

July, Aug, Sept 2008

# South Bound Brook Briefs

For the people of South Bound Brook



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## The Mayor's Moment ...

The 2008 Budget has been adopted by the Borough Council on June 28, 2008. The amount of the tax increase is 3 cents per \$100.00 assessed value. That means approximately a \$40.00 increase for a home assessed at \$133,000.00. The Mayor and Council had to use an additional \$125,000.00 in surplus to make up for the decrease in State aid from the Governor of New Jersey. South Bound Brook lost approximately \$129,230.00 in State aid and had an increase of approximately \$98,000.00 in pension costs. If the Borough didn't lose the state aid this year the borough would have had a flat tax increase or even considered a decrease in the tax rate. The Borough was able to use \$897,000.00 from the PILOT Program (payment in lieu of taxes) from the Canal Crossing development.

The Redevelopment Committee is continuing to bring more development into SBB including finding a buyer for the GAF Research Building located on Canal Road and the development of the old gas station located on Main St. across from the Ukrainian Church. The Planning Board recently approved the development of the property located on Johnson Street and Main Street. The plan includes the building of 22 owner occupied townhouses on this property which is a reduction from the original plan of 34 rental apartments. The Committee is working with the owners of Washington Park on Elizabeth Street to move this project forward.

The Mayor and Council are researching all possible new shared services with surrounding communities. The State has offered many grants for shared services and South Bound Brook will take whatever steps to save tax dollars by using these programs. The Borough already uses many shared services that save thousands of dollars for the taxpayers of SBB. We will continue to keep spending to a minimum while searching for new ways to bring more dollars into the Borough.

*Terry G. Warrclmann, Mayor*

## Double Wet Down and Dedication



South Bound Brook Fire Company  
 Saturday, August 9, 2008  
 Dedication at 12:00 noon with Wetdown and Celebration to follow.  
 Music, Food, Drink and Fun.  
 83 Edgewood Terrance , South Bound Brook  
 For more information visit the Web Site at [www.SBBFD.com](http://www.SBBFD.com)



**School Opens.**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 4**  
**Please Drive Carefully**



### **South Bound Brook Seniors News**

The South Bound Brook Seniors Citizens Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Our Lady of Mercy Church at 2:00 pm. There is open enrollment for all seniors 55 years and older.

#### **The following trips are planned:**

Mystery Trip, Tuesday, Sept. 23.  
Octoberfest at the Brownstone, Oct. 14  
Holiday show at Radio City, Nov. 18.

For more information contact Catherine Wisbeski at 732-356-4080

### **Public Works Reminders**

- 2 garbage cans per week for Sept, Oct. and Nov.
- Need recycling cans ? Call Public works at 732-356-4450.
- Public Works is closed on Labor Day, Sept. 1, 2008



### **PEACH FESTIVAL**

AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

Peach Festival will be held at the Reformed Church, Fellowship Hall, 113 Clinton St. from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Peach ice cream cake & a beverage, peach pie, ice cream & a beverage will be served at a cost of \$4.50. Also available will be a la carte foods i.e. hamburgers, hot dogs and salads etc.

Contact Marion Schell at 732-356-6279 if you need more information.

### **Recycling Dates**

August 14, 28  
Sept. 11, 25  
Oct. 9, 23

### **Hazardous Waste Day**

Sept. 13, 2008 – 9 AM to 2 PM  
Branchburg Township  
Public Works Garage  
34 Kenbury Road , Branchburg

### **Mayor and Council Meetings**

1st and 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM. All meetings will be held at 12 Main Street in the Trailer.  
If during the meeting there is an overcrowding situation then the meeting will be recessed and moved to Fellowship Hall on Clinton Street.



### **South Bound Brook Fire Department**

If you are over 18 years old and are interested in joining the So. Bound Brook Fire Dept.  
If you are 15 1/2 to 18 years old and are interested in joining SBBFD Junior Firefighter Program stop by the Firehouse on Edgewood Terrace any Thursday Night after 6:30 pm or call the Firehouse at 732-627-9577.

