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# Harbor Sides

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<http://www.nps.gov/npnh/parknews/index.htm>. Just click on *Harbor Sides* to access the list. You will also be able to peruse past issues of *Harbor Sides* there.

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## **Independence Day Celebration**

(St. Paul's Church, 897 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon) Kick off a traditional Fourth of July celebration at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church with music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, the tolling of the church's 250-year-old bell 13 times, speeches and refreshments.

## **Defend Wall Street – The Draft Riots of 1863**

(Federal Hall, 26 Wall Street, Manhattan) On Thursday, July 10, NPS staff in period clothing and uniforms will discuss the Draft Riots and the defense of the building by the U.S. Army, Navy and Marines and NY Police Department. There will be a moment of silence at noon to commemorate those who died defending N.Y.'s citizens.

## **The Sound of Music**

(General Grant National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside, Manhattan; Castle Clinton National Monument, Battery Park, Manhattan; Governors Island National Monument; Gateway National Recreation Area – Sandy Hook Unit, New Jersey) Music is in the air this summer at the national parks of New York and New Jersey.

"Jazz Mobile," a series of 8 free concerts celebrating jazz, will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning July 9 through August 27 at General Grant National Memorial in Upper Manhattan. For a performance schedule, please visit [www.jazzmobile.org](http://www.jazzmobile.org)

Music lovers can travel to Lower Manhattan to hear a variety of genres at Castle Clinton National Monument at 7 p.m. on July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7 during the River to River Festival. Tickets to the free concerts are available beginning at 5 p.m. the day of the concert. For performer information, please visit [RiverToRiverNYC.com](http://RiverToRiverNYC.com).

The Sandy Hook Summer Beach Concerts will be held Wednesdays through August 16 at 6 p.m. held on the beach at Area E. The Sandy Hook Foundation, a National Park Service partner, sponsors this annual free concert series. If weather is a factor, a decision will be made at 2 p.m. on the day of the concert. For performers list go to [www.sandyhookfoundationnj.org](http://www.sandyhookfoundationnj.org) or call 732-291-7733 or for rain cancellations.

## **War Weekends**

(Governors Island National Monument)

Join the National Park Service and the 5th New York Regiment August 2 and 3 for *A Revolutionary Weekend* filled with family-friendly activities, living history demonstrations, and special programs which will explore the Revolutionary War and the events leading up to the Battle of Brooklyn.

Then on August 8 and 9, the 119th New York Volunteers and The GawdAwful Mess will team up with NPS Rangers to will provide programs designed to introduce you to the men and women of the Governors Island Garrison and Confederate prisoners during *Civil War Weekend*. Experience the music of the era while watching living history demonstrations or participating in some hands-on activities. Finally, experience *Battle of Brooklyn Weekend*, August 23 and 24. Visitors will explore the pivotal role that Governors Island played during the Battle of Brooklyn by joining the National Park Service and members of the 5th New York Regiment in living history demonstrations and special programs.

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(Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Immigration Museum) Program listing(s) TBA.

### **Bonfire Bonaza**

(Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ and NY) – Summer evenings take on a special feeling in the glow of a campfire, especially if that fire is on the beach. The July 4 weekend at Jacob Riis Park in Queens begins with a National Park Service tradition. On July 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., park rangers and volunteers at Bay 14 will talk about the treasures found at the park. A singalong follows. There will be more campfire fun August 25 at Great Kills Park on Staten Island where visitors can spend relaxing evening on the beach listening to the ocean, a crackling fire and more campfire songs. Finally, kick off the Labor Day weekend at Bay 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. when National Park Service Rangers and volunteers will give talks on the park's natural and historic resources found at the park, in a beautiful beach setting. For more information, please contact Brian Feeney at (718) 354-4602.