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Mayor Steven Lonagan
201-342-1736 Ext 233**

Senior Buddy Program

This is a program which is open to all Bogota residents. Two people are paired together with the purpose of making a phone call each morning to verify that all is well. No socialization is required unless the parties desire.

A record is also kept as to where a spare key may be obtained and the address and phone number of the next of kin. These records are only available to the police department and the ambulance corps. For additional information, call (201) 342-7516.

Did You Know?

The "horse" power used to operate the farm machinery came from horses which received their "fuel" in the form of the farmers hay. About 10% of a farms area had to be devoted to "fuel" production. Poorer farmers would use donkeys or even oxen.



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April, May, June, 2007

From The Mayor

Dear Neighbor

With spring upon us, I am pleased to announce the borough is in the final stretch in the renovation of our parks. Pagano Park on Queen Anne Road and the newly christened Petrik Park on Leonia Ave. have undergone total renovation.

They are inviting, attractive and offer lots of playground equipment for our children's enjoyment. Olsen Park now boasts a 1.5 mile jogging track and a new pavilion. In the weeks to come all new play ground equipment will be installed. These refurbished facilities will be a great resource for our residents this summer.

The Borough Council has approved the paving of all of Queen Anne Road and a large portion of Palisade Ave as well as several side streets this summer.



Tree trimming continues at Pagano Park while at Olsen Park the interior bathrooms have been completed at the snack bar and soon work will start on the new playground and basketball tennis facility. Spring is in the air. (Picture of Pagano Park on page 2)

We are continuing our effort to improve and maintain Bogota while maintaining a stable tax base.

please call me at 201-342-1736 ext. 233.

Sincerely,

Mayor Steven Lonagan

If you have any questions or concerns,

Bogota's Web Page

bogotaonline.org is up and running. Pay your taxes online, download building permits, or contact borough officials without leaving home. The Borough's interactive website is now available.

The Bogota Quarterly

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Disposal of Flags

The VFW would like to remind all residents that they may properly dispose of old, worn and unused flags by placing them in the Flag Painted mailbox in front of the library. The library is located at 375 Larch Ave, immediately adjacent to Borough Hall. Flags placed in the "Flag Box" in front of the library will be collected and properly retired by members of the VFW.

Recreation Programs And Events

FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING: The registration for cheering and football will be sometime in early May. Fliers will be sent out to all the schools. You must sign up EARLY as registrations will close, and you may miss out.

OVER 30 BASKETBALL: Games will continue till sometime in June. You can still join; just go to Steen School gym on Tuesday nights and register.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL: The Bogota Junior Basketball League has ended and once again I would like to thank Steve Brown and all of the people who helped make it a success.

Floor Hockey: The Floor Hockey season was a little disappointing with a small turn out, nevertheless everyone involved had a great time.

DANCE: The dance classes are going strong with a large turnout. There will be a Recital at the end of May or beginning of June at the High School, all are welcome.

SUMMER CAMP: The fliers will be going out to the schools sometime in late April. Registrations will begin no later than May 15th

EASTER EGG HUNT: The egg hunt is scheduled for April 7, 2007 beginning around 8:30 AM. Exact times and grades will be going out to all schools the last week of March.

PARK RENOVATION: The last of our parks will be completed before the end of spring. The bathrooms have already been finished in time for baseball season. The Recreation



Free Gun Trigger Locks

The Bogota Police Department is distributing free gun trigger locks to any resident interested. The locks are available at Police Headquarters and can be picked up at anytime.

Simple Things To Do To Prevent Problems

Bogota is a nice town but unfortunately it is not a perfect place. Often times we think that this is Bogota and we do not need to lock our houses or cars. Often times the members of the Bogota Police Department are taking reports from people that have had someone enter into their car or home. These victims have their personal possessions stolen and their lives altered in one way or another. These are very unfortunate events but ones that are easily preventable.

These tips will not guarantee 100% safety but they will substantially increase the odds that you will not be a victim of crime. Some of these ideas are very simple and easy to do but are often overlooked and forgotten. Take some extra time and

There are a limited number of locks available which will be given out on a first come first served basis. Anyone with questions regarding this program can contact Capt. Michael Brophy at (201) 487-2400.

follow these tips. Most criminals are lazy and will go after open cars and houses, if yours is locked they will more than likely move on to one that is not.

1. Lock your car at all times, even if in your driveway
2. Do not leave anything of great importance or value in your car (laptop, cell phone, etc.)
3. Lock the front and back doors of your home
4. Do not leave your windows open (top or bottom floors) when you are out
5. If you go away, stop the mail or have someone pick it up everyday
6. Stop newspaper deliveries
7. Let a relative, friend or neighbor you trust know when you will be away
8. Call the Bogota Police Department and advise them of your trip and who we can contact about your house and property in the event of an emergency
9. Beware of strangers and strange incidents, it never hurts to call the Bogota Police Department to let us know of your concerns
10. Know your surroundings and your neighbors, they see things and know things that you do not.

If you have any questions about this topic please call the Bogota Police Department at 201-487-2400. We have Officers trained in Crime Prevention and we can arrange for an Officer to come to your home for a free security assessment of your home.

