

# 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**

### Summer in Bound Brook

Summer has begun and there are four issues that we should all pay attention to.

- VACATION** – If you are going on vacation and will be leaving your home vacant, please notify the Bound Brook Police Department. They will schedule additional patrols to observe your property while you are on vacation.
- KEEP BOUND BROOK CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL** – The neighborhoods of Bound Brook are alive with flowers, trees and beautiful landscaping. Please keep our properties, ball fields and public parks free of litter.
- TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS** – When walking your pets, clean up after them in the parks, playing fields and throughout the Borough.
- FLY YOUR AMERICAN FLAG PROUDLY** – If your flag is tattered and torn, purchase a new one and fly it proudly. You may bring your old flag to Borough Hall and deposit it in the “flag mailbox.” The Boy Scouts properly “retire” all old flags on Flag Day every year.

### Patriotism, Tradition and History



Bound Brook is a place of Patriotism, Tradition and History and nothing shows that more than the 4th of July Independence Day Celebration at the Washington Camp Ground.

### Join us on the 4th of July - Independence Day

The Washington Camp Ground is a portion of the land General George Washington used for his Middlebrook encampments. The 19-acre plot was granted to the Washington Camp Ground Association by the Honorable George LaMonte in 1884.

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 Middlebrook area of the Watchung Mountains, just north of Bound Brook.

The Washington Camp Ground Association is dedicated to preserving this land for educational and memorial purposes and commemorating the struggle of the colonists for freedom and independence during the American Revolution. Every 4th of July, patriotic exercises are conducted at the Camp Ground including a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

**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.**



On June 16, 1777 the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the 13 Stars and Stripes flag as America’s colors, replacing the Grand Union flag existing since January 2, 1775. Because the Continental Army was encamped in the Middlebrook area on June 14 and several successive weeks in 1777, it is most likely one of the first sites that flew the stars and stripes.

During the Continental Congress meeting, Francis Hopkinson, a delegate to the Congress from New Jersey, proposed a design for the flag, now recognized as the “Hopkinson Flag.”

The flag attributed to Hopkinson has thirteen stripes and thirteen (six pointed) stars in five rows of 3-2-3-2-3 on a blue field.

### The 2018 Independence Day Ceremony will include:

- Master of Ceremony: President, Washington Camp Ground Association, Bound Brook Mayor Robert Fazen, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Retired

- Welcome Address: Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes will welcome spectators to the Camp Ground
- Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Somerset County Freeholder Brian Gallagher
- Presentation of American Citizenship Awards to 6th Grade Students from local school districts

The Washington Camp Ground Associations Membership is open to everyone having an interest in perpetuating the memory of our part in the glorious history of the American Revolution. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Mayor Fazen.

### COST:

- \$10 – Individual Membership
- \$15 – Family Patriot Membership

### Bound Brook Students Graduate!

Congratulations and good luck to all Bound Brook School District Graduates. Elementary, Middle School and High School graduates should be celebrated for their hard work and success. Thanks to the great support of parents, teachers, administrators and everyone who works hard to make our school system strong.

### Weddings

Mayor Fazen performs wedding ceremonies with summer hours on Monday and Wednesday 10:00am to 2:00pm. Contact Maritz Arias 732-893-8502 for information and scheduling.



*Mayor Bob Fazen*

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## Mayor Fazen Town Hall Meetings

(2nd Monday of each month):

Mayor provides pizza and water

(bring desserts)

July 9, August 13, September 10

## Mayor's Wellness Program



Walk with a Doc is **Saturday July 14 at 8:30 AM**. We meet in the food court of the Bridgewater Mall. If the weather is good, we will walk outside.

This month's topic: High blood pressure. What do Haircuts and Hypertension have in common?

### Get a Haircut, Lower Blood Pressure

*By Steven Georgeson MD*

“My blood pressure is all over the place.” This is a common refrain from patients. What is a “good” blood pressure? Where is the best place to measure the blood pressure? How does getting a hair cut affect the blood pressure?

