



The City of Brillion Newsletter



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REDISTRICTING: ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

On July 9, 2001 the City of Brillion Common Council passed a Resolution establishing supervisory wards in the City of Brillion based on the 2000 Census.

Once the Alderman District Boundaries were adjusted, the Common Council then reviewed the Terms of Office for Alderpersons. The Council established the Terms of Office as follows:

Alderpersons.

- The nine alderpersons shall be comprised of two from each of the three aldermanic districts and three at large, with each of the nine alderpersons serving a three-year term.
- The three alderperson at large shall be elected in one year, in the spring election.
- Of the two alderpersons from each aldermanic district, one representing each aldermanic district shall be elected each year, for two consecutive years, in the spring election.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF BRILLION,



The City of Brillion, like many communities across the State, is faced with the challenge of providing increased municipal services without drastically impacting its property tax rate. Over the last few years the City has been aggressively working to bring the tax rate down. This year the City Council decided to implement a user fee system for garbage and recycling collection. As a result, the garbage and recycling costs are not included in the tax levy. (Read the information on page four for a more detailed explanation.)

The City portion of your property tax bill has decreased in the past three (3) years, and the City continues to explore ways to decrease its tax rate, such as increased user fees for some of the services provided.

What are you getting for your tax dollars?

The City of Brillion is a full service community that provides *Big City services*. These services include but are not limited to:

- 24 hour Police & Ambulance Service
- Volunteer Fire Department
- Community Center equipped with an aquatic facility & gymnasium
- Year round park & recreational programming
- Library facility providing extensive programming
- Department of Public Works services:
 - ➔ snow & ice removal,
 - ➔ street cleaning,
 - ➔ compost drop-off area
 - ➔ curbside leaf pickup
 - ➔ weekly curbside chipping
 - ➔ road repair & maintenance
 - ➔ parks maintenance
 - ➔ ...and more!

The City of Brillion has a lot to offer its residents and future residents, and has been aggressively working to develop a positive image to encourage people to live and work in Brillion.

In closing, I want people to know that the City's number one priority is to ensure that the City of Brillion continues to be:

*"A Good Place to Live, Work,
Learn, and Play."*

Robert Mathiebe

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NOMINATION PAPERS FOR SPRING ELECTION

Saturday, December 1, 2001 is the first day to circulate nomination papers for the 2002 Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002. The deadline for filling nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at the City Clerk's office located at 130 Calumet Street, Brillion, WI.

The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 16, 2002 and is a three (3) year term unless indicated. All three offices will be elected at large.

- Alderperson at Large: Incumbent, Gerald Sonnabend (Ward 1)
 Alderperson at Large: Incumbent, Coree Wallander (Ward 2)
 Alderperson at Large: Incumbent, Gaylord Unbehau (Ward 3)

If necessary, a Spring Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2002. If you have any questions regarding nomination papers, please call the City Clerk at 920-756-2250.



