

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

Welcome to the first edition of the Bound Brook Chronicle. In my first Mayor's Corner subject, I thought it would be appropriate to provide a copy of my message to the public on the first day of the New Year:

MAYOR MESSAGE: REORGANIZATION 2015

New Year's Day is an especially American tradition, full of the optimism, hope, energy and confidence. We celebrate this spirit in Bound Brook today. We control our own destiny, we believe deep down inside that working together we can make each New Year better than the old.

During my campaign for Mayor, there were three promises that I made.

- 1. COMMUNICATION:** To provide better communication between government and the people of Bound Brook.
 - a. We will publish a Bound Brook Newsletter. The first issue will be delivered to homes and businesses on February 19th. It will also be available on our Borough website and can be sent to you via email.
 - b. I have established a Mayor's Open Door Policy and am available to meet with concerned businesses or residents in my office on a daily basis. There is a private entrance to the Mayor's office on the South side of Borough Hall. Just ring the doorbell and I will meet with you.
 - c. My phone number at Borough Hall is 732-356-0833 extension 625 and my personal cellphone number is 732-735-1382. Call me at any time, or leave me a message and I will respond to you.
- 2. REDEVELOPMENT:** Future Redevelopment Projects and agreements in Bound Brook must provide a clearly defined benefit to existing residents of BBNJ. With the help of our Council and legal professionals, negotiations with Redevelopers must result in Property Tax reduction for existing residents, increased property values and/or significant offsite improvements for the Borough.
- 3. BELIEVE IN BOUND BROOK:** One of the most important obligations of your political representatives is to express the positive attributes of Bound Brook.

Founded in 1681, Bound Brook is a historic location with roots in the Revolutionary War. It is a place of history, traditions and patriotism. With that storied past, we can now include the following positive attributes.

 - a. Reliable Public Safety: Professional and Responsive Police, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Office of Emergency Management. Police patrol the neighborhoods of Bound Brook 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If you have an emergency and dial 911, a police car will be at your location within minutes, followed by the Rescue Squad and Fire Department if necessary. An ambulance will be dispatched by a local hospital if requested.
 - b. Outstanding Public Works Department: Reliable Rubbish Removal, Recycling, Snow



- Removal, Street Cleaning operations, pot hole repair, graffiti removal and much more.
- c. Exceptional School District: Curriculum and teachers in a technologically rich environment with Bound Brook High School recognized as a "NJ School of Choice." Over \$3 million in financial aid awarded to senior class of 2014. Internationally competitive Robotics program and NJ state competitive sports teams. Students in the Bound Brook School System are issued notebook computers in Grades 6-8 and iPads in High School.
 - d. Traditional Neighborhoods and Parks: A friendly town with sidewalks, a main street, churches, a synagogue, a historic Vaudeville theater, professional offices, local stores, banks, restaurants, a world-class grocery store, sporting goods store and flower shop. Billian-Legion Park and its impressive American Flag welcome visitors to Bound Brook and Codrington Park serves the residents with outstanding recreation facilities.
 - e. Available New Jersey Transit Rail and Bus Service: Provides convenient access to New York City, Philadelphia, Newark International Airport and Atlantic City. With the one-seat round-trip ride from Bound Brook to NYC now available to commuters at 9-10-11-12 & 1. NJT will add the evening one-seat ride to the RVL on January 18th, with round-trip trains returning from NYC to BB at 8-9-10-11 & 12.
 - f. All Roads lead to Bound Brook: Bound Brook is a primary exit from U.S. Routes 287 & 206 and County Routes 22 & 28 and has easy access to and from U.S. Route 78.
 - g. World-Class Entertainment & Sports: Somerset Patriots Minor League Baseball, The Brook Theatre, The State Theater in New Brunswick, Rutgers University sport venues, "Tour of Somerville/Bound Brook" bike races, nationally recognized public golf courses and more.
 - h. Exceptional Nearby Shopping & Lodging: Home Depot, Costco, Target, Shoprite, Bed Bath and Beyond, Old Navy, Marshall, PetSmart, Babies 'R' Us, Golfsmith, Pepboys, Bridgewater Mall (over 100 Stores), Marriott, Hilton Garden, Radisson, Embassy Suites, Ramada, Double Tree, Courtyard, La Quinta and Holiday Inn Express.
 - i. Award Winning Somerset County Services:

- Voted one of the nation's five best counties to live in, offers the Adult Day Center, Senior Center, Public Bus Shuttle Service, Kids Clubhouse, Youth Leadership Program, and much, much more.
- j. Active Local Service Organizations: The Elks, Moose, VFW, American Legion, Rotary Club, Garden Club, Friends of the Library, Bound Brook Seniors, Bound Brook Women's Club and many more.
- I plan to reach out to the Real Estate Community and the media and present this "Believe in Bound Brook" message. **We are lucky to live in Bound Brook!**
- Finally, after having been the Mayor for exactly 59 days, I have given myself a few more goals:
1. To work with FEMA in expediting the completion and certification of the Green Brook Flood Control Project and coordinating with Mortgage lenders in order to eliminate the flood insurance requirement where appropriate.
 2. Make every effort to reduce overall Property Taxes in Bound Brook. It is understood that a thorough review of the BOE (51%), County (18%) and Borough (31%) portions of the overall Property Tax is necessary. In every decision the Mayor and Council make, we will consider what the cost is to the Bound Brook taxpayer.
- Once again, we wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and we can now continue with the meeting.
- Robert Fazen, Mayor

The next issue will include the latest information on the Bound Brook Fire Department and Smalley School Girl's Basketball. If you want other issues addressed, please call Mayor Fazen (cell: 732-735-1382). I recommend you hold on to this issue. It contains useful information for Bound Brook Residents.

American Legion Post 63 Accepts Donation of Ceremonial Bugle by Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home of Bound Brook

Members of The Giles-Biondi American Legion Post 63 in Bound Brook were recently presented with a Ceremonial Bugle by Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home, 225 Mountain Avenue, Bound Brook, at the January meeting of Post 63. The Ceremonial Bugle has an electronic insert that enables an individual to "symbolically" play Taps or other bugle calls, when a live bugler is not available, providing a respectful and dignified performance at funerals, Veterans Day and other events to honor those who served. In attendance were Funeral Home Manager Edward Hagan, and Funeral Directors Mark D. Chamberlain, Paul D. Chamberlain, and Joanna Hagan. "We Just wanted to show our respect for the things that you guys have done that help protect us and our families and show our respect and thanks to all veterans," said Edward Hagan. Hal Dietrich, Commander of American Legion Post 63 in Bound Brook stated "We are very grateful to Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home and very much appreciate the donation of the Ceremonial Bugle."



Hal Dietrich (far right), Commander of American Legion Post 63 in Bound Brook displays the newly donated Ceremonial Bugle to (from left to right) Somerset County American Legion Commander Al Wilson; American Legion Post 63 Bound Brook Board of Trustees President Ben Auletta, Sr. and representing Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral home of Bound Brook: Edward Hagan, Manager; Paul D. Chamberlain, Funeral Director; and Mark D. Chamberlain, Funeral Director
Photos and Captions by Ben Auletta, Jr.

The solemn visual image of the bugle and bugler will provide an additional air of dignity and respect to honor the service of the deceased, and will provide comfort to their family and loved ones."

Membership eligibility in the American Legion is based on honorable service within the U.S. armed forces during wartime. For information about the American Legion in Bound Brook contact Commander Dietrich at 732-369-3741 or post63boundbrook@gmail.com.

