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renovation to the current Police facility. The First Aid / Rescue building plans are almost complete and bids will be solicited in the next few weeks. All of these projects are expected to start this summer and fall. Many will be completed before winter arrives.

The Police Department has received new radar units; Fire, EMS, Rescue and Police Auxiliary have received new pagers.

Trees will be planted at Olsen Park in the next few days, Pagano Park renovation is completed and Leonia Ave. Park Renovations will be started soon.

On behalf of myself and our entire council I want to thank you for your support while we continue to work for the good of all residents.

*Steven M. Lonigan
Mayor*

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**

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.



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0% Tax Increase

Residents of Bogota I am very pleased to announce that there will be no tax increase this year. However, that is only part of the good news. While we will be able to continue to enjoy the services residents have come to know and expect, there are also many projects and improvements that are part of our immediate plans.

Road improvements were recently completed on W. Fort Lee Road, West Park Place and Feller Place. Several more road improvements are currently being bid and are planned for completion this fall. Curb and sidewalk repairs will be completed along River Road and several other locations as well. Our new Mason Dump Truck for use by the DPW has arrived along with its complete all season outfitting to serve us throughout the year.

We are currently bidding renovations to our Library's main entrance and to Borough Hall. Bids are also being solicited for a major

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LOCAL HEROES-Certificates of Valor were presented to five members of the Bogota DPW by Mayor Steven Lonigan (right) and Councilman Joe Noto (left). Pictured from left are, Dan Klima, Brian Church, Eamon Radburn and Superintendent Rob Stauffer. Not pictured Brian Leahey.

New Carrier Makes Recycling Simpler

The E-Z RECY Carrier 200 is a sturdy plastic card with two bins, top and bottom, on wheels, which makes recycling easy on the back. The bins can be stored right in the cart

saving valuable storage space as well as the back of the resident.

The E-Z RECY is for sale for \$28 plus shipping and handling.

For information and a brochure contact Max Industries at 941-922-6916.

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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.

RECREATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FOOTBALL AND CHEERING; We are still taking registrations for both programs, please contact the Recreation Dept. for further information.

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP; Will take place at the High School. There is still time to register. Just stop by the school for further information..

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL; Will be starting soon, call the Rec. for dates and registration information.

SUMMER SOFTBALL CAMP; Will be starting soon, call the Rec. for dates and registration information.

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP; 2nd. annual summer football camp for children entering grades 2-8. Will run Aug.1-Aug.5, 4-7pm, at BHS Fiegel Field. Call the Rec. for additional information.

BOGOTA RECREATION DEPARTMENT- (201) 487-4368

Bogota Woman's Club Completes Programs

The Woman's Club of Bogota closed its 2004-2005 Club year with a SilverTea, a luncheon and Installation of its officers.

Officers serving for the 2005-2006 term will be: President Rosemary Gasiewicz, 1st Vice President Della Detitta, 2nd Vice President Mildred DiFranco, 3rd Vice President Barbara Schenkerberg, Secretary Kathleen Carr, Treasurer Sheila Walsh. Installing Officer was Past President Kathleen Carr.

The Club supports many service and education projects directed by the Club's Chairmen and supported by members interest in the various endeavors.

The Literary Department, under Chairman Anna Mazza, attracts members who enjoy discussing books and poetry and occasionally writing papers about personal experiences.

Under Home Life/Social Service Chairman Edith Sachs, members have baked dozens of cookies and packed them in cans for delivery to shut-ins, Shelter Our Sisters, nursing homes and children's homes. They have also made Braille books for the blind.

Margaret Misera chairs the International and Public Affairs Department and has coordinated members creation of ditty bags for Operation Smile and teddy bears for the First Aid Squad. In addition games and books have been delivered to the Veterans Home and donations made to UNICEF.

College and Education is directed by Della Detitta who arranges to distribute the Club's scholarship applications to the High School. With her committee the annual winner is chosen and the Club's \$500.00 check is presented at Awards Night.

