



# The City of Brillion Newsletter

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## A Letter From Mayor Robert Mathiebe

### Dear City of Brillion Residents:

As we begin the new year I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of the City Council's 2001 Policy Objectives, they include:

- **Increase Community Involvement in planning and decision-making.**
- **Begin Joint Comprehensive Planning with the Town of Brillion.**
- Continue efforts towards Intergovernmental Cooperation – (service delivery & land use planning).
- Reduction / stabilization of the Municipal Tax Rate.
- Qualify for the Expenditure Restraint program.
- Provide high quality, cost effective services to the community.
- Increase community awareness in city service delivery and the costs associated with the services.
- Explore cost saving & service delivery options for ambulance service.

Planning for the future needs of the Community is vitally important. To help plan for the future needs of the City of Brillion, you will be receiving two surveys this year. The first survey focuses on City Services and how they are delivered. The second survey will be addressing land use planning and development questions. Your input is vitally important in assisting the City Council and Staff in making future service delivery, and City planning decisions. Please take the time to fill out these surveys.

The City of Brillion has a lot to offer its residents and future residents. The City of Brillion has been aggressively working to develop a positive image and 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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### THE CITY OF BRILLION'S MISSION STATEMENT:

***The City of Brillion seeks to preserve its small town atmosphere and quality of life while balancing the desires of the community by delivering high-quality programs and services in a fiscally responsible manner.***

# City Hall News and Service Update

## SPRING ELECTION INFORMATION

### Spring Primary Tuesday, February 20th

A Spring Primary will be held on **Tuesday, February 20th, 2001** for State Superintendent of Public Institution. Polls are open 8:00AM to 8:00PM at the Brillion Community Center.

### Spring Election Tuesday, April 3rd

The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 3, 2001** for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, County Nonpartisan Offices, Municipal Offices, School District Offices, and Referenda (if required).

### Candidates for the City of Brillion Municipal Offices will be on the ballot as follows:

<b>Municipal Court Judge</b> (2 yr. term) Jeffrey T. Plitt	<b>Ward 3—Aldersperson</b> (3 yr. term) Joseph Levash, incumbent Tyler M. Moore
<b>Ward 1—Aldersperson</b> (3 yr. term) Tim Geary, incumbent	<b>Ward 3—Aldersperson</b> (2 yr. term) Larry Maciejewski, incumbent
<b>Ward 2—Aldersperson</b> (3 yr. term) Tammy P. Kimps	

Polls will be open 8:00AM to 8:00PM at the Brillion Community Center: 120 Center Street, in Brillion.

## STILL SHOVELING SNOW?

### Adopt a Fire Hydrant

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

## DOG AND CAT LICENSE



Remember to license your dog or cat by April 1, 2001. Proof of rabies vaccination is required when purchasing a license.

Fees:  
Unspayed and Unneutered.....\$8.00  
Spayed and Neutered.....\$3.00

There is a \$5.00 late charge for dog or cat licenses issued after April 1, 2001. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk's office at 756-2250.

## SHOW YOUR PRIDE! Brillion Lapel Pins Available

Show your community pride by displaying an attractive Brillion lapel pin! This 7/8" pin sports the Brillion City logo. Cost is only \$2.50 including tax. Get yours at the City Hall today!



Building  
Activity  
2000

203 Permits Issued  
Total Valuation for 2000:  
\$6,565,972  
Residential:  
10 Single-Family Homes  
2 Eight-plexes  
Commercial: 11 Permits  
Industrial: 2 Permits

## HOLD ON TO YOUR 2000-2001 CITY DIRECTORY!

Updated City directories will be at your doorstep at the end of May. Changes will include a listing of the newly elected officials, appointed commissions, updates in the recycling program, and a complete listing of City staff.

What else can you find in the City of Brillion Directory?

- A scaled-down map of Brillion's City streets.
- Hours of operations for various City offices.
- Detailed garbage and recycling pickup information.
- Information on popular ordinance questions.

Extra copies of the City Directory can be obtained at City Hall, the Brillion Community Center, and the Public Library.

### 2000-2001 CITY DIRECTORY



A Good Place to  
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LISTING  
ELECTIVE and  
APPOINTED OFFICIALS  
of the City of Brillion, Wisconsin  
ITS COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS  
and Regular Meeting Dates when they are established.  
Large print directory is available at City Hall.

## FUTURE BRILLION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A successful kick-off meeting on January 10th gave momentum to Comprehensive Plan efforts! Omni Associates, the City's Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan consultant, facilitated the meeting of which 27 volunteers participated. Agenda items included an introduction to Smart Growth, the City's profile, and upcoming events.

