

# 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

The month of April welcomes the spring season to Bound Brook. The Daffodils, Tulips and Dogwoods are beginning to bloom and our colorful Borough is on display after a winter of mixed weather and a Bound Brook High School winter sport season that was historic. Looking forward to the warmer weather, I want to highlight the events that will be taking place in the coming months and throughout the summer:

- Battle of Bound Brook**  
Saturday, April 08  
Queens Bridge,  
Bound Brook & South Bound Brook
- Somerset Patriots Opening Day Game**  
Friday, April 21  
TD Bank Ballpark
- American Legion places American Flags at Veteran’s Gravesites**  
Saturday, May 27  
Bound Brook Cemetery
- Criterion Bike Race**  
Sunday, May 28  
Bound Brook Neighborhood Starting at Smalley School
- Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony**  
Monday, May 29  
Bound Brook Union Avenue to Vosseller Monument
- Hot Rods & Harleys**  
Saturday, June 17  
Downtown Bound Brook

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### 5-Day Fire Department Carnival

Tues, June 27 - Sat, July 1  
Billian-Legion Park

### Movies in the Park

July - August  
Billian-Legion Park

### Washington Camp Ground Independence Day Ceremony

Tuesday, July 04  
Middlebrook Camp Ground

### Food Truck Festival

Saturday, July 15  
Billian-Legion Park

### 5K Run

Saturday, July 29  
Downtown Bound Brook

### Riverfest

Saturday, September 16  
Downtown Bound Brook

### Congratulations Chief Michael Jannone

After 32 years of service to the Bound Brook Police Department, Chief Jannone announced his retirement, effective April 1, 2017. He was promoted to Chief of Police in December 2011 and has been responsible for molding the Department into one of the most highly respected forces in the state of New Jersey. His leadership was responsible for establishing a professional and skilled organization and his administrative and fiscal expertise created a cost-effective and effective operation for the Borough.

Among his many accomplishments as Chief of Police, he instituted the K-9 Program in January 2015 and in March 2017, achieved Police Agency Accreditation through the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

Chief Jannone was raised by his grandparents on Church Street in Bound Brook. He graduated from Bridgewater-Raritan High School-East in 1977 and upon graduation worked for a major pharmaceutical company before enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1978. He served on active duty until November of 1984 and attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. He established himself as a heavy weather boat coxswain and specialized in search and rescue and law enforcement.

He was hired by the Borough of Bound Brook Police Department in February 1985 as a police dispatcher and in July 1985 became a patrol officer. He attended the Middlesex County Police Academy and graduated in December 1985. He was assigned

to the patrol division until February 1989 when he was promoted to the rank of Detective and assigned as the juvenile officer. He attended Drug Abuse Resistance Education in Virginia and became bound Brook’s first D.A.R.E. (“Drug Abuse Resistant Education”) Officer. As a Detective he worked both juvenile and adult cases.

In April 1993, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned a squad in the patrol division. During that time, he furthered his education and completed a certificate program in public administration from Fairleigh Dickerson University in March 1999. He was promoted to Lieutenant in December 1998 and assigned as the Patrol Commander, detective bureau and services division. In 2001, he graduated from the 207th class of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In 2001, he was awarded the Marine Corps League Medal of Heroism for rescuing a disabled wheel chair bound victim from a second floor of a structure fire.

He is a member of the International Association of chiefs of Police, the NJ State association of Chiefs of Police, the Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police and the F.B.I. National Academy Associates.

## Adult Day Center of Somerset County’s Seventh Annual Generations Gala Honors Steve Kalafer

The Adult Day Center, a non-profit organization committed to providing extraordinary day care services for the elderly and disabled residents of Somerset County, and support for caregiving families, has announced that Flemington Car & Truck Country Owner and Somerset Patriots Chairman Steve Kalafer will be honored at its Generations Gala on Thursday, June 8th at Trump National Golf Club.

