

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Cranna Sponsors Tobacco Free Park Legislation**

*Tivoli...* Village of Tivoli Trustee Bryan Cranna announced that the Village of Tivoli adopted a Tobacco Free Park resolution at the November meeting of the Board of Trustees. Cranna sponsored the resolution that was adopted unanimously by the board.

The resolution prohibits the use of tobacco products at the Memorial Park in Tivoli, including the playground, parking lot, ball field, and any other area within the perimeter of the park. Signs have been placed at the park that read Tobacco Free Zone, Young Lungs at Play.

Cranna who also serves as the Tivoli Recreation Committee Chairman stated, "This resolution simply makes good sense. As the father of two young children who play at our park regularly, it is my hope that this policy will allow my children and others to play outdoors without having to breathe in second hand smoke. Smoking, children, and playing on playgrounds do not belong together."

Cranna thanked Ellen Reinhard, Director of SmokeFree Dutchess for the assistance that the organization gave by donating the signs that will be placed at the park and for the background information pertaining to the resolution; "SmokeFree Dutchess is to be commended for their campaign to support efforts to ensure that our children are not subjected to secondhand smoke and that playgrounds are not littered with cigarette butts."

"Congratulations to the Village of Tivoli for joining the growing list of municipalities across NY State who have adopted policies and ordinances in support of tobacco free parks and playgrounds," said Reinhard. "This policy will help de-normalize tobacco use, which encourages adults to quit smoking and prevents youth from ever starting."