The blood pressure is never a single solitary number. It will fluctuate over the course of the day and is affected by many things, such as activity or drinking a cup of coffee. Think of the blood pressure as a wave on the ocean, it will have highs and it will have lows. It is best to avoid tsunamis with wild swings between the peak and the trough. Large fluctuations in blood pressure are associated with an increased risk for heart disease. A controlled blood pressure will have gentle swings from high to low and be centered around an ideal number. That ideal number, or target blood pressure reading, has been a source of controversy. In late 2017 the American College of Cardiology published new guidelines declaring that patients with blood pressure greater than 130 systolic now have hypertension, supplanting the previous recommendation of 140. This reclassification means that there are 31 million people who now have hypertension and about 45 percent of Americans are considered to have hypertension, up from about 32 percent using the previous level. However, according to the new guideline, not all of the people with blood pressure > 130 should be treated with medication. Blood pressure lowering medications are recommended for patients with systolic pressure > 130 and who already have established

heart disease or those whose estimated ten year cardiac risk is greater than 10 percent (based on the risk calculator [cvriskcalculator.com](http://cvriskcalculator.com)). Those with lower cardiac risk should continue with life style modification (exercise, weight loss, smoking cessation). For patients with systolic blood pressure > 140, medication is recommended.

Where is the best place to measure the blood pressure? The doctor's office is not the ideal location for blood pressure checks. Patients are often stressed about getting to the office on time and are often nervous. They are rushed into the exam room, not given time to relax, and a blood pressure cuff is slapped on their arm. None of this reflects a true reading of the pressure. More and more these days doctors are relying on patients taking their blood pressure at home, where they are relaxed and comfortable. Another reliable method is an ambulatory blood pressure monitor, a blood pressure cuff worn for 24 hours, which gives an average blood pressure reading during the day and at night. Both methods, home blood pressure readings and an ambulatory blood pressure monitor, can confirm hypertension in patients who have high readings in the office. Both can show if the patient has white coat hypertension (high readings in the office but normal at home) to avoid over diagnosis and over treatment. Most importantly, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring is a stronger predictor of cardiac disease and

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## Washington Camp Ground Association

**124<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Celebration**  
Middlebrook Camp Ground  
GPS Location:  
1777 Middlebrook Road, Bridgewater, NJ  
Wednesday, July 4, 2017 • Rain or Shine

10:00 am – Assembly (Bring Lawn Chairs)  
10:30am – Flag Raising Ceremony  
11:00am – Reading of the Declaration of Independence

*Celebrating the 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
of the adoption of the  
Declaration of Independence*

## What's Inside the Bound Brook Chronicle?

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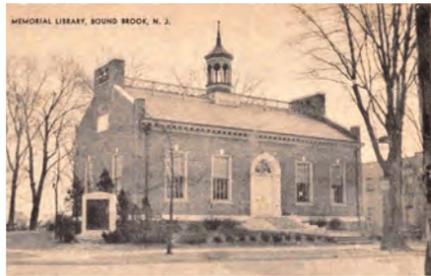
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# Bound Brook Memorial Library

## Bound Brook Memorial Library

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### Library Programs

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.

#### ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Blue Jersey Band: July 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

#### CHILDREN, TWEEN, & TEEN PROGRAMS

Board Game Makers (grades 6-12): July 2, 11, 16, 23; 2-3 p.m.

Rockin' Crafts (entering grades 2 and up): July 3, 10, 17; 2-3 p.m.

Build to the Beat (grades 2 and up): July 6, 13, 20, 27; 2-3 p.m.

Make and Take Craft (ages 4 and up): July 7, 14, 21, 28; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Propbox Players Present Three Pigs (entering grades PreK-2): July 9, 2-3 p.m.

Come with Hannah, Sandy, and Bobby as they explore the forest for the first time without Mama Pig. An inclusive, interactive performance of the classic Three Little Pigs story.

Learn to Lead (entering grades 9-12): July 10, 2-3 p.m.

Baby/Toddler Storytime - Mother Goose (ages birth - 3): July 11, 18, 25; 10-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime - Little Stars Storytime (ages 3-5): July 11, 2-3 p.m.

Family Storytime - Stories and More (families with children): July 11, 25; 7-8 p.m.

Get a Job (entering grades 9-12): July 12, 2-3 p.m.

