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**Passaic County Probation Village Initiative Hosts Annual Cook Out**

Each year the Passaic County Probation Village Initiative program hosts a cookout for Paterson residents in an effort to enlighten the public about the program. This year's event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006 in Pennington Park, Paterson, NJ.

Begun in 1997, the Village Initiative program is a collaboration between the Passaic County Probation Division, Juvenile Justice Commission, Paterson Police and other community organizations. Its goal is to reduce youth crime and violence. The program collaborators work closely with youth who are on probation in an effort to reduce repeat offenses. In addition, they sponsor various recreational, anti-violence, developmental and community service activities for all youth in the community.

Chief Krieger stated "The Village Initiative program is considered a model by national community justice experts. This distinction never could have achieved without the total support of Patersonians who want a better quality of life for their children. Safer neighborhoods, healthier families and hope and opportunity for the future become realities when people come together like they've done in our city."

In addition to food there will be several activities and demonstrations as well as entertainment and information sharing. There is no fee for the cookout; the program run will from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The press and the public are invited to attend.

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