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Welcome Back

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Bound Brook Community

The Washington Camp Ground Association

During the summer of 1777, and again in the winter of 1778-1779, General George Washington, with his troops of the Continental Army, encamped in the Watchung Mountains, just north of Bound Brook.

The Washington Camp Ground Association owns a portion of the land Washington used for his Middlebrook encampments – a 19.3 acre plot preserved through the generosity and foresight of the Hon. George LaMonte. The Association is dedicated to preserving this land for educational and memorial purposes and to commemorating the struggle of the colonists for freedom and independence in the American Revolution.

- The Association holds two events annually.
- **February 22nd** (Washington’s Birthday), a business meeting is held to elect new officers, update membership on Camp Ground preservation efforts, new business and provide historical perspective and entertainment. Traditional cherry pie is served.
 - **4th of July**, patriotic exercises are conducted at the Camp Ground, including the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

On June 16, 1777 the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the 13

Stars and Stripes flag as America’s colors. During the Continental Congress meeting, Francis Hopkinson, a delegate from New Jersey, proposed a design for the flag, now recognized as the “Hopkinson Flag.” As shown above, the flag attributed to Hopkinson has thirteen stripes and thirteen stars in five rows of 3-2-3-2-3 on a blue field.

The Continental Army was encamped at the “Washington Camp Ground” at the time and the flag was delivered to the troops where it was flown proudly.

Replicas of the “Hopkinson Flag” are available from the Washington Camp Ground Association.



The “Hopkinson Flag” is flown at the Camp Ground, both day and night, by special permission of a formal resolution of the United States Congress.

Bound Brook Garden Club Celebrates 91 Years!

Bound Brook, NJ, February 9, 2015– Before the Garden Club of New Jersey was founded; before the National Garden Club was formed ... there was the Bound Brook Garden Club (BBGC). Some believe it is as “old as dirt,” but it was founded on June 24, 1924 – meaning that the Club will soon celebrate its 91st year as a non-profit service organization to Bound Brook and beyond.

The group remains intimate, meeting the first Friday of each month from October through June in one another’s homes. They conduct their business meeting, enjoy conversation over a light lunch, then continue growing their knowledge of gardening with guest lecturers and workshops. This year’s Programs have included Autumn Arrangements with Erika Paterson of America’s Florist, Topiaries with Ken Selody of Atlock Farm and Peonies with Kathleen Gagan of Peony’s Envy. Upcoming Programs will include The Life of Trees with Chris Padot of Green Tree Surgeons, in-house Flower Show table settings, The Amazing Life of Bees with Josephine Giaimo of the NJ Beekeepers Association ... and more!

Beyond monthly meetings, Club Members serve the community. They provide plants for



the Bound Brook Library and floral arrangements for Lyons Hospital and Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children. The BBGC joins with Wreaths Across America and during the Christmas season, places wreaths as memorials on the graves of veterans in the Bound Brook Cemetery.

If you would like to learn more about this historical and active educational and service organization, you may visit their website at bbgc.shutterfly.com. Membership is open to those from Bound Brook and adjoining communities who are interested in gardening and would like to participate in the club activities. Contact deb.bbgc@gmail.com for information about the club's next meeting.

Bound Brook High School Alumni Association and Hall of Fame

What do a former president of NBC Television, a nationally renowned tenor at the Metropolitan Opera, a founder of the Midland School for disabled children, and U.S. Senator from NJ have in common? Robert Mulholland, Ronald Naldi, Edward Scagliotta, and Jeffrey Chiesa, respectively, are alumni of BBHS and members of the school’s Hall of Fame.

The Bound Brook High School Hall of Fame was created in 2001 to recognize the accomplishments of alumni and faculty members who have distinguished themselves and brought honor to BBHS, both while in school and during their careers after leaving BBHS. Until 2008, only graduates with outstanding lifetime achievements were eligible for the Hall of Fame. Two classes of outstanding BBHS graduates and staff members were inducted into the Hall in 2003 and 2006. In 2008, an athletic achievement section was started to recognize the efforts of student athletes and coaches who brought honor to BBHS during their high school careers. During the 2010 election, the first athletic team, the 1957 State Group III Champion basketball team was enshrined. Now, every two years, another group of illustrious alumni, faculty and staff, and athletic teams are selected for the Hall of Fame. Our Hall of Fame now includes a diverse group of graduates who have excelled in fields that go far beyond the horizons of Bound Brook.

In 2009, the BBHS Alumni Association was re-established and an Alumni Newsletter was begun to give all alumni and friends of BBHS a means to stay connected with their alma mater. The goal of the association is to get all alumni involved in promoting the name of our school. The association is open for membership to all alumni and friends of



BBHS who wish to stay connected with fellow graduates. The newsletter is issued at least five times a year and has proven to be very popular in promot-

ing the Hall of Fame and BBHS Alumni Association. Since 2010, the association has awarded two scholarships each year to a graduating BBHS senior using alumni association dues and donations to fund each of the awards.

The BBHS Alumni Association Executive Committee is currently looking for BBHS alumni who would like to join the committee. At present, Chairman Joseph Yarashas, Class of 1961, heads the fifteen person group. If you are interested in becoming a voting member, contact any BBHS Alumni Executive Committee member, or the group meets on the second Monday of each month in the BBHS Vocal Room at 7:00 PM. Next meeting will be held on March 9, 2015.

To find out more about the BBHS Alumni Association/Hall of Fame, you can visit the official website of the group at www.eteamz.com/bbhshof. There you can find biographies of all the Hall of Fame members, a list of alumni association members by class, forms for nominating Hall of Fame candidates and to join the association, a listing of previous newsletters and articles, and lots of other information regarding the group. If you would like to join the association, contact either Alan Beatty, '65, at coachbates19@hotmail.com or by phone at (732) 356-0735 or any other BBHS Alumni Association Committee member.



Washington Camp Ground Association

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

ENTERTAINMENT & HISTORIC PROGRAM

Sunday, February 22, 2015 - 1pm
Somerville Elks • 375 Union Ave • Bridgewater
LIMITED SEATING (125 seats)

1:00 pm: Business Meeting	LUNCH
1:15 pm: Entertainment by <i>Spiced Punch</i> “Lively 18th Century songs sung by tipplers, soldiers & common folk”	Members: \$20 per person Non-members: \$25 per person
2:00 pm: Lunch Buffet	FOR RESERVATIONS
2:45 pm: Historic Program by <i>Linda & Bob Barth</i> “The Millstone Valley National Scenic Byway”	Mail check to : Robert Fazen 571 Watchung Rd Bound Brook, NJ 08805 Payable to: WCGA Luncheon

2015 WCGA MEMBERSHIP

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Name: _____	Phone: _____
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Payment Enclosed: () \$10 individual membership	() \$15 family membership
() \$30 corporate or organization membership	() \$300 lifetime membership
Checks Payable to: WCGA	
Mail Check to: Robert Fazen, 571 Watchung Road, Bound Brook, NJ 08805	

Bound Brook Community

Historic One Seat Ride

The Raritan Valley Rail Coalition (RVRC) Board of Trustees, One Seat Ride Coalition and Coalition of Raritan Valley Line Mayors were a part of history, riding the first weekday evening off-peak one seat ride train from Raritan Borough to Penn Station NY and from Penn Station NY to High Bridge on Monday January 12, 2015.

