



# The City of Brillion Newsletter

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## A Message From Mayor Mathiebe

### 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. The City portion of your property tax bill has decreased in the past two (2) years, and 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
- First rate Library facility with extensive programming
- Curbside garbage & recycling pickup

### 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 is in the process of preparing its 2001 Budget and your input is needed! For more information regarding the 2001 Budget process please contact the Brillion City Hall (920) 756-2250.

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 - Play".

*Robert Mathiebe*

## Comprehensive Plan Development Brillion Needs YOU!

The State of Wisconsin recently passed the Comprehensive Planning & Smart Growth Law, requiring municipalities to adopt Comprehensive Plans that consist of nine (9) key components. Beginning January 1, 2010, Brillion's land use actions must be consistent with its adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The City plans to work with the Town of Brillion to develop a joint Comprehensive Plan that will guide Brillion into the future with posi-

tive, well planned growth.

**Citizen input is required** in the planning process, bringing the stakeholders of the community together to help plan for Brillion's future. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact your Alderperson or City Hall.

Public information meetings will begin in early 2001.

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## New Library Hours!

(Labor Day—June 1, 2001)  
M-W-R-F 12N—8PM  
Tuesdays 9AM—8PM  
Saturdays 9AM—12N

### Thanksgiving Hours

Closed Thurs. Nov 23  
Closed Friday Nov. 24

### Christmas Hours

Closed Monday Dec. 25  
Closed Tuesday Dec. 26  
Dec. 27—29 Open until  
5:30PM

### New Year's Hours

Closed Saturday Dec. 30  
Closed Monday Jan. 1

## WANTED

NEW mittens, caps, hats,  
gloves, and scarves for the

## Library Mitten Tree

Please drop off items at the  
Library by Thurs. Dec. 7th.

## Animal Preschool Story Time

Come join the fun! Story Time  
is open to all Preschoolers.  
Held NOW through Dec. 19.

### Scheduled times:

Monday evenings at 6:30PM  
Tuesday mornings at 9:30AM  
Parents, guardians, and child  
care providers welcome!

**NO REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED TO ATTEND!**

## Internet Exploration

This fascinating program pro-  
vides a brief lesson in effec-  
tively exploring the Internet,  
including tips on finding infor-  
mation and sites. Class size is  
limited, so register today!

### Classes are scheduled for:

Mon. Oct. 9, 5:30PM  
Tues. Oct. 10, 11:00AM & 2:00PM  
Wed. Oct. 18, 2:00PM & 6:30PM  
Wed. Oct. 25, 5:00PM

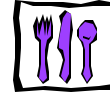
## Book Talking

This exciting monthly book discussion group meets Tuesdays at 1:30PM. Everyone is invited to participate. Copies of featured books are provided at the Library. Contact the Library to sign up!

### Scheduled dates:

Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 19

## Potluck Book Talking



Sign Up Today! Pot luck book talking takes place monthly,  
Wednesdays at 6:00PM.

### Scheduled dates:

Oct. 25th "Memoirs of a Geisha"  
Nov. 29th "The Firm"  
Dec. 20th "The Pilot's Wife"  
*Please bring a dish to pass!*

## Teen Café 2000!

This 1-hour teen book group focuses on book talks and discussions  
on teen favorites. Refreshments will be served. Sign up today!

### Scheduled Dates:

Wed. October 18 at 5:30PM  
Wed. November 15 at 5:30PM  
Wed. December 13 at 5:30PM

# The Police Beat

## Lock It Up!

You don't lock your home  
or vehicle? Then your  
chance of becoming a  
victim of property crime  
is 97% higher than if you  
secured your property  
regularly.

The majority of property  
crimes in Brillion this  
year (158 as of Septem-  
ber 30<sup>th</sup>), could have  
been prevented by the  
owner. Of the 158 viola-  
tions, 153 times either  
the door was left  
unlocked, or property  
was not secured. This  
year, Brillion residents  
lost over \$84,000 in  
property.

*Bottom line,* if you want  
to be safe in person and  
property, lock it up!

## Brillion AWARE Program

The Brillion AWARE Program is a newly  
created joint effort by Brillion's Police  
Department, School District, and multi-  
ple community groups which strives to  
keep youth drug and crime free.

