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**SMOKE-FREE AREAS DESIGNATED IN CITY PARKS**  
*Program Asks for Voluntary Cooperation*

The City of Pocatello, with help from the Southeastern District Health Department, has implemented a voluntary, smoke-free program for designated areas in City parks.

Citizens and visitors to Pocatello parks are asked to refrain from smoking in certain designated areas. These areas include the playgrounds, ball fields and shelters. Signs provided by the District Health Department will soon be installed around the areas designated as smoke-free.

At this point, the program is strictly voluntary. However, the City is currently conducting a survey using The National Citizen Survey™, and one of the questions asks citizens if they support restricting smoking in public outdoor areas, such as in City parks and playgrounds. The results of the entire survey are expected in early December 2011. The program will be re-evaluated following receipt of the survey results.

For more information on the smoke-free City parks program, contact Jerry Sepich, Parks & Recreation Director, at 232-3901.

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