

From The Mayor

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minimal and we will return to twice a week pickup for the summer months. The council and I believe we have an obligation to do our fair share in reducing our country's reliance on foreign oil during this time of national crises. This November's election will also offer, you, the voters of Bogota the opportunity to speak out on one of the most important and controversial issues facing our nation this year. That is the expanded use of government power to use eminent domain to confiscate private property for private development. Bogota is the first and only town in New

Jersey to place the question on the use of eminent domain on the ballot for voters to decide. The question is simple- whether or not you want your elected officials to have this power. The outcome of this ballot question could set the stage for other communities to take our lead on this vital issue of private property rights as well as establish the future of our community for generations to come. Once again, on behalf of the entire borough council and myself we wish you a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Very truly yours
Steven Lonagan
Mayor

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.

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.

Did You Know?

Henry Street ran from River Road to Charles Street and was located where the north end of the Quik Check parking lot is now. Before these stores were constructed, in the middle 1970's, Henry Street was a "paper street" and was a natural vegetation covered plot of land.

Honor Your Group, A Friend Or A Family Member

Place a cobblestone on the Bogota Centennial Walkway for \$60.00. The message can be no more than three lines of no more than 15 characters to a line. Make checks payable to: Bogota Centennial Walkway and mail it to

**Borough of Bogota, NJ
Centennial Walkway,
375 Larch Avenue
Bogota, NJ 07603**

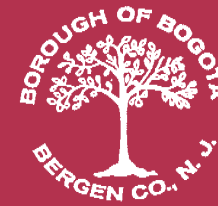
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Recycling Calendar Inside

October, November, December, 2005

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Dear Neighbor

Over the past several months your governing body has faced some new and challenging problems. We are all aware of the terrible result of Hurricane Katrina and it's impact on the Gulf region. With it has come soaring gasoline prices and high cost of petroleum by-products. In response to skyrocketing cost of macadam for road resurfacing the council has decided to postpone scheduled road resurfacing until the Spring, projecting that costs will return to normal at that time. Additionally, the borough council was unanimous in it's decision to change to a once a week garbage pickup schedule that will greatly reduce our consumption of diesel fuel, which has doubled in price. We believe this schedule is adequate for the winter months when the volume of garbage is

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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.

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Dewey School Razed for Senior Housing

During the week of August 8th the demolition equipment moved in and demolished the Dewey School on Palisade Avenue. The building is being replaced by a 42 unit senior housing development. Each of the one-bedroom apartments will be handicap accessible. Other features include laundry rooms, recreation areas and ample onsite parking exclusively for use by the building's residents. The developer will construct sidewalks and install decorative lighting matching the materials used in our Main Street redevelopment program. Not only has the borough gained senior housing, for which first preference will

be given to current Bogota residents, the entire community is benefiting because the building, as a private development, will add to the borough's tax revenue. The school was named after Florence E. Dewey who served the school district as an educator and administrator for 43 years. In 1988 the Bogota Board of Education closed the school because of budgetary considerations and lack of enrollment. The property was sold in 2003 to LLT Partners by the Board of Education and now in a different function will continue to serve more generations of Bogota residents.

RECREATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FOOTBALL AND CHEERING

Once again the program had a nice turnout. The home games are scheduled for October 8th (night), October 22nd (day), October 29th (day), & November 5th (night). Day Games from 8:45 PM till approx. 1:00 PM. Night Games from 5:00 pm till Approx, 10:30 pm on the Bogota High School Field. Please try to come out and support your teams.

OVER 30 BASKETBALL; Games started in September and will run every Monday or Tuesday night through June. Gym hours are from 7:30 till 10:00 PM at Bogota High School, a cost of \$45.00 per participant for the year. Registration forms can be picked up at the Rec. Center. Checks must be paid to Bogota Recreation. You must be registered and paid before you can participate. Any questions contact Jim Moore at the Bogota Rec. Center (201) 487-4368.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL: The league starts its season with practice in Dec. and begins games in January. Registration will take place at the Rec. Center in October. Check for fliers through the schools, or call the Rec.

FLOOR HOCKEY; We are looking for an Administrator for the program, to be able to get it started. Anyone interested please contact Jim Moore as soon as possible at the Rec. Center. The season is scheduled to get started in December if we get an Administrator and Gym availability.

DANCE; Started in September and will run through December with a variety of classes. Classes are every Tuesday and Friday depending on which class you choose. Cost is \$100.00 for residents and \$110.00 non-residents. There will be at least 12 sessions. For late sign ups call the Rec.

