our beloved family park. **The Picnic Pavilion Field includes two pavilions, a bathroom, paths up to small overlook plazas with Lady Liberty views, and a parking lot.** The pavilions are not officially open, but we got the ok to have our BBQ on Sun. 7/29. When it's officially open, please call 201-915-3403 to make reservations.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**Sunday July 29 at 2:00 pm** is our annual **MEMBERS BARBECUE in the New Group Picnic Pavilions in "Freedom Field"**! It's important that you PLEASE RSVP to the above email address or phone number. Please use the new 90 car parking lot at the eastern end of Theodore Conrad Drive which is one short block north of the start of Pesin Drive. Go around Rotary near the Liberty Park Diner and go north (on Burma Road) and take first right onto Conrad Drive. Please note that the Sun. Summerfest concert at Liberty House Restaurant Public Gardens starts at 5 pm.

**"City of Water Day" Festival - Sat. 7/14 10am to 4pm.** A family waterfront event sponsored by Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance at LSP and Governor's Island. Location is LSP's "S. Field" behind Terminal. Children's activities, music, and free unreserved ferry rides to Governors Island's activities. For more info and to sign up for reserved boat tours please see [www.cityofwaterday.org](http://www.cityofwaterday.org) Use free 2 hr. lot or ferry lot (free with senior pass).

**Senior Citizens Over 62 years old:** for free parking in Ferry Lot and Liberty Science Center lot and in other state parks, please go to office at LSP's South End and fill out the application to get a "State Park Senior Citizen Pass".

**Summer Programs:** Nature Interpretive Center programs and free kayak "eco-tours" (call 201-915-3409 for both) & CRRNJ Terminal programs (201-915-3440). Also, please see Home Page & "Upcoming Events" at [www.folsp.org](http://www.folsp.org)

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