The first joint meeting between the City and Town of Brillion is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30PM at the Town Hall located in Forest Junction.

**Why a comprehensive plan?** To prepare for challenges and opportunities over the next 20 years. The State of Wisconsin has mandated that without a "Smart Growth" plan, municipalities will have no control over future development after 2010. The City of Brillion's own Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be completed by Spring of 2003.

The key to the success of the City's plan is your support and participation in the planning program. You are welcome to attend any meetings to provide comments, suggestions, and offer guidance. Please look for planning information in the Brillion News, future newsletters, and check out the Brillion website at [www.ci.brillion.wi.us](http://www.ci.brillion.wi.us) for a link to comprehensive plan updates.

 Comprehensive Plan Updates



Link to Plan Updates on  
City of Brillion  
Home Page

## CITIZEN SURVEY—BRILLION NEEDS YOU!

In order to improve City services, and ensure that the needs of the City residents are met, the City Council and Staff will be distributing a survey city-wide. The results obtained from this survey will direct the City Council in analyzing service delivery, and the development of the 2002 City Budget!

Results will be publicized in the Brillion News, and on the City website. They will also be posted at City Hall, and the Public Library.

When you receive the survey, please take 15 minutes to complete it. Your input does matter!

There is also a separate tear-off section devoted to your questions and concerns. By completing that section, a City representative will contact you regarding your concerns and issues that need individual attention.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact City Hall at 756-2250.



### Quotable Quote:

*"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there!"*

- Will Rogers

## SAVING BRILLION'S DOWNTOWN - A GREAT START!

The first Downtown Revitalization meeting took place January 9th, and met with an unexpected yet inspired crowd of over 50 people, including residents, business owners, and city officials. Jerry Braatz, Community Development Educator of the UW-Extension, provided an informative presentation of development trends, and reasons why Wisconsin's downtowns are becoming "ghost-towns."

In taking the first step, those who attended identified Brillion's needs and ideas of what the downtown could accommodate. The next step in this project is to further those discussions and come up with an overall vision for the downtown.

If you're interested in providing guidance in the downtown vision, or want updates, please contact Heather Zander at City Hall. The next meeting will be held **Thursday, February 8th at 7:00PM located in the Brillion Community Center.**

## TRAVEL WITH MUNCH-A-MOVIES

Travel around the world without updating your passport! Munch-A-Movies return on Tuesday, February 13 with an 8-week session featuring travel videos. Programs start at 12:10 p.m. in the lower level of the Library. Bring your lunch or just come enjoy a cup of coffee.



## INTERNET EXPLORATION

The Library offers Internet Exploration sessions at various times throughout the year. This fascinating program provides a brief lesson in effectively exploring the Internet and includes tips on finding information and sites. Sessions also include time for hands on participation.

Class size is limited so call the Library ahead of time to register.

## BOOK TALKING

The Library features a monthly book discussion group on a Tuesday each month starting at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate in this group. If you would like to take part in this monthly program, contact the Library and pick up your copy of the featured book today!

### 2001 program dates:

Feb. 20; Mar. 20; April 24; and May 22.

## “AMERICANS IN WAR” Potluck Book Talking Series

The Brillion Library will be offering a 4 part book discussion group on Americans in War. Programs will feature books about people who participated in war. The series starts with the Civil War, journeys to World War II, takes a look at the Vietnam War and ends with The Cold War. Programs start at 6:00 p.m. and feature a potluck lunch. Pick up your copy at the Library today!

### Featured books and dates:

Thurs., Feb. 22.....“The Greatest Generation” by Tom Brokaw

Thurs., March 22.....“And Brave Men Too”

Thurs., April 19.....“Blind Man’s Bluff” by Sherry Sontag

## LIBRARY WISH LIST

### Even Santa Forgets Sometimes...

The Brillion Library has compiled a wish list of items that can be donated to the Library. If you are interested in donating an item or would like to make a contribution toward the purchase of the item, contact the Library or stop in to pick up a copy of the wish list.

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Colors & Shapes



Storytime is open to all preschoolers through Kindergarten age youth. No pre-registration is required! Parents, sitters or guardians are welcome to stay for the program. Schedules of specific programs are available at the Library.

“Colors and Shapes” Storytime runs January 15 - May 8.

Sessions are held:

Monday evenings at 6:30PM, and

Tuesday mornings at 9:30AM.

## COMING SOON...ROAD TRIP USA

(It's Never too Early to Think Summer!)

The Brillion Library will be participating in a National Summer Reading Program this summer. The theme will be “Road Trip USA.” The Library is planning programs for youth of all ages. Youth can also just read and earn a variety of incentives. For more details watch for future flyers or contact the Library.