“We are very excited about achieving the second step of the ‘one seat’ ride,” said Peter Palmer, Somerset Country Freeholder and Chairman of the Raritan Valley Coalition. “We encourage residents to take advantage of this and we will continue to work with NJ Transit for expanded ‘one seat’ service.”

RVRC has been advocating for a ‘one seat’ ride on the line for nearly twenty years, and the first accomplishment in the process was taken by NJ TRANSIT in March of 2014 when the first off-peak trains were scheduled. The second step in the process of having after 8 pm weekday direct service was originally promised for November of 2014, but was sidetracked by budget issues. After these issues were cleared up, the after 8 pm was then scheduled for January 12, 2015.



"We're proud of the progress made this year in getting direct service to New York in off-peak day-time hours and evenings," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, who represents Union County on the Board of the Coalition. "It's the result of ongoing work by the Coalition, public officials, train riders, and NJ TRANSIT. And it doesn't stop here. We will keep working to expand this service."

“The residents of Bound Brook and other New Jersey municipalities near the Raritan Valley Line will enjoy the direct service to Penn Station New York during weekday evenings,” Said Bound Brook Mayor Bob Fazen, Trustee of the RVRC. “The Line is a tremendous asset to our communities.”



South Bound Brook Council President Dennis Quinlan , South Bound Brook Mayor Tom Ormosi, Somerset County Freeholder Peter Palmer, Bound Brook Economic Development Chair Kerry Miller, Bound Brook Mayor Robert Fazen and Bound Brook Councilman Vinnie Petti.

Week Day One Seat Rides Between Bound Brook and New York Penn Station

DEPART BBNJ	ARRIVE NY PENN
8:54 am	8:54 am
9:59 am	9:59 am
10:58 am	10:58 am
11:58 am	11:58 am
12:59 am	12:59 am
6:50 pm	6:50 pm
8:03 pm	8:03 pm
9:00 pm	9:00 pm
10:04 pm	10:04 pm

DEPART NY PENN	ARRIVE BBNJ
10:44 am	11:49 am
11:49 am	12:51 pm
12:49 am	1:51 pm
1:47 am	2:51 pm
2:39 am	3:45 pm
8:48 pm	9:52 pm
9:48 pm	10:53 pm
10:48 pm	11:51 pm
12:08 am	1:09 am

Bound Brook Police Department

226 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook
EMERGENCY 9-1-1
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MISSION STATEMENT. The Bound Brook Police Department is committed to preserve the peace, uphold the law, and to provide excellence in police service in partnership with

our community. The members of the Bound Brook Police Department commit to provide excellence in police services based upon our Mission and Core Values, which are Integrity, Honesty, Professionalism, Compassion, Respect and Accountability.

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Women's Literary Club of Bound Brook

The Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook has been providing area women with opportunities for both fellowship and service for almost 130 years. The Woman's Literary Club was founded in 1885 for literary purposes, but has since evolved to cover many topics of discussion such as public issues and international outreach, as well as philanthropic projects. The club became a member of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, which in tum is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in 1895. The club collects winter coats for needy

Bound Brook school children, provides holiday meals for area families, and clothing and necessities for the local veterans' home.

The club holds meetings on the first Monday of the month at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Bound Brook. Recent programs have included a visit with Julia Child, Clean Water, and a talk on German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook welcomes all women 18 years of age or older. For more information, contact the club at boundbrookwomansclub@gmail.com.

Bound Brook Seniors

The Bound Brook Seniors are a group of individuals that are 50 plus years of age. The members are mostly from Bound Brook but welcome and encourage people from all towns to join. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month.

The Seniors club participates in many dif-

ferent, fun outings. These include Atlantic City bus trips, ball games, plays, tours and holiday dinners. There is something for everyone!

The monthly meetings include topics of discussions and often entertaining key speakers as well as other activities.

President: Mike Carmen 732-356-1024
Vice President: Ann Fratantuono
Treasurer: Theresa DePaolo
Secretary & Sunshine: Paulin Forktus
Membership: Molly Colalillo 732-469-2485

Trips: Roseann Short
Meeting site:
Asbury Hall
United Methodist Church
150 W. Union Ave., Bound Brook

Trips and Events

Atlantic City Trip
Tuesday, Feb 17 at 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Call Bill 732-356-8297 or Sue 732-356-4856

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Mar 4 at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Atlantic City Trip
Tuesday, Mar 17 at 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Call Bill 732-356-8297 or Sue 732-356-4856

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Apr 1 at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse (\$77)
Friday, April 17th

Montreal & Quebec City, Canada Trip
(\$565) - June 8-13

Abie’s Irish Rose
Meal, Show, Dessert, Tax & Gratuities included

For information call Molly at 732-469-2485

Tour Notre Dame Basilica, The Underground City, Montreal Olympic Park, Old Quebec, St. Anne DeBeaupre Shrine

For information call Molly at 732-469-2485



Bound Brook Rescue Squad

We are your friends and neighbors. We come to your home in your hour of greatest need no matter what the time, weather or what we happen to be doing at the time. We are a phone call away. We have walked away from our families on Christmas Day, missed our children's birthday parties and we have gotten out of our beds in the middle of the night to get you to the hospital. We are entirely a volunteer organization. We help because we care about people and love Bound Brook.

WE ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BOUND BROOK RESCUE SQUAD

For 75 years, the Bound Brook Rescue Squad has served our town. Squad members are certified emergency technicians who are on call at all times. Our services include emergency medical treatment for the sick or

injured. The members are trained and certified in motor vehicle extrication, rope rescue, water rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, building collapse and any other emergencies that may need our rescue team.

Our equipment consists of: three ambulances, two boats, one technical rescue vehicle, one 5 ton army truck, one first responder vehicle & one heavy rescue vehicle.

If you would like to join our elite team of dedicated and caring men and women or would like to become a member of our Youth Corps, please call Borough Hall at (732) – 356-0833 Ext 649 and leave your name and phone number.

We depend on the contributions of folks like you. If you would like to make a donation, you may mail your contribution to PO Box 641, Bound Brook, NJ 08805.

Redevelopment

Redevelopment in Bound Brook

Summary by Mayor Robert Fazen, February 14, 2015

Below are summaries of redevelopment projects approved for Bound Brook:

Meridia Apartments (see below), when complete, will have 240 apartments. 117 of the apartments were completed in Phase One and 85 of those apartments are rented as of this date. Work has begun on the remaining 123 Units.

Queens Gate Apartments (see below), when complete, will have 144 apartments in three

Queensgate Apartments Open House Event

Through March 1st

Queens Gate, a brand new luxury living experience featuring oversized apartment homes, will host an exclusive Open House Event now through Sunday, March 1st in the designer-furnished model home of this exquisite Somerset County community! Queens Gate offers a unique collection of spacious 2-bedroom, 2 bath floor plans with features such as home office/dens and private balconies. Located just off Routes 287, 28 and 22, Queens Gate features modern amenities, sophisticated design, and an unparalleled convenience to major NJ highways. All of the benefits of ownership, except the maintenance, can be yours with this unique opportunity to lease at Queens Gate.

“With only 15 homes left to lease at Queens Gate, we invite interested visitors to attend our Open House Event, tour our decorated model, learn about our Grand Opening incentives and experience the Queens Gate lifestyle for themselves,” notes Community Manager, Tanya Mariotti.

