



Welcome to Bound Brook!

Information about the community
for new residents and businesses



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Welcome to Bound Brook, a historic borough of approximately 1.6 square miles and 10,400 residents – a great place to live, work and play. First settled in the late 1600s, Bound Brook is located along the Raritan River, in the northeastern corner of Somerset County. It sits between two brooks – the Middlebrook to the west along its border with Bridgewater, and the Green Brook (also referred to as the Bound Brook) to the east along its border with Middlesex Borough and Middlesex County.

The borough has much to offer. Its size is optimal -- small enough to retain a “small town” flavor, and with its own downtown, but within easy travel distance of all the cultural, economic and transportation resources of the Newark/New York metropolitan area. Bound Brook is conveniently located along the Raritan Valley Line passenger railroad, which runs to Newark and New York City, as well as Interstate 287, State Highway Route 22, and Route 28 /Union Avenue.

Community events include several annual carnivals, RiverFest street fair, a Memorial Day parade, reenactment of the Battle of Bound Brook, the Criterium professional bicycle races (Memorial Day weekend), the Halloween walk and costume contest, and a holiday tree lighting ceremony. There are many local recreational sports leagues and activities, and adult and kiddie community pools are open during the summer months. Bound Brook is even a popular location for ‘railfans’ who come to watch and photograph interesting freight trains as they pass by the station.

Just over the town line on the Bridgewater side is Patriots Stadium, home of the professional Atlantic League Somerset Patriots Baseball Team (somersetpatriots.com), which plays there from April through October. Other sporting events and a circus also take place at the stadium grounds throughout the year.

We have a charming old library that hosts regular lectures, small concerts and club meetings in addition to providing traditional services for adults and children. Next door is an historic cemetery with gravestones dating back to 1744. Soldiers from the Revolutionary, Civil and other wars are buried there. The Raritan River offers fishing and kayaking opportunities as well as scenic views from the Queens Bridge.



Dining, Entertainment and Culture

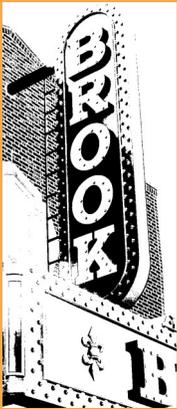
Restaurants:

Bound Brook has a wide variety of ethnic restaurants as well as traditional fare. Try them all!

The downtown Main Street and Talmage Avenue corridors feature many Latin American restaurants and bakeries including Costa Rican, Mexican, Dominican and Columbian, in addition to Italian, American and pubs. Takeout food shops include subs, pizza, Chinese and a donut shop.

The Route 28 corridor offers Brazilian, Italian, Contemporary/Northern Italian, Chinese takeout, fast food, a diner and catering facilities.

Some restaurants are BYO, but there are numerous restaurants and bars with liquor licenses.



Bound Brook's Historic Theater:

The Brook Theater (brookarts.org) on Hamilton Street is a 1927-era vaudeville theater that originally seated over 900 people. It suffered in devastating floods beginning with Hurricane Floyd (1999), but is now run by a nonprofit entity, the Somerset County Cultural Arts Center (SCCAC), which is working to restore the plaster, stage works and acoustics of the theater. The original marquee was replaced in 2012 with a grant from Somerset County, and temporary moveable seats now allow use of the theater for performances. Currently the theater hosts opera, musical, recital and comedic performances, and often features silent films and music by the Garden State Theater Organ Society.



Art Gallery:

The Hamilton Street Gallery (hamiltonstreetgallery.org) occupies a storefront at 6 Hamilton Street. The private gallery, owned and operated by local residents, hosts work by regional artists. New shows open approximately every other month. Hours Thursday – Saturday.

