THE BOUND BROOK CHRONICLE

Compiled and edited by Mayor Bob Fazen with the assistance of local community organizations



Mayor Fazen's Corner Bob Fazen Mayor Borough of Bound Brook

HAPPY NEW YEAR BOUND BROOK

t is the time of year that we all should think about the past and plan for the L future. As Mayor of Bound Brook, it has been a busy and eventful year.

It was a year where I felt like Teddy Roosevelt's Man in the Arena:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

2016 **Increase State School Aid**

The Superintendent and I wrote a letter to the Governor respectfully requesting a \$2 million increase in the 2017-18 NJ State School Aid for the Bound Brook School District. We noted that the existing school aid formula is flawed and there is no immediate remedy forthcoming. Currently, Bound Brook property taxes support approximately \$14 million of the Board of Education budget and we need this exception to the aid formula to maintain a reasonable level of property taxes in Bound Brook.

This has been an effort supported by many Bound Brook residents, but if you agree with this effort, write to the Governor expressing your support.

Town Hall Meetings

Meetings were held in the Bound Brook Library monthly. Attendance ranged from 10 – 50 for each meeting. It presented an opportunity for residents and business leaders of Bound Brook to express their concerns, offer recommendations and become educated on government initiatives. Please attend this year's meetings (second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Bound Brook Library)

Bound Brook Chronicle

This is the 24th edition of the Bound Brook Chronicle. If you want to read past copies of the Chronicles, please go to my website: www.mayorbobfazen.org. I hope you have been enjoying this monthly publication.

Mayor Proclamations

Some of the Proclamations published this year:

- Bound Brook Moose Lodge Donating American Flags for Main Street
- Bound Brook American Legion Donating American Flags for Union Ave
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Bound Brook Police, Fire Department & Rescue - for service to Bound Brook
- Isodoro Garcia for community service and leadership to Bound Brook
- Middle Earth for Bound Brook/ South Bound Brook After School Programs
- South Bound Brook Fire & Rescue Squads – for life-saving action of Bound Brook resident drowning in the canal
- Bound Brook Public Works for installing 150 flag poles and flags on Main Street and Union Avenue

Weddings

Starting this year in May, it has been my pleasure to perform 38 weddings this year. Meeting some of the greatest people in Bound Brook and their families with the help of Maritza Arias.

Formal Organization Participation

- **Somerset County Business Partnership:** Communicate and discuss attributes and opportunities for Bound Brook with county business leaders
- **Somerset County Governing Officials Association:** Active in organization leadership as Treasurer. Communicate positive attributes of Bound Brook and discuss support from Somerset County elected officials Elected Treasurer
- NJ Conference of Mayors: Active in organization leadership as Trustee. Attend annual educational seminars to discuss municipal activities and operations with NJ Mayors, state officials and business leaders.
- NJ League of Municipalities: Attend annual educational seminars to discuss municipal activities and operations with state officials and business leaders.
- **Somerset County Mayors Roundtable:** Conducted by Freeholder Caliguire, meeting with the 21 Mayors in Somerset County to discuss municipal problems and solutions.
- Raritan Valley Rail Coalition: Active in organization leadership as Trustee. Participating in efforts to increase one-seat ride operations and improve commuter conditions.
- Green Brook Flood Control Project: Participated in monthly project meetings to help expedite completion of the Bound Brook portion of the project, highlighted by Governor Chris Christie congratulating Bound Brook and

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for removing over 500 properties from the flood zone.

