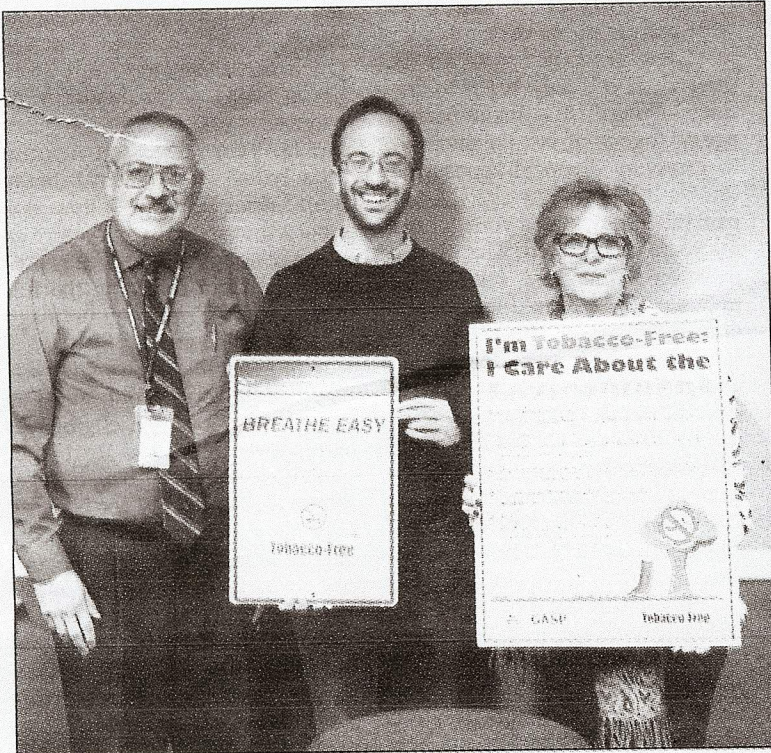


ADVOCATES ASK HARRINGTON PARK TO GO SMOKE-FREE

The Bergen County Smoke-free Parks coalition is enthusiastic that the Harrington Park Mayor and Council are interested in learning about the healthy,

Township, Moonachie, Oradell, Palisades Park, Paramus, Ridgefield, Ridgewood, River Edge, River Vale, Teaneck Township, Tenafly, Waldwick, Westwood,



Members of the Bergen County Smoke-Free Parks Coalition presented information to the Harrington Park Mayor and Council. They're pictured here, from left: Albert J. Ferrara Jr., Alan Kantz and Cindy Meakem.

environmental and economic benefits of 100 percent smoke-free parks and recreational areas for their community.

On March 6, the coalition was invited to present to the Harrington Park Board of Health, which was well received, Council President Joon Chung, the liaison to the board was eager to learn more and invited the coalition to make an education presentation at the March 10 mayor and council meeting.

Harrington Park would join 24 other Bergen County municipalities that have enacted 100 percent smoke-free park ordinances: Carlstadt, Cliffside Park, Closter, East Rutherford, Elmwood Park, Franklin Lakes, Garfield, Glen Rock, Hackensack, Little Ferry, Mahwah

Wood-Ridge and Wyckoff.

"One hundred percent smoke-free parks create healthy smoke-free environments for people to engage in recreational park activities, especially for children and it also encourages youth [to] lead tobacco-free lives," states Karen Blumfield, Esq., executive director of Global Advisors on Smoke-free Policy. "Smoke-free outdoor parks also aligns with environmental green initiatives and should reduce maintenance costs by reducing tobacco waste cleanup."

The New Jersey State Department of Health offers free metal "100 percent smoke-free property" signs to New Jersey communities with 100 percent smoke-free parks policies.

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