

Dear Friend,

[The National Parks Conservation Association](#) (NPCA) invites you to a discussion about including the **Stonewall Inn and Christopher Park** as a possible unit of the National Park Service (NPS). This meeting is on **Saturday, June 6, 2015, at 10am** and will be held at the **NYC LGBT Community Center** located at 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011.

NPCA is a 96-year old advocacy organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing our country's national parks and federal historic sites. For the last year or more NPCA has discussed the importance of including events associated with the story of LGBTQ Americans in the parks and programs of the National Park Service. In 2014, the National Park Service, which is independent of NPCA, announced the commencement of an official theme study to explore inclusion of LGBTQ history in the overall park system and in the identification of potential new sites. Currently, there are no historic or cultural sites in the National Park System dedicated to telling the story of the American LGBTQ experience.

NPCA's Summer 2014 publication *National Parks* magazine explores these issues in depth: <http://www.npca.org/news/magazine/all-issues/2014/summer/untold-stories.html>

NPCA has begun advocating for the possible inclusion of Christopher Park and Stonewall Inn in the National Park System and, with this discussion, we are working to spread the word about this project, receive your feedback and comments on our campaign, and discuss the ways we can build support and momentum within the local and national LGBTQ community.

Over the past year, we have held several informal Stonewall discussions and your name was mentioned by our attendees as someone whose perspective and insights would prove invaluable as we go forward with this project, however, please let us know about any other people we should invite. If you have a mailing list of the LGBT public, members, or your constituents, please forward them information about this meeting. We would love to see them on June 6th.

**Discussion about the Stonewall Inn and Christopher Park as part of the National Park System
Hosted by the National Parks Conservation Association**

www.npca.org

Saturday, June 6th, 2015 10am-1pm

NYC LGBT Community Center, Room 301 (Lerner Auditorium)

208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011

We sincerely look forward to hearing from you! Please reply to Timothy Leonard at tleonard@npca.org if you are able to attend our June 6th event or have any questions.

Best,

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