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Fred:

Once again, I would like to request that the Park District move forward with some smoking regulations for our parks. On Saturday night I was at Westminster Park, along with 30 other kids, and one adult was smoking a cigar and walking around the playground equipment. What a stench! Not to mention the adverse health affects of breathing secondhand smoke. I was powerless to have the person stop smoking, my only alternative was to leave the area. Does that seem right to you?

I request that the Park District consider a ban on smoking within 25 feet of children's playground equipment. That would leave plenty of space in the park for someone to smoke. If someone smokes in the prohibited area, other people at the park can ask them to stop, if they don't stop, the police can be called and a CSO can come out if available and issue a citation. (I've done that several times with people who let their dogs run without leashes at Westminster Park - I ask them to put them on a leash, if they don't, I call the police and let them handle it).

"Those who smoke have no "right" to fill the air around them with cancer-causing toxins and then expect everyone else to get out of their way."

It's time to stop just talking about the health and well-being of Woodridge residents, especially children, and start doing something about it.

/s/ Robert Brandt

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