### **South Bound Brook First Aid Squad**



Will be holding their annual Coin Toss on Saturday, September 20, 2008  
Rain Date Sept. 21, 2008  
Main Street and Canal Road  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

### **Recreation News**

#### **Soccer Registration**

Wednesday Night, August 6, 2008 at Memorial Park 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm..

#### **Basketball Clinic**

Thursday's Aug. 7, 13, 21 & 28.  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Maple Ave Park

#### **Upcoming events**

Harvest Festival—October 18, TBD  
Holiday Tree Lighting—December 6, 6:00 pm

### **South Bound Brook Web Site**

Visit the South Bound Brook Web Site at [www.sbbnj.com](http://www.sbbnj.com)  
Minutes, recreation information and Meeting notices will be posted .

## Canal Days at the Abraham Staats House- Sept. 13 & 14

The historic Abraham Staats House will be the site of a great weekend program Sept 13 & 14, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm celebrating the history of the Delaware & Raritan Canal and featuring a Civil War-era theme.

- Civil War-era activities, clothing, weapon and artifact collections, music, living history and demonstrations. Civil War re-enactors portray the era, dressed in period clothing.
- Meet President Lincoln (Saturday). Throughout the day, President Abraham Lincoln will be available to answer questions from the public and press.
- Artillery Demonstrations: First New Jersey Light Artillery Battery C will be firing the cannon.
- Quilting and Spinning demonstrations
- Saturday 1:00 pm— Join Vicki Chirco as she talks about this fascinating waterway's past and present life. The presentation features historic and modern photographs that illustrate the history of the canal.

Admission Fee for Canal Days at Abraham Staats House tours/Collections/Programs:  
Free For Children under the age of 10.  
Ground Admission and Parking are Free.  
For More Information visit the Web Site: [www.staatshouse.com](http://www.staatshouse.com) .

## Music in the Park

Memorial Park, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Bring your lawn chair or blanket

August 6 — Carnaby Street- sponsored by the Sports Recreation Committee

August 13- Jason Nazzaro- Sponsored by PBA & South Bound Brook

August 20- Due South—Sponsored by Elmer's Catering Service



## Movie in the Park

Friday, September 19, 2008

6:45 pm — Movie starts at 7:30 pm

Memorial Park



## South Bound Brook First Aid Squad 3rd Annual Town-wide Treasure Hunt

Sept. 20 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Rain date: Sept. 21, 2008

Registration forms available at Borough Hall

For a \$ 5.00 donation your address will be listed on our map with any specialty items you are selling.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

If your children walk to school be sure to tell them to use the Crossing Guards located at various streets within the Borough.

Here are the posts and the hours:

**Main and Washington Streets**

**Cedar and High Streets**

**High and Elizabeth Streets**

**Edgewood Terrace and Elizabeth Street**

**Madison Street and Edgewood Terrace**

The Hours are:

**7:55 am to 8:45 am**

**10:55 am to 12:30 pm**

**2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**



### **From the Chief of Police**

Thank you to all the residents and friends who attended my swearing in ceremony on June 13<sup>th</sup>. It was very nice to see such a large number of people in attendance.

I also would like to take the time to thank all of our residents who have continually supported the police department, and look forward to providing the borough with the best police service available. Finally, I'd like to remind all of our residents that if you see something suspicious happening in our borough, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**William King, Chief**

### **Board of Health News**

#### **Mosquito Information -**

Tips to reduce chances of getting bitten:

- Stay indoors a dawn, dusk and early evening.
- Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants.
- Avoid perfumes, lotions and colognes with heavy fragrances.
- Apply insect repellent containing 20% - 30% DEET to exposed skin or clothing (10% for children). Do not apply to children under 3 years of age. Read and follow directions carefully.

#### **Reduce the Breeding areas for mosquitoes**

**by** Removing old cans, buckets, flower pots and other containers especially old tires - these can produce thousands of mosquitoes. Clean out leaves from clogged roof gutters and drains.