- **Washington Camp Ground Association:** 4-term President of the Association, helping to maintain the tradition, history and patriotic traditions of Bound Brook and the surrounding communities. Coordinating George Washington Birthday celebrations annually on February 22nd. Organizing presentation of the "Declaration of Independence" annually on the 4th of July at the Middlebrook Camp Ground.
- **Rotary Club of Bridgewater and Bound Brook:** Working to provide "Service above Self" for our community including the distribution of dictionaries to Bound Brook and South Bound Brook 3rd Graders.
- Battle of Bound Brook: Help coordinate the South Bound Brook and Bound Brook efforts to re-enact this historic event.
- Bound Brook Seniors: Monthly attendee at meetings, helping to represent the governing body and communicating with members.
- **Bound Brook American Legion:** As a Trustee of this organization, participate in activities including Veteran's Day and Memorial Day parades. Install American Flags at the gravesites of military veterans in the Bound Brook Cemetery. Conduct activities to support military veterans and their families.
- **Bound Brook School District:** Support Bound Brook High School programs including Robotics, First Lego League and sporting events.
- Financial Grants: Personally prepared grant applications for \$300,000 Department of Transportation grant to renovate the eastbound Bound Brook train station platform. Worked with South Bound Brook to successfully apply for a Municipal Youth Services Grant, funding after school programs to address drug and alcohol problems.

2017

In the new year, I will try to implement a number of new programs and continue those that are favorable to the residents of Bound Brook including:

Mayor's Wellness Campaign

Starting with the encouragement of the "Walk with a Doc" program, meeting at the **Bridgewater Commons**

- Saturday January 21 2017 8:30-9:30 AM
- Saturday February 18 2017 8:30-9:30 AM

Location: Bridgewater Commons Mall (meet in food court)

Walk: about 2 miles

Talk: short (5-10 min) discussion on a topic relevant to heart disease

Ask: questions of your doctor or Medicor staff

See: your doctor practice what they preach!

U.S. Mayors Conference

Starting with the annual meeting in Washington, D.C., I hope to actively participate in this organization to acquire some of the infrastructure money (for renovation of Bound Brook roads) that has been promised by President-Elect Donald Trump. Additionally, I would like to represent the residents of Bound Brook at these events, to express the perspective of small municipalities and their problems and advantages.

NJ State School Aid

I will continue to pursue additional aid to the Bound Brook School District and play an active role in a long term solution to this unfair distribution of state funds.

Formal Organization Participation

I will continue my participation in worthwhile organizations for the benefit of Bound Brook.

Weddings

Weddings will continue with an expectation of 60 weddings this year.

Town Hall Meetings and the Bound Brook Chronicle will continue monthly Town Hall: Second Monday monthly at the Bound Brook Memorial Library 6:30-

I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Obituaries



Calvin Boehme

ongtime Bound Brook businessman Calvin Boehme, 85 passed away December 18, 2016 at his home on LongBoat Key in Florida.

Cal and his wife Jane dedicated themselves to life- long careers in the the flower industry. In the early days they raised field flowers and tended to their greenhouses on Greenbrook Road in Middlesex. From there they went on to have a successful wholesale business. Joined by their four children Tracy, Jay, Gretta and Erika their flower shop 11Petalpeddlers" opened on Hamilton Street in 1972. Twenty plus years later the business outgrew its location. Cal purchased the former Bound Brook Inn and moved the operation now called "America's Florist" to the big white house on West Union Avenue. Calvin and Jane retired to Florida in 2010. His children and their spouses continue to run the business today.

In addition to his wife and children, Cal is survived by eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren with a sixth expected in January. His family will host a gathering at 11the shop" America's Florist, 227 West Union Ave, Bound Brook on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 1-4 pm. Friends are invited to drop in and reminisce with a story or memory of Calvin.

"In memory of Cal send flowers to someone you love."

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Bound Brook Community News

Bound Brook Borough Department of Public Works

Monthly Report - November 2016

Grass Cutting/Leaves: Started removing leaves on Borough properties.

Street Sweeping 1st Full Working Week of **Each Month:** No sweeping this month.

Metal Picked Up Town & Schools: Total lbs 3,120.00. Total price \$70.20.

Brush Yard Pick Up (monthly): North side 105 yards. South side 75 yards. Total 180. **Sewer Jobs:** Blair Apartments on East St 366 Vosseller Ave. Wheatland Ave & Tea St W Second St & Vosseller Ave. 366 Vosseller Ave. Main St & Maiden Lane. Flushed Vosseller Ave from Union Ave & W Second

St. Checked Mountain Ave pump station

once a week and clean filters. Blacktop/Potholes: 1.99 tons.

