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

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rebuild for quite a while. In my view that's a linkage that we collectively will always have, because in my view, the Borough of Bogota and the family of Job have been joined at the hip, as deep as the hip, for almost a century and hopefully into our futures.

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ation Center. Active members are needed. Please attend if interested.

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.

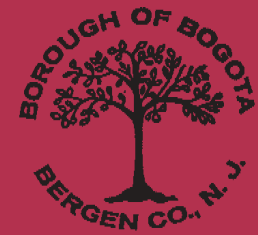


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Walking with Ghosts

by Douglas Florio Job

For slightly more than a decade, my family's firm, Job and Job Consulting Engineers, have had the privilege to be the Bogota Borough Engineers. Throughout that time and almost every time I've had occasion to plan an improvement, view a property, analyze a water problem, or similar project for the Borough it's felt as if I've been accompanied by shadows of my past.

The feeling has nothing to do with spirits or specters; it has to do with the history of my family that is intertwined with the history of Bogota.

When Bogota boomed between 1893 and 1925, my great grandfather, Cyril Job was the contractor who constructed many of the concrete roads, storm sewers and other infrastructure still in use today. In fact, as I write this, the Borough and my firm are in the process of beautifying Palisade Avenue - a road Cyril Job built. To a certain extent, due to



Annual Christmas tree lighting at Borough Hall, presided over by Recreation director Jim Moore. Wreath on Borough Hall door marked Peace On Earth and dedicated to our men and women in the armed forces. Wreaths donated by Frank and Phylissia Petaccia, owners of the Teaneck Dairy Queen.

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.

complications, I've been hip deep in Bogota and family history for the last several weeks. We've been excavating drain pipes that great-grandpa set in the ground in 1916 and I probably now

know as much about those pipes as he did!

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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

OVER-30 BASKETBALL: Games will continue until sometime in June. You can still join, just go to Steen School gym on Tuesday Nights and register.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL: The Bogota Junior Basketball Games will be starting in January through March

FLOOR HOCKEY: The Floor Hockey season will be starting in Jan thru March

DANCE: The dance classes will be starting again in January thru June

ADULT VOLLEYBALL- Hopefully will be getting under way in January

CONGRATULATIONS to the Bogota BUCS Football Team and Coach Sabella and his staff for an outstanding year and the first ever state title (Way to go guys) everyone is so proud of you!

BASEBALL The final registration is January 7th, 2007 at the Recreation Center 1 to 4pm.

B. M. A. C. (Bogota Municipal Alliance Committee on Alcohol and Substance Abuse)

Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm at the Recre-

Street Rules During Snow Removal

Now that the winter is upon us it is probably only a matter of time before we have our first snowstorm of the season. In an effort to ensure the safety of everyone and to enable the D.P.W. to clear our streets, the Bogota Police Department is asking that residents remove their vehicles from the streets during a snowstorm. During a heavy snow it may become necessary to declare a "snow emergency" at which time no on-street parking

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 an appointment for a security survey may call Sergeant Craig Lynch at 201-487-2400.

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 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.)

will be allowed except in areas where on-street overnight parking is already permitted. The Police Department will not grant any overnight parking permission when a snow emergency has been put in effect. Vehicles that are parked on the street in violation of the snow emergency regulations are subject to a summons and being towed if necessary. Your cooperation in this matter will enable us to keep the streets clear for emergency snow removal vehicles and allow for efficient removal of snow.

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. 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.

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.