AWARE is a year-long, two-phase pro-  
gram. Phase I is a residential leadership  
camp designed to provide life skills train-  
ing in peer group leadership, conflict

resolution, preemptive prevention tools  
for anti-drug/crime attitudes, self confi-  
dence and physical education.

Phase II matches the youth with commu-  
nity certified mentors to reinforce & ex-  
pand those skills learned. It consists of  
monthly activities and events including a  
3-hour cruise aboard a US Navy warship  
and an underway air-refueling operation

with the 128<sup>th</sup> Air Group.

These activities are in need of 23 addi-  
tional adult mentors who possess supe-  
rior leadership skills, and strong values.  
Although the City anticipates receiving  
state funding, donations of time, energy,  
food, and camping equipment, would be  
greatly appreciated. Interested? Call  
Chief Kaphingst at 756-2221.

## Who Let the Dogs Out?

Over the past 9 months, dog related violations jumped by 400% and cost tax payers an estimated \$5,254.20. In light of the significant increase and cost to the tax payers, the fine for *Dog at Large and Habitual Barking* have been increased to \$161.00 per violation. Second and subsequent citations will result in a higher fine.



## Muller Named "TOP COP"

PO Brent Muller was named as the City of Brillion's  
*Top Cop* for the 3rd Quarter. Muller is cited for set-  
ting a new standard of professional excellence and  
initiative. His achievements include developing a  
comprehensive 17 week training program, and con-  
tributing 96 hours of personal time to the Beat the  
Heat Program. Good Work!

## Officer Promoted

Officer Mike Alt was promoted to Police Investigator-Narcotics  
as of October 1. Officer Alt was the previous School Liaison  
Officer for the Brillion School system. Alt is currently attached  
to the Calumet County Drug Task Force and, in his new  
capacity, will be conducting criminal investigations for the  
Brillion Police Department as well as patrol duties.

# Brillion Community Center, Park, Recreation, & Aquatic Departments

## Swimming Lessons Tues./Thurs. Evenings

Oct. 24, 26, 31  
Nov. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 28 & 30  
*(No Class Thanksgiving Week)*

5-5:45PM #1 ARC I & II  
                  #2 ARC IV  
5:45-6:30PM #3 ARC III  
                  #4 Seashells/Corals  
6:30-7:15PM #5 Starfish  
                  #6 ARC V

### Lesson Fees:

\$20.00 Resident  
\$30.00 Non-Resident

*The BCC reserves the right to cancel or substitute lessons based on availability of instructors.*

## Tae Kwon Do

Let our friendly instructors teach you the martial art of Tae Kwon Do! It will improve your coordination, strength, and is a great way to develop discipline, honesty, and respect. Family discounts available. Classes are held every Tuesday & Thursday. Contact the Community Center for class times.

### Monthly Fees:

\$28 (first family member)  
\$21 (second family member)  
\$14 (third family member)  
\$7 (each additional immediate family member)

## Co-ed Basketball Instruction

Each child will be taught basketball basics, and have the opportunity to play different positions in a game setting. Limit: 25 participants, so register now!

**Dates:** Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27  
Dec. 4, 11

**Times:** 6-7:15PM (Grades 1-3)  
7:15-8:PM (Grades 4-6)

**Fees:** \$15 Residents  
\$20 Non-Residents

## Brillion Blue Dolphin Swim Team

Swimmers compete in age-specific category events (8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, & 15 and up) in exciting dual and invitational swim meets. Swimmers compete in individual or relay format events for awards. The team is non-US Swimming Sanctioned and community focused.

### Swim Practice

Starting Oct 23, 2000  
Mon, Tues, & Thurs 3:30-5PM

### Fees

	<u>Residents:</u>	<u>Non-Residents:</u>
1 Swimmer.....	\$25.00	\$30.00
2+ Family.....	\$50.00	\$60.00

## Community News and Events!

**Save Money This Winter!**

### From the Desk Of Paul De Bruin

City of Brillion Building Inspector

With energy prices reaching new highs and winter just around the corner, here are a few suggestions for energy saving projects that DON'T require a permit:

- Insulate your water heater. Inexpensive kits can be installed in a few hours and save on your heating bill.
- Insulate exposed hot water pipes.
- Change the furnace filter monthly, more often if you have pets.
- Have your furnace professionally cleaned. The added efficiency usually pays for the cleaning with a little extra for you.
- Insulate the basement sill plate, where the basement ceiling meets the outside of the house.
- Add insulation to the attic.
- Weather strip doors to reduce drafts.