Arts Creative, chaired by Betty Polifrone will help Club crafters enter

their creations in the New Jersey State Woman's Club District 9 Arts contest. Arts Performing is chaired by Albertine McGill who encourages talented members to perform at the District 9 Performing Arts Day.

The President of New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs chooses a Special Project each year which all the N. J. Clubs support. This year's President, Deen Meloro of Park Ridge, chose Food Banks. Under the Bogota Club's Special Project Chairman Evelyn Stawicki, money was accumulated to

support the project by member donations at Club meetings to win a mystery gift. Members also donated food items to the St. Joseph's food pantry.

The community service and charitable work of the Club is financed by a Roast Beef Supper held the last Sunday of September each year. This year the fund raiser will be held on Sunday September 25 at 5 PM at Bogart Memorial Church. Tickets are \$13.00 each and are limited to 120. Tickets will be available in August. Contact any Woman's Club member for further information.

The Woman's Club of Bogota is one of the oldest in Bergen County and the oldest woman's group in Bogota, being organized in 1919 and joining the State

Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1920. Any Bogota woman who may be interested in joining the Woman's Club will be welcomed. For information call Membership Chairman Barbara Schenkerberg at 201-489-6514.

Sheila Walsh, Communications Chairman 201-489-5703.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



CLICK-IT OR TICKET- Chief F. Gurnari, center, Capt. M. Brophy & Sgt. T. Geipel of the Bogota Police Department during the Click It or Ticket campaign kick-off.

Click It Or Ticket SEAT BELT CAMPAIGN

The Bogota Police Department received a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Highway Safety to participate in the 2005 Click It

Or Ticket campaign from May 23 through June 5, 2005. The Click It Or Ticket campaign is an annual statewide 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.

BOGOTA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

The School Safety Patrol program has been in existence in the Borough of Bogota since 1936. Each year a group of students from each of the three elementary schools in Bogota are selected to serve on the Safety Patrol based on academic achievement and leadership abilities. The students on the Safety Patrol are assigned a post each day for the purpose of assisting the other students in safely crossing the street while en route to and from school. Members of the Safety Patrol are also stationed inside the school playground to assure the safety and welfare of the other students. As a member of the Safety Patrol members are required to arrive at their post on time each day and are expected to set a good example for the other students in the school. Students serving on the safety patrol are required to be outside on their posts in severe weather, including snow, rain etc. While on their posts, members wear a fluorescent green safety belt and badge. It has always been considered an honor and privilege to be selected to serve as a Safety Patrol member. Each year for approximately the last 40 years the Borough of Bogota has rewarded the members of the Safety Patrol with a trip either to Washington, DC. or Boston Ma. In May of this year, 36 members of the Safety Patrol traveled to Boston Ma. for a two day trip. Chaperones on the trip were Chief Gurnari, Captain Brophy, Mrs. S. Kraljic of St. Joseph School and Mrs. V. Noll of Bixby School. The Safety Patrol trip has always been a highlight of the school year and is an educational as well as enjoyable trip for the students.

BOGOTA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Stray Cat Trappings

The Bogota Board of Health is advising residents that the excessive number of stray cats in the immediate vicinity has been causing a public health nuisance to many residents. Therefore, the Bogota Board of Health has decided that trapping is necessary to address this situation.

If you own a cat, please make sure to have a license tag on its collar. Cats with license tags will automatically be released if they accidentally get caught in a trap. All other cats will be brought to the Animal Adoption and Rescue Agency Shelter.

Residents are urged not to feed cats outside, since food left out will attract other wildlife and rodents.

Pet Licenses Required

Residents are reminded that dogs as well as cats are required to be licensed. Dog and cat licenses are due for renewal in January. New licenses and renewal licenses for dogs and cats can be purchased in person at Borough Hall, 375 Larch Avenue. Please call 201-342-1736 Ext. 223 to ascertain issuing hours and fees and learn how to renew by mail. Dog license fees are \$8.00 if spayed or neutered and \$11.00 if not spayed or neutered. Cat license fees are \$4.00 if spayed or neutered and \$6.00 if not. There is an additional \$10.00 late fee charged for dog and cat license renewals after March 1. Proof of rabies vaccination and spaying or neutering is required to obtain a license.