The Generations Gala, which serves as one of the ADC’s most significant fundraisers of the year, honors the individuals who have made exceptional contributions to helping older and disabled adults, many of whom have an Alzheimer’s or dementia-related diagnosis, and their caregivers.

“I am deeply honored and humbled to accept this award,” said Kalafer. “Caring for our aging loved ones is critical but often overlooked. The Adult Day Center provides an essential service to the Somerset County community by providing compassionate care to our community’s older adults and caregivers. I am proud to support the mission of our neighbor.”

The event features fine dining, dancing, fundraising, and a celebration of the ADC’s 40th anniversary.

Sponsorships are now available and include Gala tickets and a Tribute page in the Commemorative Ad Journal. Tickets are available for \$250 per person. Found-

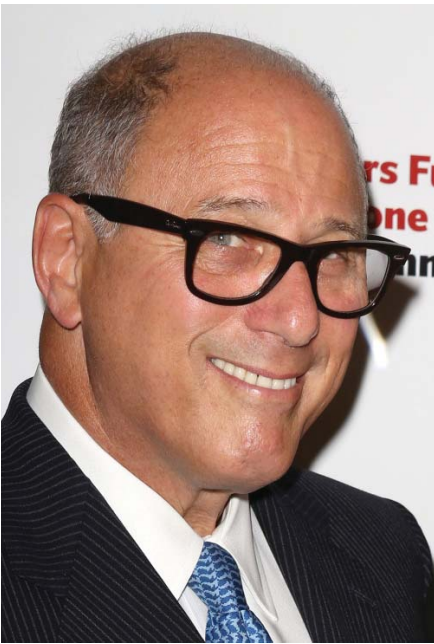
The Chief has also been a volunteer fire fighter for 38 years with the Finderne Fire department in Bridgewater, NJ.

Thanks for your service Chief and best wishes for the future.

### Bound Brook High School Sports

The Winter sports season has been historic. The Girls Basketball Team is NJ State Group 1 Champions, the Boys Basketball Team is runner-up for the Central Jersey, Group 1 Championship and the Bound Brook Wrestling Team won 5 medals in Atlantic City, with three state champion wrestlers. The last page of this Bound Brook Chronicle edition highlights those winter efforts.

The Spring athletic calendar will include Track, Baseball, Softball and Boys Tennis. Get out and support our student athletes. I will publish the team schedules next month.





Somerset County  
Outstanding Women  
2017

Bound Brook Resident Medicine Sally  
Steele Hoben, RN-BSN



Sally is a lifelong resident of Bound Brook and a certified school nurse at Bound Brook High School. She is a graduate of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center School of Nursing, Union County College and the College of New Jersey. She completed advanced-degree studies at Caldwell College, where she received

her certification. Early in her career, she helped save many lives through her work in the emergency department and emergency medical services. During the 1970's she was one of the first nurses working in pre-hospital advanced life support – today's paramedics. She also was responsible for the education and mentoring of hundreds of paramedic students, many of whom have successful careers in public health, medicine, law enforcement, and emergency medical and fire services.

As a school nurse, her list of accomplishments is monumental. She established the Breakfast-after-the-Bell program for at-risk students in the Bound Brook School District, which today serves nearly 2,000 students.

She worked with area retail stores to provide students with free eye examinations and glasses. Without this program, many students would have never received glasses and would continue struggling to read.

She first brought the "Every 15 Minutes" program to the high school, which is a two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors, challenging them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions.

Sally is always dedicated to the Bound Brook community, providing nutrition educational sessions to the Hispanic community, "El Poder Sobre La Diabetes."

Bound Brook Police Department Receives Honor

On March 28th, Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S. Accreditation Program Manager from the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police ("NJSACOP") made a presentation to the Bound Brook Police Department. Mr. Delgado declared, "on behalf of the NJSACOP Accreditation Program Commissioners and our entire organization, please accept my congratulations on achieving Police Agency Accreditation through the NJSACOP Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. You and the members of your department can be justifiably proud of this accomplishment."

Accredited status represents a significant professional achievement (achieved by only 33% of NJ Police Departments). Accreditation acknowledges the implementa-

tion of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.