“The public response to our recently available homes has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic,” Mariotti reported. “With a location only minutes from Bridgewater Commons Mall and Somerset Patriots Park, we have attracted a large number of renters from such upscale Somerset County communities as Basking Ridge, Bernardsville and Hillsborough. Our residents are thrilled with their beautifully decorated apartment homes, covered garage parking, convenient elevator accessibility and the community’s stately gated entrance. Now over two-thirds leased, Queens Gate is the ideal apartment retreat for savvy renters,” according to Mariotti.

Stunningly pastoral surroundings, generous

Opening of Meridia Main Station Apartments



Meridia Living, a leading multifamily developer and operator specializing in luxury apartment communities, is pleased to announce the official opening of its newest apartment community, Meridia Main Station, nestled in the heart of historic downtown Bound Brook. The community features 240 apartment homes and is a catalyst for the Borough’s redevelopment goals of transforming the downtown area into a lively, suburban neighborhood. Located on the corner of East Main Street, Meridia Main Station offers residents a transit-friendly and walkable lifestyle with nearby coffee shops, casual and upscale restaurants blended with a host of unique, luxurious amenities. The leasing of the apartment homes is proceeding at a pace that is faster than what Meridia Living expected, which is evidence that its residents are recognizing all that the Borough has to offer and its efforts to transform the downtown. Residents also enjoy in-house events sponsored by Meridia such as the Sweats and Treats party that took place on Valentine’s Day.

Meridia Main Station is situated within minutes of Routes 287 and 22, and steps away from the Bound Brook train station providing quick access to NYC via the Borough’s new “1-seat ride.”

The community consists of studio, 1- and 2-bedroom LEED and energy star certified apartment homes surrounded by unique, lifestyle-enhancing amenities, such as a social lounge equipped with a poker table, pool, and flat screen TV’s, 24 hour laundry facility, upcoming Bark Park and agility center, bike storage, and beautifully decorated halls and entrances. Additional amenities at Meridia Main Station include a 24-hour fitness center, resident courtyards with grills and fire pits, electronic locks, on-line tenant portal, camera system, digital doorman as well as free Wi-Fi in community common areas. Residents also enjoy valet dry cleaning and package acceptance. For those who commute in their cars, there’s a large indoor parking garage for convenience.



Bound Brook High School Wrestling

Bound Brook wins fourth straight Sectional Championship. The Bound Brook wrestling team defeated Belvidere by a 55-9 score to win their fourth consecutive Sectional Title and put them in position to attempt

winning their fourth consecutive Group I State Championship on Sunday a Sun Bank Arena in Trenton. The evening was also one last opportunity to wrestle in their home gym and they certainly made the best of it as they all won.

The six members of the senior class have won over 525 individual matches, 81 dual meets, three State titles, four County titles, three District titles, three Region 5 Team of the Year Awards, have been ranked in the top ten in New Jersey for all four years and in the top fifty of the United States for the last three years. Wow! Plus, four of them will win over a 100 matches in their career.

On this night seniors Ryan Galdamez and Josh Ugalde led the pinners and they were joined by Joe Casey, Tyler McIntosh and Mekhi Lewis.

Regional News

ALL-NEW SHOW! 37th SEASON!

BIG APPLE CIRCUS

PRESENTS

METAMORPHOSIS

FANTASTICAL FUN FOR EVERYONE!

TD BANK BALLPARK IN BRIDGEWATER

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 15, 2015

“Old-Fashioned Fun...The Circus you’d like
your child to remember.”
- Associated Press

Hurry, hurry! — Fly away to the magical ring, to the circus — to the **Big Apple Circus!** — where an All-New Show — **METAMORPHOSIS** — with astonishing acts and startling transformations will transport you to a realm of enchantment under the Big Top! For its 37th Season, Big Apple Circus soars on wings of artifice and illusion, to a dreamscape domain where no one sits more than 50 feet from the ring, and nothing is impossible! Big Apple Circus presents the New Jersey premiere of **METAMORPHOSIS** in its annual Bridgewater engagement at TD Bank Ballpark from Thursday, February 26 through Sunday, March 15, 2015.

Appearing before your very eyes: The thrilling flyers of the trapeze, swooping and swirling through circus skies! The razzle-dazzle of the rolla-bolla, an act that teeters right on the edge of equilibrium! The dynamo of the diabolo, the whirling double-tops of the Big Top! An aerial space-age acrobatic adventure — an ascent to amazement! The risky rhythms of the Risley team, twisting and turning, topsy-turvy! The cadenzas of camels and horses, and the exuberance of playful pooches, out to dazzle with delight! The cunning conjurors of the quick-change act, defying belief and inspiring awe! The incredible flexible limbs of the contortionist in an act that will literally bend your imagination! And Francesco the Clown, captivating the crowd with his musical merriment and gentle humor. Under the direction of maestro Rob Slowik, the



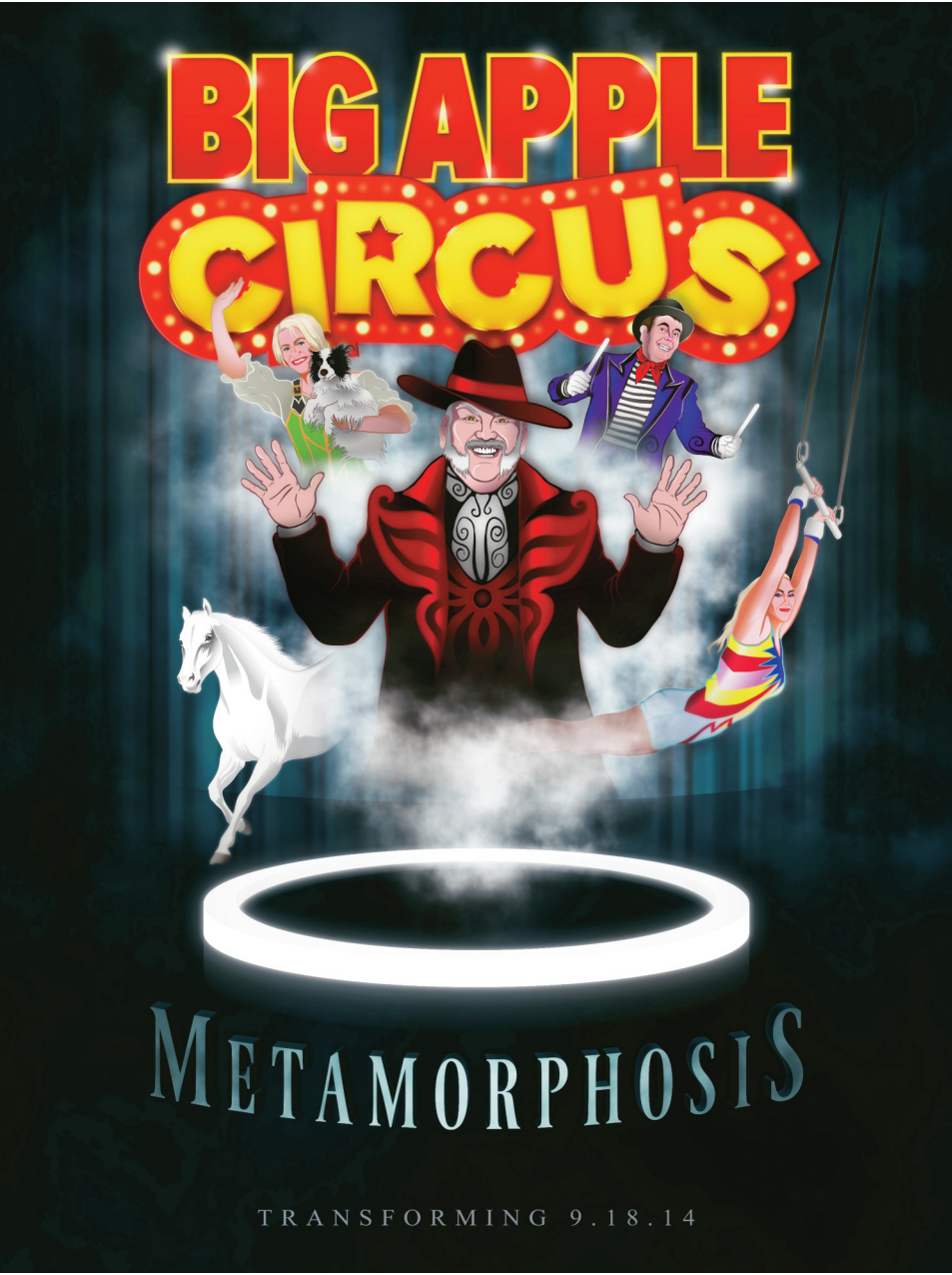
renowned Big Apple Circus Band provides as always the live and glorious tunes of the sawdust spectacular. And finally, our irrepressible, magnificent Ringmaster, the illustrious and incomparable John Kennedy Kane will summon the spirits of the circus universe to immerse you in the wonder, the joy and the astounding magic of **METAMORPHOSIS!**