### DID YOU KNOW...

*The Brillion Public Library was founded in 1928 by the Brillion Women's Club.*

For more Library history facts, check out the City Website at [www.ci.brillion.wi.us](http://www.ci.brillion.wi.us)



## SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER: JO ANN MIGNON

Officer Mignon began fulfilling responsibilities as the School Liaison Officer in October 2000.

To support and assist students, Mignon has already participated in, and facilitated events including:

- Mentorships
- Career day
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Beat the Heat
- Quit smoking program
- Homecoming activities and other student dances
- 17 week DARE Program with 5th graders

Also, by working closely with guidance staff she is able to help those who may have problems that they otherwise couldn't work out for themselves.

Mignon feels that the students of the Brillion School system are "really wonderful," and summarizes her duties in this way:

*"My job isn't just about enforcing laws. It's about helping students become successful in a safe environment."*

## ARE YOU AWARE? Grant writing efforts paid off!

Due to a joint effort by the schools, community, and the police department, the Department of Transportation has awarded a \$5,000 grant to support Brillion's AWARE program!

### What is AWARE?

The year-long AWARE program teaches selected youth life skills that will help them make sound choices in today's confusing world. AWARE members learn to live up to their individual potential through exposure to positive role models, unique challenges, and many new experiences that can shape them throughout their lives. It begins with a five-day summer camp where kids focus on setting goals, self esteem, leadership, substance abuse prevention, and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. After camp, mentors and the youth are matched up, and meet once a month for the entire school year. Thank you to the schools and community for striving to keep Brillion's youth drug free!

## HOUSE NUMBERS

Brillion's emergency service organizations, including the Ambulance, Fire Department, and Police Department wish to remind all City residents to conspicuously display house numbers. Because seconds count in emergency situations, it's important that house numbers be large, reflective, and visible from the roadway.

## THE MAIN STREET SPEEDWAY

Due to a significant number of resident complaints, speeding down Brillion's Main Street will be more aggressively monitored. BPD Officers are dealing with the speeding issue in a sympathetic manner, issuing fixed penalty tickets if the violator exceeds the posted speed limit in situations where speed could jeopardize safety. Please adhere to the posted speed limit signs to ensure the safety of others.

## FEDERAL MONEY GRANTED TO MEET MINIMUM STAFFING RECOMMENDATION

The City of Brillion was awarded a renewable federal grant from the US Department of Justice for the Fiscal Year 2001. Funds will be used to hire a new part-time civilian position that will result in the redeployment of a currently employed sworn officer. The grant was awarded after the Federal Bureau of Justice released statistics reflecting the Brillion's police staffing level was under the minimum staffing recommendation. The redeployment will bring Brillion's staffing to 7 full-time officers, which is still under the State average for a community of 3000 people.



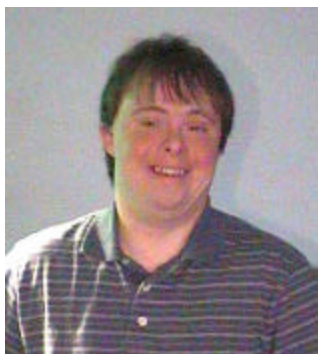
## JO TO GO - THE ONLY WAY TO DRINK AND DRIVE!

Due to the new State OWI provisions that went into effect January 1st of this year, please take extra precautions when celebrating.

### *Please prevent an accident by heeding this advice!*

- Plan ahead. If you are planning on drinking, make arrangements for a ride, or have a designated driver take you home.
- If you think someone has had too much to drink, don't take a chance:
  - ☑ Call the Brillion Police for a courtesy ride,
  - ☑ Let them stay at your home, or
  - ☑ Take their keys or
  - ☑ Have a designated driver take them home.
- ALWAYS wear your seatbelt.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ON TIM VANDERBERG



Tim Vanderberg has been an important contributor to the Brillion Community Center operations for over 4 years.

Beginning work when most people are fumbling out of bed, Tim provides maintenance services throughout the entire building. Always armed with a smile, Tim says he enjoys his work.

Outside of work responsibilities, Tim enjoys listening to country music and looks forward to his annual trip to Country USA in Oshkosh. He loves to shop and visit his Appleton-based family.

*Thanks Tim!*

### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AQUATICS CLASS

The Arthritis Aquatics Class is a recreational series of gentle activities in the pool and is open to anyone with arthritis. The program is designed to help relieve the pain and stiffness caused by arthritis while providing a fun, social atmosphere. It is not necessary to know how to swim. Trained personnel conduct the sessions. Every participant must fill out a release form with a doctor's signature before participating in the class. Release forms can be picked up at the Brillion Community Center.