Harry Delgado, Lieutenant John Mazuera, Chief Michael Jannone, Lieutenant Richard Columbaroni, Lieutenant Vito Bet and Captain Kevin Rivenbark

Black History Month  
Celebration



Over 50 community members gathered at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch for a performance by Rhonda Denet and the Silver Fox Duo (Nat Janoff on guitar and Chuck Batton on drums). This performance wrapped SCLSNJ's celebration of Black History Month with a review of classic rhythm & blues and soul celebrating a time when this primarily African-American genre crossed over to mainstream audiences. Featured songs were made famous by female artists Mary Wells, Martha & The Vandellas, The Supremes, Dionne Warwick, and Roberta Flack as well as male artists Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and others. The audience showed their appreciation for the wonderful performance with a standing ovation.

Jazz/Soul vocalist, songwriter and band-leader Rhonda Denet is hailed as a virtuoso that lends her flair to every song she sings. When she performs Denet invites her audiences to surrender to the groove by blending classic and contemporary favorites with her inspiring original music. Her repertoire covers the gamut ranging from the American Songbook to Top 40 radio.

Spelling Bee

On Saturday, March 11, Somerset County Library System of New Jersey hosted the 2017 Bee Spectacular, a county-wide spelling bee. Nearly 50 local children grade 3-8 participated. First place winner is Anmol Bhatia of Green Brook who attends Green Brook Middle School. Bhatia will go on to represent Somerset County at the Scripps National Spelling Bee this spring.



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(left to right): Corrine Fender, SCLSNJ Library Commission member; Chris Corsini, SCLSNJ Library Commission chairman; SCLSNJ's 2017 Bee Spectacular winner Anmol Bhatia; Pat Walsh, Somerset County Freehold member; Elias Ezra, Bridgewater Bound Brook Rotary president; and Michael Kerwin, president of Somerset County Business Partnership.

Pilato

Morris

Hagan

Union Ave



Bound Brook Memorial Library

Bound Brook Memorial Library Branch Programs

402 E. High Street, Bound Brook, NJ  
08805 732-356-0043 | [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org)

All programs listed are free. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated and programs are subject to change; visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) or call the library for more information and to register.

CHILDREN, TWEEN, & TEEN PROGRAMS

- Make & Take Crafts (4+ years old):**  
April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Role Play Saturday (grades 6-12):**  
April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Baby Time (birth-23 months):**  
April 4, 18, & 25, 10-10:30 a.m.
- Toddler Tales (2-3 years old):**  
April 4, 18, & 25, 11-11:30 a.m.
- Jump for Storytime (4-8 years old):**  
April 4, 7-7:30 p.m.
- Spring Break Paint Party (grades 3+):**  
April 12, 1-2 p.m.
- Escape the Room at The Library (grades 6-12):** April 12, 3-4 p.m.
- Lego Chain Reaction (grades 4-8):**  
April 13, 1-2 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

- English Conversation Group:** April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 12:30-2 p.m. & April 26, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Adult Beginning Knitting & Crocheting:**  
April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3-5 p.m.
- Importancia del Ahorro para el Futuro para Empresas y Empleados - Importance of Saving for the Future for Small Business Owners and their Employees:** April 5, 7-8 p.m.
- U.S. Citizenship Course:**  
April 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6-8 p.m.
- Spring Into Meditation:**  
April 7, 10:30 a.m. - noon
- Library Loopers: An Informal Gathering of Knitters & Crocheters:**  
April 10 & 24, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Library Advisory Board Meeting:**  
April 12, 7-9 p.m.

Ag Day

Attached is a photo of Freeholder Director Peter Palmer reading to a full room of children and their families on Tuesday, March 21 at Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch to celebrate National Agriculture (Ag) Day.

