

**From The Mayor**

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space. New police MDT (laptops for the patrol units) will be purchased. Radios for emergency personnel will be obtained. Our Borough Hall and Library will receive facelifts. Olsen Park renovations will be completed. Leonia Ave Park will be completely renovated. Street repaving will continue along with our sidewalk and curb repair program. Our downtown renovation will also be entering its final stage.

Two larger initiatives are the renovation of the Ambulance / Rescue Squad facility and the privately funded senior hous-

**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.

ing project will begin for residents sixty-two years of age and older.

We will continue to invest in Bogota, making smart decisions, finding funds from alternate sources such as grants and utilizing your tax dollars efficiently making you as proud of Bogota as I am.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Steve Lonagan

**Bogota Girl Scouts Sponsor 5 K Fun Run**

The Bogota Girl Scouts will hold its annual 5K fun run on April 17 at 8:30 a.m from the Bogota Recreation Center  
Fee is \$15 per person and \$10 for teams of five or more members.

**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?**

Some of the streets have changed their names. Some changes are: Maple Street is now Main Street, and Linden Avenue was Division Street. "Hackensack and Fort Lee Road" is now just Fort Lee Road. Maple was not the "main street", Fort Lee Road was the main street.

**Honor Your Group, A Friend Or A Family Member**

Place a cobblestone on the Bogota Centennial Walkway for \$40.00. 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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# The Bogota Quarterly

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April, May, June, 2005

**From The Mayor**

Dear Neighbor,

This year we have heard of municipal tax increases as high as twenty percent, County spending increases of seven percent and our governor has said we are not yet bankrupt, but almost.

In Bogota I am extremely pleased to announce that there will be no increase in this years municipal tax for the residents of Bogota. Bogota enjoys a strong financial position including the highest possible municipal bond rating in the State of New Jersey.

This was not easy to accomplish. We were able to offset increases in BCUA costs, salary increases, pension funding and health benefits by working hard to save money elsewhere. A major opportunity to save taxpayer money was achieved by having our DPW take over our trash pick up.

While our budget is austere, it still recognizes the need to invest in our borough and we will. The Police Station will be upgraded modernizing the radio room and developing much needed

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**The Bogota Quarterly**

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**Bogota Seeks To Honor Its Most Senior Residents**

The Mayor and Council of Bogota would like to hear from longtime Bogotians.

We are not looking for our oldest citizen, however they may well be among our honorees. We are looking for residents who have lived many years in Bogota.

Do you know someone who is a longtime resident; are you a long-term resident? The mayor and Council would like to honor the three residents who have the longest history in our town. Please contact Borough Hall and let us know if you or someone you know is a longtime resident. Please give us their name, contact information and the date they "Settled" in Bogota.

Up to three members of our community will be honored in our annual Memorial Day Parade.

Please call us now 201-342-1736.

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

Registration will be in May . Dates and times will be announced. Fliers will be going home through the schools. If you have any Questions call the Rec.201-487-4368.

**OVER 30 BASKETBALL;** Games will continue through May. There was a good turnout and it is still open for new players. Just go up any Monday night and sign up.

**POWER VOLLEYBALL;** Will not happen this year at all, but with the new gyms next year we'll be back in operation.

**JUNIOR BASKETBALL:** The league will run an extra week due to school closings. The program went well , and even playing Sundays was better then canceling it. The Rec would like to thank the BOE , and the custodians for their help in making it possible.

**FLOOR HOCKEY;** We will be looking for an Administrator for next years program. With the new gyms there should be plenty of space, and we' ll be able to start the program again. Anyone interested please call Jim Moore at the Rec. REMEMBER THEY'RE YOUR CHILDREN AND WITHOUT HELP THERE IS NO PROGRAM.

**DANCE;** Started the second session in Feb. and will continue till May. We will have our annual recital in the beginning of June. Date and time will be announced.

**JUNIOR WRESTLING;** The Rec. wrestling season is over. We had a pretty successful season, with alot of Children winning and placing in the Districts.

