

## The Friends of Liberty State Park

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Dear Friends and all Liberty State Park supporters,

*Summer 2016 Newsletter*

We hope you have a great summer and enjoy Liberty State Park's green waterfront open space with its peacefulness, views and breezes - our great park which we protected on behalf of all Americans.

Governor Christie had arrogantly ignored the essence of LSP's 40 year history of The People putting democracy into action and fighting many battles for a free park behind Lady Liberty. The Governor finally heeded an outraged and determined grassroots movement and many caring elected officials who insisted on public hearings and opposed his plans to turn this sacred and priceless open space park into a commercial venue. The plans were an attack on the urban people's quality of life and on the spirit and purpose of this spiritually powerful public resource.

Special thanks goes out to our co-leader in this battle, Greg Remaud, deputy director of the NY/NJ Baykeeper, the 40 organizations who joined the Save LSP Coalition, the 10,000 petition signers, and principled elected officials, especially Jersey City Mayor Fulop who very strongly condemned the plans. We're grateful for the entire Hudson County legislative delegation, Asm. Raj Mukherji and Sen. Sandra Cunningham, and also Sen. Brian Stack, Asw. Angela McKnight, Asm. Nicholas Chiaravalloti and Asw. Annette Chaparro, other NJ legislators, and the JC Municipal Council and Hudson County Freeholders.

We'll spend \$5,000 on trees this Fall and also spend \$15,000 on our garden program. For info on our year-round Saturday morning gardening, please contact Maria at lspgardening@verizon.net or 201-915-3418 (on Sat.201-915-3400 ext 101). For groups, contact is Michel at friendslspgardening@gmail.com

With our new fiscal year starting on July 1, **we hope you'll make a membership contribution to help us continue our efforts to protect and improve LSP.** 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)

**MEMBERS BARBECUE - Sunday July 24 at 2:00 pm in Picnic Pavilion.** Your '16 to '17 annual contribution must be received by then (or contribute at BBQ). **YOU MUST RSVP!** to the above email address or phone number. The Pavilion is at 20 Theodore Conrad Drive, JC 07305. E. End of Conrad Dr which is a short block north of Pesin Drive. Go around Rotary near the Liberty Park Diner, go north, take first right onto Conrad Dr.

**The free Summerfest concerts,** presented by Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs, has a wonderful diverse schedule this summer - Tuesdays at 6:30pm behind Liberty House Restaurant & Sundays at 5pm by the Terminal.

**Please go to our website** to subscribe to periodic emails & to follow us on **Social Media:** Facebook, Twitter, and also volunteer Lynn Hazan, Chicpeajc's Instagram postings) and to check **Nature Interpretive Center programs & kayak eco-tours.** **The historic CRRNJ Terminal** is reopened after the \$18 million Sandy restoration.

Sam Pesin, president, Michel Cuillerier and Eliza Wright, co-vice presidents  
John Tichenor (FOLSP co-founder and first president), Gladys Vasques and Dorcey Winant