Trees Trimmed or Removed: Removed - 519Winsor St. 540 Washington St. 391 W High St 2 trees. 387 W High St. 259 Chestnut St 625 Winsor St. 771 Ross Lane. 45 W Franklin St. Trimmed - 368 W Second St 2 trees. 115 Cherry Ave. 117 Cherry Ave. W Main St park. Borough Hall.

Dumped Logs: 19 yards. Woodchip: 26 yards.

• Asset Protection

• Business & Tax Law

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Facilities and Services: Made and installed cabinet door at BBPD. Installed padlock latch on gun cabinet at BBPD. Checked light at Library. Unclogged 2 toilets at Library. Moved entrance sign at Library. Repaired 3 toilets at Library. Replaced 4 light tubes at REC center. Repaired light fixture at REC center. Set clocks at Library. Put up peg board at Library. Replaced light bulbs at Library. Moved chairs in court room. Repaired toilet in upstairs bathroom at Library. Installed thermostat guard in court room. Installed new door at Library basement. Unclogged sink at BBPD. Installed gun discharge at BBPD carport. Cleared drain at Library basement doorway.

Foreman: Daily attendance. Daily time keeping. Assigned daily jobs. Daily paper work. Daily trip to Borough Hall. Pick up pay checks. Assisted crew on jobs. Checked pump station with sewer operator. Closed crawl space at Library. Emptied parking machine at commuter lot 2 times a week.

General Work: Picked up light tower after Halloween Night. Put up 100 flags and holders on Union Ave. Repaired parking meters on Main St. Repaired flag pole for Main St. Applied crack sealer along curb at 644 W Matape Circle. Closed up fountain on main St. Set up for Veterans DayLeveled sidewalk and add dirt at 515 W Second St stump removal. Installed parking meter and pole on Main St. Cleaned catch basin grates. Picked up broken glass on W Maple Ave. Removed flags on Union Ave and Main St. Replaced faded signs per BBPD list. Switched banners on Main St. Reposted sign at dead end of W Main St. Replaced 'no parking' sign on Vankuren Ave and W Second St. Started to put up lights on Main St for holidays. Dumped cardboard from shop to Somerset County.

Equipment Maintenance and Repairs: Repaired safety gas can. Repaired flat tire on Toro lawn mower. Installed new auto sweep control module in stump grinder. Installed new engine speed sensor in stump grinder. Checked hydraulic leak in garbage truck #3. Replaced strobe light on Bobcat 873. Replaced hydraulic hose on garbage truck #3. Installed salt spreader on truck #9. Repaired pressure washer hose. Repaired flat tire on BBPD car #4. Replaced right rear light on truck #9. Installed bagger, new blades, and checked all fluid levels on EX mark mower. Checked out and serviced odb leaf vac. Replaced battery on BBPD car #6. Repaired wiring for brake lights on odb leaf vac. Replaced 2 batteries on sewer truck #16. Cleaned out pump strainer on truck #16. Fabricated and installed 2 steps on fire dept trailer (Santa sled). Repaired flat tire on BBPD car #1. Started to check over snow blowers. Replaced battery on BBPD car #10. Weekly eye wash station flush. Monthly fire extinguisher inspection Monthly check and testing of generator at Borough Hall and recorded hours for State of NJ. Mechanic also helps with all DPW jobs and picks up all his parts and cleans his shop.

Total Hours: 698 • Total Man Hours: 1377 Respectfully Submitted, Vince Orofino, Foreman

Man Hours Nov 2016 Man Total Hours Time Leaves/Yard Debris 288 96 Grass/Leaves 92 20 Sweeping 0 0 220 58 Trees 236 107 General Metal Pickup 16 8 Foreman 26 26 Sewer Jobs 62 32 Mechanic Service 126 104 Potholes 24 8 **Facilities** 83 39 Sick Time Out 180 180 Personal Days 8 8 Floating Holiday 8 8 Special Events (Election Day) Safety Class 0 **Family Death** 0 Workman's Comp 0 1377 698 Total

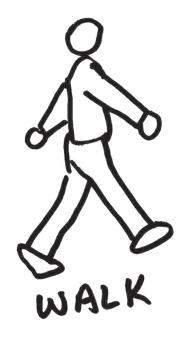
Merry Christmas Bound Brook

The Bound Brook Fire Department was active prior to Christmas this year, escorting Santa through the neighborhoods of Bound Brook.



