



NEW YORK STATE
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Mr. Paul Kosowski
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Dear Mr. Kosowski:

Thank you for your most recent letter regarding the renaming of various "Holiday Tree" festivities undertaken at New York State Parks on Long Island. As you know from prior correspondence from my Executive Deputy, our agency agreed to initiate a legal review of the documents you provided, and take your expressed point of view into consideration when making policy with respect to the naming of future holiday events in our parks. While I may personally agree with your position, our letter made no commitment to rename any specific events.

Our Counsel forwarded this issue for review by the Office of the Attorney General, which advised the agency to make no changes in practice or policy pending the legal advice of that office. Accordingly, our Long Island regional office was not directed to implement any change for the approaching 2006 holiday season. However, we expect the matter will receive the attention of the office of the new Attorney General and the new State Parks' administration in the new year.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Most sincerely,

Bernadette Castro
Commissioner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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