

Brian P. Johanpeter
Information Technology Director
City of Mattoon, Illinois

As the Information Technology Director, Brian Johanpeter is responsible for managing and supporting the technology resources in all of the departments of the City of Mattoon. With help from one assistant and a consulting company, the Computer Information Services (CIS) department takes care of more than 150 computers and servers, the network connecting them together, the operating systems and software running on them, as well as the people using all of them.

Brian has been with the city since starting as the Technology and Outreach Coordinator at the Mattoon Public Library in 2001. As need for centralized technology arose within the city, Brian migrated into the role of the city's first network administrator in 2002. Since then, Brian has worked with management to create a separate CIS department and bring his position up to the director level to ensure CIS is involved in planning at the highest level.

Brian holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Truman State University and a Master of Arts in Speech Communication from Eastern Illinois University, where his studies focused on Organizational and Computer Mediated Communication. Despite the formal education in the communication field, Brian has been working with computers and technology since 1983 when he wrote his first program on a Radio Shack TRS-80 computer. The communication degrees have helped Brian hone the skills necessary to succeed at what he does best: help others leverage technology to get their job done.

Brian is a member of the professional organization Government Management Information Sciences (GMIS) International and its state chapter, GMIS Illinois. He is a former president of GMIS Illinois and still serves on the board as its membership chair.