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STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY CELEBRATED BY WES EIGHTH GRADERS

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Woodbine's annual "Student Government Day", which was also a part of Woodbine's Arbor Day celebration, was held on May 10 at the Woodbine Municipal Complex.

Members of the eighth grade students from Woodbine Elementary School, accompanied by teachers Steven Schleckser and Margaret Benson, spent the morning at Borough Hall learning about the workings of their local municipal government.

Lisa Garrison, Municipal Tax Collector/ Municipal Clerk/Municipal Registrar, spoke about her duties within those vital offices, with some additional insight into the importance of vital statistics documentation.

Assessor and CFO Jack Miller gave elucidated assessment, budgeting, and other financial ins and outs of municipal government.

Monserate Gallardo, who serves as Woodbine's Planning and Zoning Board secretary and Secretary/Treasurer of the Woodbine Municipal Utilities Authority, discussed issues in a wide variety of Planning and Zoning issues, described the workings of the WMUA does, and , as a Certified Municipal Court Administrator, spoke about court- and law- related matters, and told the students how they are the Borough's future.

Borough Webmaster Bernard Sypniewski, who is a retired Computer Science teacher and also a retired attorney, told the students about the information accessible through the municipal website, and also echoed Ms. Gallardo's concerns on the students and their futures.

Mayor William Pikolycky concluded the day by answering the students' questions, thus giving an overview of municipal government . He then presented each student with a certificate of attendance, a Chamber of Commerce yearbook/directory, and a tubling tree for Arbor Day.

Borough residents visiting the Municipal Building during this week were also offered these trees and additional trees were delivered by Borough staff for distribution by the Woodbine branch of the Cape May County library, and to the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage of Stockton during its recent ribboncutting event, and well as to the Cape Assist Seminar at the Community Center

Students participating were: Lucas Amaro; Charles Bland; Zhiair Bland; Marcus Caraballo; Janice Cruz; Alexander Davis; Camryn Fashaw; Jalen Hudgins; DaRonn Jones; Philicia London; Thalia Maldonado; Nick McNeal; Janiksa Mercado; Kylie Price; Kassandra Ramos; Arren Reed; Kaysee Serrano; Taurus Thompson

“As always.....,” added Mayor Pikolycky, “ I encourage Borough residents to stop in and claim their tubeling tree as part of our Arbor Day remembrance and once again extend an invitation to our home-schooled and private school eighth graders to call my office to set up their own visits to Borough Hall “