Congratulations to



*The Dewey school will be soon be replaced with senior housing. It is fitting that a school which once educated our senior citizens will now house them, affording them an opportunity to remain in the the community in which they have spent their lives.*

## Bogota Woman's Club Completes Programs

At a March 14<sup>th</sup> Work Session, Woman's Club of Bogota members completed three of their scheduled programs. Six toy bears were stuffed and finished as part of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs "Blue Bear Brigade". The bears will be given to the Bogota First Aid and Ambulance Squad to give to children involved in accidents. Next the ladies filled 60 decorated cans with homemade cookies for delivery to Children's homes, Women's Shelter and shut-ins. The cookie program is an annual State Federation program participated in by Woman's Clubs throughout New Jersey. The afternoon session ended with members completing 12 fabric bags for "Operation Smile". The bags

are filled later with toiletry items and given to children recovering from facial operations.

### Swim Club Seeks Members

If you are new in town or just looking for some summer family fun, the Bogota Swim Club is seeking new members for the upcoming summer season: Saturday, May 28, 2005 through Monday, Labor Day, September 5, 2005. For more information contact: Trustees: Patty Adriance @ (201)489-6734 or Chris Kelemen @ (201)487-5040.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

With warmer weather on the horizon more and more people will be taking to the streets with their bicycles. The Bogota Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit will also be "hitting the road" and would like to remind everyone of some important safety guidelines. As always please feel free to stop by and meet with one of our Bicycle Patrol Officers for more information or assistance.

### Bicycle Safety Tips

A bicycle is more than a means of basic transportation. Riding can be fun, exciting, and a great way to exercise. Remember though, when you ride, you're not alone! You share the road with cars, trucks, pedestrians, and other cyclists. Accidents are the quickest way to turn a bicycle adventure into a bicycling tragedy. Here are some tips to help make your ride a safe and enjoyable one.

**Protect Your Head - Wear a helmet**  
Wear a helmet! Studies have shown that using a bicycle helmet can reduce the chance of head injuries by up to 85%. Select a helmet that has a snug, comfortable fit. Look for the helmet labels that show they are recommended by either the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

**See and Be Seen - Wear proper clothing**  
Wear proper clothing for riding. Clothing should be light in color so that you are easily visible to others around you, and close fitting to avoid being caught in the bicycle's moving parts. Also, be sure that books and other loose items are secured to the bike, or are carried in a back pack.

**The Safe Way Is The Right Way**  
Go with the flow of traffic; ride on the right side of the road. You must obey the rules of the road when you ride. This includes traffic signs, signals, and road markings. The safe way to ride is in single file. Don't weave from lane to lane

or tailgate to hitch rides on moving vehicles. Learn and use proper hand signals.

### Look ALL Ways

Be aware of traffic around you. 7 out of 10 car-bicycle crashes occur at driveways or other intersections. Check for traffic—always look left-right-left. Walk your bicycle across busy streets at corners; use crosswalks when possible.

### Stay Alert

Keep a look-out for obstacles in your path. Watch out for potholes, sewer gratings, cracks, railroad tracks, loose gravel, and broken glass. Before going around an object, look ahead and behind you for a gap in traffic. Plan your move, and signal your intentions. Be especially careful in wet weather; water can make you slide, and make your brakes work improperly.

### Beware of the Dark Side

Be cautious when biking at night. If you have to ride at night, display front and rear reflectors on your bicycle. Wear light colored clothing and reflective markings or materials, especially on your ankles, wrists, back, and helmet. Ride in areas that are familiar, and on streets that are brightly lighted.

### Off-Road Biking

Follow designated bike routes where available. Bicycles routes are marked by special signs or lines, and are reserved for cyclists. Become familiar with such places in your area. Don't forget, courtesy rules for the road apply to bike paths too!

### Fix It Up

Make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly for you. Before using your bike, check to make sure that all parts are secured and working. The handlebars should be firmly in place and turn easily; the wheels should be straight and secured. You should always check all parts of your

bicycle after a fall, or after transporting it. Make sure the tires are properly inflated.

### Stop It

Check your brakes before riding. When using hand brakes, apply the rear brake slightly before the front brake. Remember to ride slowly in wet weather; roadways may be slippery and your brakes will have less friction to stop the bicycle. It's important to apply brakes earlier in wet weather since it takes more distance to stop.

