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Parks and Playgrounds Clean and Clear

Santa Maria enjoys a variety of playgrounds, open space, fitness trails, and many more great opportunities for families to enjoy fitness-related and leisure activities in a clean and healthy environment. The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department needs your help to keep your City parks clean and playgrounds free from second-hand smoke. Picking up trash and following California State Law by keeping tobacco products 25 feet (or farther) away from playgrounds, and not throwing cigarette butts on the ground or in the gutters are just a few of ways to make a difference.

To help spread the word for Clean and Clear City Playgrounds, a poster contest will be held through select After School Education and Safety School program sites. The poster is available online at <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/209.shtml> for all students in the community that wish to participate. Students will illustrate how second-hand smoke and trash in City parks affects others, as well as ways to keep parks clean and fun for everyone. Contest winners will have their posters printed and displayed at local government offices and facilities and enter a drawing to win an array of prizes.

For more information about Clean and Clear City Parks, contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (805) 925-0951 extension 260.

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