

From The Mayor

I would like to express a very large appreciation to Brier's community of volunteers. These are the community members who volunteer their time in our Parks & Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Library Board and Civil Service Commission. I can't begin to say enough about the citizens of Brier, let alone those who have volunteered their time and energy to our city.

Our Park Board members are the reason why our community enjoys activities such as our Sea Scare Parade, the annual Tree lighting program, our Easter Egg hunts and they also cook and serve all the hot dogs and cake for our annual National Night Out Program.

Each and every one of our volunteers on an average give at least one night a month to making our community great. I have said before, "Volunteers are the backbone of our city".

We owe the volunteers of all our committees many thanks for the endless support of our neighborhoods. Please remember to thank them for their efforts and service to our community because without them we would not be the community we are today.

Those volunteers include:
Parks & Recreation Board, Ken Overstreet, Bob Thorpe, Karla Wood, Ron Magnuson Joe Jonart, Shelly Magnuson, Brian Rodriguez and new to our board this year Katie Dawson

Planning Commissioners, Karl Rosman, Rebekah Weston, David Marley, Joe Jonart, Bob Thorpe, M.L. Demorett and Steven Scott.

Library Board, Fred Steele, Denise Ibrahim, Daniel Hackney, Jacqueline Siegal, and Marilyn Joplin.

Civil Service Commissioners: Dennis Nixdorf, Frank Zenk and Donald Lane.

Thank you all for your efforts in keeping our City one of the best.

Bob Colinas
Mayor

Parks & Events

KidScare - Friday before SeaScare
August 5th, 11 AM Brier Library -
SeaScare - Brier Road - August 10th -
7:00 PM complete details are available
<http://ci.brier.wa.us/cityhall/events.htm>.

Brier Park Walking Path

As part of the grant funding that we received from our community partner, Verdant Health Commission, this spring we installed four pieces of exercise equipment along the walking path located in Brier Park.

You will find the following stations:

- Ab Crunch/Leg Lift
- Assisted Row/Push
- Balance Steps
- Stretching

We hope with these added features that it will help our community to better reach their health and fitness goals.

Brier Library

Sign up for Explore Summer at sno-isle.org/summerkids or sno-isle.org/summerteens! Read for 10 hours and get a free book. Read for 25 hours and enter for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Read for 50 hours and get another free book. Explore Summer runs through August 31st. Check out the upcoming events at the Brier Library by visiting www.sno-isle.org/location/brier.

Public Works Department

This is a reminder that all brush and tree limbs that overhang or protrude into the sidewalk in front of private property must be cut back and cannot be less than 8 ft above the sidewalk.

This is the season for landscape work so residents need to be aware the Brier Municipal Code (BMC) does not allow landscape material, bark, topsoil, fill dirt etc. to be stockpiled in the street, for any reason or length of time.

Another issue that we see this time of year is hired landscapers performing work in the city and blowing debris from lawn mowing and gardening onto the street. This is also not allowed per the Brier Municipal Code (BMC).

** 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.

Community Development**Puget Sound Starts Here**

Through everyday activities, we are releasing harmful and toxic chemicals into stormwater runoff that eventually enters Puget Sound.

Vehicle Operations - Check for leaks.

Fertilizers & Herbicides - Pull and smother weeds instead of spraying. Use native plants.

Car Washing - Use commercial car washes. Wash your car on your lawn.

Pet Waste - What is left on the lawn will be washed into Puget Sound.

Household Products/Chemicals -

Choose least-toxic household cleaners and use more elbow grease.

Septic Systems - Maintain your septic system. (toilet paper only) Fix failing septic systems.

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

DOING BUSINESS IN BRIER

A **“Home Occupation” License** is necessary if you have a **business operating from your home**. If you have a State Business License and are reporting earnings to the Department of Revenue, then you need to be licensed in the City of Brier.

If you have any **contractors** or **companies** working on your property they need a **City Business License**. This is a **requirement in addition** to a State Business License.

Questions? Contact **City Hall** at **775-5440**.

Brier Wildlife Habitat: FAQ**What is a backyard wildlife habitat?**

A garden that provides year round water and includes a few native plants can qualify as a backyard wildlife habitat.

Who created and oversees the habitat program? It is a joint project of the WDFW and the National Wildlife Federation. Volunteer teams support local community habitat projects.

What is the purpose of backyard wildlife habitat?

The enjoyment of watching birds, butterflies and hummingbirds. The opportunity to spend time outdoors with children. The sense that this is something everyone can do to help offset habitat loss. A way to join a network of neighbors with similar interests.

Why should I certify my garden or property? Certification supports educational materials for schools, communities and individuals, including online resources. A full color NWF magazine comes with certification.

Does certification put any restrictions on my property? No, certification is voluntary and has no legal aspect. It is self-monitored; no one visits your property.

To learn more: Search NWF Backyard Habitat online or visit the habitat display at Brier City Hall located in the entry.

**Police Department
National Night Out**

National Night Out is a symbolic, nationwide crime prevention event that reflects the day in and day out cooperation of our citizens and police.

We invite the community to celebrate the 33rd Annual National Night Out with us on Tuesday, August 2nd at Brier Park from 6:00 PM to 8:00 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.

New Non-Emergency Number

In an effort to better serve our community and to align our county with the national standard of reserving 9-1-1 for emergency calls SNOCOM, our dispatch center, has implemented a non-emergency number so that 9-1-1 calls are answered first.

If there is an immediate emergency threat to life or property, DIAL 9-1-1
*ANY urgent/emergent medical or fire situation

*ANY in progress crime, suspicious activity, or anytime a person fears for their safety or the safety of others

**For Non-Emergencies,
call 425-775-3000**

* A crime that occurred earlier and there is no suspect information

* Situations where emergency services personnel are needed but there is no immediate danger to life or property

* A found pet or property

* Illegal firework complaints

Fireworks Rules For The 4th Of July

Fireworks are not allowed in City Parks.

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.**

Please call the Non-Emergency number for illegal fireworks complaints at 425-775-3000.

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 425-775-3000 after business hours.

Passport Services

You may apply for your passport at Brier City Hall, Tuesday & Wednesday from 9AM to 12PM and Thursday from 1PM to 4PM. 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.