

Have A Great, Safe Day at the Beach!!!!!!

****The Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps consists of lifeguards at nine NY State Parks; Jones Beach, Robert Moses, Sunken Meadow, Heckscher, Wildwood, Orient Point, Wildwood, Hither Hills, and Montauk Downs.**

****In 2009, NY State Parks has permanently closed for the full season: The swimming pool at Jones Beach Field 5, Jones Beach Field 1 (except July 4th weekend), Jones Beach West End 2.**

****In 2009, NY State Parks has shortened the bathing season at numerous swimming facilities throughout the nine State parks mentioned above.**

****In 2008, the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps consisted of approximately 500 lifeguards. In 2009 this number has been reduced by 10% to approximately 450.**

****On August 18, 2009 NY State Parks has just **unexpectedly** closed the Jones Beach Field 5 Parking lot for all daytime activities for the rest of the year. Field 5 Parking Lot provides access to Zach's Bay, Field 4 Ocean, Field 5 Ocean, and Field 5 Pool. It also provides 'overflow' access to Field 6 Ocean.**

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If the above information concerns you from a standpoint of beach safety, or quality of life perspective, you may want to call one of the people below, or simply call your elected NY State, or local official. Less lifeguards and less protected swimming facilities, means less safety for the public. **Let your voice be heard NOW**, so they do not continue shuttering more of our parks this year, and again in 2010.

- NY Governor , David Patterson—518-474-8390
- L.I. Region Director, NY Office of Parks and Recreation, Ronald Foley, 631-669-1000
- Commissioner of NYS Parks and Recreation, Carol Ash 518-474-0443
- **Elected Officials (below)**who Support the Re-Opening, and Full staffing of NY State Beaches and Swimming Facilities:
- Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg 516-431-0500/ 518-455-3028
- Assemblyman David McDonough 516-409-2070/ 518-455-4633
- State Senator Charles Fuschillo 516-882-0630/ 518-455-3341
- Assemblyman Joe Saladino 516-844-0635/ 518-455-5305
- State Senator Kemp Hannon, 516-739-1700/ 518-455-2200
- State Senator Owen Johnson, 631-669-9200/ 518-455-3411

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