



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

PLANTS TO LOOK FOR IN THE AUGUST GARDEN

"What are those purple flowers?" I get that question a lot right now. **Saliva 'Mystic Spires Blue'** is super happy right now in the summer heat. It is a Central America native and has recently exploded in size! These are my secret weapon to attract pollinators. Bees, butterflies, and moths are going to be all over them. They even attracted a hummingbird a couple of years ago!



The **Cleome**, both the white and purple varieties, are now filling in beautifully in many of the garden beds. They are a reliable annual that will give us color well into the Fall.



The superstars of July and August are definitely the **'Limelight' Hydrangeas**! Their enormous blooms are just stunning right now. Here we see them with another late season staple, the **Rudbeckia** (or **black-eyed Susans**), which have just begun to bloom with their distinctive yellow petals and dark centers.



All the late summer flowers love the sun and the heat, and with our weekly rain showers they could not be happier! Enjoy!

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MUSIC FESTIVAL



 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
NOON – 8:00 P.M. FOOD • MUSIC • GAMES
MCWILLIAMS PLACE, JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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NEW TREE



We have a new tree resident in Hamilton Park that arrived for us on July 20th! It was a gift from **Gus Diaz** at **Diaz Nursery**. We are very grateful to him and to the wonderful crew from **Holly Hill Tree Moving** for going above and beyond with helping us plant it.

It is a very special specimen tree, ***Acer griseum*** or **Paperbark Maple**. Come take a look and admire its lovely deep red bark that will exfoliate as it gets older. High summer is a challenging time to plant a new tree, so we will be watering it a lot, and we ask everyone to give extra respect the space around it. Welcome to our ecosystem!

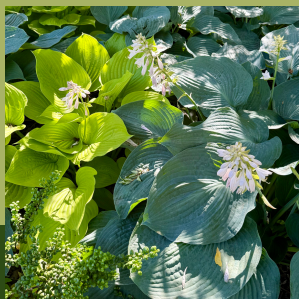


REMINDERS FOR SUMMER IN THE PARK

We hope you're enjoying the summer blooms! You can tag us in flower pics on instagram @hamiltonparkconservancy.

The flowers are for everyone ... but not for picking. Can you help us teach your friends, neighbors, and littles that taking park flowers means fewer to enjoy in the park? Look, smell, (carefully) touch, but never take.

Summer event trash can overwhelm the pickup schedule so please take trash with you after your picnic. Report overfull cans on SeeClickFix.



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Starting in early spring, a new crop of volunteers were out in the park planting, weeding, watering, pruning, and fencing.

- April 19: trash removal in garden beds and clean up after a harsh winter
- May 3: clearing damaged tree limbs, mulching, planting perennials and annuals, preparing the ground for the reimagined Children's Garden
- May 30: weeding in the playground rose garden, a lesson in deadheading for those joining the "rose team."

If you want to help make your park beautiful, join the weekend conservancy volunteer crew. No experience required and we would love to have you.

To sign up, email volunteer@hamiltonparkconservancy.org



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