The Bound Brook Chronicle

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Mayor Fazen's Corner

Bob Fazen Mayor
Borough of Bound Brook

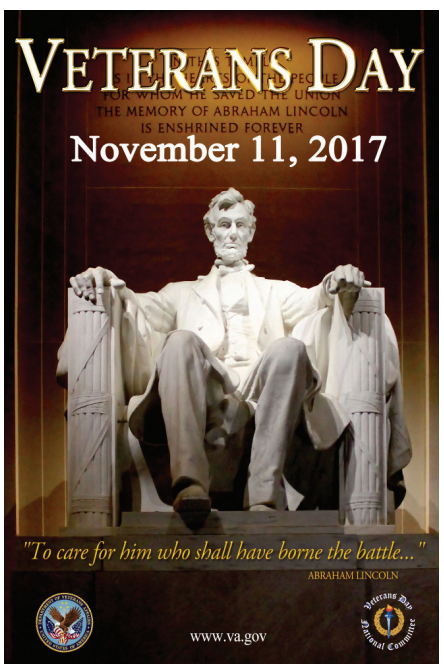
VETERANS DAY

The Bound Brook Veterans Day Celebration

Saturday, November 11, 2018, 11 am at the World War I Memorial Park at Vosseller and Union intersection

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service. It is also not to be confused with Armed Forces Day, a minor U.S. remembrance that also occurs in May, which specifically honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.



ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th
Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Bound Brook Polling Places are as follows:

District	Polling Place
1	Codrington Park Recreation Center, 200 Thompson Avenue
2	Presbyterian Church Recreation Building, Mountain and E. Union Avenue
3	Presbyterian Church Recreation Building, Mountain and E. Union Avenue
4	Codrington Park Recreation Center, 200 Thompson Avenue
5	Presbyterian Church Recreation Building, Mountain and E. Union Avenue
6	Codrington Park Recreation Center, 200 Thompson Avenue
7	Presbyterian Church Recreation Building, Mountain and E. Union Avenue

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO YOUR POLLING PLACE, GIVE THE MAYOR A CALL: 732-735-1382

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 23, 2018

My favorite Thanksgiving poem:

Thanksgiving Every Day

The table is brimming with good things to eat. We're surrounded by family and friends; what a treat. The feelings that fill us today can't be beat. It's Thanksgiving Day, and it all feels complete.

But other days, sometimes, things don't seem so fine. Those days are not polished and don't seem to shine. It's then in our minds, we forget all the good, and think of the things we would get, if we could.

On days when our thinking causes us dread. If we could remember, it's all in our head, and not let our minds take our gratitude away. Then we'd make every day like Thanksgiving Day.

By Karl Fuchs

MAYOR'S WELLNESS PROGRAM

Mayor Fazen's Wellness Program continues the "Walk with a Doc" program, sponsored by MEDICOR CARDIOLOGY. Walk with us on the following dates:

- Saturday, October 28, 2017, 8:30-9:30 am
- Saturday, November 18, 2017, 8:30-9:30 am
- Saturday, December 16, 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

WELLNESS

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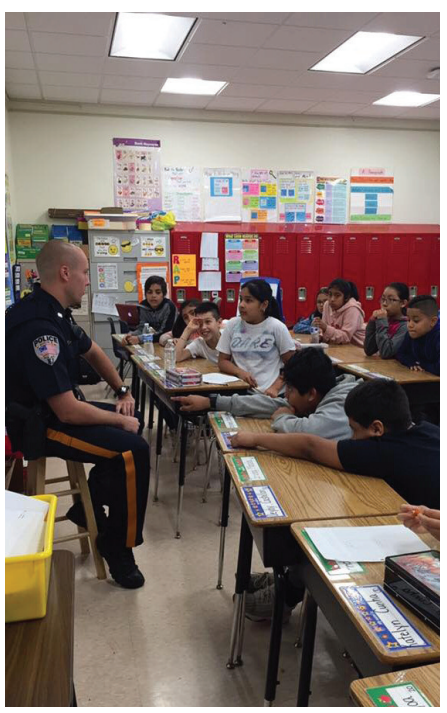
ADOPT-A-COP

The Bound Brook Police Department, with the outstanding support, cooperation, and partnership of Superintendent Dr. Gallagher and Smalley School Principal Delgaizo, are implementing the Adopt-A-Cop program into the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

The goal is to develop a positive relationship and create an open dialogue between the students and police. The officers will strive to meet with their assigned classes every day throughout the school year. During the visits officers will have discussions about topics such as stranger awareness, pedestrian and bicycle safety, bullying, and other subjects beneficial to the community and its youth. The Police Officers will answer questions of the students and faculty and creat an open line of communication that will benefit all the residents of Bound Brook.