Library Events/Services:

The Bound Brook Memorial Library is now part of the Somerset County Library System (somerset.lib.nj.us/), with all the associated benefits of a large, integrated network, but the friendliness of a small town library. In addition to providing books, DVDs, CDs, and public computers, the library hosts art/craft displays and frequent workshops, lectures, small concerts, club meetings and other special events, as well as story time and other activities for children. Consult the Bound Brook branch events schedule webpage

<http://somerset.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx?lib=0>



Local Information/Media:

Courier-News daily newspaper

Star-Ledger daily newspaper (North Jersey)

Bound Brook Events www.facebook.com/B.B.N.J.E

Natural and Recreational Resources

Water Resources: The Raritan River and the D&R Canal

The Raritan River runs along the entire southern border of Bound Brook, but freight and passenger rail tracks and the levees make it difficult to reach the Raritan from most locations in town. Currently, the point of access to the river is at the base of the Queens Bridge, which spans the Raritan between Bound Brook and South Bound Brook. The land directly under the bridge at the water's edge in Bound Brook is owned by NJ American Water Company. Although there is no formal public access agreement, parking or signage, the public has utilized the area for river access (fishing, kayaking) for decades without objection from NJAW.



Canal & Towpath - Across the Queens Bridge, on the South Bound Brook side of the Raritan River, are the Delaware and Raritan Canal and towpath. The Canal, built in the 1830s, begins at the Delaware River and runs for approximately 44 miles through Mercer, Somerset and Middlesex Counties. It follows the Millstone River and then turns east along the Raritan near South Bound Brook. The entire length of the canal and tow path are now a NJ State park (dandrcanal.com), and they provide a wonderful opportunity for walking and biking. You can enter the towpath at the base of the Queens Bridge in South Bound Brook, and follow it east to New Brunswick (approx. 6 miles), or west all the way to the Delaware River (approx. 37 miles).

Recreation Facilities:

Codrington Park – This is the Borough's major developed recreation facility, featuring two outdoor pools (adult and kiddie) which are open all summer, tennis courts, baseball fields, outdoor basketball hoops, and the new Recreation Center, built in 2013. The Rec Center has indoor basketball courts and meeting spaces. The park is in the southwest quadrant of the borough, bordered by Thompson Ave., Park Ave., and Longwood Ave.

Billian Legion Park – East Main St/Lincoln Blvd. – This park, developed on a reclaimed Borough dump site, was improved through the generosity of the Billian Family and American Legion Giles-Biondi Post #63. The Billian brothers, who grew up here in the 1930s, had a vision of a large, multi-use community facility, and that is exactly what they created through their family foundation over the years. The park features a large jungle gym, ballfield, walking paths, a gazebo and extensive landscaping. Fairs, concerts, outdoor movies and holiday ceremonies take place at Billian Park. The park is also the site of a large pump station that is part of the levee system surrounding Bound Brook, and the park is surrounded by levees on two sides.



LaMonte Field Track – This regulation ¼-mile track, which rings the football/soccer field, is a School District facility, but is used by the community when not being utilized for school events.

Tea Street Recreation Complex – Several baseball fields, bleachers and a two-story refreshment hut occupy this linear park along the border of Bridgewater/Route 287. The levee along the Middlebrook has a paved walking path from just south of Route 28 to Talmage Ave.

Rock Machine Ballfields - This municipal green space is off West Main St., bounded by the levee. Named after the social/rock club that once operated there, the fields are now used mainly for baseball and softball games.

Historic Resources in Bound Brook

Old Presbyterian Graveyard (Revolutionary War Cemetery) – corner of East High and East Streets. Contains gravestones dating back to pre-Revolutionary times in Bound Brook, and a monument listing names of people interred in this historic location, now owned by the Borough.

www.interment.net/data/us/nj/somerset/oldpres/narr.htm

Old Stone Arch Bridge – Built in 1731, this is one of the oldest remaining bridges in the country. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. The bridge was part of the Old York Highway, spanning the Green Brook to connect Somerset and Middlesex Counties, and has Revolutionary War significance. The lower section of the Green Brook was later relocated but the bridge remains, buried since the 1870s in conjunction with construction of a railroad embankment. In 2004 Somerset County commissioned a study of the bridge, during which it was partially excavated and found to be in fairly good condition. Today, visitors can see a small section of the sandstone and shale structure near the Queens Bridge, on the north side of the railroad embankment.

<http://www.revolutionarynj.org/the-forage-wars-and-first-middlebrook-encampment/1322707028cb2a179c892a30e7fc2afde889cdefc2/>

The first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Somerset County occurred on Main St. in Bound Brook. There is a plaque to commemorate this event, mounted at 213 E. Main St., the site of the Colonial-era Frelinghuysen Tavern.

