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### **WOODBINE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN FIRST ANNUAL LINCOLN PARK CLEANUP DAY**

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**Woodbine**— Sunday afternoon June 22 was a beautiful very early summer day in the Borough of Woodbine as Community members gathered in Lincoln Park for the first annual Woodbine Municipal Alliance sponsored park clean-up event, an ongoing component of their “Re-Visit Lincoln Park” initiative.

The Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department provided three trucks and additional manpower to provide ample water for the wash-up of equipment in the three Park playgrounds.

Department members on hand were Chief Manny Gonzalez, Assistant Chief Jose Santiago, Firefighter William Bailey, Lieutenant Joe Schalek, and Captain (and Woodbine Borough Councilman) Doug Watkins.

Joan Rowland from the County Office on Aging, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) coordinator, was there to both help in the clean-up and to take pictures, as did Borough webmaster Bernard Sypniewski.

Evelyn Perez, Woodbine Municipal Alliance Coordinator and RSVP Advisory Council Board Member brought along her grandchildren Lucas and Sanaya Amaro.

Members of Woodbine Elementary School peer leadership were also among the many volunteers.

Volunteers included Amari Holton, Lee Warner, Kevan Johnson, Arcolia Holton, Sr., Dr. Steven Cooper, Sword of Fire ministries, Amanda Yumet, Sophia and Danica Bailey, Erica Moffitt, Taurus Thompson, Sr. (who is an EMT for Belleplain Rescue Squad), Josh Warner, and Gilberto Rivera. (If we missed anybody, thanks, and apologies, to them too).

Most touchingly, Jennifer Straubmuller and her son James, who were in the playground when the workparty began to arrive, joined in the cleanup, a real sign of the community stake in this Park.

Special thanks to Greg and Rose Hudgins for grilling hot dog and hamburgers for the participants to enjoy post-cleanup and to Councilman Ortiz of Woodbine Dollar Plus for providing helium (and ribbons) for the Alliance balloons celebrating the day.