

From The Mayor

Good news for our parks. We received the \$75,000 grant from the Snohomish County Parks Department and will begin the first phase of improvements at Locust Creek Park. Another good piece of news is that we were able to secure grant funding to repair the Scriber Creek Pedestrian Bridge and sewer line that was damaged in the December 2007 flooding. Those devastating flood waters a few years back eroded the creek bank and the bank actually took such a battering that two of the four pilings supporting the bridge were exposed. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife officials had declared that the emergency repairs can serve only as an emergency provision, which means that they must be removed fairly soon to prevent further damage to fish habitat. I feel very fortunate to be a part of getting this project funded and on its way to completion, insuring the sound conditions of the eco system and bridge in this area.

Rebuilding the Scriber Creek Bridge will protect salmon-bearing waters, critical infrastructure, a pedestrian pathway, and the public health by maintaining the sewer line it carries.

Volunteer Positions

We are always looking for people to fill upcoming positions on one of our boards (Planning Commission, Library or Park Board). These groups generally meet once per month. Please contact the Mayor or City Clerk if interested in serving your community by volunteering

for a Board. Please call 425-775-5440 or email rcolinas@ci.brier.wa.us.

Passport Services

The City of Brier provides full Passport Services. You may apply for your passport at Brier City Hall, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. Passport Photo Service is also available making the endeavor a one stop service. For further information please contact Brier City Hall at 425-775-5440.

Sno-Isle / Brier Library

Be a part of Brier History!

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Sno-Isle Libraries and 38 years of library service to the Brier community, the Brier Library is taking suggestions for items to fill a special time capsule to be sealed on October 27th for 10 years. Suggestions are being accepted at the Brier Library from now until August 1, 2012. For additional details please contact the library at 425-483-0888 or MMoodie@sno-isle.org.

Public Works Department

With winter behind us, it's time to welcome the warmth of spring and summer. With more people walking, please make sure all limbs and bushes are cut back from the sidewalks and away from traffic signs. Blowing or sweeping debris out into the roadway or sidewalks is a violation of the Brier Municipal Code.

The City is always looking for volunteers to help in the maintenance of the City of

Brier sign planter and gardens at the Library and City Hall. Please contact Public Works if you are interested.

Community Development

Brier City Council has made several changes to the Municipal Code which will affect the way the City handles code enforcement issues, the storage of vehicles and the process for the City to remove “junk vehicles” when abatement by the property owner has been refused.

** A new Outdoor Burning code has been added to comply with the regional authority Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. The new code prohibits all outdoor burning except recreational fires, and defines recreational fires. Please take time to read the code section 8.04 before doing any outdoor burning.

** The nuisance code has been revised to help citizens better understand what constitutes a nuisance. The format has been change to be user friendly with navigation and understanding of their responsibilities. Some of the topics covered in the new regulations are:

A. Vegetation. Includes restrictions to private property vegetation impeding into the public right of way.

B. Buildings, Structures, Fences. Includes guidelines for unsafe fences, buildings and other structures that pose a threat to life or safety.

C. Sidewalks. Includes responsibilities of abutting property owner to maintain sidewalks for a clear and safe passage way.

D. Unauthorized Signs. Includes the displaying of privately owned signs that resemble official traffic sign.

E. Building and Construction Materials. Addresses the storage of building and construction materials when not engaged in an ongoing project.

F. Furniture and Appliances. Prohibits the outside storage of furniture and appliances that are designed for indoor use.

G. Debris and Trash. Prohibits outdoor storage of materials that would be considered clutter or could attract rats or insects.

H. Machinery and Equipment. Prohibits the storage of broken or unused machinery or commercial equipment.

I. Attractive Nuisances. Prohibits any goods that would attract children and would place a child in harms way.

J. Maintenance and repair of vehicles on private property is restricted.

** A revision to the Off Street Parking and Storage of Vehicles ordinance has been adopted. The new code regulates what type of surfaces a vehicle may be parked upon and how many RV and utility vehicles may be parked on a parcel outside of a garage.

We encourage all citizens to take the time to review the Brier Municipal Codes. You may review the codes at City Hall during normal business hours or easily access the codes online at <http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/brier/> in addition the Brier Library maintains a copy.

Parks & Events

KidScare - Friday before SeaScare
August 3, 2012 Brier Library - Noon
SeaScare - Brier Road - August 8th -
7:00 pm.

Complete details are available at <http://ci.brier.wa.us/cityhall/events.htm>.

Reporting Spills

Department of Ecology spill hotlines
- DOE Spill Line: (360) 407-6300
- Oil Spills: 1-800-OILS-911
- City of Brier: (425) 775-5440 -
During Normal Business Hours
- Dial 911 - After Hours and on
Weekends and Holidays

Puget Sound Starts Here

Through everyday activities, we are releasing harmful and toxic chemicals into stormwater runoff that eventually enters Puget Sound. These chemicals are the number one contributor to the decline in Puget Sound health. The following are some easy things you can do to help clean up Puget Sound:

Vehicle Operations

What comes off and out of your car makes its way into Puget Sound.
Drive less.
Check for leaks.
Use substitute for copper brake pads.
Ask for steel tire weights instead of lead.

Fertilizers & Herbicides

What does not get used up by plants makes its way into Puget Sound.
Pull and smother weeds instead of spraying.
Follow package directions exactly.
Improve soil.
Use native plants.

Car Washing

What products (soaps, waxes, cleaners) you use wash into Puget Sound.
Use commercial car washes.

Wash on pervious surfaces such as a lawn.
Use car wash kits for charity car washes.

Pet Waste

What is left on the lawn will be washed into Puget Sound.
Scoop your poop and put it in the trash.

Household Products/Chemicals

What goes down your sink, toilets and drains makes its way into Puget Sound.
Choose least-toxic alternatives for household cleaners.
Use more elbow grease, fewer chemicals.
Use your local waste facility to dispose of chemicals properly.

Septic Systems

What a septic system cannot handle makes its way into Puget Sound.
Maintain your septic system.
Do not overuse or abuse its abilities (toilet paper only).
Fix failing septic systems.

Signage

It's Garage Sale Season!

Are you planning to have a garage or yard sale? City rules allow each home to have up to three (3) garage or yard sales per year. If you do have a sale, please do not post your signs advertising the sale on city street signs. It is a violation of Brier Municipal Code to attach any type of signage (**yard sale, home for rent, etc**) on any traffic sign posts or utility poles. Please refrain from doing this. Inexpensive 1 x 2's can be purchased at most hardware stores, and don't forget to remove them once your garage sale is over!

Police Department
National Night Out

The 29th Annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th. National Night Out is a symbolic, nation wide crime prevention event that reflects the day in and day out cooperation of our citizens and police.

We invite the community to celebrate with us at Brier Park from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Free hot dogs, pop and chips.

Block BBQ's are traditionally held the night before; please notify the police department if you are planning a block BBQ and they will do their best to attend.

Fireworks Rules For The 4th Of July

Only consumer fireworks permitted by the State of Washington RCW 70.77 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 firework related fires in Washington State. **The use or discharge of consumer fireworks is restricted to the fourth (4th) day of July each year during the hours of nine a.m. through eleven-fifty-nine (11:59) p.m.**

Animals

Please be considerate as animals routinely become frightened by the noise of fireworks during the holiday celebrations and flee from their residences. To report lost or found pets please contact the Brier Police Department during business hours at 425-775-5452 and 911 after business hours.