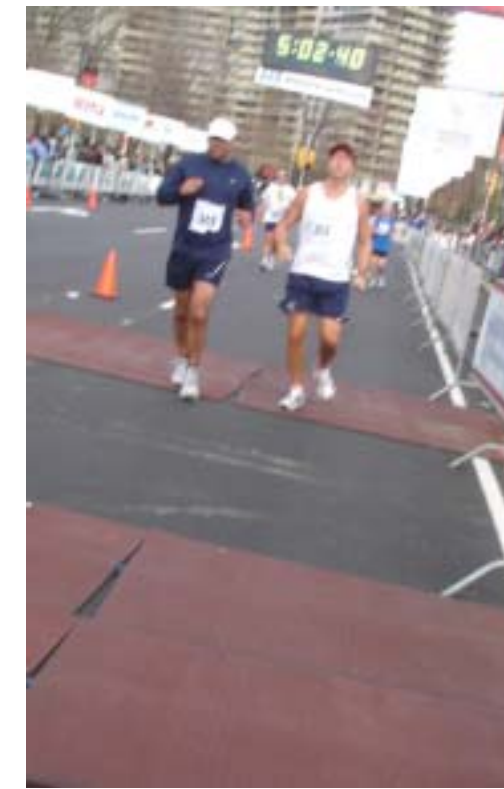
Police Department News

Bogota Police Officers Complete Philly Marathon

On November 19, 2006, Bogota Police Officers Jerome Fowler and Victor Negron competed in the 26.2 mile Philadelphia marathon. Both officers completed the marathon in 4 hours and 54 minutes. This years Philadelphia marathon was the second marathon that Officer Fowler participated in, while it was Officer Negron's first marathon. Each of the Officers spent several months in training to prepare themselves for this event.



Officer Victor Negron



Officers Negron and Fowler crossing the finish line.



Officer Jerome Fowler

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.

Police Department Receives D.W.I. Enforcement Grant

The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has awarded to the Bogota Police Department a D.W.I. enforcement grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. This grant is part of the statewide "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaign to combat drunk driving during the holiday season. The Police Department will utilize the funds from the grant to increase patrols during peak hours to apprehend D.W.I. and other motor vehicle violators. The Bogota Police Department would like to offer the following advise in order to make this winter season safe for everyone.

- Be responsible and don't risk it...you will be caught
- If you plan to drink, choose a designated driver before going out
- Realize that every drink you have makes it more difficult to know when you've had too much to drive safely.
- Take mass transit, a taxi cab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home
- Spend the night where the activity is held
- Report suspected drunk drivers to the police
- Always buckle up-it's your best defense against an impaired driver

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street from the home of the Bucs, Bogota High. Two of Cyril's sons - Joe and Gill, attended it back in the 1930's, Gil and Joe were star baseball players, Joe became a star football player there as well. So big, in fact that when the family moved to Allendale, legend has it that Joe was offered a car to commute to school and attend practice. Joe went on to a career in law enforcement, culminating as Bergen County Sheriff for 20+ years, brother Gill served as the County Surrogate for even longer. Guess they benefited from their Bogota education.

Of course, over the years I've gotten to walk in the footsteps of another of Cyril's sons, Florio, a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor. He was performing surveys and making engineering designs at about the same time his father was building roads. He struck out on his own, and one of the first surveys under his "shingle" was in 1928 on Cypress Avenue. So as one son was designing roads, his father was building them and two brothers were laying their lives foundations - all in Bogota.

Florio was rather successful in his field, despite a little thing called the Great Depression in 1929, designing sewage treatment plants, roadways, pumping stations, residential subdivisions, water systems, etc. Some of his clients were the Borough of Bogota DPW for their sewer plant off River Road, what is now the Citgo gasoline station, the Queen Anne Theater, the Hess Oil Depot, and performing property surveys for a few hundred Bogota residents. He would become Municipal Engineer for a number of Bergen County towns, but unfortunately not Bogota.

One of Florio's surveyors was a very interesting fellow. He was a World



Elm Ave. creek dredged and cleaned.

War I flying Ace in the Royal Air Force, later becoming an early stunt flyer, or barnstormer as they were called, whose wife walked the wings of his biplane during performances. He settled down to become an Engineer and Surveyor, performing dozens of surveys in Bogota, some recently used by my firm to help establish the road and property limits of the aptly named "Roadway" in town. This intrepid surveyor's name was Walter M. Schirra Sr. and he would eventually become Oradell's Borough Engineer and father a son named Wally who became a Naval Officer, pilot and the only person to be an Astronaut in the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space programs.

Florio's son, Cyril's Grandson, Ken also became a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor joining his father in the early 1950's. He has continued the family business, and greatly expanded our exposure in Bogota. Between he and his father, Ken's firm, Job and Job, since 1970, has surveyed most of the

Bogota's length along the Hackensack River including the entire old Continental Paper property - Now Star Candle in Ridgefield Park and Bogota Golf, the Public Service Property and former Goldberg Slipper Co. Warehouse by Cross Street, Olsen Park, Lynn Court, the Hess Property, Tilcon's site and a few more. There are also over 500 residential properties town wide that Job and Job has surveyed in its spare time. Since becoming Borough Engineers in 1995, Job and Job has designed and overseen all aspects of the Main Street Beautification, rebuilt or refurbished Olsen and Pagano Parks, rehabilitated over a dozen roads - some built by Cyril Job, and even sent scuba divers through the Elm Avenue drainage system.