**Session #1**

Time: Tuesdays at 9:30AM  
 Start date: January, 9th 2001  
 End date: None

**Session #2**

Time: Mondays at 6:30PM  
 Start date: February 5th, 2001  
 End date: April 2nd, 2001 (9 week class)

**Cost (Valid for 9 Sessions)**

\$12.00 Resident  
 \$20.00 Non-Resident

### WATER EXERCISE CLASSES

Water exercise is an excellent way to get in shape, and you don't need to know how to swim to do it! Just come and have fun. Pick up a schedule at the Brillion Community Center.

**Scheduled Dates**

Mon. & Wed. .... 8:00AM-9:00AM  
 Tues., Wed. & Thurs. .... 7:15PM-8:15PM

**Cost (Valid for 9 classes)**

\$12.00 Resident , \$20.00 Non-Resident

### OPEN SWIM!

The Community Center now has open swim 5 nights a week! Large pool only, and the small pool will be open only with lifeguard availability.

Monday-Thursday ..... 3:30PM - 7:00PM  
 Friday ..... 3:30PM - 6:30PM  
 Saturday ..... 1:00PM - 5:00PM  
 Sunday ..... 1:00PM - 3:30PM

### BCC SKATING RINK OPEN WHILE THERE'S ICE

6:00AM - 10:00PM

(Lights will remain on from 4:00 PM-10:00 PM)

## THANK YOU - OPERATION DECORATE DOWNTOWN

Thanks to all who helped out with Operation: Decorate Downtown. Main Street looked festive and welcoming to all who drove down the street during the holiday season.

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|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Jana Overman   | Kurt Bloemer   | Mary Levash | Larry Maciejewski | Mike Zander     | Adam Farvour |
| Kaitlin Wollin | Mike Botwright | Hank Horn   | Mary Maciejewski  | Darrell Stahl   | Dave Schwahn |
| Nate Wollin    | Calsey Cross   | Betty Nies  | Matthew Bennett   | Bill Buffington |              |

And a sincere thanks goes out to Brillion Iron Works and Mom's Place for their special donations during the event. Acts of kindness like we saw from our volunteers and businesses definitely makes Brillion...

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

## NEW RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT MARCH 7TH!

Beginning with collections **Wednesday, March 7th**, recycling requirements will be slightly changed to ultimately keep charges down for Brillion's City residents. Please check out the rules below to ensure that your recycling practices meet Superior's requirements. If you have questions please contact Superior Services at 888-688-4005.



### Aluminum, Plastic, Glass, Tin, Steel

The aforementioned items may be co-mingled in transparent blue, white or clear bags. Black yard bags are not accepted. All items are to be clean, rinsed out thoroughly, and have all tops and caps removed.

- Aluminum - rinse out
- Tin containers - remove labels and rinse out
- Steel containers - do not include scrap steel
- Plastics - #1 & # 2 (soap & soda bottles, milk jugs)
- Glass containers:
  - Clear, brown, green colors
  - Keep all bottles and jars whole
  - Glass items such as cocktail glasses, plate glass, and ceramics are not recyclable



### Batteries

Batteries must be undamaged and intact, and will be accepted at curbside during normal recycling pickup days.



### Waste Oil

Waste oil will be cautiously accepted at curbside if placed in a leak proof covered milk jug. Oil cannot be mixed with any other fluid. Superior Services recommends that residents utilize local garages and their services to change automobile oil for proper disposal of these fluids.



### Cardboard and Paper

Recyclable items include:

- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Chipboard boxes (i.e. cereal and cake boxes)
- Corrugated cardboard boxes:
  - Must be flattened and bound.
  - Large quantities should be cut into 2' X 2' sections, then flattened and bound.

Magazines, newspapers, and cardboard may be co-mingled in:

- Brown paper grocery bags
- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Cereal, cake, and detergent boxes
- Soda or beer 12pack/24pack cartons.

NOTE: Plastic bags will no longer be accepted to house paper products with the **exception** of shredded paper **ONLY**.



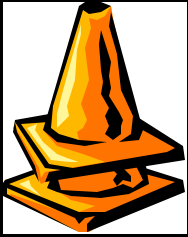
### Large Items/Heavy Refuse

Heavy refuse pick up is scheduled for Mondays. Residents are asked to arrange this service with City Hall the one week prior to pickup.

## Collection Dates - Unchanged

Recyclables will be collected every other week on the same day as your garbage.

