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A Letter From Mayor Robert Mathiebe

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.



Dear City of Brillion Residents:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who took the time to fill out the Citizen Survey.

In order to provide the highest quality and the most cost-effective services to City residents, the City Council and staff asked residents to fill out a Citizen Survey in March. The survey focused on City Services and their delivery. Your survey input will assist the City Council and staff in making future service delivery decisions. There was a 55% response rate for the survey, which is excellent! In total, 667 surveys were returned out of the 1,203 surveys distributed. Generally, citizens were satisfied or very satisfied with the City services and facilities that were included in the survey. The respondents who included comments were in the minority in comparison to those who did not comment. Some of the comments included in the survey will serve as a basis for educational opportunities for all Brillion citizens.

The following are the **Survey Highlights** for your review:

- Overall, residents are satisfied with garbage collection services. 95% of respondents were very satisfied (45%) or satisfied (50%) with garbage collection. Only ten respondents were less than satisfied with the service.
- Although respondents had numerous complaints about the quality of service, over 81% were in favor of continuing the curbside leaf pickup program started last fall. 11% felt the service should be discontinued.
- Although the majority of residents were satisfied (50%) or very satisfied (13%) with the level of service provided with snow and ice removal, of all the questions in the survey, this question had the highest percentage of people that were dissatisfied (24%) or very dissatisfied (9%). A total of 33% of respondents were unhappy with the level of service.
- Over 79% of respondents feel the City should continue to provide soft water.
- More than half (51%) of respondents did not participate in any Recreational Programs over the last 12-months.
- The Brillion Community Center was used by only 40% to 45% of respondents. Only 7% of respondents used the racquetball court. With the exception of South Park, slightly more than 50% of respondents utilized the City's parks at least one time in the last 12 months.
- Of the respondents who expressed an opinion regarding their satisfaction level with the Park and Recreational facilities, the vast majority was satisfied or very satisfied. More than half of the respondents expressed no opinion in regard to the Community Center facilities, possibly reflecting the low usage level.
- Based on the numerical responses, the majority of the respondents were satisfied with the Brillion Police Department.
- Only 13% of respondents were less than satisfied with the overall enforcement of City ordinances, 8% were less than satisfied with enforcement of traffic laws and 11% were less than satisfied with the overall professionalism of the department.
- 65% of respondents answered yes to allow snowmobiling within the City. Of those who answered yes, 50% said snowmobiling within the City limits should be limited to City streets to and from trails.
- 52% of respondents favored advising the parent or legal guardian before making an arrest of a juvenile offender. 36% favored making the arrest first.

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- The majority of respondents (68%) felt traffic citations should be issued between 6 and 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.
- 65% of respondents felt that fire pits and port-

able fire pits should be allowed within the City. Of those respondents who answered yes to allowing fire pits, 39% felt location should be regulated. Most comments related to fire safety concerns and what would be allowable burning materials. Other comments

mentioned the use of permits, expensive fines for violations, and the use of common sense when using the fire pits.

- Over 81% of respondents felt that the current curfew policy should not be modified.

The City Council and staff will use the information obtained from the survey to analyze service delivery and to develop the 2002 City Budget. City Committees are currently reviewing the survey results, and any service delivery recommendations the Committee submits will be reviewed by the City Council. For Council action updates, read "News From City Hall" in the Brillion News. I invite you to view the survey results at City Hall, or the Brillion Public Library.

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

ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

Summer Road Project from Hwy 10 to Horn Street

Complete repaving, and spot utility, curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacement! The project begins shortly after Brillionfest (June 8-10), and ends by August 18th. The City's goal is to minimize potential hardships/problems the project may cause, however it is recognized it will cause some inconvenience to the entire community, especially to the residents and businesses on Main Street. Cooperation with the contractor will allow the project to be completed earlier. If you have any special circumstances that need to be addressed prior to or during the project please contact City Hall.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

As of May 2001— 61 Permits were Issued

- Total Valuation for 2001: \$931,900
- Residential: 3 Single-Family Homes
- Commercial: 4 Permits
- Industrial: 2 Permits



2001-2002 CITY DIRECTORY!

What 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.
- Problem-Solution procedures.
- Elected officials, appointed commissions and staff listings

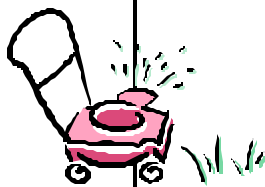
Copies can be obtained at City Hall, the Brillion Community Center, the Public Library, and local financial institutions.

CURBSIDE CHIPPING

Each Monday, the City chips all brush, branches and limbs that are placed on the curb. Branches and limbs must be no longer than 6 feet and no more than 6 inches in diameter. Please do not take these items to the compost site.

Please follow these simple guidelines for faster chipping service:

- ☑ Tie, or place all brush in manageable bundles.
- ☑ Place small twigs in containers for easy pickup.
- ☑ All grass, leaves and debris must be taken to the compost site. Please do not rake them into the street or terrace area, or place them with brush and tree limbs.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Since September 2000, Brillion City and Town representatives have been meeting regularly to develop a Coordinated Comprehensive Plan in accordance to the Wisconsin "Smart Growth" Law. All land use decisions must be consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan. The planning process has provided opportunities for the City and Town to explore other cooperative efforts including municipal services and resource sharing. Common planning issues, goals and objectives have been addressed, and over the winter months, the committee has been developing a vision representing what is desired for both the Town and the City in 2020. This vision will provide clear direction and focus for planning activities. During the summer months the committee will develop a survey aimed at getting resident input about planning and development issues.

