

**THE BRIER NEWSLETTER**  
**IT'S BACK!**

The new administration discussed it, and we decided that the best way to keep the Citizens of Brier informed is through a newsletter. Moreover, several citizens showed interest in the resurrection of the newsletter as a place to find the latest happenings with the City of Brier. In the past, the newsletter was published bi-yearly. At the minimum and at this time, we will continue with the yearly publication. There has been discussion to move it to a quarterly publication, but as usual, the biggest obstacle is budgetary in nature.

As your new administration, however, we are determined to keep our Citizens informed. One option discussed is to offer this newsletter in an email format. So, starting with the next newsletter, we will be doing just that. Please send an email to [kgiesen@ci.brier.wa.us](mailto:kgiesen@ci.brier.wa.us) if you would like to add your name to this email list. If you opt to receive the Newsletter via email, you will be removed from any hard copy mailers. We are excited about the Newsletter, and we hope you are too. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you to everyone that submitted an article for the newsletter

**NEW ADMINISTRATION**

Bob Colinas was elected Mayor in November and took office on November 26<sup>th</sup>. 2006. Bob's prior service includes

8 years as a councilmember and 4 years with the Planning Commission.

This year we have three new city council members. They are Councilwoman Ona Gem, Councilman Dennis Nicks, and Councilman Martin Krienke. If you wish to contact them to express any concerns that you may have, you may do so via email or phone. This information is available on the City's website at [www.ci.brier.wa.us](http://www.ci.brier.wa.us). You may also access contact information for the remaining council members Skip Gipson, Catie Corpron Smith, Dale Kaemingk and Gary Morgan on the website.

More good news, Paula Swisher has returned as our Clerk-Treasurer, and she looks forward to assisting you with your business at City Hall.

Letters may also be sent to the Council or the Mayor by mailing them to: Brier City Hall, 2901 228<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Brier, WA 98036.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Ahh, the days are finally getting longer! And Brier is beginning to bloom again, surrounding us with beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers (our sympathies to those who have allergies!). But with this growth spurt comes responsibility. Whether you enjoy gardening or prefer to sit back and watch the wild side of nature expand, ***please keep the safety of your neighbors and those who pass through our community in mind.*** Take a good look around your home.

Are there tree limbs hampering the view of traffic? Or maybe a shrub that is growing a little too vigorously near the sidewalk? Many families are out walking, biking, or riding. It is Public Work's responsibility to keep their path safe, and we will do our best to trim what is necessary. But time constraints require us to cut back several locations each season. So, please trim back any vegetation near City rights-of-way. You will probably be more satisfied with your own style of pruning, and we would greatly appreciate your help.

Let's all enjoy the season - Safely!

### **SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY**

Have you been to the Brier Library lately? There's something here for everyone in the community. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated 10 years of service in the current library building. It is wonderful to celebrate our past, but we also look forward to a bright future. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, community members met with the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees to discuss what the Brier Library building could look like in 5 to 25 years. Remember, you can visit your library 24/7 on the Web at [www.sno-isle.org](http://www.sno-isle.org).

### **HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY**

There are activities for every age and every season at the Brier Library. For more details on any of the programs mentioned, stop by the library, call us at (425) 483-0888, or visit the "At Your Library" section of our website at [www.sno-isle.org](http://www.sno-isle.org).

For the children, we regularly offer Preschool Story time on Fridays at 11 am. During the school year, we have Family Story time on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. To kick off our "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" Summer Reading program, we will have a visit from The Reptile Man on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

at 6:30 PM. On Tuesdays at 2 PM during the summer, we offer a variety of programs for school-aged children. Throughout the year, young readers are rewarded with fun prizes. Visit the library today and pick up a handout to keep track of all your reading time.

We've added cushy chairs and new shelving to the teen fiction area. Teens across the country have helped plan library programs like movie nights, gaming contests, and poetry slams. Join your local teen librarian for pizza on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to talk about what your library can do for you. This summer, you can earn a book or gel bracelet for every three book reviews you write, plus be entered into our grand prize drawing for an iPod shuffle. Visit the library today.

