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### **PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO MEET IN WOODBINE**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Pinelands Municipal Council, of which he is Vice-Chairman, will meet at the Borough of Woodbine on November 28, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Borough Main Meeting Room at 501 Washington Avenue.

Guest speaker(s) will be Michael D'Errico, State Coordinator, Community Forestry Program and State Forester Todd Wyckoff, both of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, Community Forestry Program. They will be making a presentation on funding opportunities through their Department for tree planting and management.

The Pinelands Municipal Council serves as a advisory board among the 53 municipalities within the State-designated Pinelands Area and the Pinelands Commission. They work on cooperative programs with the Pinelands Commission. They support legislation that affects their communities, and try to find issues of common concern to the various towns in the group. The communities are both big and small, and the needs vary. Through better communication between residents and the various layers of government, a better understanding and appreciation can be found to respect the environment and provide for progress.

The Pinelands Municipal Council was created by the Pinelands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1 et seq) and is made up of the mayors of the 53 municipalities in the Pinelands Area or their designees. The Council is empowered to review and comment upon changes proposed by the Pinelands Commission in the New Jersey Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. The Council also advises the Commission on matters of interest regarding the Pinelands and takes positions on issues affecting the region. The Council meets periodically to conduct business. The meetings are located in various municipalities throughout the year. A quorum of 15 members of the Council is necessary to take any action. All meetings of the Council are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

For further information about the Pinelands Municipal Council, go to their website at <http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/munico/>

The Pinelands Municipal Council last met in Woodbine in July, 2005.