Chief Vito Bet stated that the goal of this program is "Building partnerships today for a better tomorrow."



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Bound Brook Community News

Jersey Harmony Chorus Invites Women to Free Vocal Classes

An Opportunity for Vocal Instruction with Award-Winning Chorus

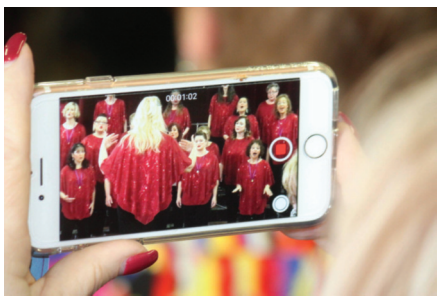
Jersey Harmony Chorus Members (Left to Right) Sarita Shaevitz, Jen Randolph and Anne Rochford promoting The Jersey Harmony Chorus at a local event. Photo courtesy of JHC.

The Jersey Harmony Chorus is hosting their Free "Vocal Autumn Series" for women who love to sing. A series of three vocal Workshops conducted by award winning director and coach, Kat Britt. will take place Mondays, Oct 16, 23 and 30 at 7 pm to 10 pm.

Both those with prior experience in choral groups or solo singing and less experienced women who enjoy singing are invited to attend.

The workshops will be held at Griggstown Reformed Church Recreation Hall, 1065 Canal Rd., Princeton (Griggstown section of Township of Franklin in Somerset County). Jersey Harmony is a four-part harmony a cappella women's chorus, performing a variety of popular

(Left to Right) Jersey Harmony Chorus Members Sarita Shaevitz, Sarah Ringer, Anne Rochford, Gail Bruno, Alice Tempel and Jen Randolph pose for 94.5 FM WPST Radio's Instagram. Photo courtesy of JHC.



Kat Britt directs the Jersey Harmony Chorus, caught on a cell phone during a recent performance. Photo by Ben Auletta, Jr.

music from past decades to the present.

Guests will take part in vocal coaching of four-part harmony and the fun and experience of being on the risers with the most enthusiastic, friendly group of women singers you can find. There will also be the opportunity to observe the chorus rehearsal, join in activities with the chorus and social time with refreshments.

For registration and more information, contact Carole at jhc.membership@gmail.com or call 732-236-6803.

Jersey Harmony Chorus is a group of fun-loving, hard-working, dedicated women who love to sing. The chorus sings four-part A Capella harmony, performing songs from genres such as popular, jazz and Broadway, while spanning several decades from 40's to recent years. Under the leadership of certified director, Kat Britt, the group works toward consistently improving their sound while enjoying the fun and comradery of a closely-knit group that loves to learn and laugh. The membership includes women of all ages that represent a wide range of backgrounds and careers. http://www.jerseyharmonychorus.org/. Guests who attend the vocal classes will be afforded the opportunity to return in November for more sessions and a chance to sing in JHC's annual holiday show in December.

Chorus members (Left to Right) Andrea Zintz, Perrine Panis and Melissa Forbes pictured during a recent Jersey Harmony Chorus performance honoring World War II Vets. Photo by Ben Auletta, Jr.

WHAT: Jersey Harmony Chorus Free "Vocal Autumn Series"
WHEN: Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, 2017.
WHERE: Griggstown Reform Church Recreation Hall. 1065 Canal Road, Princeton, NJ (Griggstown section of Township of Franklin in Somerset County)

Contact: For more information, contact Carole by Email: jhc.membership@gmail.com or phone: 732-236-6803.

FREE DOCUMENT-SHREDDING PROGRAM

Somerset County Board of ChosenFreeholders Presents:

PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT! There is one remaining date for the free "Operation Secure Shred" document-shredding program sponsored by the Somerset County Board of Freeholders.

The last shredding events is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2018, at the Bernards Township Engineering Services Building. The event will be held rain or shine from 9 am to 1 pm, or until the trucks are filled to capacity, at which time they leave and the event is over for that day.

Residents from all 21 Somerset County municipalities are invited to have personal documents shredded at as many free, on-site mobile paper-shredding events as they wish to attend. Residents do not have to reside in a town hosting an event to participate.

"Properly disposing of personal documents is a necessary step in safeguarding and protecting your personal information and credit and in preventing identify theft," said Freeholder Mark Caliguire. "We are pleased to be able to provide this very popular service to our residents again this year, in collaboration with our municipalities."