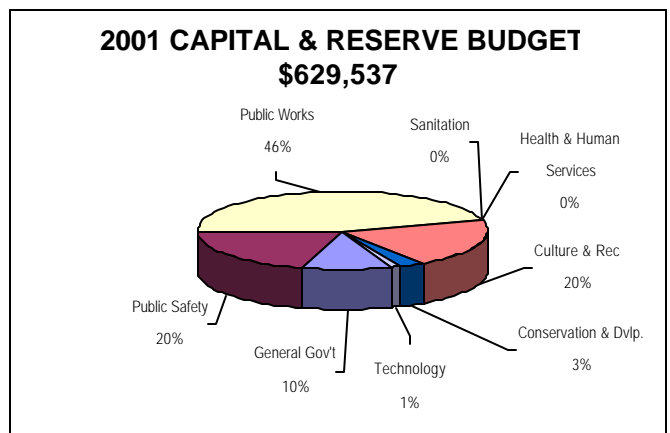
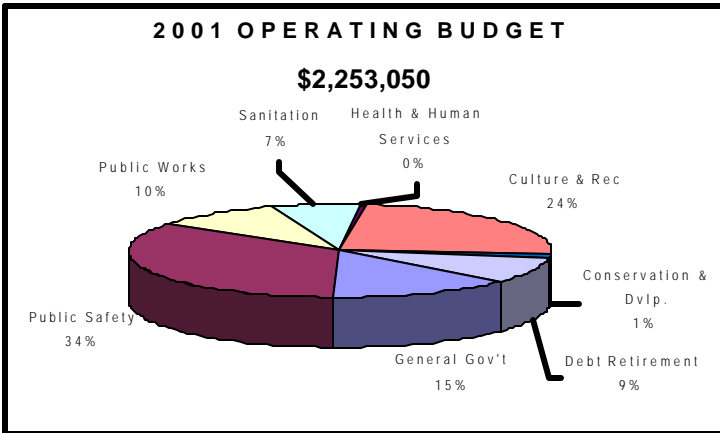
- East of Main Street the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.
- West of Main Street the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.
- There will be no pick up in the fifth week.



The City is in the process of developing its 2001 Street Projects. The City has directed McMahon Associates, the City's Engineering firm, to develop plans to improve Main Street from US HWY 10 to the Main Street Bridge (Horn Street). The preliminary street improvement plan calls for a complete repaving of Main Street and spot curb, gutter & sidewalk replacement. An Informational Meeting is going to be held on **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Brillion City Hall.**

**2001 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

In November 2000, the City Council passed the 2001 Operating and Capital Budget, totaling approximately \$2.9 million. The charts below show how your tax dollars are distributed throughout the operating and capital budgets.



**By passing the 2001 Budget, the City was able to:**

- Continue funding existing programs & services.
- Reduce the Municipal Tax Rate (3rd year running).
- Fund the Equipment Replacement Funds.
- Qualify for the State's Expenditure Restraint Program level, which has resulted in increased funding from the State.

**Capital Budget Highlights:**

- Purchased a new ambulance.
- Re-roofed the Brillion Community Center.
- 2001 road reconstruction project.



**New City of Brillion Ambulance**

**CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

<b>City Council</b>			
Mel Edinger, Councilperson 412 Fawn Drive 756-3506	Betty Nies, Councilperson 618 Columbus Ave. 756-3952	Larry Maciejewski, Councilperson 546 S. Parkway Drive 756-3372	
Robert Mathiebe, Mayor 727 Lee Avenue 756-2430	Tim Geary, Councilperson 136 Center Street 756-3023	Gaylord Unbehaun, Councilperson 256 E. National Ave. 756-2237	Gary Deiter, Councilperson 225 Apollo Court 756-2343
Gerald Sonnabend, Council President 419 North Main Street 756-3193	Joe Levasch, Councilperson 104 Bentwood Drive 756-9051	Coree Wallander, Councilperson 740 Harvest Drive 756-2198	
<b>City Staff</b>			
Joy Buboltz Deputy Clerk/Treasurer 756-2250	Dan Alloy Police Captain 756-2221	Chad Hoerth, Park & Recreation Dir./ Aquatic Coordinator 756-3216	
Dawn M. Wagner, City Administrator/DPW 756-2250	Heather Zander Community Dev. Director 756-2250	Mark Evel Fire Chief 756-2424	Dennis Jandrey DPW 756-2911
Lori Gosz City Clerk/Treasurer 756-2250	Scott Kaphingst Police Chief 756-2221	Christine Moede Library Director 756-3215	Water & Sewer Utility Staff 756-2850