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## EXPERIENCE WORKS PROGRAM OPENS AREA OFFICE IN WOODBINE

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Experience Works program will be holding an Open House at its new location in the Woodbine Community Center, 812 Longfellow Avenue, Woodbine, on October 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office is already open for business.

Experience Works, formerly known as "Green Thumb" is a federally sponsored program for persons 55 and older. For a family of one the income requirement is \$13,000.00 a year. Participants are placed in a Host Agency to get training and eventually placed in regular employment. The hourly rate is \$7.25 an hour for a twenty-hour week.

For more information, about both the Open House and about the Experience Works program, call 609-861-1065.

"We are pleased to be hosting the Experience Works program at our Community Center, and encourage all eligible individuals to apply for this program," concluded Mayor Pikolycky. "The program itself has been active in Woodbine for the past 18 years, under both the "Green Thumb" and the "Experience Works" designation, providing supplemental income to persons on fixed incomes while also providing workers who were undergoing training with no cost to the Borough, in clerical, maintenance, housekeeping, landscaping and other positions. The Borough presently has seven Experience Works people in training. Having the program based at our Community Center makes it more convenient for local individuals interested in applying."