### Lock It!!

Protect your bicycle from theft. A bicycle can be stolen from just about any place at any time. But simple precautions can deter would-be bike thieves . One thing that most stolen bikes have in common is that they were not locked-up. Always lock your bicycle securely, whether you're gone for a few minutes or a few hours. Use a U-lock, securing both wheels and the frame to a stationary object such as a post, fence, tree, or bike rack. For extra security, add a chain or cable with a good padlock. Record the serial number of your bicycle and keep it with the sales receipt and a photograph of the bike. Mark your bicycle with an engraver to deter thieves and to help the police in identifying and returning a stolen bike to the rightful owner.

### Other Resources:

**Bogota Police Department Website**

[http://www.bogotaonline.org/police/bpd\\_bikepatrol.htm](http://www.bogotaonline.org/police/bpd_bikepatrol.htm)

**Division of Highway Traffic Safety**

<http://www.njsaferoads.com/bike.html>

or Call Toll Free: 800.422.3750

## 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.

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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. Low cost rabies inoculations are

### Well Baby Clinic Seeks To Help Residents

Bogota has a free well baby clinic available to Bogota Children aged eight weeks to six years old.

The clinic is attended by pediatricians and public health nurses and offer all required childhood immunizations as well as physical examinations.

The clinic, is located at Englewood Hos-

pital, and is staffed on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Lillian Cordero, Rn. operates the program and can be reached by telephone at 201-894-3221. Interested residents should telephone 201-967-5044, ext. 7221 for registration and further information.

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SIX (6) BOROUGH OF BOGOTA POLLING DISTRICTS FOR 2005		
BARRIER FREE FOR SCHOOL AND PRIMARY ELECTION		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	OPENING/CLOSING TIMES
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2005	BOARD OF EDUCATION	2:00 TO 9:00 PM.
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005	PRIMARY ELECTION	6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
DISTRICTS	LOCATIONS	
1 AND 6	BOGOTA RECREATION CENTER 162 WEST MAIN STREET	
2	BOGOTA HIGH SCHOOL MAIN GYM (ENTRANCE AT REAR OF BUILDING) HENRY LUTHIN PLACE	
3	CENTRAL AVENUE FIREHOUSE	
4 AND 5	E. ROY BIXBY SCHOOL MAPLEWOOD AND FISCHER AVENUES (ENTRANCE AT MAPLEWOOD AVENUE)	

## Bogota Business Expo 2005

Those who participated last year know the success of the Bogota Business Expo. The Chamber of Commerce plans to make this year's event even better.

Those businesses wishing to display their goods, services or expertise are encouraged to contact us. Bogota High School donated the space for the Expo. A five person Chamber committee is organizing this event. The High School donated display tables for vendors. Over 55 organizations had display tables last year! We look to have even more this year.

#### BOGOTA BUSINESS EXPO

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2005

Time: 6:00—9:00 PM

Place: Bogota High School

Cost for Vendor Participation: \$20.00 + non-perishable food item\*

Contacts:

Ed Sweeney of New Horizon Financial: (201) 489-1118

Maria Rini of RE/MAX Real Estate Limited: (201) 599-1100 x 306

Louis Knaub of Valley National Bank: (201) 487-1333

RSVP by April 28

\*A portion of the proceeds and food donation will go to the Teaneck Armory to provide for military families in need.

### 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.

### New Borough Police Officer Installed

On January 1, 2005 Nicholas Coppolecchia was sworn in as the newest member of the Bogota Police Department. Officer Coppolecchia previously served as a member of the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police for two years. Also on January 1, 2005 Police Officer Timothy Geipel and Police Officer Craig Lynch were promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Both Sergeant Geipel and Sergeant Lynch are 15-year veterans of the department. Police Officer Robert Piterski has been assigned to the Detective Bureau to fill the vacancy created when Sergeant Geipel was promoted.

Captain George "Bill" Graf has retired from the Bogota Police Department after 27 years of service.

## 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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### Did You Know?

The trolley line that ran through the park and up Main Street was 2 "tracks" until they were reduced to one track about half way between Elm and Larch. This was reduced because the wooden trolley bridge over the West Shore Railroad was a single track.

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