There are also activities and resources for adults to explore at the library. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, the Brier Knit-Wits gather to knit and chat from 6 -8 pm. The Brier Reading Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of September through June to discuss a selected book. We have a new quarterly program series called Reader's Night. It's a combination book club, genre discussion and party. This summer, we will meet to discuss Northwest authors and in the fall we will explore mysteries. Contact the library for the dates and times of the next Reader's Nights.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

There are three unique volunteer opportunities for you at the Brier Library. First, we need volunteers ages 13 and up to perform a variety of tasks such as straighten books, find lost items and prepare craft materials. Volunteers can work a flexible schedule and as little as an hour a month. Second, we need Friends! The Friends of the Brier Library

is in need of members to support library activities and raise funds for programs. Being a Friend is rewarding and only requires one to three hours a month of volunteer time. The Friends meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of September through June but you can start helping today. Third, a local citizen is starting a Brier Library Gardening Club to assist in beautifying the library grounds. For more information on all three of these volunteer opportunities, call the Brier Library at (425) 483-0888.

### **PARKS**

#### **BRIER SEASCARE PARADE AUGUST 9, 2006**

Be sure to mark your calendars! Brier's unique annual Sea Scare event is rapidly approaching on Wednesday, August 9th. This popular family oriented event seems to grow a little bit bigger and better every year. Returning this year will be the classic cars, the ever popular and creative art cars, and of course, the stars of the parade: the local Brier kids.

The parade was originally created as a kid's parade in which youngsters can dress up in scary sea related costumes or just any type of costume for that matter and be part of a parade. It's like Halloween in August. The parade starts just North of the Library and ends at Brier Reality. At the end of the parade, there is food, music, crafts, and games. Enter Brier's only Salmon Derby (raffle) and win a nice salmon to take home for your barbee. Bring your lawn chairs to watch the festivities and later enjoy Chum Leigh's outdoor cinema presentation of the original "King Kong."

Neighborhoods, groups of families, cul-de-sacs, and other groups have gotten together to create imaginative hand pulled "floats" for the parade. In the

past, there have been clowns, pirates, samba bands, Scottish bag pipe bands, and dogs in costumes. Prizes are given in many different categories.

Last year a parade watcher was heard to say "This is the coolest parade North of Fremont." Another remarked "This is great that our City can get together and celebrate like this!" Watch out for sharks though as shark sightings seem to increase in and around Brier just before Sea Scare! For more info contact Ken Overstreet at: (206) 498-7426 or go online at:

<http://seascare.com/index.html>

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES JULY 31, 2006.**

Have your own block party on July 31 and get to know your neighbors. Members of your police department will come by and visit your block. Block parties were as simple as cookies and drinks to prime rib, chicken, steaks, etc. We will definitely be back to that block party this year. Mayor Colinas and I will be by to visit each and every block party. Email or call and tell us where your neighborhood block party will be and what time. You can email Detective Lori Batiot [lbatiot@ci.brier.wa.us](mailto:lbatiot@ci.brier.wa.us) or Chief Don Lane [dlane@ci.brier.wa.us](mailto:dlane@ci.brier.wa.us)

#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 1, 2006**

**6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM AT BRIER PARK**  
This event will be even bigger and better than last year! There will be crime prevention and safety information, live music, lots of free prizes, free food, and activities for kids of all ages. Pets are welcome for this event.

#### **BLOCK WATCH MEETINGS**

There will be two block watch informational meetings. Residents who

live north of 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW are asked to attend the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7pm at the Brier city hall. Residents who live south of 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW are asked to attend the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7pm at the Brier city hall. Citizens who live on 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW may attend either meeting. If you have questions about which meeting to attend, please contact the police department at 425-775-5452. Contact Detective Lori Batiot [lbatiot@ci.brier.wa.us](mailto:lbatiot@ci.brier.wa.us)

### **SENIOR CITIZEN MEETINGS WITH THE CHIEF**

Are you a senior citizen in Brier that wants to know what is going on with crime? I want to extend an invitation to you to have monthly coffee/iced tea popcorn/goodies sit down meetings with me. It can be mornings or afternoons? If you are interested, some of the topics will include identity theft, mail theft, internet theft, general crime in Brier and

questions & answers. We will also be bringing in speakers to talk about specific issues that **YOU** will be interested in; these can be city issues, planning, public works, administration, etc. But best of all we can just sit and visit. Contact me and let me know if you are interested by email [dlane@ci.brier.wa.us](mailto:dlane@ci.brier.wa.us) or 425-775-5452.

### **FIREWORKS RULES FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

Only safe and sane fireworks can be discharged within the city limits. Remember: It is illegal to discharge or possess bottle rockets, salutes, m-80's, m-100's, firecrackers and sky rockets. These illegal devices cause 90% of all fireworks related fires in Washington State. The use or discharge of consumer fireworks shall be restricted to the fourth day of July each year during the hours of nine a.m. through eleven-fifty-nine (11:59) p.m.