**Check Out Your
City Website!**
www.ci.brillion.wi.us

CITY OFFICIALS

Robert Mathiebe, Mayor
727 Lee Avenue
756-2430

Ward 1
Gerald Sonnabend, Council President
419 North Main Street 756-3193

Tim Geary, Councilperson
136 Center Street 756-3023

Betty Nies, Councilperson
618 Columbus Ave. 756-3952

Ward 2
Mel Edinger, Councilperson
412 Fawn Drive 756-3506

Tammy Kimps, Councilperson
117 W. Water St. 756-3366

Coree Wallander, Councilperson
740 Harvest Drive 756-2198

Ward 3
Joe Levasch, Councilperson
104 Bentwood Drive 756-9051

Larry Maciejewski, Councilperson
546 S. Parkway Drive 756-3372

Gaylord Unbehau, Councilperson
256 E. National Ave. 756-2237

CITY STAFF

Dawn Wagner
City Administrator/DPW,
756-2250

Lori Gosz
City Clerk/Treasurer 756-2250

Joy Buboltz
Deputy Clerk/Treas. 756-2250

Heather Zander
Community Dev. Dir. 756-2250

Scott Kaphingst
Police Chief 756-2221

Dan Alloy
Police Captain 756-2221

Mark Evel
Fire Chief 756-2424

Christine Moede
Library Director 756-3215

Chad Hoerth,
Park & Rec. Dir. &
Aquatics Coord. 756-3216

Dennis Jandrey
DPW 756-2911

Water & Sewer Utility Staff
756-2850

Brillion Community Center □ 120 Center Street □ 756-2221

CO-ED BASKETBALL INSTRUCTION

Grades 1 - 4 learn basketball basics, and play different positions in a game setting.
Meets: Mondays: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, & 11
Time: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Contact the BCC for fee information.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids to the BCC and escape for a few hours! Perfect for Holiday shopping! Activities are scheduled to keep them busy!
Friday, Dec. 14th 3:30-8:30PM
(Registration Deadline: 12-7-01)
Contact the BCC for further details!

CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA

Sunday, December 9th, 7:00 pm
Show your holiday spirit in a patriotic flare! This event promises to be truly heart-warming. Want to contribute to the event? Contact the BCC!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 7th - Feb 6th
Registration dates: Dec. 3rd - Dec. 28th
Contact the BCC for class schedules and fees.



ONE WEEKEND SCUBA CLASS!

Become PADI certified with Diver's Realm, Inc.! Jan. 18th - 20th (times vary)
Fee: \$215 (includes class, pool, & materials)
A four-dive series is required for certification completion. Contact the BCC for further details!

**BCC Gift Certificates:
A Healthy Holiday Gift Giving Idea!**

AMERICAN RED CROSS CPR: PROFESSIONAL RESCUER & AED

Learn about two-person CPR, bag-valve masks, use of resuscitation and Automatic External Defibrillators in this two-day course! Jan. 23rd & 24th
5:30 pm -9:30 pm. Cost: \$50.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: FIRST AID/CPR/AED

Recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, life threatening bleeding, sudden illness & injuries. Become trained to use AED!
January 30th & 31st, 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
(participants must attend both classes)
Cost: \$50.00

WATER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Informational Meeting Tuesday Dec. 11th
6:00 pm at the BCC.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TEEN LOCK-IN

Feature Entertainment:
Hypnotist Paul Knight, and The Dance Factory
Registration forms available at School Offices, Brillion Public Library, and the BCC.
Questions? Contact Beth at the BCC.

STAMPING CLASSES FOR KIDS & ADULTS!

Experience the fun of rubber stamping! All materials will be provided. Contact the BCC for times and fees.
Children's Classes: Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
Adult's Class: Jan. 26th, 9:00 am -12:00 N

LINE DANCING

No partner required! For ages 16 years & older. January 10, 17, 24, 31
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
\$15 Residents/\$20 Non-Residents.

WEIGHT WATCHERS WEDNESDAYS

Weigh-in: 6:30 pm, Meeting: 7:00 pm, BCC.

Library News

Hours: Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. 12 N - 8 pm □ Tues. 9 am - 8 pm, Sat. 9 am - 12 N □ 326 N. Main Street □ 756-3215

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

A reception honoring our Library volunteers will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at 3:30 pm. Thank you for your contributions!

MILWAUKEE BUCKS "READ TO ACHIEVE!"

Youth 4th -6th grade, register for the "Read to Achieve!" Program. Read over 500 pages and receive free tickets, or qualify to win an autographed basketball. Contact the Library for details. Reading deadline is December 28th. Sign up today!

MUNCH-A-MOVIES RETURN!

Munch-a-Movies start Tues. Feb. 5th, 12:10 pm, featuring travel videos. Bring your lunch & enjoy a mid-winter break as we travel around the world! Schedules available at the Library.

CALLING ALL TEENS!

The Brillion Library Teen Advisory Board will meet Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm. Teens, attend this meeting and give us your suggestions!

MITTEN TREE AND ADOPT-A-TOT PROGRAMS

Donate new mittens, gloves, caps, hats, and scarves to the Library Mitten Tree, or Adopt-A-Tot by choosing a tag, purchasing a gift and bringing both to the Library! Items will be distributed in time for the holidays. Deadline: December 1st!

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Closed: Dec. 24th, Dec 25th, Dec 29th, Jan. 1st
12:00 N - 5:30 pm:
Dec. 21st, and Dec. 26th - Dec 28th

STORYTIME PROGRAMS

December 18th is the last program date for 2001, the new session begins January 21st. The Library offers 2 sessions weekly: Mondays at 6:30 pm and Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Open to all youth Preschool to Kindergarten age, this 30 minute program includes a variety of stories, finger-plays, songs, videos, crafts and other activities. Parents, sitters and guardians are encouraged to stay for the program.