National Ag Day recognizes and celebrates the abundance provided by agriculture. 2017 marks the 44th annual National Ag Day and, together with the Somerset County Agriculture Development Board and Freeholder Director Palmer, SCLSNJ marked the occasion this family-friendly program for the community. Freeholder Palmer read a story about a tractor and participants painted mural boards representing this year's Ag Day theme: "Food For Life." The Somerset County Agriculture Development Board staff will assemble the completed boards into raised bed vegetable planters which will be located throughout Somerset County, including

SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial and Hillsborough Library branches. The harvest will be donated to local food banks.

If you missed this program, SCLSNJ is hosting a third Ag Day program, this time specifically for tweens and teens grades 6-12 on March 30, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Somerville Library branch. Visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) for more information.



Jaelynn Mejia, an eight-year-old second grader from Bound Brook, who painted a strawberry rock to decorate the garden that will be in the planter at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch.

Learn about the Importance of Saving for the Future

On April 5 at 7 p.m. SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch will conduct a program in Spanish and English about the Importance of Saving for the Future for Small Business Owners and Their Employees. Presented by Elliott Smego, Financial Advisor with The Prudential Insurance Company of America, this program will focus on different ways to save, such as homeownership, savings accounts or tax advantaged vehicles like IRAs. Attendees will learn about the importance of taking advantage of the benefits that employers may offer, including a 401(k), as well as the benefits of having insurance for small businesses and employees.

Registration is required to attend this program at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch. For more information and to register, visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) or contact The Library at 732-356-0043.

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Spring Break Paint Party

Head to SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch on April 12 at 1 p.m. for some Spring Break painting fun! Children grades 3+ will be guided step-by-step through the painting process to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. No artistic experience is necessary. Refreshments will be served.

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The Bound Brook High School Drama Club Will Present "Bye Bye Birdie"



On Friday, May 5th at 7 pm, Saturday, May 6th at 7 pm and Sunday, May 7th at 2 pm the Bound Brook High School Drama Club will provide a fun and entertaining show for the entire family at the High School Theater.

The Tony award winning Broadway show and hit movie was partly inspired by singing sensation, Elvis Presley. In the musical, the character Conrad Birdie is the heartthrob rock and roller. It's a show that will have you laughing and tapping your feet!

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. Tickets can also be purchased in advance (by April 27 2017) for a discount. For information on ordering in advance, please email Patricia O'Reilly at [patriciacaroleoreilly@yahoo.com](mailto:patriciacaroleoreilly@yahoo.com).

Rehearsals are in full swing for the spring musical. The Bound Brook Drama Club not only needs students who like to sing, act, and dance but students who can help with set design, lighting and can sub-

mit art work for the posters and playbills. This year area businesses can advertise themselves in the playbills, which will be handed out at the shows.

In the fall the Drama Club puts on its "Night on Brookway." Students put on a musical and/or drama performance while the audience enjoys a tasty dinner. This experience gets the students the opportunity to get comfortable acting and/or singing in front of a live audience. Then a couple of months later, sometime in January, auditions start for the spring musical. Fundraising for the Drama Club has been through "Mr Subs" on Union Ave, Bound Brook NJ who donates `15% of all 4-8pm sales, on the first Monday of each month, to the Drama Club. If you know of an area business that is interested in supporting the arts in our schools, you may contact the Drama Club director Mr. Shaffner who is a music teacher at the Bound Brook public school. His email address is [cshaffner@bbrook.org](mailto:cshaffner@bbrook.org). We'll see you at the show!

America's Florist



# Bound Brook High School

## Bound Brook High School Sports

### BBHS Girls Basketball

The Bound Brook Girls Basketball team went into the NJ State Tournament of Champions ranked No. 16 in the [NJ.com](#) Top 20, but were unable to sustain for four full quarters in a 62-39 loss to No. 3 Red Bank Catholic at Pine Belt Arena in Toms River.

The first five minutes showed promise and saw Bound Brook grab a 10-6 lead. But Red Bank Catholic reeled off a 10-0 run from there and never relented against a short-handed squad – though the Crusaders weren't willing to use that as an excuse.

