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Dear Friend of Liberty State Park,

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Thank you for caring about Liberty State Park, one of the world's greatest urban parks. **We hope that you'll make a member contribution to help us continue to protect and improve LSP.**

The park is getting more attractive with flowers and trees thanks to your help and volunteer efforts. We funded 100 shade trees this Spring and will continue planting trees each year. The beautifully renovated Walkway along LSP's south end will open soon, and the Picnic Pavilion Field for group picnics, partly funded by our Hudson County grant, will open next Spring.

As in LSP's first 34 years, there were recent threats that were stopped by citizen action. Our members and other caring park users made a real difference by expressing themselves to stop an insane, serious race track plan for LSP and also to save the park shuttle bus.

The Grand Prix Formula One permanent race track plan was pushed by Jersey City's Tourism official and was submitted to NJDEP. Many of you learned the terrific news from JC newspapers and emails that the DEP rejected the plan a couple days after JC Mayor Healy withdrew support. A major battle was quickly averted, with many of you expressing yourselves to officials and voting in the majority in an internet poll.

Thanks to all who helped save the shuttle bus from the LSP Light Rail station into LSP. The free bus will run on weekends through Labor Day. NJ Transit (NJT) heartlessly abolished the bus, stranding park visitors at the Light Rail station but it's now restored on weekends. Hudson County Exec. Tom DeGise deserves the credit for working out solution of the County and NJT co-funding it. Freeholder Bill O'Dea played a leadership role and there was unanimous County Freeholders' support. The Friends expressed themselves in many emails and calls. State legislators and Senators Menendez and Lautenberg also advocated for it. Officials and citizens collaborated in this important accomplishment for LSP.

UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday August 1st at 3:00 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, the head barbequer, lets us park behind Terminal (turn right just before brick bathroom on Zapp Drive, and go around sheds). On this Sunday, **Summerfest concert is at 6:30 pm.**

“City of Water Day” Fair- Sat. 7/24 10am to 4pm at S. End Jetty. Boats, kids' activities, music.

Free Kayak LSP “eco-tours” and nature Interpretive Center programs (call 201-915-3409 for both) & Terminal programs (201-915-3440). Please see **Home Page & “Upcoming Events” at www.folsp.org**

Bicycle Rentals at Terminal -201-377-9771. contact@EasyRidersJC.com EasyRidersJC.com

Volunteer Garden Program – every Sat. 8am to 11am. For info, call Maria Wakefield at 201-915-3418 or email lspgardening@verizon.net (or on Saturdays, call 201-915-3403).

For employee volunteering, please contact Coordinator Michel, schatzidog@earthlink.net

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