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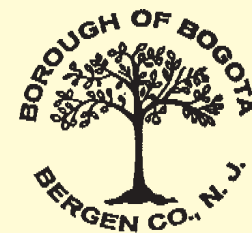
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# The Bogota Quarterly

*Recycling Calendar Inside*

*October, November, December, 2007*

**Did You Know?**

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

**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.

**The Bogota Quarterly**

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**From The Mayor**

Dear Neighbor:

I am proud to announce that on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., the Borough of Bogota will dedicate the Ambulance and Rescue Squad building, located on West Main Street, to the Kennedy family. That's the Bogota Kennedys, not Massachusetts', who have given over one hundred years of volunteer service to this community. George Kennedy Jr. has served Bogota as a volunteer for sixty years and began his service alongside his father, George Kennedy Sr., sixty years ago when the Bogota Ambulance Squad was first organized. I hope you will join us at the dedication as we honor the Kennedy commitment to serving their community.

My wife, Lorraine, and I are proud to co-sponsor, along with Lakeland Bank, the appearance of Queen Elizabeth's private bag piper, Jimmy Motherwell, and the Palisades Park Fire Department Band Concert to be held at St. Joseph's Church Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. This will be a fabulous performance and extremely rare in this country. Mr. Motherwell is considered the best bag piper in the world and we are fortunate to be able to host this performance.

This year we have completed the total renovation of all the Borough parks. Borough Hall and the newly dedicated Kennedy Building have been renovated and updated. I can report with confidence that the Borough of Bogota is in strong financial condition and your investment in this community has a promising future. The challenge ahead is to maintain this community's small town charm as development and government mandates threaten our future.

As I come to the end of my twelve-year tenure as Bogota's mayor, I urge the new governing body to recognize this challenge and provide the vision and courage necessary to keep Bogota what it has always been—a wonderful place to live.

Very truly yours,  
Steven Lonigan

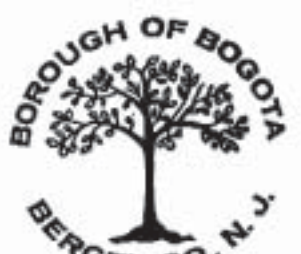


*Whether is was parkland or borough streets, holidays or unique occasions Mayor Steve Lonigan has been there, making our borough better and his legacy will be the lowest taxes in Bergen County coupled with the revitalization of parks, streets and the government during his tenure.*



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## Recreation Programs And Events

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**FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING:** Let's go Junior Bucs. Once again the Program is under way. The home games are scheduled for September 22nd, September 29th, October 20th, and November 3rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To see more games see the Bogota High School's schedule.

**OVER-30 BASKETBALL:** Games started in September you can still join call me at the Rec.

**JUNIOR BASKETBALL:** The Bogota Junior Basketball League starts its season with practice in December and league play in January. The K-2 grades are organized into teams made up of both boys and girls, while the 3-6 graders are separated into girls and boys leagues. Check for fliers in the schools for more details.

**POWER VOLLEYBALL:** We are looking for someone to run the program. Please call me at the Rec if interested.

**FLOOR HOCKEY:** The Floor Hockey season will be getting under way with registration in December and league play beginning in January. Check for fliers in the schools and in local newspapers for more details.

**DANCE:** Classes are not certain yet; you can watch for fliers or call the Rec.

**HALLOWEEN:** There will be some special

## SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL 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. The starting salary for substitute crossing guards is \$8.50 per hour. For further information please contact Captain Michael Brophy at 201-487-2400.

events going on during Halloween. Please look for fliers in the schools and info on the Recreation Board for more info.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:** The holiday season will again begin with the annual tree lighting at Borough Hall co-sponsored by the Girl Scouts and the Recreation Commission. The Ceremony will take place in early December. Tentative date set for December 7th. All are welcome to come and see the tree. After a sing-along, someone special will arrive atop a fire truck to greet the young and the young at heart.

**JUNIOR WRESTLING:** We are trying to bring back Rec wrestling. Watch for fliers in school.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:** we're trying to get one started as soon as possible, keep checking with Rec for details.

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

## Free Trigger Locks For Residents

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 (201) 487-2400.

## Police Department News

### Internet Safety For Parents and Children

Almost everything we do now in modern society somehow revolves around a computer. Computers have helped us as a society to be more efficient and increase levels of productivity. With any important technological advance there are always people who will use the tools to commit crimes. Some crimes are totally new and are computer dependant; others are just a new spin on the old crime.

