

From The Mayor

More good news for our city parks; we are in the process to bring improvements to the recent addition of Mountain View Park. The Parks and Recreation Board will be meeting to discuss and recommend what playground additions should be installed. As for Hickory Way Park, The city will be scheduling a master planning discussion for future improvements to Hickory Way Park.

The City of Brier is very fortunate to have continual volunteer support from our citizens who serve on our boards and commissions. These individuals provide leadership and support for our general government investing their time on our Planning and Civil Service Commissions, Park & Recreation and Library Boards. I would like to thank all of our volunteers including the scouting organizations who continue to work to make Brier a great place to live.

Volunteer Positions

If you have an interest in serving on one of our boards or commissions (Park Board, Library Board, Planning Commission) please send us an email. These groups generally meet once per month. Contact the Mayor or City Clerk if interested in serving. Please call 425-775-5440 or email rcolinas@ci.brier.wa.us pswisher@ci.brier.wa.us.

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.

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

**Community Development
Comprehensive Plan Update**

This past year the City completed its seven year Comprehensive Plan update. This plan guides our growth and development over the next 20 years. It includes the visions, goals, objectives and policies on which major decisions are made in land use, housing, capital facilities, utilities, transportation, parks and recreation and other areas. The plan may undergo minor updates on an annual basis based on the needs and requests of the city, the next major update is scheduled for 2022.

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. Vegetation that obstructs or hinders the use of any public right-of-way or designated trail, particularly eight feet or less above a pedestrian walkway or sidewalk and fourteen feet or less above a horse trail or a paved public street, is removed.

The city may remove vegetation which obstructs or hinders the use of the public right-of-way, city-owned property, or a designated trail without providing notice to the adjacent property owner.

This is the season for landscape work so residents need to be aware that 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 BMC 8.12.040 (4).

Public Works recently sent out letters to home owners who live within short plats in Brier. The reason for the letter is to remind these home owners that it is the responsibility of all property owners in their short plat to clean and maintain the storm water system in their short plats according to our NPDES storm water permit and regulations issued by the Department of Ecology.

Commercial Vehicles Rules

City Ordinance allows commercial vehicles to be parked overnight on private property as long as the vehicle meets the following conditions:

One commercial vehicle per dwelling lot if the commercial vehicle is:

- a. Less than nineteen thousand five hundred pounds manufactured gross vehicle weight;
- b. Less than twenty-five feet long;
- c. Less than ten feet in height.

No parking is allowed on a vacant lot.

Commercial vehicles parked on City streets or in Rights-of-Way is unlawful anytime for any person, business, firm, or corporation to park or cause to be parked on the public right-of-way, any semi-trailer or truck in excess of two-ton capacity, between the hours of six p.m. to seven a.m.

For further information you may access the Brier Municipal Code at <http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/brier/> or visit City Hall and ask for Parking and Vehicle Storage Chapter 17.48 and 10.04.

Brier Birds and Community Habitat

Three natural areas have recently been added to Brier's Wildlife Habitat Project: City Light Woods, Brier Park and the Timbervale NGPA. These areas allow birds to find food and nest sites in parks with native trees, shrubs and wetlands. Brier residents can learn more about gardening for wildlife at www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx. For information about Brier birds visit: www.facebook.com/groups/Brierbirds/. The Brier Wildlife Habitat Project is a volunteer based group of residents interested in promoting gardening for wildlife in Brier.

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 34th Annual National Night Out with us on **Tuesday, August 1st** 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.

Vacation Checks

The Brier Police Department offers Security House Checks to residents while away for prolonged periods. The Security House Check forms can be found online at www.ci.brier.wa.us or at the police department office. Please submit the completed form to the Brier Police Department.

Internet Safety

The Internet offers an array of entertainment and educational resources for children but it also presents some risks. Approximately one in seven youths (10 to 17 years) experience a sexual solicitation or approach while online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is committed to helping all audiences - from kids to parents and guardians to law-enforcement officers and educators - learn the aspects of Internet safety.

- Have children use child-friendly search engines.
- Websites for children are not permitted to request personal information without a parent's permission.
- Children's screen-names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child.

NCMEC urges you to do one of the single most important things to promote safety — talk to kids about the rewards and risks of Internet use. We also encourage you to visit the following sites to educate yourself about Internet safety:

www.cybertipline.com
www.missingkids.com
www.NetSmartz.org

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. Check out the upcoming events at the Brier Library by visiting www.sno-isle.org/location/brier. There is something fun for kids or teens **every day** this summer from our Explore Summer kickoff (Saturday June 24 at 11am) through August 26!

Help Capture some of Brier's History

The city is compiling a little of Brier's history in a short book in the near future. If you have a story, old photos or newspaper clippings that could be of interest please share them with us by submitting it to info@ci.brier.wa.us.

Crosswalks & Pedestrians

With the better summer weather here more of our residents are getting out for a walk or jog. Please remember to be considerate of them at intersections; Walkers have the right of way at crossings. Washington State law requires all vehicles shall stop at intersections to allow pedestrians and bicycles to cross the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk (RCW 46.61.235).

Parks & Events

Music in the Park Night, July 19th 6:30-9:30pm.

KidScare - Friday before SeaScare

August 5th Brier Library - Noon

SeaScare - Brier Road - August 9th - 7:00 pm. Complete details are available

<http://ci.brier.wa.us/cityhall/events.htm>.

Fireworks Prohibited

As a reminder to the community for the upcoming Independence Day holiday, personal use fireworks are prohibited as they are in many other surrounding cities. In November 2015, Brier citizens were asked in an advisory vote regarding the banning of fireworks. A majority of voters voted in favor of a ban. The Council followed the voters' direction and passed a City Ordinance making it illegal to sell, possess, purchase or discharge fireworks within the City limits of Brier. By law, the Ordinance took one-year to take effect, which occurs on June 15th, 2017.