I enter the picture as one of Ken's son's. Ken's eldest, also Ken, is now the Engineer and Surveyor of the family firm, with the prime responsibilities. I get the "odd" jobs - no pun intended, research, inspection, design, and

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Library News

A NOTE TO OUR PATRONS: Our ESL program has ground to a standstill. Our volunteer staff leader has retired (again). Thank you, Kay Carr! Any interested volunteer instructors, please contact the Library at (201) 488-7185. Please note that this is one of our most-requested programs.

WINTER PROGRAMS

FOR CHILDREN:

MONDAYS

CHESS CLUB for young adults will continue to meet at 8 p.m., starting Jan. 15 in the BACK ROOM of the Library. ☺

TUESDAYS

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will meet 1st TUESDAY of the

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whatever else is necessary. Frankly the "odd" jobs to me are the rewarding ones. I get to shake hands with Mr. Schirra through researching our/his files and using them to solve problems. I get to walk the streets, meet the merchants and residents while making sure that construction projects are properly done. I've prepared concept plans for parks, roads, and repairs, and have managed to even have our newest and youngest member of the firm, my son, develop one of Petrik Park's early concept plans. In short I've gotten to walk in the footsteps of my ancestors while walking through Bogota.

These are ghosts I know, though my father objects to my walking in his footsteps while he's still in them, and whose paths I follow. They've enabled me to leave something behind for my great-grand children to view, to improve, and remember. They've given improvements to a town we've been helping to build and

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month. Show up at the Library's BACK ROOM from 3:30 to 4 p.m. First meeting will be on Feb. 6.

The YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB for 6th and 7th graders will meet on the 3rd TUESDAY of the month in the BACK ROOM from 3:30 to 4 p.m. First meeting will be on Jan. 17.

THURSDAYS

STORYTIME for children ages 2-3, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Caregivers, please stay with your children. Program will resume on Jan. 11. UPSTAIRS in the SENIOR CENTER.

STORYTIME for children ages 4-5, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Caregivers are welcome to stay with the children but also may use this time to browse the Library's shelves. Program will resume on Jan. 11. UPSTAIRS in the SENIOR CENTER.

AMERICAN GIRL BOOK CLUB is open to 2nd through 4th graders, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., starting Jan. 4. UPSTAIRS in the SENIOR CENTER.

SATURDAYS

STORIES AND TALES for pre-Kindergarteners to 1st graders, at 10:30 a.m. in the BACK ROOM of the Library. Program will resume on Jan. 13.

SPRING BREAK GAMES AND CRAFTS will be on Friday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAM AT LIBRARY.

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY, please come celebrate with us March 10 at 11 a.m. PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAM AT LIBRARY.

FOR ADULTS:

BOGOTA BOOK DISCUSSION will meet 2nd THURSDAY of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the BACK ROOM of the Library.

YARN TWISTERS will meet 1st and 3rd THURSDAYS of the month at 7 p.m. in the BACK ROOM of the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE BOGOTA LIBRARY will meet 1st MONDAY of the month at 7:30 p.m. UPSTAIRS in the SENIOR CENTER.

Please watch for future programs and THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BOGOTA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Keeping Food Safe After a Natural Disaster or Power Outage

Identify and throw away any food that may not be safe to eat.

- Throw away food that may have come in contact with flood or storm water
- Throw away food that has an unusual odor, color or texture
- Throw away perishable foods (including meat, poultry, fish, eggs and leftovers) that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit (F) for two hours or more.
- Thawed food that contains ice crystals or is 40 degrees F or below can be refrozen or cooked.
- Throw away canned goods that are bulging, opened or damaged.
- Food containers with screw caps, snap lids, crimped cans, soda bottles twist caps, flip tops, snap open tops and home canned foods should be discarded if they have come in contact with floodwater because they cannot be disinfected.
- If cans have come in contact with floodwater or storm water, remove the labels, wash the cans, and dip them in a solution of 1 cup bleach in 5 gallons of water. Re-label the cans with a marker.
- Do not use contaminated water to wash dishes, brush your teeth, wash and prepare food, wash your hands, make ice, or make baby formula.
- While power is out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- Add block ice or dry ice to your refrigerator if the electricity is expected to be off longer than 4 hours. Wear heavy gloves when handling ice.
- If there is no water available for hand washing, use alcohol based sanitizers.