The Crusaders were without starting sophomore Cortlyn Morris who is the NJ State leader in blocked shots and handles the point guard position as an outstanding ball handler. Bound Brook head coach Jennifer Derevjanik said. "I felt like, it's tough without Cortlyn, but we've got to play, it's



a part of the game, team's get injuries all the time."

Coupled with playing against a battle-test, experienced and deep Red Bank Catholic squad, it eventually proved too much for Bound Brook to overcome.

But considering the Crusaders' historic week, Derevjanik wasn't willing to give into the disappointment of a tough night; after all, Bound Brook was playing in its first-ever Tournament of Champions just a few days after securing the school's only state title.

Coach Derevjanik noted that a number of her student athletes were being recruited to by other schools, but all chose to stay home and lead Bound Brook to its first state championship. Derevjanik said. "It's an excellent group of players. I wish the season didn't ever end because I love them so much, but that's the way it is."

### BBHS Girls Basketball Individual Honors:

NJ.com GROUP 1 First Team:  
Janeea' Summers and Cortlyn Morris  
NJ.com Second Team All-State:  
Janeea' Summers

### About The Coach

Coach Derevjanik is the Head Varsity Basketball Coach at Bound Brook High School. Under her leadership, the team won the Central New Jersey Group 1 Championship in her second season. This year, she coached them to the New Jersey Group 1 State Championship.

She was a former assistant coach at



Wagner College and played professionally in Europe for seven seasons. She also played 5 years in the WNBA. While in the WNBA she played two years with the Connecticut Sun alongside Olympian Lindsay Whelan. Following her time with the Sun, she spent 3 years with the Phoenix Mercury alongside Olympian Diana Taurasi. While playing in Phoenix she won a WNBA Championship. Coach Derevjanik played Division 1 basketball at George Mason University.

### BBHS Wrestling



**WRESTLERS OF THE YEAR:** Back to back, Stephan Glasgow and Mekhi Lewis of Bound Brook brought the star power to Boardwalk Hall.

To win their second straight state titles, both wrestlers defeated defending state champions in the two premier bouts of the State Wrestling Championships.

Glasgow won the 152-pound title by beating Bergen Catholic's Shane Griffith. Griffith was vying to stay in the hunt to become a four-time state champion, but Glasgow -- a three-time finalist and two-time champion -- got the only takedown in a 3-2 decision.

Lewis, who was named co-Most Outstanding Wrestler, earned the honor by defeating Kyle Cochran of Paramus, 5-3. Combined, the duo went 79-1.

Lewis, a Virginia Tech signee, was undefeated and extended his two-year winning streak to 70 wins in a row while Glasgow, a Rutgers signee, suffered his only loss in the final round of the Powerade Tournament in a bout that was decided in ultimate tiebreaker.

**HAIL TO THE CRUSADERS:** Forced to forfeit several weight classes, Bound Brook lost to Cedar Grove in the North 2, Group 1 final but got plenty of redemption in Atlantic City.

George Walton added a third state title for the Bound Brook by beating Sam Wustefeld of Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the 182-pound final. Senior Robert Cleary added a third-place finish at 138 while ju-

nior Joe Casey picked up his third state medal by finishing sixth at 145.

### BBHS Boys Basketball



Coach Melasurgo in his 13th year as coach and the Bound Brook High School Boys Basketball program had a great year finishing runner up to Burlington city in the Central Jersey Group 1 finals.

In the final game, Evian Brown led four Bound Brook players with double-digits as the senior collected 17 points. A total of 10 of those points came in the first half as Tyson Amaker and Kyle Frauenheim shouldered the second-half scoring load with 12 points apiece. Amaker posted 11 points in the second half while Frauenheim hit three of his game-high four 3-pointers in the final 16 minutes.

Noah Smith also tallied double-digit points with 11 as Amaker grabbed a team-high nine rebounds and Brown dished out six assists.



### BBHS Boys Basketball Individual Honors:

NJ.com GROUP 1 Third Team:  
Tyson Amaker



Barts Glass

Get Well

Skybrook

Jim Handyman

Doc Express