Bound Brook Mayor's Wellness Campaign

Join Mayor Bob Fazen in His **Wellness Campaign**



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Ask: questions of your doctor or Medicor

See: your doctor and practice what they preach!



Walkers of All Fitness Levels Welcome!

If you want to participate in helping the Mayor with future "Wellness Events" contact him at his office 732-893-8513 or via email: rfazen@boundbrook-nj.org

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Bound Brook Memorial Library

Bound Brook Memorial Library Branch Programs

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A ll programs listed are free. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated and programs are subject to change; visit SCLSNJ.org or call the library for more information and to register.

Note: SCLSNJ's Hillsborough and Warren Township Library branches will be open 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; all other SCLSNJ library branches will be closed.

CHILDREN, TWEEN, & TEEN PROGRAMS After School Extra Help (grades K-5): January 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, & 31, 7-8:45 p.m. & January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1-3 p.m.

Role Play Saturday (grades 6-12): January 7, 21, & 28, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Make & Take Crafts (4+ years old): January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Penguin Parade Storytime (4-8 years old): January 24, 7-7:30 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Beginning Knitting & Crocheting: January 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3-5 p.m.

Adult Basic Education Series: January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Library Loopers: An Informal Gathering of Knitters & Crocheters: January 9 & 23, 7-8:30 p.m.

English Conversation Group: January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 12:30-2 p.m. & January 11 & 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

Affordable Care Act Enrollment Assistance: January 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

Presidential Scandals of the 20th Century: January 18, 7-8 p.m.

Introduction to Pencil Drawing: January 23, 7-8 p.m.

The Library wants to Introduce You to Pencil Drawing This January

isa Young from Artfully Young will be teaching an Introduction to Pencil Drawing class for adults at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch on January 23, 7-8 p.m. During this class, participants will learn the basics of drawing with graphite pencil. Instruction will be given on positioning of subject on the paper, outlining, shading, blending and highlighting. All materials will be provided.

Young is a British-born artist residing in Warren, New Jersey. Her art studio, ArtfullyYoung, specializes in teaching art to adults and children. She is a member of the New Jersey Pastel and Watercolor Societies and exhibits her art work regularly. Young has had a lifelong interest interest in wild-life conservation and preservation of the environment. Many of her paintings reflect endangered animals in natural settings. A trustee at Wagner Farm Arboretum, Young organizes many annual events that help to promote the strong environmental

focus of the Arboretum and raise money to improve the Arboretum's facilities. For more information about Lisa Young, visit ArtfullyYoung.com.

Registration is required to attend Introduction to Pencil Drawing at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch. For more information or to register, visit SCLSNJ.org or contact The Library at 732-356-0043.

SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch is located at 402 East High Street. For further information about events, programs and services, please stop in, call the Library at 732-356-0043 or visit SCLSNJ.org. SCLSNJ branches are located in Bridgewater, Bound Brook, Hillsborough, Manville, North Plainfield, Peapack & Gladstone, Rocky Hill at Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Somerville, Warren Township and Watchung. Additionally, there are two SCLSNJ reading stations in Branchburg and Washington Valley.

Learn About Historical Presidential Scandals at the Library

alter Choroszewski will visit SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch on January 18, 7-8 p.m. to discuss some of the most interesting scandals linked to the American Presidents of the 20th Century—some involving corruption, lies, abuse of power as well as tales of infidelities. Eighteen presidents served over those 100 years; Walter will share stories of eight who made history for their scandalous behaviors.

This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Bound Brook Memorial Library.

