

Dear Friends,

Summer, 2008

The Friends is celebrating our 20th birthday and we thank all park supporters who have advocated for, guided, protected, contributed to, and volunteered to make LSP one of the world's greatest parks, a sacred "free and green" People's Park behind Lady Liberty. John Tichenor, FOLSP's first president and current trustee co-founded FOLSP, believing in public involvement in park decision-making. The Friends was in the forefront of citizen participation which stopped major commercialization plans, and FOLSP was instrumental in creating one of NJ's largest playgrounds and LSP's shuttle bus system. We hope you'll come out to enjoy the park's beauty and the JC free **Summerfest** concerts.

We ask you to please consider making a contribution in honor of our 20th birthday and to help our cause of saving the NYC views from the closest place in LSP and saving the Terminal Public Plaza. We hope also that you help us raise funds, gain volunteers for our Volunteer Garden Program (8 am to 11 am every Saturday), and urge companies to get involved with Earth Share of NJ (esn.j.org) an "environmental United Way" (workplace giving program).

Sunday July 20 at 2:00 pm is our annual Members Barbecue, in the southern end of the Terminal Concourse. Please RSVP to above email address or call 201-792-1993. Superintendent Josh Osowski, who will do barbequing, allows us to park behind the Terminal (take a right, just before brick bathroom building and drive around Terminal).

Please check our website for Upcoming Events such as Aug. part-fundraiser alternative rock festival (apwfestival.com) and Sept. "Jazz and R & B" festival, and LSP programs.

OUR LAWSUIT TO SAVE THE SACRED NYC VIEWS AND PUBLIC PLAZA

Our Brief will finally be filed by July 9th. We are giving it our all! Our determined and excellent lawyer spent a year negotiating with the NJDEP to get access to the state's documents, and found much in the record of their decision-making to support our claims.

Very good news is that we won a round. The state had filed a "motion to dismiss" our case based on the statute of limitations for these 30 ft high by 200 ft long walls. Part of the heart of our case is why that statute doesn't apply to this memorial permit (they got the wrong permit; their process was flawed; the "public interest exception", etc). Cynthia filed a strong reply with a lot of appendices, and a panel of two appellate judges ruled to "**deny the state's motion to dismiss without prejudice**". They weren't ruling whether we are right or wrong, but their ruling means that the judges decided that our arguments were worthy enough for us to present our whole case. Cynthia will file a comprehensive, approximately 100 page Brief with our goal of nullifying the DEP's construction permit. We'll continue to urge that The Grove of Remembrance be designated as NJ's memorial.

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