Show Information

- ★ From the US, **John Kennedy Kane** makes his thrilling three-peat here under the Big Top, to take you on a shimmering, chimerical adventure!
- ★ From Russia, **Vladimir and Olga Smirnov** challenge you to keep up as they change from one outrageously spectacular costume to another in just the blink of an eye!
- ★ From the US, **Jenny Vidbel** guides her beloved animal friends — ponies, puppies and more — through astonishing tricks that’ll have the audience cheering!
- ★ From Russia, the **Aniskin Troupe** transports the audience to new heights, showcasing some of the best twists and turns of the century on their trampoline and flying trapeze!
- ★ From the US, the **Anastasini Family** show off their slick skills with diabolo (“Chinese yoyos”), Risley (foot juggling — each other!), and an aerial space act that will leave you bedazzled and beguiled!
- ★ From France, **Francesco the Clown** brings joy and laughter to children and adults alike as he transforms reality into dreams!
- ★ From the US and Mongolia, **Tatevik Seyranyan and Odbayasakh Dorjoo** swivel and bend with amazing flexibility in a contortion act sure to boggle the mind — and watch Tatevik elude the laws of gravity in a breath-taking balancing act!

Returning to Big Apple Circus as director for a second season, **West Hyler** presents an extraordinary show to entertain audiences of all ages. **Antoinette DiPietropolo** makes her Big Apple Circus debut as choreographer to entrance the audience with magical steps and spins. Also returning is Tony Award-winning set designer **Todd Rosenthal**, who helps bring the acts to life with his mesmerizing mise-en-scène. Adding to her versatile career, **Mirena Rada** returns to the

Big Apple Circus and adds flouncy flair as costume designer. Big Apple Circus welcomes back **Howell Binkley** as the lighting designer who gives the show its energetic sparkle. Seven-time winner of the MAC Award, **JP Perreux** returns to the circus as sound designer. And Big Apple Circus is ecstatic to introduce



Jim Steinmeyer to the team as illusion designer to add a little magic to this masterpiece. Contributing musical compositions and arrangements is **Jack Herrick**, artistic director of The Red Clay Ramblers, and to top it off, the Big Apple Circus Band shines under the brilliant musical direction of its trumpet virtuoso, the matchless maestro **Rob Slowik**.

Ticket Information

Performances of **METAMORPHOSIS** begin Thursday, February 26 and run for 28 shows through Sunday, March 15, under the Big Top at **TD Bank Ballpark**, home of the Somerset Patriots (1 Patriots Park, off Route 287 in Bridgewater, NJ), the third stop on the Big Apple Circus tour, following its world premiere engagement in the Washington DC metro area and annual season at Lincoln Center, NYC.

Tickets for **METAMORPHOSIS** start at \$20 and are available at bigapplecircus.org or by calling (888) 541-3750. NEW THIS SEASON! Wednesday Family shows at 11 AM and 6:30 PM: BOGO – Buy One ticket, Get One free for a special 75-minute version of **METAMORPHOSIS** (no intermission).

The Circus Box Office opens February 25 in front of the Big Top; hours are: Wed–Fri: 10 AM–8 PM, Sat–Tues: 10 AM–6 PM (open

to 8 PM on Saturday, March 7). There are no service charges for tickets bought at the Box Office. The Big Top is heated in cold weather for all-season comfort! The show runs for 2 hours, including a 15 minute intermission. For inquiries about group sales, wheelchair-accessible seating or for any additional information please call the **Ticket Info Line at (800) 922-3772**.

Big Apple Circus

For 37 years **Big Apple Circus**, New York’s original one-ring circus, has been delighting audiences of all ages under its Big Top by presenting the finest in live family entertainment featuring world-class circus artistry. Experience the instant connection between audience and artist as your family sits less than 50 feet from the ring. **Big Apple Circus** is a not-for-profit performing arts and outreach institution committed to invigorating the communities we serve with the joy and wonder of classical circus. Tax-deductible contributions made by corporations, foundations and individuals enable **Big Apple Circus** to bring its special magic to diverse audiences through its outreach programs — **Clown Care**[SM], **Vaudeville Caravan**[SM], **Circus After School**[SM], **Circus For All!**® and **Circus of the Senses**® — as well as its critically acclaimed performances.

Bound Brook Community

Bound Brook Police Department

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HOW DO I...

BECOME A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD?
The Bound Brook Police Department is always looking for reliable persons to work as school crossing guards around town. If you are interested, even if only for a part time basis, please contact Lt. Kevin Rivenbark at (732) 356-0800 extension 672.

SIGN UP FOR THE NIXLE ALERT SYSTEM? Nixle Alerts are the main way the Boro of Bound Brook and the Bound Brook Police Department will communicate with the town in the event of emergencies, such as road closures and snow information. Visit the following website and click "Sign Up Free!": <http://www.nixle.com>

APPLY FOR A GUN PERMIT/FIREARMS ID CARD? All forms can be found and completed at www.njsp.org. Once on the site, open the drop down menu located at the top right of the screen titled "SERVICES". The following forms can be found in the "Firearms Information" subsection:

1. Application for firearms purchaser identification card and/or handgun purchase (fill out online and print two copies).

2. Consent for mental health records search (fill out online and print one copy).

Upon completing the forms, contact D/Sgt. Mazuera of our firearms Unit at (732) 356-0800 extension 667 to schedule an appointment to submit your application. Bring the following fees with you to the appointment based upon what you are applying for. Firearms purchaser identification card - \$5.00 cash. Permit to purchase a handgun permit - \$2.00 cash per permit. Information will be provided at this time for the submission of your fingerprints for a criminal records check.

PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT CHILDSAFE? Project ChildSafe is a nationwide program that promotes safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearm owners through the distribution of safety education messages and free firearm Safety Kits. The kits include a cable-style gun-locking device and brochure that discusses safe handling and storage. Since 2003, thr Project has partnered with local law enforcement agencies to distribute more than 36 million safety kits to gun owners in all 50 states and five U.S. territories. Come in to Police Headquarters for more information about this project, or visit www.projectchildsafesafe.org/about for more information.

Bound Brook Public Works Resident Guidelines for Trash Removal

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE. Solid Waste Collection Service (Peter Rubineti Private Disposal, LLC) will collect Two (2) Cans or bags per week. The container is not to exceed 50 gallon capacity with two handles and a lid. Over the bag or can limit will require stickers. If the garbage is Pl.d in bags, a sticker must be affixed. The sticker is to be Pl.d in a visible location. Trash will not be picked up without a sticker.

During the month of July, August, December, Contractor will collect Three (3) cans of household trash.

Your garbage is to be Pl.d curbside no earlier than 6:00 PM on the evening before your scheduled pick up. Garbage pick-up begins at 5:00 AM on scheduled day.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE (County Recycling – 732-469-3363) Pick up at curbside in designated containers on a schedule posted by Somerset County. Dispose of Scrap Metal and Consumer Electronics the 1st Saturday of each month between 8 AM and 2 PM at the Somerset County Recycling Center at 40 Polhemus Lane in Bridgewater. **ELECTRONIC WASTE IS NOT ACCEPTED. THE DISPOSAL LOCATION IS NEWTECH RECYCLING AT 600A APGAR DRIVE IN SOMERSET, NJ. WEEKDAYS FROM 7 AM TO 5 PM - PHONE NO. 732-564-3110**

Trash Pick Up Routes

MONDAY. Schools, cans, parks, Union Ave. - entire length, Church St. - Union Avenue to Main St., John St. - Union Ave. to Main St., Mountain Ave. - Union Ave. to Main St., Hamilton St. -Union Ave to Main St., East



St. - Union Ave. to Main St., Somerset St., East Second St. -East St. to Billian Park, West Main St. - entire length including dead end, Maiden Lane, Linden Ave., Drake St., Talmage Ave. - entire length, Fairview Ave., Van Keuren Ave., Columbus Place

TUESDAY. Schools, cans, parks, Winsor St. - Union Ave. to High St., Livingston St., Vosseler Ave. - Union Ave. to Talmage Ave., West Franklin St., East Franklin St., West High St. - Vosseler Ave. to Mountain Ave., East High St., East Second St. – Vosseler Ave., Fisher Ave., Pine St., North St., Romney Rd., New Hampshire Lane, Lamonte Ave., Hardy Ave.

WEDNESDAY. Schools, cans, parks, Wheatland Ave., West Second St. - Vosseler to Tea St., West High St. - Vosseler to Tea St., St Johns Place, Evergreen Ave., Codrington Place, Thompson Ave. - Union Ave. to High St., Hanken Rd., Welch Rd., Verona Place, Highland Place - Union Ave. to Grove Ave., Imlay Place, Dalay Place, Park Pl., Ware Court, Kings Ct., Bryant Ct., Tea St. - Talmage to Union Ave., Grove Ave., Longwood Ave.

THURSDAY. Schools, cans, parks, Legion Ct., Tea St. - Union Ave. to Lawrence Rd., Thompson Ave.-Cedarcrest to Union Ave., Lawrence Rd. Cedarcrest Drive, Thomas Rd., William St. , Helfin St., Vosseler Ave. - Union Ave. to Town Line, Clearview Pl. Highland Pl. - Union Ave. to Maple Ave., East and West Maple - entire length, Marion St., Carleton St., Washington St., Hayward St., Livingston St. - Maple Ave. to Union Ave., Cherry Ave. - Vosseler to Hayward, Crusader Way, Betsy Ross Pl., Crescent Drive.

FRIDAY. Schools, cans, parks, Mountain Ave. - Route 22 to Union Ave., Middlebrook Rd., Washington Rd., Watchung Rd., Wahneta Drive, Central Ave., Church St. - Union to Piedmont, Cherry Ave. - Hayward to Win-

Bound Brook Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

The Bound Brook Office of Emergency Management provides information to the public during times of crisis. Our agency is a 100% volunteer organization. The Office of Emergency Management also provides assistance to community events throughout the year.

To connect with Bound Brook OEM, sign up for Facebook today. To receive advance notices of emergency conditions in our area, enroll in NIXLE at the following internet link: <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

PLAN AND PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES.

Be Ready: Follow The “Three Steps to Safety”. OEM works closely with our federal, state and county partners to prepare for virtually all hazards, natural or manmade, that could affect New Jersey's families, communities and businesses.

You should prepare for the unexpected and reduce the stress you may feel should an emergency arise.

STEP ONE: "GET A KIT" OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES: ITEMS FOR YOUR HOME:

- Three days' supply of canned, non-perishable, ready-to-eat food
- Three days' supply of water (a total of three gallons per family member)
- Battery-operated RADIO and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- One week's prescription medications
- First aid kit
- Personal toiletries
- Non-electric can opener and utensils
- Special needs items:
 - Infant care items
 - Items for elderly family members
 - Items for relatives with disabilities
- Cash or travelers checks
- Store important documents in a water-proof, safe location

IN CASE YOU NEED TO EVACUATE:

- Keep your vehicle's gas level at a minimum of half-a-tank.
- Every family member must carry contact information:
 - All phone numbers at work, school, etc. for every family member
 - The name and number of a relative who lives out-of-state, to call in case your family gets separated.

These are the basics. For further advice, read “Your Family Disaster Supply Kit,” available from the American Red Cross: www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit. You can also follow these additional tips on emergency food and water supplies.

STEP TWO: "MAKE A PLAN" FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY OR YOUR BUSINESS

First, follow the easy-to-use instructions in “Your Family Emergency Plan,” available from the American Red Cross:

sor St., Winsor St. - Unionto, Piedmont Drive, Chestnut St., Kensington Pl., Metape Circle, Piedmont Drive, Schoolhouse Lane, Meadow Drive, Encampment Drive, Farm lane, Ross Lane, Agnes Pl., Schindelar Lane.

redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family

IF YOU HAVE DISABILITIES OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS:

- More information for people with disabilities, older adults, caregivers and people with access and functional needs: eady.nj.gov/plan/special-needs.html
- Register with your County OEM and local Police Department. Let them know of the assistance you might need during an evacuation or other emergency.

IF YOU DO NOT OWN A CAR OR CANNOT DRIVE:

- Ask your County OEM or local Police Department for details on the evacuation plans for transit-dependent individuals.
- Make plans with a neighbor who does drive.

IF YOU HAVE PETS:

- Read these Preparedness Tips for Your Pet: ready.nj.gov/plan/pets.html. Disaster shelters cannot accept pets other than ADA assistance animals. You must plan accordingly.
If you want to do more: Learn what it means when Public Safety Officials order you to:
 - Shelter at Home
 - Evacuate
 - Take Health-Related Actions

STEP THREE: "STAY INFORMED" OF POSSIBLE THREATS

It is important to know about the risks that may happen in your community, and to know whether an emergency is imminent or is already taking place. Contact your local OEM or American Red Cross Chapter.

- Ask which Types of Emergency are most likely in your area, and how to prepare for each.
- Learn about the warning signals that will be used in your community.
- Learn about the local radio and TV stations you should tune into for emergency alerts and official instructions.