The Results Are In...

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent survey. Results showed an overall satisfaction with the Library's programs and services. The Library Board will review recommendations to develop a new long-range plan.

BOOK TALKING PROGRAMS

Our monthly book discussion group meets one Tuesday each month at 1:30 pm. Copies of the featured book are provided by the Library. Sign up today, and mark your calendar for December 18th, January 22nd, and February 19th.

"POTLUCK BESTSELLERS" CONTINUES

Bring a dish and dig into a delicious book! "Potluck Bestsellers" features: Dec. 13th "Who Moved my Cheese"; Jan. 17th "Airframe"; Feb. 21st "Red Tent."

Happy Holidays from the Staff and Board of the Brillion Public Library!

ADOPT A HYDRANT



If you have a fire hydrant in front of your house, apartment, or building, please shovel it out after each snowfall. In the unfortunate case there would be a fire, you may be able to help save a life by making the hydrant easier for the Brillion Fire Department to locate.

WINTER CAR KIT ITEMS!

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flashlights with extra batteries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ing traction under wheels |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First aid kit with pocket knife | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small shovel |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necessary medications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Several blankets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Booster cables |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bags | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set of chains or traction mats |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers for insulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cards, games puzzles |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags for sanitation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bright colored cloth to use as a flag |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matches | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canned fruit and nuts with non-electric can opener |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extra set of mittens, socks and a wool cap | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottled water |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain gear, extra set of clothes | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small sack of sand for generat- | |

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Prepare your vehicle for the winter season. Here are a few tips:

- Have your mechanic check the fluids in your vehicle. Replace existing oil with winter grade if necessary.
- Make sure your wipers, lights and heating/defrost system are in good working order.
- Install good winter tires. Make sure tires have adequate tread.
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle at all times.
- Keep a windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal.

***Have a safe winter from all of us at the
Brillion Police Department
and the
Brillion Fire Department!***

SNOWMOBILING IN THE CITY



Snowmobiling season is coming soon! **Know these rules when operating your snowmobile within the City limits:**

- Speed limit within the City is 15 MPH.
- Operate the snowmobile on the right most side of the roadway as physically possible.
- Operation on any City property including parks & cemeteries is not allowed.
- Use the most direct route. If you operate

lengthwise on Main Street or HWY 10, you can be cited for operating on a roadway.

- Any legal rider may use the street to access public trails, however it's not suggested that younger children be allowed to operate alone in traffic.

Where snowmobiling is prohibited:

- HWY 10 (East & West Ryan St.) in its entirety.
- HWY PP (North & South Main St.) from HWY 10 South to Horn St.
- On any City sidewalk.
- In City parks or cemeteries.

- On any private property without previously expressed permission by the owner.

Equipment Requirements:

- Snowmobile mufflers must be the original equipment without modifications.
- Headlights and taillights must be lit at all times, day or night, within City limits.

Please direct all questions to the BPD at 756-2221, email captain Alloy at pdcapt@ci.brillion.wi.us, or visit the City website for additional information.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING!



- Invest in a carbon monoxide detector with a low level indicator.
- Check your appliances every year. If the flame color in your appliances is orange, you DO have a problem!
- Check your flue: is it blocked?
- Do you have adequate ventilation? Check your airbricks or trickle vents. If the appliances in your home do not have enough ventilation, they will produce carbon monoxide.
- Do you suffer from an unexplained illness? Go to your doctor for a Cohb test! Symptoms may include:
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle pains
 - Upset stomach
 - Lethargy
 - Dizziness
 - Headaches
- If you feel especially invigorated after traveling, but feel extremely tired or ill upon your return, it may not be the post holiday blues. It may be that you had been removed from the poison source.

WINTER PARKING BAN

The City of Brillion has a winter parking ban for all City streets. In effect November 15th—April 1st, parking is prohibited between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am. Exceptions are to attend religious services and for physicians on emergency calls. Overnight parking resumes April 1st.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

All property owners or occupants of a lot abutting a sidewalk are required to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall or sleet storm. Please do not plow or shovel snow into the street. Failure to comply with this City ordinance will result in a fine equal to the cost of having the snow removed.