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.

If you do not have a license tag for your animal, it can be obtained by purchasing a license at Borough Hall between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. A rabies vaccination certificate must be valid through November 1, 2004 in order to obtain a license.

Well Baby Clinic Seeks To Help Residents

Bogota has a free "Baby Keep Well" clinic available to Bogota Children aged eight weeks to six years old.

The clinic is attended by pediatricians and public health nurses and offers all required childhood immunizations as

well as physical examinations. Low cost rabies inoculations are available on every 2nd and 4th Thursday at the Bergen County Animal Shelter in Teterboro from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call (973) 773-1425.

The clinic is located at New Milford Borough Hall, 930 River Road, New Milford, NJ. Interested residents should telephone 201-967-7075 for an appointment and further information.



Residents Bea Bayersdorfer and Hugh Kerrigan were honored at the Memorial Day festivities. Bea and Hugh are the residents of Bogota who have lived here the most years.



IRISH EYES-The gentlemen of the Bogota Senior's Club serenaded the members of the group on St. Patrick's Day.

Beware of "Gypsies" During The Summer Season

It is that time of year where a group known commonly as the "gypsy's" come to our area and attempt to steal from residents, usually preying on senior citizens. Unfortunately the seniors of Bogota have been victimized in the past and some will be victimized again. The Bogota police department wants to warn Bogota residents, and particularly seniors, that there are numerous scams these groups run to try to gain your confidence.

1. The sweetheart scam (mostly done on men) young women stop by the house and say they knew your deceased wife and they do have some credible information. They gain your trust and invite themselves over to cook or help with housework. They get inside and keep you busy then they let people in and they burglarize your house. They also have been known to get bankbooks, credit cards and other financial documents and use them to take your money and id.

2. Contractor schemes someone shows up at your door and says they are either a contractor or a

utility worker. They tell you that they are working on a neighbor's house and need you to go outside to see something in your yard. While you are in the yard with the person others are inside stealing your property. Others will pose as gas or water utility workers, they lure you into the basement and make you run water or watch the gas meter and they have others sneak in your house and steal your property.

3. Distraction schemes people will show up at your door and tell you that they are looking for a friend that lives on the block and they need help finding them. They ask for water and get let in the house. They distract you in the kitchen by asking for water or taking out a large object like a piece of material and they block your view of the door and others sneak into the house and go upstairs and steal your property.

Use caution and be careful! These people work in groups of at least two and more. They make what they are telling you sound real. They have been known to even use small children in their schemes just to get you to fall for their tricks.

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 in-

spection of your home, and offer recommendations on how to improve the security and safety of your home.

Residents who wish to schedule an appointment for a security survey may call Police Officer Craig Lynch at 201-487-2400.

Do not let anyone into your house. If someone like this comes to you tell him or her to wait outside, lock your door, call the Bogota Police Department at 201-487-2400 and request an officer for a suspicious person. An officer will respond and verify the person's identity. If it is a scam the person will take off. If you know of anyone this has happened to please call the Bogota Police Department and ask to speak to the detective bureau. They will assist in recovering lost or stolen property.

Child Car Seat Assistance

Anyone who transports children knows it can be very difficult to install child safety seats in their vehicles, the Bogota Police Department has 2 officers who have been certified as child passenger safety technicians.

All children from birth to 8 years old or 80 pounds, are required by New Jersey Motor Vehicle Law to be in child safety seats.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children 5 to 14 years old. Correctly installed child safety seats reduce the risk of death 71% for infants. The problem is that studies show up to 85% of child safety seats are not installed correctly. Anyone who has a child safety seat in his car, or who has any questions regarding child safety seat requirements can contact Det. Timothy Geipel or Officer Jerome Fowler of the Bogota Police Department, who can answer any questions and assist in the installation of child safety seats.

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