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Conveniently located between Milwaukee and Chicago, Bristol is a great place to call home! With excellent schools, plenty of activities for people of all ages, and local events that are unmatched, Bristol is a beautiful place to live. Formerly known as the Town of Bristol, the Village of Bristol incorporated in 2010 had a population of 4,855 and has grown to 5,003 in 2017. The Village of Bristol is a Tree City USA and a Silver Star Water Award winner.

#### **GREAT SCHOOL**

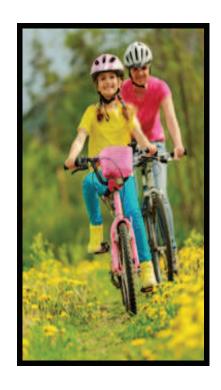
Highly ranked Bristol Grade School provides an exceptional setting for your children to learn. Featuring a perfect balance of challenging academics, respectful students, and an engaging learning environment, Bristol Grade School is a fiscally responsible school with a history of employing exceptional leaders. Bristol Grade School also has a wonderful relationship with the Village of Bristol by sharing tools and services that save both taxing bodies money.

The School Board and Administrator were also able to expand the school without raising taxes while maintaining a high-quality education and standard for excellence. Bristol School is ranked one of the top schools in reading and math for 8th graders in Wisconsin by the independent, non-profit Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance in the publication "School Facts."



# **ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE**

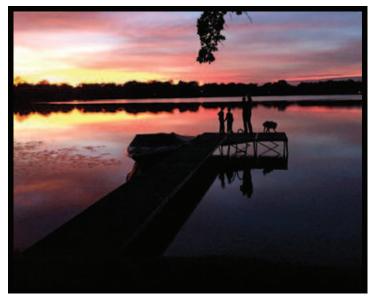
The Village of Bristol has a Parks and a Recreation Plan that encompasses the future connections of residential areas, parks, and employment areas with multi-use trails. Also, the Parks and Recreation Plan includes the development of many parks that will be a blend of natural areas and active play areas.





Westosha Senior Center is located in Bristol on Highway C just east of Highway 45. They provide a variety of activities for seniors from Bristol and surrounding communities.

George Lake and Lake Shangri-La are located in Bristol and offer a wide variety of water related activities. Bristol Bay Park features a small lake that the Village of Bristol will soon develop into passive activities in the future.



### THE FAMOUS BRISTOL RENAISSANCE FAIRE

The Bristol Renaissance Faire is the #1 Renaissance Faire in the US for five years in a row!

Starting in early July, visitors from all over the region take a rollicking romp through Elizabethan England, complete with 16th Century games, rides, arts, crafts, food, music and one-of-a-kind encounters with a spectacular cast of characters. The Faire boasts a beautiful 30-acre site with outdoor stages featuring Swordfighters, Minstrels, and Jesters. Nearly 200 artisans display their wares in the Bristol Faire Marketplace. Potters, glass blowers, jewelers, and forgers busily go about their work, as shoppers discover rare finds around every corner. Offerings range from sterling silver jewelry, hand-thrown pottery, and fine crafted leather works to hickory walking stick, rich tapestries to hammered pewter.





## **VILLAGE GOVERNMENT & SERVICES**

The Village is governed by a Village President and four Trustees that are elected to 2-year terms. There is also a Planning Commission that consists of a Chairperson and six commission members and deals with all Zoning and Land Use changes along with new development. The Zoning Board of Appeals has a President and four zoning members that deal with Variances and appeals.

Fire and Rescue is provided with a mixture of Paid-on-Call, Paid-on-Premise and contracted services with Metro for Paramedic level services. All Public Works employees are cross-trained to help out with Fire and Res-



cue services. Previously, as the Town of Bristol, the Village received a national award through the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government for the Public Works/Fire Rescue program.

Garbage and Recycling collection is provided by John's Disposal and allows for a large curbside pickup once per month. This extensive collection helps keep our community clean and tidy.

