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Dear Friends and all Liberty State Park supporters,

Summer 2017 Newsletter

We hope you have a great summer and have relaxing and uplifting times in LSP – our local, state and national treasure and sacred, majestic public resource for us and future generations to enjoy. The Friends will continue to work to protect and improve LSP, with your support and our ally, the NY/NJ Baykeeper.

With our new fiscal year starting on July 1 **we hope you'll make a membership contribution.** You could send it to the above address or go online to donate at **www.folsp.org/donate/donate_now.htm**

We'll spend \$5,000 on trees this Fall and also spend \$15,000 on our garden beautification program.

The free Summerfest concert series, presented by Jersey City Office of Cultural Affairs, has a wonderful diverse schedule: Sundays at 5pm by the Terminal and Tuesdays at 6:30pm behind Liberty House Restaurant.

Please go to our website to subscribe to periodic emails & to follow us on Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram postings by us and the volunteering staff people at Lynn Hazan's ChicpeaJC Please also follow LSP's own new Facebook page at **www.facebook.com/LibertyStateParkOfficial**

The Nature Interpretive Center located in between Freedom Way and the cool pond with a couple of benches, may open in 2018 after its Sandy renovations. It will have new exhibits and its bathroom design will allow it to be open to the public during LSP hours (6am to 10pm) even when the building is closed.

New equipment, after 20 years, will be installed in **LSP's two playgrounds and on the Freedom Way exercise path** - hopefully by next summer. The DEP Commissioner, instead of approving the Friends' Green Acres application for these amenities, decided that the DEP will fund them from the Corporate Business Tax. We thank Sen. Sandra Cunningham and Asm Raj Mukherji for supporting these upgrades.

The historic, majestic CRRNJ Terminal has vacant offices on the 2nd and 3rd floors because Statue Cruises, after Sandy, moved to Ellis Island. For info, please contact LSP Supt. Rob at **rob.rodriguez@dep.nj.gov**

For info on our year-round Saturday morning gardening, please contact Maria at **Rosemarie.Cuillerier@dep.nj.gov** or 201-915-3418 (on Sat.201-915-3400 ext 101). **For companies and non-profit groups**, please contact Michel at **friendslspgardening@gmail.com**

Members Barbecue - Sunday July 30 at 2:00 pm in Picnic Pavilion. Your '17 to '18 contribution should be received by then or please contribute at the 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.

Fall members meeting: Sat Oct. 7 - 10am to Noon - CRRNJ Terminal's 2nd floor conference room.

Sam Pesin, press; Michel Cuillerier & Eliza Wright, co-vice presidents & trustees John Tichenor (our co-founder), Gladys Vasques, Mandy Edgecombe, Roberta Fluellen, Doug Fleisher & Sara Schultzer