Queens Bridge and Battle of Bound Brook:

The Queens Bridge (between Bound Brook and South Bound Brook) is one of the few Raritan River crossings in Somerset County. One of the earliest bridges at this site was a wooden one built in 1761, which later became a covered bridge. It was replaced by a new steel pipe truss bridge in 1875. The current bridge's span was built in 1984, using the existing pillars, and that bridge received a facelift in 2007 that included construction of an additional pedestrian walkway. The bridge featured in the Revolutionary Battle of Bound Brook, a skirmish that occurred in April 1777. The battle is reenacted each year during “Battle of Bound Brook Weekend” which also includes tours of the historic Staats House in South Bound Brook, and reenactment of the Soldiers Encampment that took place there.



To read more about the Raritan and its role in Bound Brook’s history, read *Where the Green Book Meets the Raritan* (2012, US Army Corps of Engineers), also available in Spanish in paper format. <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Portals/37/docs/civilworks/projects/nj/frm/GreenBrook/GreenBrookBooklet-English.pdf>

Government Information and Services



Municipal Offices:

Borough Hall, Police and Municipal Court – 230 and 226 Hamilton St. (Corner of Somerset Street and Hamilton Street) 732-356-0833.

Bound Brook's municipal website www.boundbrook-nj.org features information about tax collection, building permits, zoning permits, pet licenses, marriage licenses, leaf/yard debris collection, proposed ordinances, municipal government and boards, events, announcements and more.

The Borough's municipal ordinances (Borough Code) are online and searchable at <http://clerkshq.com/default.ashx?clientsite=boundbrook-nj>

REGULAR MUNICIPAL BOARD MEETINGS

Borough Council – meets at Borough Hall, 7:30pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Planning/Zoning Board – meets at Borough Hall, 7:30pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Economic Development Advisory Committee – meets 7:30 the 3rd Wed. of each month, Borough Hall

Parking Commission – meets 7:30 the 3rd Tuesday of each month, Borough Hall

Shade Tree Commission – meets 6:00pm the 3rd Thursday of each month, Borough Hall

Recreation Commission - meets the 4th Wed. of each month, 7:30, at the Ben Maggio Recreation Center in Codrington Park <http://www.eteamz.com/boundbrookrecreation/>

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Congregational Church

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (Bound Brook, South BB, Green Brook, Warren, Watchung) – 732-968-5151 www.middlebrookhealth.org/

All municipal board and committee meetings are announced and open to the public.

Bound Brook Police Department: <http://boundbrookpd.com/>

226 Hamilton St. (Behind Borough Hall)

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies and 732-356-0800 for other inquiries.

Recycling: Recycling is mandatory in New Jersey. Somerset County collects recyclables from residential properties 2 times per month, curbside, but multi-family residential complexes and commercial/industrial facilities are required to contract for private collection and tenant recycling. For information about what types of materials must be recycled and the County's residential collection schedule, visit:

www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle/

Parking: Certain streets in the Borough have 'resident only' parking. Note any signage in the areas where you live or park, and visit Borough Hall to obtain stickers if you need them. Affected streets include all or parts of: Cedarcrest, Church, Clearview, Crescent, Drake, E. High, E. Second, Helfin, Highland, Lawrence, Legion, Linden, Talmage, Thomas Pl., Van Keuren, Vosseller, W. Main, W. Maple and William.

Post Office: Corner of Mountain Ave. and East Second St. 732-356-5500

www.uspspostoffices.com/nj/bound-brook/bound-brook

Window Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30am - 5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm, Sunday Closed

Voting: Bound Brook has seven voting districts. Voting takes place at various locations around the borough (at schools, churches, recreation buildings) as announced. Prior to each election (primary, school or general), every registered voter receives a sample ballot by mail that includes the polling location for that voter's district.

To register to vote, complete the NJ Voter Registration Application www.co.somerset.nj.us/elections/forms/njvoterapp.pdf

and submit it by mail or in person at least 21 days prior to an election. For more information about voting, visit **www.NJElections.org** or call toll-free **1-877-NJVOTER**. It is illegal to vote in a municipality that is not your current residence, so be sure to register in Bound Brook if you are a new resident.