The types of computer crimes that are affecting this area have to do with fraud, theft, threats, hacking and child victimization. Fraud and theft have always been a problem. Even though we know now that we should not buy snake oil or water from the fountain of youth we are still potential victims for all types of scams. We must be ever diligent to keep in mind that if it sounds too good to be true than it usually is.

Threats have increased tremendously through the Internet because now people believe that they can be anonymous and do what ever it is that they want. In reality you are not anonymous and it is fairly easy to catch the people who are making threats to you online. Threats against children have been on the rise too because of children's knowledge of computers and the easy accessibility.

Hacking is the type of crime that is totally computer dependant. There are people who have the ability to get into your computer from remote locations. When they access your computer they can see everything on your computer including all of your personal information. People seeing this information can be potentially damaging to you and your credit. These criminals like to take advantage of poorly protected systems and attempt to recover your bank accounts, credit cards and social security number. For any of you that have been victims of identity theft you know the aggravation and trouble it causes.

With the advent of computers and the

Internet we have seen a rise in child predators. There are many adults lurking in the computer shadows trying to befriend children and lure them into their trap. Speaking with your child and letting them know not to speak to anyone online they do not know is a great idea and it reinforces the rule they learned about not talking to strangers on the street. This is the same thing but just behind a computer monitor. One of the most effective deterrents in preventing children from being victimized online is to keep the child's computer in a main area of the house. Many instances of children being victimized occurs when a child is left alone in his or her bedroom with unrestricted and unsupervised access to the Internet.

If for any reason you feel that your computer may be getting accessed illegally or if you feel that someone is attempting to defraud you please report this. If anyone online is contacting your child asking him or her for personal information or to meet him or her please report it immediately. Call the Bogota Police Department at 201-487-2400. We have officers trained to assist in these types of crimes.

### Officer Participates In Claire's Ride

On July 1st Bogota Police Sgt. John Burke participated in a Claire's Ride for a Reason to Raise Awareness and support SUDC (Sudden Unexplained Death in Children) Research in the name of Claire Tomaszewski, a little girl who passed away at the age of 2. The first year of the event consisted of a cross-country ride from San Diego, CA (SUDC Research Headquarters) to Hackensack University Medical Center (the east coast headquarters). This year's Bicycle Tour started at High Point State Park at the northern tip of NJ and ended in Cape May, NJ at the Lighthouse. The total distance of the ride was 207 miles and was completed in just under 12 hours by the 7 riders participating. Please visit [www.ClairesRide.org](http://www.ClairesRide.org) for more information.

## Bogota Hires Police Officer

On July 19, 2007, Bogota resident Hector Liriano was sworn in as the newest member of the Bogota Police Department. Officer Liriano began his basic police training at the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute on July 27, which will continue until his graduation in December. Upon graduation, he will begin a period of field training during which he will work with a training officer. At the conclusion of his training, Officer Liriano will commence his duties as a patrol officer.

### 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 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 yield 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 when its red lights are 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 by talking on a cell phone, eating, drinking etc. Taking your eyes off the road even for a second can lead to an accident.

## DMV Coming To Bogota

November 13, 2007

### License Renewal, Non Driver Photo ID Renewal, Issue new Non Driver Photo ID and Handicapped Photo ID

The Motor Vehicle Commission Mobile Unit will be visiting the Borough of Bogota on November 13, 2007 and will be available from 10 AM to 2 PM. The vehicle will be conveniently located in the Bogota Police parking lot. Report to the OEM / Fire Safety Office located at the red door in parking lot.

#### Services available:

1. Drivers license renewal up to six months in advance (through May 31). Any license due to expire prior to May 31 may be renewed.
2. Upgrade a non photo license or non driver identification card in advance through to May 31 expiration date.
3. Issue a digital non driver photo ID card. Residents who do not possess a driver's license can obtain a non driver photo ID issued by the State.
4. A digital handicapped photo identification card- **(must have doctor's endorsement on back of application).**

Appointments are required. Please call Borough Hall 201-342-1736 ext 267 to make an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message with your contact number, and your call will be returned. Appointments will be

between 10 AM and 2 PM. Call early as the appointments are first come first served and limited.