Documents will be commercially shredded safely, privately and properly by trained, licensed and bonded document-destruction specialists. Staples and paperclips do not have to be removed. Residents may bring documents in up to six boxes, containers or bags per visit and will be asked to take back their receptacles. You may stay and watch as your documents are shredded.

Junk mail, magazines and newspapers will not be accepted. This shredding opportunity is not open to businesses.

Since the program began in 2007, over 1.4 million pounds of materials have been dropped off for shredding by more than 19,000 residents, thereby keeping personal information out of the hands of unauthorized people who could potentially wreak financial havoc. In 2016, the number of cars increased by 560, for a total of 4,136, and the volume of paper shredded increased by close to 19,000 pounds, for a total of 231,303.

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Bound Brook Library and Community News

Bound Brook Memorial Library Branch Programs

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All 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 Bound Brook Memorial Library will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

CHILDREN, TWEEN, & TEEN PROGRAMS

Make and Take Crafts (ages 4+): November 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10 am - 4 pm. No registration required.

Role Play Saturday (grades 6-12): November 4, 11:10 am – 1 pm

Snakes-N-Scales (ages 5+): November 10, 2-2:45 pm

Storytime (ages 4+): November 14, 7-7:30 pm

Button Mania! (ages 8+): November 16, 3:30-4:30 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Conversation Group: November 1 and 8, 7-8:30 pm and November 7, 12:30-2 pm

Adult Beginning Knitting & Crocheting: November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29; 3-5 pm

Medicare Workshop: November 2, 1-3 pm

Beginner ESL Class: November 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10:00-11:30 am

Hidden Treasure in Central New Jersey: November 9, 7-8 pm

Identity Theft & You: November 15, 7-8:30 pm

Library Loopers: An Informal Gathering of Knitters and Crocheters: November 13 & 27, 7-8:30 pm

Discover Hidden Treasures in Central New Jersey at Bound Brook Memorial Library branch

Bound Brook resident, Ted Settle will bring the story of the Delaware and Raritan Canal to life on November 9, from 7-8 pm at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch.

Hidden Treasure in Central New Jersey: The Story of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, will explore the vast history of the canal including: the planning stages of the canal; when the canal carried more tonnage than the Erie Canal during its early operation in the 1800s; the closing of the canal in 1932; and the designation of most of the canal system as a New Jersey state park in 1974.

Registration is required to attend this program. 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. 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.

Explore the Strange World of Reptiles

Explore slithering snakes and remarkable reptiles at the Bound Brook Memorial Library branch on November 10, from 2-2:45 pm, during the interactive program, Snakes-n-Scales: Strange World of Reptiles.

Attendees will be able to interact with live reptiles and snakes in order to gain a better understanding about these often-misunderstood creatures. This program is recommended for ages 5 and up.

Registration is required to attend this program. For more information or to register, visit SCLSNJ.org or contact the Library at 732-356-0043.

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Hispanic Heritage Festival at Bound Brook Memorial Library Branch

Bound Brook Memorial Library branch hosted an afternoon of celebration and dance in observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Over 75 people enjoyed dance performances, music, and Hispanic cuisine. Pictured are Maria Holguin, the branch's circulation department supervisor and coordinator of the festival, surrounded by Krystina Moreno and Ivan Max, members of the Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre.

Register to attend the next branch program, Hidden Treasure in Central New Jersey on November 9: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/133402.

Awards Sprout Up For Bound Brook Garden Club Work

On June 8, 2017 the Bound Brook Garden Club received two awards for their club yearbook from the Garden Club of New Jersey at their annual meeting at the Bridgewater Marriott.

The first award was for an 'Excellent Yearbook' and the second was an award for the highest rated yearbook for a small club. The Bound Brook Garden Club yearbook received a perfect score of 100. Although the club has received ratings in the high nineties in the past, this is the first time the club received a perfect score. The yearbook was judged on the variety of program topics, speakers and program types (tours, workshops and presentations) as well as the club projects that benefited the community.

This year the club once again joined with the Bridgewater-Bound Brook Rotary and the students from the Interact Club at Bound Brook High School to plant flowers at nine locations in town including the borough hall, the high school and the five 'Welcome to Bound Brook' signs at entrances to town from Bridgewater and Middlesex. Members of the Bound Brook Garden Club gave a brief lesson to all the students on how to plant the flowers at the beginning of the project.

The gardeners then worked with three students to plant grasses on the center divider of Veterans Memorial Parkway near Billian Park and red, white and blue flowers at the entrance to the old Presbyterian Church cemetery on East High Street.

Maria Aksman, Bound Brook Garden Club member planted flowers at the old cemetery with Ashley Andrade, Emily Andrade and John Morales from the Bound Brook High School Interact Club.