Blue Jersey Band: Django, Jazz and Bluegrass: July 14, 2-3:30pm

Blue Jersey Band, featuring Frank Ruck on mandolin, guitar and vocals, Ellen Ruck on guitar and vocals, and John Bur-

ton on bass guitar will perform an eclectic mix of swing, gypsy jazz, and bluegrass. Summer Sing-a-long (grades PreK-2): July 16, 23; 2-3 p.m.

Unique Creatures from Around the World (entering grades K-5): July 18, 1-1:45 p.m.

Explore, learn, and try out various instruments with Claudia Lemmerz, owner of Touch the Music.

Library Clue (grades 3-6): July 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Musical Murder Mystery (grades 7-12): July 20, 6-8 p.m.

Role Play Saturday (grades 6-12): July 21, 28; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Touch the Music Hands-On Workshop (entering grades K-5): July 30, 2-2:45 p.m.

SCLSNJ Celebrates Harry Potter (entering grades 6-12): July 31, 2-3 p.m.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

Inside Hypnosis: July 7, 2-3 p.m.

Library Loopers: July 9, 23; 7-8 p.m.

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

Drop-In Tech Help: July 12, 1-2 p.m. and July 26, 6-7 p.m.

Moving Out - Learning How to Live On Your Own (entering grades 9-12): July 24, 2-3 p.m.

Musical Crafts (grades 2 and up): July 24, 31; 2-3 p.m.

#### Adulting 101 for High School Students at Your Library

Starting July 10, SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch will offer an informative series for high school students entering grades

9-12 that will explore adulting. Attendees will learn how to lead, learn the necessary skills to get a job, and discover the basic skills of how to live on their own. All programs are presented Middle Earth. Registration is required to attend all programs. For more information or to register, visit [SCLSNJ.org](http://SCLSNJ.org) or contact the Library at 908-458-8410.

#### EXPLORE THE SERIES:

Learn to Lead Boss Level Adulting: July 10,

2-3 p.m.

Get a Job Application & Interviewing Process: July 12, 2-3 p.m.

Moving Out: Learning How to Live On Your Own: July 24, 2-3 p.m.

#### Memorial Day Parade

##### Bound Brook Memorial Library Pre-Parade Reception

On May 28 the Friends of the Bound Brook Memorial Library hosted a Memorial Day pre-parade reception at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch. Bound Brook residents, Library staff, and council members connected at the Library through conversations and snacks.



Bound Brook resident Joe Tweet talks with Donna Benz, President of the Friends of the Bound Brook Memorial Library, and Library staff members Margaret Draghi and Maria Holguin.



Borough Council Members, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, and Glen Rossi talk with Mayor Robert Fazen.



Bound Brook Memorial Library branch manager Cindy Mangel and Borough Council Member Elizabeth Jannuzzi wait for the parade to begin.

Read All Summer Long with Somerset Patriots Mascot Sparkee and MyCentralJersey.com

Enter to Win a Chance to Throw Out the First Pitch on August 21 and More

This summer, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) is

urging children (and their parents) to challenge themselves to read every day. And it doesn't matter how long you read, or what you read, as long as you challenge yourself to read more.



To make this year's Summer Reading Challenge even more exciting, your Library has partnered with Mycentraljersey.com and the Somerset Patriots to offer you even more reasons to read. Read 25 days and win a Somerset Patriots prize pack (4 baseball game tickets). Read 62 days and win a \$5 Barnes & Noble gift card provided by Mycentraljersey.com.

If you are looking for a few books to get you started on your reading journey, check out these baseball-themed reads as recommended by your SCLSNJ librarians.

"Get a Hit, Mo!" by David Adler

"Derek Jeter Presents Night at the Stadium" by Phil Bildner

"Goodnight Baseball" by Michael Dahl

"Mo'ne Davis: Remember My Name - My Story from First Pitch to Game Changer" by Mo'ne Davis with Hilary Beard

"The Fenway Foul-Up" (Series: Ballpark Mysteries) by David A. Kelly

"Bats at the Ballgame" by Brian Lies

"No Fear!" (Series: King of the Bench) by Steve Moore

"We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball" by Kadir Nelson

"Joy in Mudville" by Bob Raczka

"I Got It!" by David Wiesner

"We chose these books because baseball has universal appeal. We hope that kids pick up one of these books and get inspired by the real-life stories, like that of little league pitcher Mo'ne Davis, as well as the fictional stories," said System Youth Services Manager Jessica Trujillo. "Books can help readers learn and grow through reading about experiences that they would not have had otherwise. Beyond the educational aspects of the act of reading, sharing stories - both real and fictionalized - can help children develop empathy, understanding, and resilience by giving them a chance to 'put on someone else's shoes'."