Bound Brook is in the **16th NJ Legislative District** (find your state representatives' contact information here: www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp) and the **12th US Congressional District** (find your Congressional representative's contact information here: www.house.gov/representatives/find/).

Garbage collection: The Borough contracts with a private trash hauler, Peter Rubinetti Private Disposal, for all residential household trash pickup. Trash collection is once per week, two cans per household www.boundbrook-nj.org/trashremoval.cfm

Multi-family and commercial entities must arrange and pay for their own private trash and recycling pickup. The Borough bills residents (in non-multi-family housing) annually for trash collection, just as it bills annually for property taxes.

Dog Licenses: all dogs older than 6 months must have a license and rabies shots.

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Transportation

Trains, Buses and Highways

NJ Transit:

Bound Brook is a stop on New Jersey Transit's Raritan Valley Line, which runs from Whitehouse Station, NJ, to New York Penn Station via Newark Penn Station. Most trips to New York require riders to switch trains in Newark. Recently, NJ Transit began to offer a few "one seat" rides to New York on weekends and other off-peak hours. Hopefully, the number and frequency of trips that do not require a transfer in Newark will increase. Purchase a ticket at a NJ Transit machine at the station before getting on the train.



From Newark and/or Secaucus stations, riders can connect with other NJ Transit lines including the Northeast Corridor, North Jersey Coast, Main Line, and Bergen lines, and the **Airtrain to Liberty International Airport (Newark)** via the Northeast Corridor or North Jersey Coast lines. Visit njtransit.com for routes, connections, schedule and fare information.

Bus Lines:

New Jersey Transit's 114 and 117 bus routes run between the Port Authority Terminal in Manhattan through Bound Brook to Bridgewater and Somerville, respectively, daily and on weekends. For the schedule, visit www.njtransit.com/pdf/bus/T1114.pdf

Somerset County operates the SCOOT R1, SCOOT R2, and DASH bus routes that service Bound Brook, Monday through Friday on a limited schedule. The SCOOT buses run in a loop through Manville, Somerville, Bridgewater and Hillsborough. For schedules and routes visit: www.co.somerset.nj.us/transpdf/ScootR1.pdf and www.co.somerset.nj.us/transpdf/ScootR2.pdf

The DASH #851 buses run between Bound Brook and North Brunswick via Davidson Ave. and Cottontail Lane. For schedule and route visit: www.co.somerset.nj.us/transpdf/Dash1_851%20October%202012.pdf

Schools in Bound Brook

There are currently five schools in the Bound Brook Public School District.

www.bbrook.k12.nj.us/site/default.aspx?PageID=1

Elementary:

LaMonte School – 337 W. Second St.

LaMonte Annex- 330 W. Second St.

Lafayette School – 50 W. High St.

Smalley (Middle) School – 163 Cherry Ave.



High School:

Bound Brook High School – 111. W. Union Ave., serves students from Bound Brook and South Bound Brook. BBHS is a New Jersey “School of Choice” for Biomedical and Engineering Programs.

Students from Bound Brook and South Bound Brook also attend Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School, 14 Vogt Dr., Bridgewater, for career, technical and performing arts programs.

Bound Brook voters approved a referendum in the fall of 2014 that will allow the District to open an additional elementary school in a facility that formerly housed a parochial school on East Second St.

Health and Safety in Bound Brook

Doctors, Pharmacies, Dentists:

There are many doctors and dentists in Bound Brook. Most offices, including a walk-in urgent care facility and several wellness centers, are along Route 28/Union Ave., Maple Ave., High St. or Main Street. There are two pharmacies, both on Union Ave.

The nearest hospital is Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset (formerly known as Somerset Medical Center), located approximately two miles west of Bound Brook at 335 Rehill Ave. in Somerville, NJ, two blocks south of Route 28. It is a 355-bed full-service hospital featuring the Steeplechase Cancer Center, a sleep center, maternity, surgical, laboratory and sports medicine facilities.

Emergency Services:

Bound Brook Police Department – for emergencies, dial 9-1-1. For non-emergencies and other questions, call 732-356-0800.