“Government is the people’s business and every man, woman and child becomes a shareholder with the first penny paid.”

- Ronald Reagan, Jan. 1982

130 Calumet Street ☐ 756-2250 ☐ Hours: Mon. 7:30 am - 6:00 pm, Tues. - Fri. 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

2001 PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS



Property tax time will soon be upon us. The first installment or full payment of the 2001 Property Taxes will be collected by the following methods:

- In Person – Taxes will be collected at the Brillion City Hall.
- Drop Off – Drop-off box is available in the main entrance to City Hall 24 hours a day.
- By Mail – Check or money orders only, sent to City of Brillion, Brillion City Hall, 130 Calumet Street.

Office Hours During Collection:

Monday, Dec. 17th 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 18th - Friday, Dec. 21st 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 24th - Tuesday, Dec. 25th Closed for the Holiday
Wednesday, Dec. 26th - Friday, Dec. 28th 7:30 am—5:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 31st 7:30 am—6:00 pm

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING USER CHARGE



This year the costs for pickup and disposal of garbage and recycling will be removed from the City tax levy and placed on the tax bill as a separate user charge. This charge will be payable to the City with the first installment of the 2001 property taxes, which are due January 31st, 2002.

The cost per year for each garbage container are:

45 gallon.....	\$114.78
60 gallon.....	\$116.10
95 gallon.....	\$117.30

If you have any questions, concerns or special situations, please contact the City Hall at 756-2250.

City of Brillion Garbage & Recycling Policy:

All container users shall pay a user fee.

Single-family Residential:

Will be charged for a minimum of one (1) container, which includes recycling, with additional containers charged for garbage collection and landfill/dumping only.

Multi-family: (Duplex and up)

Will be allowed and charged a minimum of one (1) container per two (2) dwelling units, or the option to contract individually with a private contractor for a dumpster. If two (2) or more containers are used, the full user fee will be charged for each container.

If multi-families with a dumpster(s) continue to utilize curbside pick up for recyclables, they will be charged separately by the City for this service.

Businesses:

Will be allowed and charged a minimum of one (1) container, which includes recycling, per business unit, or the option to contract individually with a private contractor for a dumpster. Additional containers will be charged for garbage collection and landfill/dumping only.

If businesses with a dumpster(s) continue to utilize curbside pick up for recyclables, they will be charged separately by the City for this service.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES DUE APRIL 1ST

All City of Brillion residents owning a cat or dog that is older than 6 months is required by City Ordinance to purchase a license.

License for the 2002 can be purchased between Dec. 15, 2001 and April 1, 2002.

Licensing fees:

- \$3.00 spayed or neutered
- \$8.00 non-spayed or non-neutered



A \$5 penalty will be imposed after April 1.

SMART GROWTH PLANNING APPROACHING MID-POINT

Since initiating a coordinated planning program in 2000, the focus has been identifying area strengths and weaknesses and developing a collective vision. In addition, the City and Town's selection as a national pilot project by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has resulted in the development and distribution of a community survey, computer mapping of natural resources, and cognitive mapping to help identify where future development should occur.

Over the next several months the planning program will shift gears. In January 2002, a mid-course meeting will be held to recap planning efforts to date, including the survey results, vision statements, existing land use map, and draft future land use maps.

Your input is needed to ensure that the comprehensive plan accurately reflects resident and business owner concerns. To learn more about the planning program or to provide feedback, please visit the City of Brillion web page. Also, please plan to attend the mid-course meeting in January 2002. The exact meeting time and location will be posted on the Internet, or you can contact City Hall for additional information.



2002 PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

The City of Brillion has contracted Accurate Appraisal, LLC to perform a complete property reassessment for the City. The purpose of the reassessment is to establish equitable and uniform valuations for all City properties so the property tax burden is fairly distributed. The objective of the reassessment is to reestablish equitable valuations so that the property bears no more than its fair share of property taxes.

Under Wisconsin Law, a property's "fair share" of the property tax burden is determined by its market value. Reassessment establishes 100% market valuations for all property and thereby accurately distributes the tax burden.

Reassessment work will begin January 2002 and will be completed by August 31st. More information will be provided as it becomes available.