

# Bristol Wisconsin Historical Society

*Bringing the Past to the Present*

**You're invited to the Bristol Wisconsin Historical Society Groundbreaking ceremony!**

The Bristol Wisconsin Historical Society is moving and restoring the original Bristol Town Hall building to 8323 198<sup>th</sup> Ave in Fireman's Park. It will be restored into a museum and open to the public. **The Groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 1:00pm on Sunday April 15th at the new location site of 8323 198<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Bristol.**

Refreshments will be served.

Opportunities for sponsorship of the three mile route the building will be moved are available. For sponsorship information please contact Jill Gillmore at (262)960-9145, Ed Gillmore at (262)206-0566 or Margaret McCabe at (262)857-9115.

Specifics regarding the move will be posted on the BWHS Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Bristolwisconsinhistoricalsociety>) to keep everyone informed. The route is Hwy C west to Hwy 45, Hwy 45 north to 84th St., 84th St. east to 198<sup>th</sup> Ave, 198<sup>th</sup> Ave north to the park entrance. The move is tentatively scheduled for the week of Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## History of the original Bristol Town Hall

In 1869 the people of Bristol started building their first town hall. On October 15, 1869 the land where the building is located was given to the township for one peppercorn and one dollar. In legal parlance, a peppercorn is a metaphor for a very small payment, a nominal consideration, used to satisfy the requirements for the creation of a legal contract. The Building was completed one year later in 1870. The building was built in the geographical center of Bristol as it was in 1869. The land is now part of the Kenosha County Bristol Woods Park. The building is being used as storage shed and the only access for the public is a 15 minute walk using a path from the Pringle Center.

**Join us in our efforts to save and restore the building!**



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