

Paterson LOVES Smokefree Parks



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Paterson's smokefree parks

On May 20, 2012, Paterson joined more than 100 municipalities in New Jersey by making its parks and outdoor recreation areas smokefree (Ord. No. 12-021).

Paterson joins ten other Passaic County municipalities with 100% smokefree parks: Bloomingdale, Clifton, Hawthorne, Little Falls, Prospect Park, Ringwood, Wanaque, West Milford and Woodland Park.

NJ STATE LAW:

- ❖ All K-12 school properties must be 100% smokefree at all times (N.J.S.A. 26:3D-58).
- ❖ Any playground or recreational place must be smokefree during times when a school has exclusive use of a portion of the land (N.J.A.C. 8:6-7.1 and 2).

Why have smokefree parks?

- ❖ Set a **healthy** example for children.
- ❖ Protect people, especially **children** at parks and playgrounds, from secondhand smoke (SHS).
- ❖ Create a healthy **environment** for exercise and recreation.
- ❖ Reduce **litter**, lowering cleanup costs.
- ❖ Minimize the risk of **fires** from discarded cigarette butts.
- ❖ Keep toddlers and **animals** safe from swallowing toxic cigarette litter.

Who supported smokefree parks?

- ❖ City Council President Anthony E. Davis
- ❖ City Council members
- ❖ Dept. of Health and Human Services
- ❖ Department of Public Works
- ❖ Department of Public Safety
- ❖ Paterson Integrated Municipal Advisory Council (Paterson IMAC)
- ❖ Global Advisors on Smokefree Policy (GASP) www.njgasp.org
- ❖ Center for Prevention www.centerforprevention.org
- ❖ Students at Paterson schools
- ❖ Paterson residents like you!