#### Some commonly asked questions

1. Standard motor vehicle fees apply. Cash or checks are accepted.
2. Proper identification is required. Customers must meet the six points of identification and proof of address verification will be required before processing. For information on the six point process and acceptable proof of address contact Borough Hall or go to [www.njmvc.gov](http://www.njmvc.gov) or call toll free 888-486-3339 between 8:30 AM and 4:15 PM Monday through Friday.
3. Sorry we cannot renew driver's license or non driver ID that is not due to be renewed within six months (May 31, 2008).
4. Yes we will issue new Digital Non Driver Photo ID.

So to renew your driver's license or non driver photo ID or to obtain a Digital non driver photo ID please call Borough Hall 201-342-1736 ext 267 and make an appointment today.

## Public Works Department

### NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

#### Fall Leaf Pick Up

Fall leaf pick up is effective **October 15, 2007** and curb side pick up will continue until **November 30, 2007**.

Leaves may be placed loose at the curb up to **November 30, 2007**. Leaves Placed at the curb by **November 30, 2007** will be picked up by our DPW.

**Please be reminded:**  
**No leaves may be placed within ten feet of a storm drain at any time.**  
**This is part of the storm water regulations issued from the State of New Jersey.**

**After November 30, 2007, leaves can only be placed for pick up in biodegradable paper bags or in appropriate garbage containers.**

**No leaves may be placed loose at the curb after November 30, 2007.**

## BOGOTA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### BOGOTA INFLUENZA PROGRAM

The Bogota Board of Health in conjunction with the MidBergen Regional Health Commission is offering influenza vaccine on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Bogota Library.

Vaccines will be given to residents 65 years or older or any person having serious chronic conditions such as heart disease, pulmonary disease, diabetes or other chronic disorders. Any persons under the age of 65 must present a note of approval from their physician before receiving the vaccine.

Participants will be given information regarding the vaccine and will be required to sign a "Clients Informed Consent Form" before receiving the vaccine. No appointments are needed. All residents **65 YEARS AND OLDER MUST PRESENT A MEDICARE CARD**. Participants who are covered by a managed care plan are requested to go to their managed care provider.

In the event of vaccine shortage the vaccine will ONLY be administered to high risk priority groups as directed by NJDNSS. For further information please call the .Bogota Health Department, 201-342-1736 ext. 223. Hand washing: Don't give up on plain soap and water.

New products like antibacterial soap and hand sanitizers clamor for our attention, but plain old soap and water is still a good way to clean your hands, reports the January 2007 issue of the *Harvard Health Letter*.

In studies, washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing one chorus of "Happy Birthday to You") reduces bacterial counts by about 90%. But even people who are conscientious about washing their hands often make the mistake of not drying them properly. Wet hands are more likely to spread germs than dry ones.

Today, almost half of the hand soaps on the market have an antibacterial additive. The big question has been whether use of antibacterial soaps will worsen the problem of antibiotic resistance. Even if antibiotic resistance weren't an issue, results from studies suggest that antibacterial soaps available to consumers don't add much to

hand hygiene. The findings are a useful reminder that antibacterial soaps aren't the all-purpose germ fighters that many people think they are.

The hot new products in hand hygiene are alcohol-based rubs, sold as hand sanitizers. The big advantage of these cleansers is that you don't need water or a towel, so you can use them anywhere. But alcohol doesn't kill everything. That's why it shouldn't be the only cleaner available in health care settings. To be effective, the rubs need to come into contact with all surfaces of your hands. For that reason, studies have shown that using small amounts is really no better than washing with plain soap and water.

The *Harvard Health Letter* suggests these steps to make sure you clean your hands thoroughly, whether you're using soap and water or a hand sanitizer:

1. Spread cleaner over hands.
2. Clean backs.
3. Clean fingertips.
4. Clean fingernails.
5. Clean thumbs.
6. Clean between fingers

### 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.

## Library News

Many thanks go out to all our volunteers over the summer; Tommy, Don Kyu, Mariam, Nazanin, and Anelys. You saved us from drowning in books this summer!

To Elliott, the BHS Performers (you know who you are!!), Cornelia, Jim, Franci and Kani: heartfelt thanks for sharing your special talents this summer for Performances Under the Cherry Tree. We are grateful to the audience as well!

Mr. Roman's Blockbusters was a smash hit with over 25 children participating every Wednesday. Thank you Mr. Roman!