Learn about the disaster plans for your Workplace, your children's School or Day Care Center, and Other Places where your family spends time.

KEEP TRACK OF CURRENT WEATHER FORECASTS AND ALERTS WITH:

- Local radio or TV stations
- NOAA Weather Radio - or listen online - www.ready.nj.gov/weather/.



Bound Brook School District

Superintendent's Message Thank You Bound Brook Community

The Bound Brook Board of Education and Administration would like to express its appreciation to all the voters who came out to voice their opinion about the referendum through their ballot choice. We are looking forward to being able to upgrade and renovate our schools to improve the educational environment for all Bound Brook students over the next couple of years.

We thank you for your confidence that we have only the best interest of students in mind as we progress with the project. We invite residents to continue to have an active voice in the district's operations through attending board meetings and events at all the schools.

BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL. Last year we made several program changes that have been very successful. First was the Breakfast After the Bell program. Bound Brook captured the first place prize in the NJ Food for Thought School Breakfast Challenge for significantly increasing the number of students eating a healthy morning meal at school.

As the Northern/Central Jersey winning district, Bound Brook received a \$5,000 grant to purchase equipment to sustain breakfast service. In addition, the 5th grade students at Lafayette were treated to a pep rally with an NFL player Mark Herzlich of the New York Giants.

Bound Brook's student participation in the federal School Breakfast Program climbed from just 211 students in September 2013 to 1,402 in May 2014 – a 564 percent increase. According to data from the Departments of Education and Agriculture, Bound Brook is now feeding 82 percent of eligible, low-income children.

HEADS UP PROGRAM. On Wednesday, October 15th, the HEADS UP Program, sponsored by the Philadelphia Police Department, presented to the students of Bound Brook High School. HEADS UP stands for Heroin Education and Dangerous Substance Understanding Program. The program was a huge success and the district is looking into additional educational programs through the county and state agencies.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY. In conjunction with the Bound Brook Police Department (BBPD), several of our schools, teams and clubs participated in the Bound Brook Community's "Make a Difference Day", which is the largest singleday of volunteering in the country. On Saturday, October 25, 2014

the students and staff of the district helped to complete several beautification projects downtown. The district, along with the Bound Brook Police Department have also purchased flags and art wrap covers for light posts and signal boxes to help encourage community and school spirit.

CURRICULUM. The district has embarked on updating curricular programs and support systems to help our students achieve success. The district has adopted new curriculum and programs for grades kindergarten through 6. We have Journeys language arts program, Go Math, and Science Fusion. These three programs are each integrated programs that build skills for each curricular discipline. All of these programs are aligned to the current standards and provide resources for differentiation.

At the middle school level, grades 7 and 8 have revamped their math programs to include pre algebra and algebra 1 courses. All language arts programs have been rewritten to align with Common Core Curriculum Standards.

In addition, the district has realigned the Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) process to better assist students in their academic endeavors. The district has also trained all of our teachers grades kindergarten through 6 in responsive classroom techniques.

RETENTION POLICY. The Board of Education has updated the district retention policy. The Board of Education supports educational programs of high academic standards. These programs shall provide maximum opportunity and challenge for each student to progress according to his/ her own needs and abilities. Students shall be placed at the grade level most appropriate to their academic, social, and emotional development. The educational program shall provide for the continuous progress of students from grade to grade. To read the policy please go to our website for additional information.

The Bound Brook School District started the school year with a very positive climate of growth and hope for the future! We believe in keeping the community informed regarding our schools and hope this newsletter does just that for each of you.

Truly,
Daniel Gallagher Daniel Gallagher, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Technology News



NEW BOUND BROOK APPLICATION. The official Bound Brook School District app gives you a personalized window into what is hap-

pening at the district and schools. Get the news and information that you care about and get involved.

Anyone can view district and school news, use the district tip line, receive notifications from the district and schools, access the district directory or display information personalized to your interests

Parents and students can view contact information, assignments, and grades. Get it for IOS at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bound-brook-school-district/id925070188?mt=8> or for Android at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.parentlink.bbroom>.

NEW SMARTBOARDS FOR 3RD GRADERS IN ANNEX AND NEW ROOMS IN LAMONTE. New Smart boards were purchased and installed in new classrooms in LaMonte School and in LaMonte Annex for 3rd grade classrooms.

THE THIRD YEAR OF 1 TO 1 IPAD INITIATIVE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12. Bound Brook SD continues to support 1 to 1 initiative for high and middle school students.

6TH GRADERS IN SMALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVE THEIR OWN LAP-TOPS. In line with district 1 to 1 initiative, all 6th grade students in Smalley Middle School received a personal laptop to use in school.

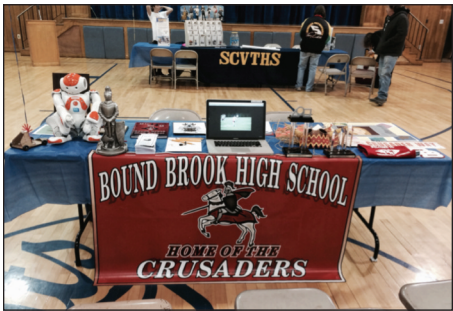
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Journeys Reading Program

The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys program is a core reading program designed to meet the diverse needs of all students, from Kindergarten through grade 6. It includes the key elements of reading instruction, from comprehension to decodable readers. The components of the program and the activities and strategies presented throughout are based on current research and best instructional practice advocated by classroom teachers, administrators, teacher educators, and policymakers alike. The Journeys program provides students with the skills they need to succeed, preparing them ultimately for the high literacy demands of college and the workplace. In the program, students develop reading comprehension skills as well as developing their skills as critical thinkers, writers, speakers, listeners, and communicators.

Bound Brook High School

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION NIGHT AT ROBERT MORRIS SCHOOL IN SOUTH BOUND BROOK. On Wednesday, November 19th, the Freshman Guidance Counselor, Mr. Mahon Ryan-Hannaway, and the Principal, Mr. Edward Smith attended the High School Orientation Night at Robert Morris School in South Bound Brook. This was an invaluable opportunity to provide young men, women, and their parents with information and resources to make an informed decision for appropriate academic plans, and to learn about the opportunities offered here at Bound Brook High School.



HEADS UP PROGRAM. On Wednesday, October 15th, the HEADS UP Program, sponsored by the Philadelphia Police Department, presented to the students of Bound Brook High School. HEADS UP stands for Heroin Education and Dangerous Substance Understanding Program. Both staff and students alike thought the program was a huge success.

TEM. Our school district uses the ParentLink Notification System to provide timely communication to parents and staff members on matters such as attendance, general interest activities and campus and district emergencies.

GENESIS PARENT ACCESS. The Genesis Parent Access portal is a safe and secure way for parents to view many of their child's school records for the school year. Through the Genesis Parent Access portal, parents can access information about their child's class schedule, attendance and discipline. Genesis Parent Access registration forms and information are available at: <http://www.bbroom.org/domain/53>.

Our Journeys Reading Program can be accessed on the same Think Central link we have for Go Math and Science Fusion. With their login, students can access the student anthology, the practice book, and leveled readers. Log in information was provided to the students in class. The student anthology is available to view at home. It's a great opportunity for students to listen/read the main selection story again. Practice book pages can be printed at home. If a student has an assignment due the following day but left their practice book at school, they can print the pages at home! The leveled readers are available for students to listen/read. They are organized by lessons and include vocabulary for the week. These are an excellent way to hear vocabulary used in context.