The club also added color to the entrance of the Bound Brook Post Office this summer by placing two planters filled with colorful, tropical plants. Each December the club participates in the nation-wide Wreaths Across America project and places wreaths on the graves of veterans in the Bound Brook Cemetery.

The club is open to new membership for anyone interested in gardening. It is not a requirement to be a Bound Brook resident. The club meets the first Friday of every month from October through June at 11:00am. The meeting is followed by lunch and then a program. The program is on a gardening related topic and involves a speaker or a hands-on workshop. Please call Rosalie at 732-469-6076 or 908-581-3337 for more information about the club, its programs and the next meeting.

Article submitted by Mary Patten.

Bound Brook Women's Literary Club

Grateful Bites Restaurant, Bakery, and Catering will present a program for the Bound Brook Woman's Literary Club at its Monday, November 13th meeting. Dr. Karen Monroy will tell of the success of this unique Flemington Café operated by Ability to Work that provides supportive and inclusive job sampling training and employment to the differently-abled. The Restaurant serves breakfast, lunches, dinners and catering of gourmet handcrafted comfort food from scratch as well as food to go. The Bakery is known for its specialty party cakes and has won awards for creativity and its cooking classes for the public.

All proceeds from the Café go to support this program and the Club will learn of the history of the project and its continued success. The meeting is at 1pm at the St Paul's Episcopal Church Rennell Hall on Church Street, Bound Brook and the Club is open to any woman interested in joining others in commitment to service and learning.

Interested women can call Bobbie at 908-256-9318 or visit the meeting to learn more of the Club's programs and projects.

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Bound Brook School News

Bridge to Employment

Bound Brook High School has partnered with Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC), Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and FHI360 to offer students in the sophomore class the opportunity to be a part of the Bridge to Employment (BTE) program. BTE will offer many opportunities to meet with Johnson & Johnson professionals, learn about a range of careers available in the health care sector, and plan for continuing education after high school graduation. Additionally, the program will help students develop skills that will be essential in any career they choose. The program meets during school time, and also includes a number of visits to companies, colleges, and additional fun activities. Students will remain committed and participate in activities throughout the entire 3-year program. The program began with a kick off dinner on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm for students and parents to meet the BTE team and the mentors. For more information on BTE, please visit the website: http://www.bridge2employment.org/

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Bound Brook Police Department to Implement Neighborhood Watch Program

The Bound Brook Police Department is in the process of implementing a Neighborhood Watch Program. More information will be provided in the future.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.

Neighborhood Watch Overview

Launched in 1972, and sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Association, Neighborhood Watch counts on citizens to organize themselves and work with law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities, while demonstrating their presence at all times of day and night. The program was developed in response to requests from sheriffs and police chiefs who were looking for a crime prevention program that would involve citizens and address an increasing number of burglaries.

Essentially, Neighborhood Watch is a group of neighbors looking out for neighbors. It is getting to know each other and becoming familiar with your neighbor's habits and vehicles so that you will know when something is suspicious or out of the ordinary. In addition to recognizing potential suspicious activities, Neighborhood Watch participants report such activity by calling 911. After calling 911, neighbors should also notify your Watch Chairperson.

Neighborhood Watch does NOT mean being a vigilante. Participants do not confront suspects or take any personal risks at all. Nor does the program make you a nosy neighbor - it makes you a good neighbor in the old-fashioned sense of the word.

Benefits of having a Neighborhood Watch:

- Improved livability.
- A team concept of neighbors working together.
- Knowing your neighbors and looking out for one another.
- Improved home security.
- A partnership with the Sheriff's office.
- Information about available resources and services.

Neighborhood Watch

Bound Brook Police Department Supports Safe Routes to School

On September 28, 2017, Bound Brook Police Department helped support Smalley School with the *"Safe Routes to School"* initiative by providing free helmets to students who ride their bicycles to school every day. Chief Vito Bet along with Officer Munoz and Mrs. Delgaizo, Principal of Smalley School collaborated to make sure the students' safety is the first priority as they leave home to arrive for school.

Chief Bet and Officer Munoz came into the school to speak with the select students who ride their bicycles to school on a daily basis about their safety while riding their bicycles; specifically, if they were to fall while performing their "tricks" or the possibility of getting hit.

With the support of Bound Brook Police Department, Smalley School students will now be safer on their way to school and on their way home from school, ensuring the continuation of the Bound Brook School District's and Bound Brook Police Department's *"Safer Routes to School"* initiative!

Chief (left) picks out the first helmet to size with the group of students as Officer Munoz assists.

Chief Bet (left), Officer Munoz and Principal Delgaizo with all the students who were fitted for helmets.

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