Remember, a dollar saved is a dollar and a half earned because you don't have to pay tax on it. It also means more energy left for your grandchildren.

Come warm your spirits with Holiday Fun at the

### 5th Annual WINTER WARMER *We'll laugh, we'll sing, we'll reminisce...*

Sunday, December 10th at 7PM

At the Brillion Community Center  
*Help is needed, so please sign up at the BCC today.*

## Trick or Treat!

3PM—5PM Sunday, October 29th.

Please exercise extreme caution while the little ghosts & goblins tour the streets in search of Halloween goodies!

### BCC Halloween Party & Costume Contest *(co-sponsored by the Brillion Lions Club)*

**Sunday, October 29, 2000**

5PM—6:30PM at the Brillion Community Center.

**FREE** if your child is registered by Oct. 15

(\$1 donation at the door if not pre-registered.)

### Costume judging age categories:

0-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years, 12 & older.



**Building Activity  
2000**

153 Permits Issued  
Total Valuation:  
(January—September)  
\$6,133,909

Residential:  
8 Single-Family Homes  
145 Miscellaneous Permits

### Quotable Quote:

*“What we need is more people who specialize in the impossible.”*

- Theodore Roethke

## Takin' It To The Streets! - Curbside Leaf Pickup

**RAKE YOUR LEAVES INTO THE STREET** along the curb line for pickup! Earlier this year, the City purchased a new vacuum street sweeper that has the capability of not only cleaning the streets and catch basins, but also collecting leaves! Please do not mix branches, limbs or brush with the leaves. These items must be placed separately on the curb for collection because they will clog the vacuum.

*Happy Raking!*

### New Compost Site!

All compost materials must be taken to the City's **new** compost site located on Hwy. 10. Access to the site is located between Roehrborn Meats and the Vocational School. Yard waste may be disposed at the City compost daily.

Yard waste includes all materials originating in the yard and garden which are capable of natural decomposition, including leaves, grass clippings, and other vegetation. Please do not leave boxes and plastic bags at the compost site.

### Curbside Chipping

The last day of curbside chipping is **October 30th**. Branches and limbs no more than six (6) inches in diameter should be placed at the curb early Monday morning. Please do not take these items to the compost site.

### Snow and Ice Removal

All property owners or occupants of a lot abutting a sidewalk are required to remove all snow & 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.

### 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. 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.

### Municipal Court

The Municipal Court has exclusive jurisdiction over any action in which the City seeks to impose forfeitures for violations of City ordinances. The Municipal Court will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM. For more information, contact the Municipal Court Clerk at 756-2250.



**THANKS**

Over the past few years, the City has taken an aggressive approach to enhance its infrastructure.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the Year 2000 road projects:

- Complete reconstruction of Fairway Dr. & National Ave.
- Street reconstruction and spot utility replacement on Dewey, Pine, and Trier.

### City Recycling Coordinator

Special Thanks to Howard McVicker, the City's volunteer Recycling Coordinator, who has accepted a 2 year term representing the City of Brillion on the East Shore Recycling Commission.

Howard, your commitment to the community is greatly appreciated!

## Make Your Voice Heard... VOTE!

Tuesday, November 7, 2000 is the General Election for Presidential, Congressional, Legislative, State and County Offices and State Referendum.

- Voter pre-registration is not required, but is done at the polling place by simply bringing proof of residency with you. A picture ID or anything showing your name and address will be sufficient.
- Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office, deadline by mail is Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00PM or in person by Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.
- General Election questions, including absentee ballot voting should be directed to City Clerk Lori Gosz at 756-2250.

## 2000 Property Tax Collections

Property tax time will soon be upon us. The first installment or full payment of the 2000 Property Taxes will be collected according to the following schedule:

**In Person**—Taxes will be collected at the Brillion City Hall 130 Calumet Street.

**Drop Off**—Brown drop 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, 130 Calumet Street.

All checks should be made payable to the *City of Brillion*. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for receipt.

### **Office Hours—During Tax Collection**

- Mon.-Fri. Dec. 18-22 8AM—5PM
- Wed.-Fri. Dec. 27-29 8AM—5PM
- **Closed for Christmas Holiday** Mon.-Tues. Dec. 25-26

## **DOG AND CAT LICENSE 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 2001 can be purchased between Dec. 15, 2000 and April 1, 2001.

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