Recreation

Department urges everyone to help keep our parks clean for everyone. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their help and cooperation.

Any questions regarding any recreation program or event please contact Jim Moore at (201) 487-4368.

Police Department News

INFORMATION REGARDING ALARM SYSTEMS

Bogota Borough ordinance #836 provides for the registration of all burglar and fire alarms within the Borough.

Residents with an existing alarm that is not registered or anyone planning on installing an alarm is required to register their alarm system with the Police Department. There is no fee to register an alarm system and applications are available at police headquarters.

Home Security Survey Available

The Bogota Police Department is offering a free home security survey to residents as part of our Community Policing and Crime Prevention Programs. A Bogota Police Officer will come to your residence and conduct an inspection of your home, and then offer recommendations on how to improve the security and safety of your home. Any resident wanting to schedule and appointment for a security survey may call Sergeant Craig Lynch at 201-487-2400.

SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The Bogota Police Department is in need of substitute school crossing guards to fill in on a day to day basis when one of the full time guards are absent. Training and equipment are supplied by the Police Department. For further information please contact Captain Michael Brophy at 201-487-2400.

Applicants are asked to provide the names of three (3) emergency contacts that can be reached in case of alarm activation or other emergency. Residents with alarm systems that have been registered are asked to notify the Police Department of any changes in address or telephone number for persons listed as emergency contacts.

All information contained in the alarm application is kept confidential and will only be utilized by the police in the event of alarm activation or other emergency.

Questions regarding alarm systems may be directed to Capt. Michael Brophy at 201-487-2400.

CLICK IT OR TICKET CAMPAIGN

The Bogota Police Department received a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Highway Safety to participate in the 2006 Click It Or Ticket campaign from May 22 through June 4, 2006. The Click It Or Ticket campaign is an annual state-wide enforcement effort to remind drivers and passengers to either wear their seat belt or receive a ticket from the police. Currently New Jersey has a compliance rate of approximately 82%, which is one of the best rates in the country. It is hoped that through high visibility enforcement of the seat belt laws and education of the public, that we will be able to save lives by reminding drivers to buckle up. For more information regarding Click It or Ticket you may contact the Bogota Police Department or visit www.njsaferoads.com.

Notices on Trees, Poles Prohibited

Borough ordinance 3-22.1 prohibits The posting or attaching by any means any sign, notice, placard or advertisement on public property, such as Borough owned trees or on utility poles, etc. This ordinance makes it illegal for anyone to post any sign, such as

New Jersey's bicycle helmet law has changed.

Young people under the age of 17 are required to wear an approved helmet while cycling, roller-skating, in-line skating or skateboarding.

Each year, bicyclists are killed or injured in New Jersey, due to bicycle crashes. Many bicyclist deaths result from bicycle-motor vehicle collisions. However, injuries can happen anywhere, including parks, bike paths and driveways, and often do not involve motor vehicles.

Head injury is the most serious injury type and the most common cause of death among bicyclists. The most severe injuries are those to the brain that cause permanent damage.

Here are some helmet tips for bike riders:

Buy a helmet that meets the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

Ensure proper fit by tightening the chinstrap to keep the helmet from slipping. Only two fingers should fit under the chin strap

Place the front of the helmet direct over the forehead

Adults should wear helmets too, to set a good example for younger riders.

Public Works Department

White goods will be collected at curbside on the last Friday of each month. White goods are refrigerators and freezers, doors removed, stoves, clothes washers, clothes dryers, dishwashers, air conditioners, hot water heaters, radiators, metal storm doors, metal file cabinets, metal fencing, (rolled and tied) metal sofa beds, (upholstery is to be tied and placed with the trash) auto tire rims, metal auto parts, and non fabric covered bed springs.

Oil tanks require separate permits. Auto batteries and tires must be taken to the recycle center or call for special pick up.

Truck Rentals available May 1 through September 30. For trash / debris removal a DPW is available for weekend rentals at \$90 a day for 3 yard truck and \$200 for twenty yard truck. Rentals are for residents only and available on a first come first served basis as available.

Yard waste, branches are to be tied in small bundles. Grass, leaves and other garden waste should be placed in clean garbage cans or biodegradable bags. No plastic bags allowed for garden waste. Yard waste is picked up on the first garbage day of each week.

For further information on any of the above items please contact the DPW at 201-487-1041.

Reminder Yard Waste Pick Up Resumes April 16, 2007

Yard waste pick up will be your first garbage day of the week. Branches and shrubs must be tied in bundles and not be more than four feet long. Untied items will not be picked up. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in clean garbage cans or biodegradable bags. No plastic bags of any kind may be used.

BOGOTA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Please Curb Your Dog

Respect your neighbor's property and public property meant to be enjoyed by all. Clean up after your dog. Bogota has an ordinance requiring anyone walking a dog on a public street or property to carry a pooper-scooper or other device for cleaning up after the dog. Anyone failing to clean up after a dog is subject to a \$50 fine.

