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Dear Friends of Liberty State Park,

Summer 2026 Newsletter

LSP turned 50 years old on 6/14! – the priceless open space and open vistas park - a sacred battleground of grassroots battles - which continue today for a free, green and fully accessible park behind Lady Liberty and against exclusionary privatization and commercialization plans!

THANKS to all who have put democracy into action to advocate for this local, state and national treasure as our legacy to the future. The park needs our continuing vigilance and involvement to protect LSP and guide improvements on behalf of future generations!

The current battle continues to be our telling the Governor at 609-292-6000 to order the DEP not to sign the new 60-year lease with the billion-dollar marina corporation - allowing a gargantuan 70 feet high, 2.6-acre commercial boat storage warehouse along LSP's north entrance. LSP's character, openness and purpose are at stake! The Friends and 7 environmental groups are also suing with Applesseed Public Interest Law Center to try to stop the horrific lease. Please read about this major battle on our website at <https://bit.ly/4v6Ukpy>

It's very likely that **billionaire Paul Fireman and his lying front groups and lobbyists** will again push to kill the **essential LSP Protection Act, championed by Sen. Raj Mukherji. They want an exclusionary sports and entertainment complex** to replace the Interior science-based, flood-resiliency spectacular nature habitats and 6 miles of paths; the **2025 Master Plan**, after 5000 public comments for a Central Park type-park, includes 50 acres of **free** active recreation. Thanks to NY/NJ Baykeeper & NJ League of Conservation Voters for Protection Act advocacy. Thanks to all park supporters and groups who have supported the Act and are needed again!

Please make a membership contribution to support our mission for our fiscal year starting July 1 by mail, or online at www.folsp.org/donate/donate.html

Sat. 9/19 - LSP 50th Birthday Exhibit "The People's History of LSP" to 10/18.in Terminal

Sat. 10/10 – Our 5K Run & Walk - Early bird registration at <https://bit.ly/36oaSSd>

SUMMERFEST - Free Concerts on Sunday & Tuesday evenings <https://bit.ly/4eEctoZ>

Shuttle Bus schedule - Weekends & Tuesdays every 20 minutes <https://bit.ly/3SUfr0F>

Investigative article on Fireman's and Suntex's lobbyists - <https://bit.ly/4eKfpA3>

Master Plan - <https://bit.ly/43KCY6G> **Interior Plan** - <https://bit.ly/44mU5eZ>

LSP's "Origin story" 4 minute video by DEP - <https://bit.ly/4eAG5mq>

Have a great summer!

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