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Literacy Volunteers Partners With Local Libraries in 2017 to Continue Positive Impact on Community

Hundreds Benefit From Organizations Services; Additional Programs
Offered at SCLSNJ Libraries

arlier this year, Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County reported that, in one year, more than 350 students received LVSC free services: 236 adults received weekly tutoring from 184 volunteer tutors; more than 100 students participated in Conversation Groups; and 20 students completed U.S. Citizenship Preparation Classes. In all, volunteers provided more than 8,000 hours of free literacy instruction. And that's just the beginning.

"There are many adults in our community who are eager to improve their English literacy and become an integrated part of the community," said Aimee Lam, LVSC executive director. "Each has a different reason to seek literacy instruction: some want financial independence but need better literacy skills on the job, others want to read to their child or grandchild, and the vast majority want to be able to communicate confidently. We are proud to help these hard working individuals and are grateful to our volunteers who commit the time and energy to provide literacy instruction. To meet the local need, LVSC plans to train a greater number of volunteer tutors in 2017 while increasing Conversation Group and U.S. Citizenship Preparation class offerings in county libraries."

LVSC has announced that the organization will once again partner with Somerset County Library System of New Jersey to provide services to the community. Services will include English Conversation Groups, Become a Literacy Tutor information sessions, and a U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class.

"The English conversation groups and citizenship classes led by LVSC and hosted by our libraries are helping new Americans integrate into our communities," said Marcela Dunham, SCLSNJ system programming coordinator. "By giving these adult learners the gift of language, they are now better able to communicate with their children's teachers, as well as successfully navigate doctors' visits and job interviews. By partnering with LVSC, we're welcoming new Americans into our libraries, opening a new world of knowledge and opportunity to experience everything the libraries have to offer to them, while creating positive experiences and lasting bonds with tutors, fellow students, and the community in general. We look forward to collaborating with LVSC in 2017 to develop new classes and

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Somerset County Library System of NJ Donates to Animal Shelter

uring November and December, Somerset County Library System of New Jersey collected about 700 pounds of dry pet food, 50 pounds of dog biscuits, 500 cans of pet food, five dog beds, three animal carriers, and numerous toys, leashes, towels, laundry detergents, pet bowls, pet treats, and gift cards from SCLSNJ staff and the community for the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter. SCLSNJ staff member Edith Lit (pictured center left) coordinated the collection and delivered, thanks to the help of SCLSNJ staffer Mike Constante (pictured center right), the largest donation SCLSNJ has given to the shelter to date with Somerset County Library Commissioner Sherri



Lynn (pictured left) on Tuesday, December 20. Shelter Manager Brian Bradshaw (pictured right) gladly accepted the donations on behalf of the shelter.







Bound Brook High School

Bound Brook High School Basketball Undefeated

Boys & Girls Teams Win Crusader Classic

hese are exciting times for Bound Brook High School Basketball. Both the Boys and Girls teams remain undefeated after their championship finishes in the Crusader Classic Holiday Tournament. Come out and cheer on the Crusaders and join the Bound Brook student fans as they chant, "I believe that we will win?"



Boys Team (4-0)

Wednesday, December 28, 2016: The Bound Brook High School Boys Basketball team beat Spotswood in the championship round of the Bound Brook Crusader Classic. The game remained in Bound Brook control throughout, closing with a final score of 60-48. The Most Valuable Player of the tournament was Tyson Amaker. In this game, Tyson scored 16 points for Bound Brook, Kyle Frauenheim 14 points, RJ Frazier and Noah Smith 10 points each.





Tuesday, December 27, 2016: Kyle Frauenheim scored 15 points to lead Bound Brook to a 45-42 win over Somerville in the first round of the Bound Brook Crusader Classic. Bound Brook will advance to face Spotswood in the final round on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Somerville will face Piscataway Tech in the consolation round on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Tyson Amaker finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds for Bound Brook. Noah Smith finished with 10 points, seven assists and five rebounds.

Sam Preston led Somerville with 14 points.