Dog and pet owners are also reminded to properly dispose of animal waste. Waste is to be bagged in a sealed bag and placed in the trash for collection. **Under no circumstances are the storm water drains to be used for any purpose other than the collection of water.** Storm drains have been found contaminated with foreign matter such as garbage, animal waste and plastic and Styrofoam containers. This is a violation of the law and subject to fine. It also creates an unhealthy condition and contaminates the water supply while creating potential flooding hazard.

Medical Reserve Corps(MRC)

In Bergen County, The MRC program is comprised of organized medical and public health professionals who serve as volunteers to respond to natural disasters and emergencies. Any medical professional is welcome to be a volunteer, including retired persons. The MRC is not limited to medical professionals, as individuals without medical training can fill essential supporting roles. Volunteers may be called on during a public health emergency in order to staff vaccination and antibiotic dispensing clinics, as well as shelters and evacuation centers, and to provide emergency care.

For further information call 201 634-2848.

Chamber of Commerce News

Our newly designed website is up and running! Check it out at www.bogotachamber.org

Here are some upcoming events you won't want to miss.

Bergen County Workforce Investment Board (BCWIB)- "Supervisory Skills Enrichment", Friday, March 23 9:30-1:30, Woodcliff Lake Hilton. FREE

Bogota Chamber is hosting SCORE's workshop "How to Prepare a Business Plan", Thursday, March 29 7-10 pm @ Valley National Bank, 325 Palisade Ave., \$20 in advance.

Fair Lawn Chamber - "Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet", Wednesday, March 28 5:30-7:30, Maple Glen Center, Fair Lawn, FREE

BCWIB - "Flexing Your Own Communication Style to Get Better Results", April 13 8:30-12 FREE

Disney Keys to Excellence workshop, April 17, FDU, Hackensack. Chamber member discount

Greater Hackensack Chamber - Business Expo, Tues May 8, 5:30-8:30, Holiday Inn, Saddle Brook. \$275

If you have yet to renew your Chamber membership, don't delay!

I'm always available to answer your questions. 201-487-8983
Lou Knaub,
President

Library News



Celebrate National Library Week at the Bogota Public Library, April 15-21.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time for our community to come together @ your library.

The Library is offering an amnesty on fines for overdue materials returned in good condition during National Library Week (April 15-21). All materials must be returned to Bogota. The purpose of the amnesty is to promote the return of long overdue books and media. The amnesty does not include overdue fines accrued from previously returned materials or items owned or borrowed from other library systems. The amnesty also does not excuse billings for lost or damaged materials.

For more information on the week's activities call 201.488.7185

DATES TO REMEMBER:

The **FRIENDS OF THE BOGOTA LIBRARY** has planned another **AFTERNOON TEA on APRIL 22 at 2:00PM**. Please join us for an afternoon of great music and refreshments; well worth your \$7.00 ticket! You may purchase your tickets in the Library.

Bogota's first **HISTORIC HOME TOUR** planned by the **FRIENDS** will be **MAY 19TH**. Please register in the Bogota Library!

You are welcome to join the wonderful **Friends of the Bogota Library**. They meet at 7:30pm every 1st Monday of the month, upstairs in the Senior Center!

The **BOGOTA BOOK DISCUSSION** group meets the **2nd Thursday** of the month at 7:30pm in the Back Room of the Library.

YARN TWISTERS will be meeting **1st and 3rd Tuesday** evenings at 7pm in the **Senior Center**, and **1st and 3rd Thursdays** at 7pm in the **Back Room** of the Bogota Library. Knit or Crochet, beginners or experts, all are welcome!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY ☺

MONDAYS:

CHESS CLUB meets every **3rd Monday** of the month at 7:30pm in the Back Room of the Library. (April 16, May 21, June 18).

TUESDAYS:

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB for 3-5th graders meets every **1st Tuesday** of the month at 3:30pm (April 10, May 3, and June 7).

THURSDAYS:

AMERICAN GIRL BOOK CLUB for 2-4th graders meets every **1st Thursday** of the month 3:30-4:15pm (April 5, May 3, June 7).

STORYTIME for children 2-3 years old meets at **10:30-11am** beginning **April 19th**. Pre-registration in the Library is required.

FRIDAYS:

STORYTIME for children 4-5 years old meets at **1:30-2:15pm** beginning **April 20th**. Pre-registration in the Library is required.

SATURDAY MAY 5TH GO FLY A KITE!

Learn to make a kite with us on Saturday at 11am, upstairs in the Senior Center

Folks, again we are in need of English as a Second Language instructor. Our wonderful new teacher had to go back to her country. Please, if anyone would be willing to step into this most requested program contact us at 201.488.7185.

Come on in...check out WHAT'S NEW in the Bogota Library!

Did You Know?

Unlike steam engines in ships, the water was turned to steam only once. Then the waste steam went out the stack. Fresh water for railroads was easy to replenish. Ship had to make fresh water from salty ocean water and this used a lot of fuel. Therefore, on ships, it was recycled back to the boilers.

Reminder

Senior Citizen bus transportation is available for food shopping, mall shopping, and doctor visits. For more information, please leave a telephone message at (201) 342-1736, extension 232.