JUNIOR WRESTLING; We need an Administrator for the program. Anyone Interested call Jim down at the Rec. A.S.A.P.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING; The holiday season will again begin with the annual tree lighting at Borough Hall, co-sponsored by the Bogota Recreation Commission and the Girl Scouts. The Ceremony will take place in early December. Tentative date set for December 9th. All are welcome to come and view the tree. After a sing-along, someone special will be arriving to greet the young and the young at heart. DON'T MISS IT!

Bogota Needs YOU

Volunteers Needed

Ambulance Corp
Fire Department
Heavy Rescue

Rewarding – Challenging

Service to your community

For More information go to
Bogotaonline.org

Or Call
Mayor Steven Lonagan
201-342-1736 Ext 233

Borough Of Bogota Polling Places Barrier Free for School and Primary Elections

Date	Description Time	Opening / Closing
Nov. 8, 2005	General Election	6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Districts	Location
1 and 6	Bogota Recreation Center 162 West Main Street
2	Bogota High School Main Gymnasium (entrance is left of rear building) Henry Luthin Place
3	Central Avenue Firehouse 164 Central Avenue
4 and 5	E. Roy Bixby School Maplewood and Fischer Avenues

Registration Deadline Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2005

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SCHOOL'S OPEN PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

With the beginning of another school year, the Bogota Police Department would like to remind everyone to please drive carefully especially while in a school zone. Here are a few rules to keep in mind while driving that will make the roads safer for all of us.

1-Always wear your seatbelt and make sure that all passengers are wearing theirs.

2-Be alert and make sure to give way to all pedestrians standing in a crosswalk waiting to cross the street – pedestrians in a crosswalk have the right of way.

3-Obey the speed limit- the speed limit in all school and residential areas is 25 MPH.

4-Make sure to stop for a school bus with it's red lights flashing while picking up or discharging passengers.

5-Be alert for School Crossing Guards who are assisting children across the street on their way to and from school.

6-Obey parking restrictions especially in school zones, as illegally parked cars can create a hazard for everyone, especially the children.

7-Don't drive while being distracted talking on a cell phone, eating, drinking, etc. Taking your eyes off the road, even for a second, can lead to an accident.

Substitute Crossing Guards Needed

The Bogota Police Department is in immediate need of substitute school crossing guards to fill in on a day-to-day basis due to the absence of one of the full time crossing guards. Substitute crossing guards are given first preference when an opening for a full time guard becomes available. The starting salary for substitute crossing guards is \$8.50 per hour. Equipment and training are supplied by the Police Department.

FREE GUN TRIGGER LOCKS AVAILABLE

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. 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

Anyone interested is asked to contact Captain Michael Brophy at 487-2400 for further information.

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BOGOTA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bogota Board of Health Services:

1. Bogota Blood Pressure and Adult Health consultation program is available to Bogota seniors the first Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. No appointment is necessary. A registered nurse is available to take blood pressure and provide health consultations on heart disease risk factors.

2. Child Health conference-Well Baby clinic: In cooperation with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission, the New Milford Health Department is continuing to offer free monthly service for infants and preschoolers who do not have medical insurance that provides required immunizations. Services provided include: physical exams, immunizations, urinalysis, vision screening, developmental screening, lead screening, nutrition counseling, hearing screening, and NJ kidcare enrollment. Call 201-967-7075, ext. 7221 for an appointment.

3. Dog and Cat licenses may be renewed after January 1, 2006. Proof of updated rabies vaccination good through November 1, 2006 is required in order to obtain a license. Renewal may be done through mail or at the Health Department. A late fee of \$10 will be charged for all pets not licensed before March 1, 2006.

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 be so equipped or failing to clean up after a dog is subject to a \$50 fine.

Library News

Greetings from the Library!

Our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who showed up every week to make our summer programs a roaring success...AND to the volunteers who helped with the shelving; Without you, we would be hidden under a mountain of books.

Thanks to all of you folks who participated in the programs. This was one of the busiest summers-all the help and enthusiasm was and IS very appreciated.

FALL HAPPENINGS

THURSDAYS

10:30-11:15 AM STORYTIME for children 2-3 years old.

1:30-2:15 PM STORYTIME for children 4-5 years old.

SATURDAYS

10:30-11AM STORYTALES for children in pre-K in the "Back Room"

STORIES for children in K-2nd grades in the "Kid's Corner".

1st Tuesday of the month 3:30pm Book Club for 5th and 6th graders Oct. 11th first meeting.

3rd Tuesday of the month 3:30 pm Book Club for 7th+8th graders Oct. 18th first meeting.