Bound Brook Rescue Squad – an all-volunteer organization of certified emergency technicians that responds 24/7 to accidents and medical emergencies in Bound Brook, and provides ambulance service to area hospitals. They have three ambulances, a technical rescue vehicle, a first responder vehicle, two boats and a heavy rescue vehicle. For emergencies, call 911. To inquire about joining the Rescue Squad, leave a message at Borough Hall 732-356-0833 x649.

Bound Brook Fire Department - <http://www.boundbrookfd.org/> Four local all-volunteer fire companies operate three pumper trucks, an aerial (ladder) truck and a command vehicle to provide 24/7 response to fire emergencies. They also carry out fire prevention education. For fire emergencies, call 911 (from outside the building). To inquire about joining the Fire Department or to make a donation: boundbrookfd@gmail.com

Flooding/Levees:

Bound Brook's recently-completed system of levees and floodwalls, designed and built by the US Army Corps of Engineers and maintained by Somerset County, is providing a welcome sense of security from the disruption of serious, repetitive flooding in Bound Brook.

Bound Brook Office of Emergency Management:

Bound Brook OEM, a 100% volunteer agency/organization, provides information to the public during times of crisis, and also provides assistance to maintain public safety at community events throughout the year. Their meetings are combined with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and take place the third Tuesday of each month at the Congregational Church. For contact information or to volunteer, contact Borough Hall.

Churches and Community Organizations

Organizations:

American Legion Giles-Biondi Post #63 (also Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion)
Bound Brook Democrats JFK Club
Bound Brook Elks Lodge 1388
Bound Brook Garden Club
Bound Brook Republican Party
Bound Brook Seniors – meet 1st Wed. of each month at the Methodist Church
Bound Brook/Somerset Moose Lodge 988
Rotary Club of Bridgewater and Bound Brook
Twin Boros Scholarship Foundation
Women’s Literary Club

Churches:

Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
409 Mountain Avenue (Mountain & Union Aves.)
732-356-3575 (church) - Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong, nancy@bbpc.org

Casa Del Banquete
c/o Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
409 Mountain Avenue (Mountain & Union Aves.)
732-356-3575 - Pastor Jose Vasquez, vasqueszjose@aol.com

Church of Emmanuel
106 E. High Street
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
732-754-7808 - Pastor Edwin Sagastume, amidasagastume@aol.com

Comunidad Cristiana
c/o St. John’s Lutheran Church
319 Winsor Street (Winsor St. & W. Union Ave.)
Pastor Oscar Lopez ocolom2001@aol.com

Congregation Kneseth Israel (Mountain Ave. & Somerset St.)
229 Mountain Avenue
732-469-0934 - Rabbi Jack Kramer, Rabbijack@ckibbnj.org

The Congregational Church of Bound Brook (Church & W. High Sts.)
209 Church Street
732-356-1293 - Rev. Marisol Ferrer Malloy, pastormarisol@optimum.net

Fountain of Salvation

c/o Congregational Church of Bound Brook (Church & W. High Sts.)
209 Church Street
732-302-0291 - Pastor Aleida Roman, alirom59@verizon.net

H.O.P.E. Church

519 East Main Street (E. Main & East Sts.)
732-563-4990 - Rev. Dr. Clifford Wright, Sr., revcwright@yahoo.com

The Salvation Army

108 Hamilton Street (Hamilton & E. Second Sts.)
732-748-1146 - Corps Officer Gregory Durand, Gregory.Durand@usa.salvationarmy.org

St. John's Lutheran Church

319 Winsor Street (W. Union & Winsor St.)
732-356-1038 - Rev. Joseph Weatherell, jweatherell@juno.com

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Cor. Mountain Avenue & East High Street (PO Box)
732-356-0027 - Rev. Doctor Alfonso R. Condorson, KHS, sicfrarc@yahoo.com

St. Mary of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church

193 West High Street (Vosseller Ave. & W. Second St.)
732-356-0358 - Rev. Leon Aniszczyk, stmarybb@optimum.net

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

214 Church Street (Church & W. Franklin Sts.)
732-356-0247 - Canon Reginald Nuamah, Fatherreggie2@aol.com

The United Methodist Church of Bound Brook

150 West Union Avenue (W. Union & Livingston St.)
732-356-1372 - Rev. Jack Copas, copasjack56@gmail.com

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