And the more you read, the more chances you have to win. Children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade can enter to win a chance to throw out the first pitch at the Somerset Patriots game on August 21, 7:05 p.m. Entry for this opportunity available online only.

All prizes are available while supplies last. SCLSNJ's Summer Reading Challenge - hosted June 18 through August 18 - is sponsored by MyCentralJersey.com and the Somerset Patriots. Join today: [SCLSNJ.org/SummerReading](http://SCLSNJ.org/SummerReading)

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# Bound Brook Memorial Library/St. Joseph Church "Meals on Wheels"

## Somerset County Program

Explore Diversity in Young Adult Literature  
Barnes & Noble, Bridgewater and our Library

According to We Need Diverse Books (WNDB), in 2013 only 10% of all youth books featured diverse characters. Although this number has been increasing over the pursuing years, there is still a need to provide diverse books to children, teens, and adults spanning across all cultures and communities.

"Diversity is a priority for SCLSNJ, and libraries across the country," said Laura Frantz, SCLSNJ collection development librarian. "We want to make sure our collections reflect our communities, and that children and teens have the opportunity to see themselves in the pages of a book."

Barnes & Noble and the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) will be hosting a diversity-focused teen and tween author panel comprised of authors Nisha Sharma, Sayantani DasGupta, Mark Oshiro, and Tracey Baptiste. The panel will be hosted on June 16, 11 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, Bridgewater, located at 319 Route 202/206 in Bridgewater.

"I'm really thrilled our local teens have the opportunity to interact with such a diverse and talented group of authors. This event provides teens the chance to not only see themselves reflected in literature, equally they are exposed to other cultures. Rich characters and settings in literature can open the doors for teens to begin a journey towards global and cultural competence and responsibility. That's powerful stuff!" said Nicolle M. Anthony, community business development manager at Barnes & Noble, Bridgewater.

### Meet the Authors



**Nisha Sharma** grew up immersed in Bollywood movies, eighties pop culture, and romance novels, so it comes as no surprise that her first novel "My So-Called Bollywood Life" features all three.

Nisha credits her father for her multiple graduate degrees and her mother for her love of Shah Rukh Khan and Jane Austen. She lives in New Jersey with her cat, Lizzie Bennett, and her dog, Nancy Drew.



**Sayantani DasGupta** grew up hearing stories about brave princesses, blood-thirsty rakkhosh, and flying pokkhiraj horses. She is a pediatrician by training, but now teaches at Columbia

University. When she's not writing or reading, Sayantani spends time watching cooking shows with her trilingual children and protecting her black labrador retriever

Khushi from the many things that scare him, including plastic bags.



**Mark Oshiro** is the Hugo-nominated writer of the online Mark Does Stuff universe, where he analyzes book and TV series. He was the nonfiction editor of "Queers

Destroy Science Fiction!," the co-editor of "Speculative Fiction 2015," and is the president of the Con or Bust board of directors. When not writing reviews or editing, Oshiro engages in social activism. "Anger is a Gift" is his debut young adult contemporary fiction novel.



**Tracey Baptiste** is the author of fifteen books for children, including the middle grade series "The Jumbies," "Angel's Grace," and "The Totally Gross History Of Ancient Egypt."

She has also contributed to the adult horror anthology "Sycorax's Daughters" which was shortlisted for the Bram Stoker award in 2018. Look for her official Minecraft novel, "The Crash," in July 2018, and the third installment in the Jumbies series, "The Jumbie God's Revenge," in fall 2019.