The City and Town's planning efforts has had the honor of being selected by the US Department of Agriculture— Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as one of two national pilot projects. The NRCS will provide the City and Town with additional planning and mapping services free of charge. Moreover, the planning program used in the City and Town of Brillion will serve as a model for other communities across the country.

For information on meeting dates and times, please contact City Hall, or check out the City website www.ci.brillion.wi.us and select the Comprehensive Plan link on the home page.

CITY COMPOST SITE

The City's compost site is in full working order! Located on HWY 10, next to Roehrborn Meats, its easy access makes it more convenient to be environmentally friendly! Please adhere to the signs directing you where to dump your debris! Questions? Please call City Hall.

No Dumping!

Take pride in our compost site! Please do not dispose of old furniture or other non-organic items on the site. The site is designed to accept yard waste: all materials originating in the yard and garden which are capable of natural decomposition (leaves, grass clippings, and other vegetation). No brush please, and take boxes and plastic bags with you.

SUMMER HOURS (THROUGH LABOR DAY)

Mon., Thurs., & Fri.
12 Noon- 8:00PM
Tues., & Wed. 9:00AM- 8:00PM

BOOK TALKING

A monthly book discussion group held Tuesdays at 1:30PM. Everyone welcome! Copies of the featured book are provided by the Library. Sign up today! Program dates are: June 26, July 24, Aug. 28 & Sept. 25.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The annual book sale will be held on Friday, June 8 from 9AM- 6PM and Saturday June 9 from 9AM- 12 noon. Saturday is "all the books you can carry for \$1.00" day! The sale will also include some used equipment.

"POTLUCK MYSTERIES"

A monthly mystery book-talking program, held 6:00PM Thursdays. Bring a dish to pass! Program dates June 21, July 19, Aug. 23 & Sept. 20. Pick up a schedule and copy of the featured book today!

READING ROAD TRIP USA DEBUT

The Library is taking a Road Trip this summer! Check out these programs and activities!



"LET'S DISCOVER THE USA" (Youth Grades 1-6)

This weekly program is held on Monday at 1:30PM. It includes a variety of games, crafts, stories, songs, and more! Readers earn incentives by reading! Sign up starts May 24th. Read independently or join the program! Contact the Library for details.

STORYTIME AND READ-TO-ME PROGRAM (Preschool-Kindergarten)

Runs June 12-July 31. Programs held Tuesdays at 9:30AM. Get your schedule at the Library today!

FAMILY PROGRAMS (Everyone Welcome to attend the following free programs!)

June 6..... 1:00PM The Reed Marionettes and "Razzle, Dazzle, Read!"
June 14 1:00PM Honoring the American Flag with Lloyd Habermann and the American Legion
June 20 1:00PM "Making Tracks" with Kevin Palmer of the Brillion Nature Center
June 28 1:00PM "Where are we going & How do we get there?" with Miki & Joe Wise
July 5 1:00PM "American Tales and Trails" with Kathy Luck
July 11 1:00PM "Magic of Rondini"
July 19 10:00AM.... "A Family Concert with Randy Peterson"

"AMERICAN EXPERIENCE" (Youth Grades 6-12)

A series of 4 programs on American traditions, food, crafts and activities. Programs run from 3:30-4:30PM. June 7, 14, 21, 28. Take the Independent Library challenge and earn a certificate for Culvers! Call the library for detailed information.

VACATION PACKS!

Take a tailor-made vacation pack from the Library to help your vacation go smoothly. If its a hot book to read at the beach or a child's book on tape for car travel, the Library can help. Call the Library for details.



Brillion Police Department

130 Calumet Street ☐ 756-2221

IS THAT A HARLEY?

Brillion Residents will soon see a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle on patrol. Harley-Davidson has worked to equip police departments in the State of Wisconsin with motorcycles for many years. This year Brillion will be included in the program.

Harley makes this possible to all communities by keeping the lease price at \$100.00 a year. The unit comes equipped with red & blue flashing lights and strobe intersection lights on the front, a pole mounted rear strobe light, and a 100 watt siren and amplifier system with air horn and microphone jack.

Why would the Brillion Police Department need a Harley?

Some benefits include:

- ☑ The elimination of vehicle maintenance due to the 12-month lease and warranty program.
- ☑ Reduction in fuel and oil costs— gas mileage is projected to be 39 MPG/City and 46 MPG/Highway, fuel and oil cost projections are estimated at \$150.00 per/year.

- ☑ Reduction of wear on squad cars,
- ☑ As an added bonus, Harley-Davidson will replace the unit with a new model annually at no additional cost to the \$100.00 a year lease agreement.

Any officer wishing to patrol using the Harley will be required to be M-class certified.

The bike is scheduled to be on the street early June, so be sure to check it out!

SCHOOL'S OUT— OR IS IT?

Brillion 2000-2001 school year will soon be over, but that doesn't mean the need to slow down is over.

The Brillion Police Department wants to remind all drivers that shortly after the regular school year ends, summer school begins. Safety is a must in and out of the school zone. Many students will still be crossing the street in the early morning hours, and even more will be riding bicycles, rollerblading, walking and playing in the City.

