

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SOUTH JERSEY ASTRONOMY CLUB AT WOODBINE LIBRARY BRANCH**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the South Jersey Astronomy Club will give a presentation answering “What is an Amateur Astronomer?” at the Woodbine Branch of the Cape May County Library on Saturday, October 7, 2017, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The program will go over a brief history of The South Jersey Astronomy Club (SJAC), then on to discussing “What is an Amateur Astronomer”. Next up, discussing basic types of telescopes and how they work, then sharing images of amateurs on telescopes. The program will conclude with back to the basics of Astronomy including covering: Planets, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies with some discussion of each object. You will also learn about future "public Viewings" presented by the South Jersey Astronomy Club!

The South Jersey Astronomy Club (SJAC) was founded in late 1989 by local author Fred Schaaf and a number of other astronomy enthusiasts. The club was incorporated as a 501c3 charitable organization in 1995. Programs held by the Club include public outreach such as our Public Skywatch Program (held at Belleplain State Forest, Woodbine, NJ); lectures and slide show presentations. The Club also conduct two Star Party events each year: Camping and Observing at the Recreation Area of Belleplain State Forest, Woodbine, NJ and The Star Party event. Both events are open to the general public and a fee is charged to offset fees charged to SJAC by the state.

“Woodbine has had an ongoing relationship with SJAC who have noted that this area is one of the best in our state for clear viewing of the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting. In fact, they presented an award to Gentilini Motors for their efforts in reducing light pollution,” noted Mayor Pikolycky.

For more information about SJAC please visit their website: [www.sjac/us](http://www.sjac/us)

For more information about the program, call the Adult Programming Department at the Main Library 463-6386. Registration is required for this program.