### **GET INVOLVED!**

The Village Board is always looking for volunteers for any of the above boards and commissions. In addition to government positions, the Fire Department is always looking for community members who want to volunteer. Please call or stop by the Village Hall if you are interested in giving back to the community.

# Quick Facts (According to the Taxpayer's Alliance)

The 2nd lowest Millrate for a Village of its size in the state of Wisconsin.

The lowest shared revenue per capita for a Village of its size in the State of Wisconsin.

The 2nd lowest general obligation debt for a Village of its size in the State of Wisconsin.

The lowest general obligation debt as a percentage for Village in Southeast Wisconsin.

The second highest Wisconsin adjusted gross income for a Village in Southeast Wisconsin.

The lowest operating spending per capita in for a Village in Southeast Wisconsin.

The lowest property tax levy per capita for a Village in Southeast Wisconsin.

The lowest property tax rate for Villages/Cities in Southeast Wisconsin.

# **FUNDRAISER**

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Presents



Sunday, May 21" from 1-3:30pm at The Brat Stop in Kenosha

## Adult Tickets \$35

Includes: Glass of choice and all painting supplies, 2 glasses of wine

#### Child Tickets (ages 8 - 16)

**\$5** 

Includes: Mason Jar Glass with Handle and all painting supplies, 2 Non-Alcoholic Fountain drinks

#### For Ticket information:

Call/Text 847-276-8824

E-Mail: bristolprogressdays@outlook.com Like us on Facebook: Bristol Progress Days Inc.

Please check out our Facebook page and take our survey!
Webpage: bristolprogressdays.com

# USEFUL INFORMATION

# WASTE AND RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, May 6 2017 Kenosha County Center 19600 75th Street Bristol, WI 53104 857-1845



## **Burn Permits**

Outdoor fires require a burn permit, which is valid January through December.

First time permits cost \$25 and every year after that \$15. Please call the Fire Dept. burn line at 857-4063 for the most current burn status.

Permits can be purchased at the Village Hall.

# **Building Permits**

Our building permits are now online! if you need to do any home renovations please visit our website and fill one out.

http://villageofbristol.org/displaypage.aspx? ID=buildinginsp:materials

# Village of Bristol Recycling Center

Monday-Friday: 7am-3pm <u>April-Nov</u>: 1st & 3rd Wed 3pm-6pm 1st & 3rd Sat 9am-12pm

Accepts:
Brush
Leaves
Waste oil
Anti-Freeze
Scrap Steel

# Paving for 2017

Residents on the North side of Lake George East of 195<sup>th</sup> Avenue on 101<sup>st</sup> Street and the streets North and South off of 101<sup>st</sup> Street should have already received a letter in the mail in regards to changing driveway culverts and cleaning ditches. We will try to get a postcard out prior to the contractor starting work. This will be an inconvenience, we are sorry for that and we would appreciate your patience and cooperation with the contractor during construction.

# **Utility District #5**

This area is located South of Hwy C and North of Hwy Q and both East and West of Hwy U. The Land Use Plan was developed in the mid 90's for this area. Pleasant Prairie has purchased all of the land formerly owned by Abbott Laboratories, of which 70 acres is in Bristol. We have met with representatives of Pleasant Prairie and they would prefer that Bristol purchase the land from them. The Village Board is looking at many options at this time. Our agreements with Pleasant Prairie and the City of Kenosha allow for water from Lake Michigan to be served as long as the sewer goes back through Pleasant Prairie as the sewer service area develops. The Janko Group owns about 150 acres and is planning on developing it into a business park. They are looking at corporate uses that would include their offices, production and distribution under one roof. The Village of Bristol is looking at working with Janko to do a self Tax Increment District (TID) that would allow Janko to borrow the money for the infrastructure and the future tax payments would pay back the debt on the project.

