

PRESS RELEASE

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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that a group of local girls participating in the Girls Scouts of the South Jersey Pines “Ready, Set, Go...Outdoors Fun” week program in Woodbine, planted a butterfly garden in the Holly Patch at Woodbine’s Borough Hall on July 17. The program was hosted by the Puerto Rican Action Committee.

Led by Stephanie Fowle, Membership Development Manager, Cadette Girl Scout Katie Thomson (who is currently working on her Plant Life Interest badge), and Maria Aviles, Volunteer Development Specialist, the girls planted one pink-flowering Coreopsis surrounded by three yellow-flowering Coreopsis in nearly ninety degree heat. Three other plants, two purple coneflowers and a butterfly bush, are being maintained in their containers by the Borough pending fall planting—hopeful by the community’s new Girl Scout troop.

Other activities that week included a nature walk with followup activities, including making pinecone birdfeeders, on Monday and the making of a leafbook and learning knot-tying on Wednesday. Discussion were held about careers dealing with the outdoors and state symbols such as State bird, flower etc.

The girls who participated in the planting were: Zhara Young; DaiShiela Jones; Jenna Larkin; Ariel Cecilia; Alexandra Ramos Ortiz; Arionna Warner; Maily Cecilia; Rebecca Huertas; Ambreia Crawford; Zhyana Young; Olga Surrano; Ruth Surrano; Brianna Hawkins; Destinee Hawkins.

“I was delighted to have these young ladies enhance the aesthetics of our Municipal building while learning important nature-based lesson. I look forward to the establishment of a Girl Scout troop once again in Woodbine, and their joining us for a fall planting of an expanded butterfly garden,” concluded Mayor Pikolycky.