This program challenged the school community to think about drug usage, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions, and the impact your decisions have on family, friends, and loved ones. The partnering of the Bound Brook school community with the Philadelphia Police Department emphasizes the importance of working together to ensure a healthy and safe community.

This program opened emotional doors, created awareness among the community that we are not invincible, and made everyone experience first hand how your actions affect the lives of so many other people. Experimenting with drugs and controlled substances is a gamble that you just can't win. Therefore, the hope is that our students make the right choices moving forward. Collaborating on initiatives with law enforcement officials in the future is greatly anticipated.

MULTI-CULTURAL CLUB. The Foreign Language Department is implementing a Multicultural Club at the High School and Middle School. The Club will be comprised of students in grades 7-12 who want to deepen their understanding and appreciation of different cultures that exist within Bound Brook and around the world. The club will meet monthly, and plans to: increase awareness and appreciation of diversity and multiculturalism in Bound Brook and around the world, sponsor activities and outings to learn about and experience aspects of

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various cultures, enhance students’ understanding and pride in their own culture and identity,foster respect for others with varying cultural traditions, values, and beliefs, prepare students to be effective, caring citizens in a diverse, multicultural global community. Staff and students alike are anticipating the creation of the club.

DANCE CLUB. Teachers at the High School recently proposed the creation of a dance club. The purpose of this club is to allow students Grades 7-12 to creatively express themselves through dance. Students will be responsible for creating their own musical numbers, approved by faculty advisors. Additionally, the advisors will facilitate dance practice by organizing practice schedules, providing assistance to dance club members, and setting rules and expectations.

PSAT / NMSQT. On Wednesday, October 15th, all sophomores and many juniors took the Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test (PSAT) at the High School. The PSAT is a co-

sponsored program by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Essentially, it is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT, as well as providing an opportunity to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarship program. The PSAT measures Critical Reading skills, Math problem-solving skills, and Writing skills. In addition, the most common reasons for taking the PSAT are as follows: to receive feedback on academic strengths and weaknesses, to see how performance on an admission test might compare with those accepted at individual colleges, to enter the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, to help prepare for the SAT, and to receive information from colleges.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (RVCC) CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT BREAKFAST KICKOFF. The students above were accepted into concurrent enrollment classes for the 2014- 2014 academic school year. Through Raritan Valley community College, Bound Brook High School is able to offer col-

lege level courses offered to our students. This is a great opportunity for the students to get a head start on college and save tuition money by completing college level Math and English classes. The classes meet during regular school hours once a day for the entire school year, the same way that regular classes are structured. However, students enrolled in these classes will receive both high school and college credits, as well as a transcript from RVCC.



Look for news about other Bound Brook schools in our next edition.

Bound Brook School Sports

Bound Brook Basketball

NEW DIVISION FOR CRUSADERS IN 2014-15. After winning 4 straight Skyland Valley Division Championships and winning 6 of the last 8 Skyland Championships, the Crusaders Basketball program has been moved in the Skyland Raritan Divison. The Crusaders will be the only group 1 team in the league.

This will be a very challenging year and schedule for our program, we are excited for the challenge.

RARITAN DIVISION TEAMS: Somerville (Group 3), Warren Hills (Group 3), Voohtrees (Group 3), Delaware Valley (Group 2), Bernards (Group 2), Bound Brook (Group 1)
2014-15 RECORD. Overall: 10-8

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday Feb. 17th
Somerset County 1st Round

Thursday. Feb. 19th
Somerset County Quarterfinals
Friday Feb. 20th
6pm at Timothy Christian
Saturday Feb. 21st
11:30 vs. BA HS
Monday Feb.23rd
7pm vs. North Plainfield
Wednesday Feb. 25th
7pm at Delaware Valley
Friday Feb. 27th
7pm at Bridgewater

STATE TOURNAMENT DATES:

1st Round State Tournament - March 3rd
2nd Round State Tournament - March 5th
3rd Round State Tournament - March 7th
Sectional Finals - March 10th

Bound Brook Defeats Somerville

Somerville High School had been in cruise control heading into Thursday night. They were carrying a 12-game winning streak and looked poised to continue their success, but they had one major problem, Somerville had to travel to Bound Brook High School.

The Crusaders made sure to play their competition hard from the start, taking a 22-20 advantage into halftime and never allowing Somerville to gain momentum. Dan Leinbach gave Bound Brook the offensive performance they needed during the first-half, scoring 13 of his 17 points in the first two quarters and helping the Crusaders realize they could hang around with Pioneers.

Bound Brook played lock down defense in the second-half and made timely shots to hold on for a 49-45 victory over their Skyland Conference Valley Division opponent.

"The shots were going in and I just kept shooting," Leinbach said about having the hot hand in the first-half. "Once they stopped going in, I began looking for other guys."

"It was a good spark," Bound Brook Head Coach Anthony Melesurgo said about Leinbach's first-half outburst on offense. "We needed something like that because last game against Warren Hills we struggled to score. Dan took the pressure off everyone else. It let us settle in a little bit and allowed us to play ahead."

Leinbach led the charge for most of the night, but Anthony Perez has been the leader on offense for most of the season. Perez had a quiet first-half, but found comfort in knowing he could rely on his teammates for support.

"I'm not the only who can lead on this team," Perez said. "We have other leaders on the team. Everyone else on this team can play."

Bound Brook Girls Basketball

Jen Derevjanik's basketball travels have taken her across the Tri-State Area, the United States and the Atlantic Ocean since her playing days in Staten Island, NY, and now the former Division I standout and WNBA player has landed with the Bound Brook High School girls basketball team.

The Crusaders enjoyed a resurgence last season, following up a 0-24 campaign by posting 13 wins under second-year coach Steve Kline. This year, with Kline having left the school, Derevjanik takes over and is looking forward to her first high-school head-coaching job.

"They've been so welcoming," said Derevjanik, who previously served as an assistant at Wagner College and has coached AAU for

Hoops Nation. "We're running an all new system, different defense, so it's taking time. But I love the people, the girls are great, the families and parents are so into it, and I'm just excited. I think it's a nice community and I'm ready to go."

After starring at point guard at St. Peter's High School in Staten Island, Derevjanik started four years at George Mason University in Washington, DC, before signing with the Connecticut Sun of the WNBA and then moving to the Phoenix Mercury, where she won a WNBA championship.

Derevjanik also played seven seasons in Europe, including stops in Lithuania, Latvia, Greece, Slovakia and Russia, before she retired as a player and took the a

position at Wagner as she worked on her master's degree in education.

And while Derevjanik knows there will be adjustment period to a new coach and that it will take time for her to impart her accumulated basketball wisdom on the young Crusaders, she is confident by the end of the season Bound Brook could be right there.

"My expectations are for us to get better every day," Derevjanik said. "We're very young, mostly sophomores, so I just want us to be a better team when March comes along. I have very high expectations for them, and they know it. So they

have to bring it every day in practice. I just want to compete with the best teams and you never know who we might surprises."

MASCOT: Crusaders
TEAM: Varsity 14-15
COLORS: Red, White
COACH: Jennifer Derevjanik
ADDRESS: 111 W Union Ave, Bound Brook, NJ 08805
OVERALL: 7-5
LEAGUE: 4-4
NATIONAL RANK (MAXPREPS): 7089
STATE RANK (MAXPREPS): 181

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