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Wyckoff bans smoking in recreation areas

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WYCKOFF – The township committee approved a ban on smoking in parks, playgrounds or recreation areas, citing a need for smoke-free areas to address health considerations and to control litter.

The ban includes the Wyckoff Community Park, the Pulis and Memorial fields behind Town Hall, the Gardens of Wyckoff, Zabriskie Pond Park, Russell Farms Community Park and the Larkin House Park. It does not include the parking areas or access lanes.

Mayor Rudy Boonstra supported the ban, which was endorsed by the township Board of Health and Parks and Recreation Board.

There are 179 municipalities in the state and nine counties – including Bergen and Passaic – that have enacted laws that restrict outdoor smoking in recreational areas, according to the anti-smoking organization New Jersey Global Advisors SmokeFree Policy.

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