Thanks to George (and his occasional helper Dan) for his continuing Chess program over the summer and during the school year. You are keeping our Bogotian minds sharp!

We are so grateful to have a wonderful new English as a Second Language teacher, Barbara. Your energy and generosity is so appreciated!

Thank you to the Friends of the Bogota Library for their consistent, enthusiastic support.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS:

**Friends of the Bogota Library** meet the 1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY of the month, 7:30pm in the Senior Center. Please join us; your input is always appreciated.

**ENGLISH CLASSES** will be held every TUESDAY evening 6:00-9:00pm upstairs in the Senior Center. Please register in the library.

**Yarntwisters** meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY of the month 7:00pm, in the Backroom of the library. Join us for knitting, crocheting and good company.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

**MONDAYS:** Chess Club will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY of the month, 7:30-8:30pm upstairs in the Senior Center.

**THURSDAYS:** Storytime for children 2-3 years old will be held 10:30-11:00AM upstairs in the Senior Center, starting October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please register in the Library.

**FRIDAYS:** Storytime for children 4-5 years old will be held 1:30-2:15pm upstairs in the Senior Center, starting October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please register in the Library.

**JOIN US OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 11AM-12:30PM FOR SOME HALLOWEEN FUN!!!**

**SEE YOU IN THE LIBRARY!**

## Senior Citizens Club

The Bogota Senior Citizen Club was formed in 1960 and held its first meeting on November 15 of that year. On December 6, 1960 the group officially became known as the Senior Citizens Club of Bogota New Jersey. Originally the Senior Citizens Club met at Olsen Park and later in the Community House of the Bogart Memorial Reformed Church.

A new senior Center was added to the original recreation center in May of 1983. Tragically the building was lost to a fire on September 23, 1985. Many items of sentimental value were lost in the fire. However the club survived and was once more located at the Community House at Bogart Memorial Reformed Church.

After the fire a new center was planned to be connected with Borough Hall and the Bogota Library on Larch Ave. The Seniors moved into the new center on May 21, 1989.

The Bogota Senior Club is celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Membership is open to all seniors 60 years and older. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

A County appointed nurse is available to advise Seniors on Health matters on the first Tuesday of each month from 1 to 4 PM.

The objective of the Senior Citizens Club is "To sponsor good fellowship and recreation for Senior Citizens who have reached their 60th birthday".

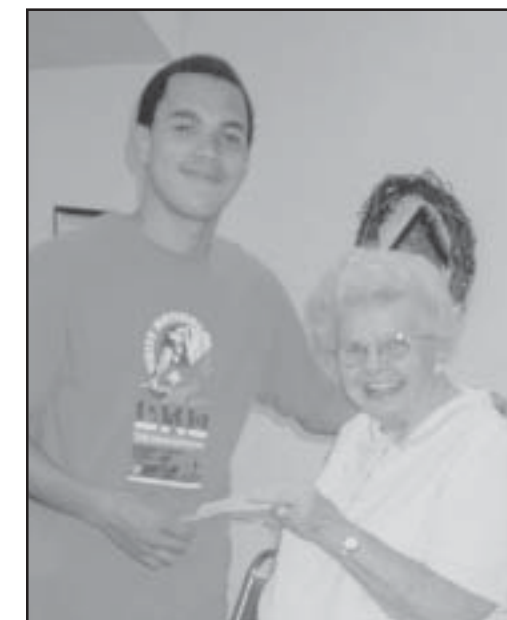
Activities include bingo, ceramics, crafts, including knitting and crocheting, line dancing and aerobics.

Events which are strictly club affairs are not town subsidized include, the annual Anniversary Party, held at a restaurant in the Fall, the Christmas Party held in early December, and also monthly trips to Atlantic City. Additionally the club hosts one day and multi day excursions throughout the year.

### 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.

## College Bound Bogota Student Accepts Senior Club Scholarship



Bogota High School graduate Anthony Reynolds accepting a \$500 scholarship award from President Evelyn Stawicki of the Bogota Senior Citizens Club. While maintaining above average academic marks, Anthony worked part time for Starbuck's Coffee and as an intern for Black Entertainment Television (BET). Anthony served as editor of the Klaxon, the school's newspaper, and belonged to DECA a high school organization that promotes entrepreneurship and free enterprise. In addition Anthony also was a summer intern with the Bogota Recreation Department. Anthony will attend St. John's University majoring in Marketing.

### 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.