Light refreshments will be served. Give-away opportunities will be available for attendees. A portion of all sales proceeds will be donated to the Somerset County Library Foundation. SCLSNJ librarians will be available to help teens and tweens discover their next favorite book. Register to attend: [facebook.com/events/252742551941396](https://www.facebook.com/events/252742551941396).

### Mayor's Wellness Program...

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mortality than office blood pressure values. Given this data, the guidelines recommend the following for blood pressure targets: 140/90 in the office, 135/85 for home measurements and 130/80 for ambulatory monitors. Lastly, the systolic blood pressure is a better predictor of mortality than the diastolic pressure.

What does having a haircut have to do with blood pressure? Black men have more hypertension, more hypertension resistant to treatment and a higher risk for cardiac death due to blood pressure than white men or black women. Until now, this population has been very difficult to treat. A trial involving 15 black owned barbershops in Texas was able to reduce blood pressure by 27

## St. Joseph Church Rosary Altar Society Provides "Meals On Wheels"

Once every few months over the past year, the women of the St. Joseph Church Rosary Altar Society, Bound Brook, have decorated lunch bags for one-hundred ten home-bound clients of the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center in Bridgewater.

Celebrating seasonal themes, this project has added an extra-special touch to the

packaged meals, sending the message that parishioners of St. Joseph Church care about those not able to leave home easily. The bags hold meal essentials for clients in Bound Brook and neighboring communities. Pictured are members of the St. Joseph Church Rosary Altar Society at the May 14, 2018 decorating session.



Photo clockwise from bottom left: Geri De Nicola, President Dottie Miranda, Eleanor Kells, Nancy Rose, Joann Awtry, Molly Colalillo, Joan Jenkowski, Margarite Confalone and Rose Marie Martino



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# Bound Brook Memories/Senior Art Exhibit

## Bound Brook Memories

By Jim Beatty



### What do you know about that!

In the late 80's and 90's, one of BBHS's biggest fans was Norman Matthews. To some he was "Norm", but to most, he was "Matches". Where did his nickname come from? I believe it was just a shortening of Matthews, given to him by a friend of a bygone era. In any event, Matches was a most unforgettable character and a terrific fan of high school sports.

I do not mean that he was a fan while his children were in school, as many parents are. Matches was a fan for decades.

Matches lived at La Monte Field, literally and figuratively. His house was at the corner of Marion Street and Crusader Way, stuck against the fieldhouse at LaMonte. Whenever there was an athletic event at the field, Matches was there. He was the invisible chain holder at most high school and youth football games. He was the guy behind the backstop at baseball and softball games. If permitted by the coach, he would be the one that put all the bats and balls in the bags. All the boys and girls of those eras loved Matches, because he was a true fan.

Whenever one of "his kids" made a good play, scored, or got a hit, you would hear Matches shout out his famous saying: "What do you know about that!" Of course, when he said it, it came out more "Whadda ya know about that!". All the other fans and the kids loved to hear it. His refrain was similar to that of Yankee announcer Mel Allen's "How about that!" In Bound Brook it was equally loved.

In Central Jersey, the weather in the spring was just about always cold and damp. It did not matter to Matches. If his kids were playing, he was there, smiling and saying hello to all. He loved baseball and softball, as well as football. When BBHS softball coaches Nancy Yuzuik and Steve Kania became very successful, Matches gravitated to that game. It was not that he liked watching the girls play, it was because the smaller size of the field and shorter six inning games made it easier to follow that sport and be involved with "his kids".

How big a fan was Matches? When he passed away in the late 90's, both the Borough Council and the Recreation Commission voted to name the high school softball field after him. When you drive down Tea Street and see the Norm Matthews field, please remember Matches and the countless other volunteers who helped make Bound Brook youth sports great. When you are watching a youth sports event, please exclaim "What do you know about that!" in his honor.

### Around Bound Brook

Angelo Frezza, an Army Air Corps veteran, was the Grand Marshall of our Memorial Day Parade. Angelo, known for his handlebar mustache, is one of those invisible volunteers that make a small town great. For many years, he served on the Shade Tree Commission, planting trees and preserving them to keep Bound Brook beautiful. He is truly an unsung hero.