ADULTS:

2nd THURSDAY of the month: BOOK DISCUSSION 7:30PM

3rd THURSDAY of the month: YARN TWISTERS 7:00PM Watch for info regarding: A Halloween party, ESL programs, and the Kids' Crochet Club.

HUGE "THANKS" to you wonder-

ful people jumpstarting the Friends of the Library! We need you, we appreciate you...ANYONE who would like to join in the fundraising efforts are welcome. Come in to the Library and sign up!

Bogota Public Library
375 Larch Ave
Bogota, NJ 07603
(201) 488-7185
bogtcirc@mail.bccls.org

Public Notice

The Borough of Bogota will prosecute illegal rental units to the fullest extent of the law.

Illegal rental units are a drain on our community. They are unsafe for the resident in the unit, the building and the general public. It is a theft of public money and negatively impacts the quality of life for all residents of the Borough.

The paramount concern is the safety and protection of all residents of Bogota and the safety of the members of our public safety professionals as well.

To all renters, please be sure to protect yourselves and assure your landlord maintains a valid certificate of occupancy for your residence.

NOTICE-NOTICE-NOTICE

Tenants of Illegal rental units are entitled to reimbursement of all rents paid and relocation costs

Bogota Volunteers

Bogota Volunteers--A Community Commitment

Friday August 19th, 2005 6:45 PM the Bogota Police Department received a 911 call reporting a house on fire on Linden Avenue. The Bogota Police dispatcher notifies patrol and activated the radio alert system notifying the Bogota Volunteer Fire Department of a reported fire. Within four minutes of the alert 50 Volunteer firefighters, your neighbors, arrived at the scene and commence to save the house from total destruction. As a matter of fact because of their rapid response the fire was contained to the attic where it originated.

After the fire department was alerted and the police patrol confirmed there was a working fire, the police dispatcher began to summon support for the Bogota Volunteer Fire Department. The following organizations responded. The Bogota Volunteer First Aid Squad with two ambulances and 12 squad members assumed their positions at the scene. Seven members of the Bogota Auxiliary (volunteer) Police took over traffic details on the surrounding streets allowing the regular Bogota Police officers to resume their patrol and protection of the borough. Last, but not least, The Bogota Volunteer Rescue Squad with six of their members responded to the scene to assist the fire department at the scene. In all, over 70 members of our community responded that evening to provide emergency services for a Bogota homeowner.

These seventy people are part of the over 100 Bogota residents who give of their time, without any compensation, to provide emergency services for Bogota. All too often we take them for granted. Many Bogota residents who have moved here from New York City or other urban areas are not aware of the vital services provided by the various Bogota Volunteer organizations such as those referred to above.

In 1996 Mayor Lonagan along with the council conceived of the Bogota Volunteer Trust as a vehicle for Bogota residents to show support for these volunteers. Recently the fund drive has been renewed via a mailing to all Bogota residents and businesses. However, the fund drive alone is not enough. There is a need for more volunteers to join the various services especially our ambulance corps; fire department and rescue squad.

Bogota Rescue Squad

The Bogota Rescue Squad held a 50/50 in the month of May 2005, tickets were sold at \$5.00 each- a total of \$2185.00 was raised. On June 1st 2005, at the Bogota Rescue Squad's monthly meeting the winning ticket was picked by council woman Melissa Schnipp. Mr. Allen Jones of Bogota had the winning ticket- Congratulations to Allen who walked away with \$985.00 The Rescue Squad will use the money raised for much needed equipment. We want to thank everyone who purchased a ticket. Your support is always welcomed. The Bogota Rescue Squad will be running another 50/50 in October/November. Please check with the Rescue Squad for upcoming raffles and events .

Bogota First Aid Squad Needs More Volunteers



The Bogota Volunteer First Aid Squad is entering its 58th year of service. During that time we have answered over 43,000 calls. We have done so at all times of the day and night, every day of the year. You may have noticed the horns, a series of three long blasts, during the day. This is a call for the ambulance. You may hear it several times in a row. We are calling for more help. Frequently during the day we are relying on our neighboring towns for help.

Now our neighboring towns are calling for help. They are hard pressed to answer their calls and then also help out Bogota. We now need your help. If you have the time, especially during the day, please volunteer. We won't lie to you, the training is long and the hours are bad. The training is free. The rewards, however, are great knowing that you helped save a life. You can begin a rewarding career with as little as 40 hours of training.

Don't let the calls go unanswered. Please help. For more information please E-mail us at info@bogotafirstaid.org or visit us at www.bogotafirstaid.org or call 201-342-1712. Stop by the Bogota Police Department for an application.

Remember to dial 911 for all emergencies.