# **Arbor Day**

The Village of Bristol will be celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We will meet at the Village Hall and if it is raining too hard we will change the date to Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. After we meet we will drive to the Bristol Bay Park (entrance is North of the Dog Park on 81st Street.) We will be planting 100 oak seedlings in the park and alongside the entrance drive. Volunteers will plant, water and mulch each of the trees. Anyone interested is welcome to just bring a shovel. Arbor Day will also be celebrated with the Bristol school on Friday, April 28th. Each student will be getting an oak seedling to take home and plant along with information about the oak species and planting instructions.

## **Land Sale**

Village of Bristol Community Development Authority with the Village Board has approved the agreement to sell roughly 25 acres to Fleet Farm that will be located South of Hwy K and West of the Frontage Road. This land is owned by Bristol and is in the City of Kenosha and is a part of the 1997 boundary agreement with the City of Kenosha. When the closing happens the Village will receive about \$4 million dollars. The Village Board is looking into using the proceeds to invest in capital projects for the Village of Bristol.

# **DOT Hwy 45 Updates**

Road Open to Local Traffic means that only the residents and businesses directly affected by the work zone are allowed in the work zone. In other words, access is restricted to ONLY those residences/businesses that cannot be accessed by any other route besides through the work zone.

An example of this is that only the 3 residents that live between County C and 86<sup>th</sup> street are allowed to drive between County C and 86<sup>th</sup> Street to access their respective properties, except postal workers, buses, and emergency vehicles.

If you enter the work zone from a residence or business within the work zone, it is expected that this traffic leave the work zone at the nearest side road that can be taken in order to get to their destination. If you meet a school bus, emergency vehicle, or truck pull over so the larger vehicle can stay on the pavement and the larger vehicle does not roll over with the soft shoulders.

There will be public information meetings on the second Thursday of each month from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Bristol Village Hall.

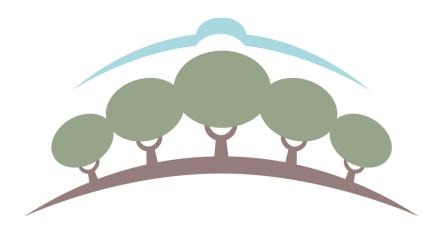
#### Schedule Update (Next 2 Weeks)

DOT Contractors are working at the County WG intersection and working their way north. The work that they are performing is widening the shoulder and excavating for the right turn lanes on the southbound side of US 45.

DOT Contractors will also be replacing driveway culverts on the Southbound side of USH 45. The contractor will coordinate this work with property owners to minimize the time that access will be restricted to properties. The contractor will walk up to each resident prior to removing the culvert to make sure that no one is home. If someone is home and needs to get out, they need to answer the door and speak with the contractor and move their vehicle so that the culvert can be replaced. If the resident is returning home and their culvert is being worked on, the resident will have to wait to get into their driveway. The operation typically only takes a couple hours.

The full closure dates at County WG and County C are not confirmed as of yet. Electronic message boards will be in place 10 days prior to closure notifying traffic on the closure.

Any questions please contact: **Jeff J. Kuhn, P.E.** Project Development Engineer at: E-mail: jeffrey.kuhn@dot.wi.gov (or) cell phone: 414-750-4346



# The Village of BRISTOL

#### NATURALLY

Village of Bristol 19801 83rd St Bristol WI 53104

#### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8 AM- 4 PM

Phone: 857-2368 Fax: 857-2136

#### Village Board

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President	Mike Farrell	857-9850
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Trustee	John McCabe	857-9115

Administrator	Randall Kerkman	857-2368
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#### Village Board Meetings:

7 PM on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

#### Village Plan Commission Meetings:

7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

#### Village Zoning Board Meetings:

7 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

#### **Recycling Center Information:**

Monday-Friday 7 AM - 3 PM

April-Nov: 1st & 3rd Wed. from 3 PM-6 PM

1st & 3rd Sat. from 9 AM Noon

Dec-March: 1st Sat from 9 AM- Noon

Accepts: leaves, brush, waste oil, anti-freeze and

scrap steel

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Signup to receive communications posted on the website, i.e. agendas, minutes, newsletters etc., e-mailed directly to you. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up.