The Bound Brook American Legion Giles-Biondi Post 63 published a great "Welcome to Bound Brook" commemorative booklet. It is worthy of using every year and distributing to newcomers to Bound Brook, as it shows who we are. Former councilman Ben Auletta has revitalized the local post and made it visible again. Former councilman Hal Dietrich

## Entries Sought for Somerset County Juried Senior Art Exhibit

Deadline is July 16



"The Stone Hill in Clinton," by William Metz of Bridgewater

Exhibited at the 2017 New Jersey State Senior Art Show.

Calling all artists age 60 and above! If you are a resident of Somerset County, Freeholder Deputy Director Brian Levine, human services liaison, invites you to submit one original creation for a Juried Senior Art Exhibit, which will be held in the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Gallery, located in the county Administration Building at 20 Grove St., from July 30 through Sept. 7.

Completed entry forms must be received by Monday, July 16. All submissions must be the original work of the applicant, created within the last three years, and not previously entered in the Somerset County Senior Art Show. Categories in-

clude watercolors, oils, acrylics, digital/computer art, photography, pastels, drawings, mixed media, sculpture and print-making.

An awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 14. First place winners in both the professional and nonprofessional categories will have their work displayed at the New Jersey State Senior Art Show, which will be held Sept. 20 through Oct. 25 at Meadow Lakes Senior Living in East Windsor.

All entries must be registered, delivered "show ready" and labeled. To view the entry form and exhibit guidelines, go to <http://bit.ly/SeniorArts18>. To obtain a hard copy of the entry form and guidelines, contact the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Office at (908) 231-7021.

This exhibit is cosponsored by the Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services and the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission. This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For more information, contact Kaitlin Bundy, Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, at (908) 231-7021 or [bundy@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:bundy@co.somerset.nj.us).

and Bob Newell also lead the Legion.

I ran into retired Bound Brook police lieutenant Jim Kingsland recently. His family has a remarkable history in law enforcement. Jim's son Russ is a retired lieutenant from the Warren police department, and currently is an investigator with the NJ Department of Human Services, his grandson Russ Jr. is a detective with the NJ Division of Criminal Justice. Jim tells me that one of the proudest moments of his life was when Russ Jr. graduated the NJ Police Academy, and he and Russ Sr. were called up to the stage to be honored as three generations of Police Academy graduates. In addition to his son and grandson, Jim's family has more law enforcement connections. His granddaughter Lili Timlin, an attorney, is a Deputy Attorney General and served as Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie. His cousin Bob Hendricks was Bound Brook's municipal judge for many years. His nephew Jeff Chiesa is a former NJ Attorney General and served in the United States Senate for a brief time when Senator Lautenberg passed away.

Jim and his wife Terri, an assistant manager at Union Avenue Pharmacy still live on Cherry Avenue. After he retired from the police department, he became a permanent substitute in the Bound Brook school district for many years.

As an aside, I have to say that when Lili got appointed as Chief Counsel to Governor Christie, I had to stifle a smile. Any-

body familiar with Bound Brook politics in the 70's and 80's knows that Lili's grandmother and Jim's first wife Peggy, was as ardent a Democrat as there was. Being on the other side of the aisle, we called her "Poison Pen Peggy" because she did a great job writing all the press releases for the local Democrats. Despite that she and I became great friends. Jim and Peg also have two daughters, both BBHS graduates. Kim is a successful bank attorney. Pam is a free spirited loyal Bound Brooker who posts frequently on Facebook. I wonder if she inherited some of her mother's writing ability? Thankfully, she stays away from politics.

Two leaders of BBHS's highly successful girls' basketball program received all state honors. Sophomore Cameron Ward was chosen 1st team, and Cortlyn Morris was named 2nd team all-state Group 1. Senior Jordan Todaro received honorable mention. At a recent sports banquet, Jordan received an all time high 15 varsity letters during her BBHS career.

Bound Brook wrestler Joe Casey won the state 152 lb. championship, another in a long line of champs from our successful wrestling program.

What are your Bound Brook Memories? Did your family achieve a milestone? Do you have a story to tell? Send them to me at [jbib@aol.com](mailto:jbib@aol.com), or to 745 Ross Lane, Bound Brook, NJ 08805. We will try to publish them.

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