Girls Team (5-0)

Wednesday, December 28, 2016: The Bound Brook High School Girls Basketball team beat previously undefeated Morris Catholic in the championship round of the Bound Brook Crusader Classic. The game remained in Bound Brook control throughout, closing with a final score of 62-33. The Tournament MVP, Janeea' Summers finished with a team-high 16 points and 10 rebounds in this game. Cortlyn Morris, who finished with 10 points, five rebounds, four assists and five blocks, joined Diamond Tucker and Summers as members of the all-tournament team. Tucker added six points, six rebounds and three assists for Bound Brook.

Danielle Mills led Morris Catholic with eight points, six rebounds and three assists.

Tuesday, December 27, 2016: Janneea' Summers scored 21 points to lead Bound Brook to a 66-37 win over Spotswood in the first round of the Bound Brook Crusader Classic. Bound Brook will advance to face Morris Catholic in the final round on Wednesday at 5 p.m. Olivia Nilson finished with 14 points, Cameron Ward with 12 points, Cortlyn Morris and Julia Nilsen had 7 points each.

Bound Brook High School Wrestling

Overall Record 3-2, Conference 1-0

o. 10 Bound Brook entered the South Jersey Duals off an im- Continued from Pg 13 Hunterdon Central Wednesday and held a newcomers achieve their dreams of a better 14-point lead against Delbarton with three life for themselves and their families."

weights to go in the pool play of the tournament Friday.

But Delbarton notched a decision and pin and Bound Brook was forced to forfeit the final weight in a 27-26 loss. It went 2-2 on the day, beating West Deptford and Kingsway but falling to No. 3 Delsea, 37-30, in the third-place match.

Clearly, Bound Brook - with two state champions and three other state place winners - can compete with anybody. But it is forfeiting 2-3 bouts per match because of lack of depth and that makes its margins for victory against other top teams very thin.









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pressive victory against No. 5 initiatives to serve the community and help

LVSC Programs Hosted at SCLSNJ's **Library Branches:**

Become a Literacy Tutor: LVSC invites you to become a literacy tutor and change a person's life! LVSC will be hosting information sessions at:

- SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch, located at 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater on Jan 9, 10-11 a.m. & Jan 12, 6-7 p.m.
- SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch, located at 379 South Branch Road in Hillsborough on Jan 17, 10-11 a.m. & Jan 18, 6-7 p.m.

English Conversation Groups: Practice speaking English in a friendly setting. Basic English skills are required. Participate at:

- SCLSNJ's Warren Twp Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Blvd. in Warren Twp. on Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. (Jan 9 - Mar 13)
- SCLSNJ's Somerville Library branch, located at 35 West End Ave. in Somerville on Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. (Jan 9 - Mar 13) & *NEW DAY* Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. (Jan 12 - Mar 16)
- SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch, located at 6 Rockview Ave. in North Plainfield on Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. (Jan 9 - Mar 13)
- SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch, located at 379 South Branch Rd. in Hillsborough on Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. (Jan 9 - Mar 13) & Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. (Jan 11 - Mar 15)
- SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch, located at 402 E High St. in Bound Brook on Tuesdays, 12:30-2 p.m. (Jan 10 - Mar 14) & *NEW* Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. (Jan 11 - Mar 15; no class on Jan 18)
- SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch, located at 1 Vogt Dr. in Bridgewater on Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. (Jan 11 -Mar 15)
- SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch, located at 100 South 10th Ave. in Manville on Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. (Jan 12 - Mar 16)
- SCLSNJ's Mary Jacobs Memorial Library branch, located at 64 Washington St. in Rocky Hill on Fridays, 12-1:30 p.m. (Jan 13 - Mar 17)

U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class: This free 16-hour course, taught in two-hour sessions over eight weeks, focuses on the civics, history and vocabulary needed to pass the citizenship test and interview. This class is taught by Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County. All materials will be supplied. Registration required. This program will be held at SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch, located at 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater, Saturdays, Jan 21 - Mar 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information or to register for these programs, visit SCLSNJ.org or contact your local SCLSNJ library branch.



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