

**From The Mayor**

The city was successful in receiving grant funding from the State of Washington and Snohomish County to begin making improvements to bring ADA accessible sidewalk crossing ramps to Oak Way in the Brierwood community. We hope to begin construction later this summer/fall. Construction will be limited to those sections of sidewalk that currently do not have ramps installed.

**Police Department**  
**National Night Out Canceled**

The National Night Out Against Crime celebration for 2018 is scheduled all across America for Tuesday, August 7th. NNO is designed to: Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships while sending a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This year due to the same week being scheduled for our SeaScare parade, National Night Out activities in Brier Park are canceled in favor of a traditional celebration. The City encourages residents to turn on their porch lights and go out to meet their neighbors in the name of crime prevention. The Brier Police Department, in partnership with the Regional Fire Department and other City departments is encouraging residents to organize a neighborhood event that will bring neighbors together. Neighborhood activities could include a community “block party”, which could be as simple as a dessert potluck in a garage or a

barbecue gathering in a driveway. If you wish to close the street, contact the Brier Police Department to obtain a block closure permit.

**Summer Safety Tips**

Be aware of your surroundings and remember to:

- Keep your home and car doors secure, open / unlocked doors can be an invitation to criminals.
- Do not leave valuables or cash in your car. If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk. If you have folding rear seats make sure those are locked too.
- Be a good neighbor, alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Plan for vacation by having your mail and newspapers stopped or having a neighbor pick them up.
- Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied. Be sure to set your alarm system.

**Tips for Drivers**

- Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching for vehicles coming toward them.
- Drive safely and slowly around parks and playgrounds. More children are out playing during the summer.

Be Safe,  
Mike Catlett, Police Chief

### **Public Works Department**

Brier continues to actively seek out funding opportunities and we are happy to report we have received 90% funding from the Washington State Transportation Board to asphalt overlay the section of Poplar Way from Russet north to our city limits. It's thru these efforts we work to maintain our city streets.

Your help and patience is always appreciated during these construction times. We also encourage you to trim growing vegetation out of the right of way or from pedestrian walkways that are adjacent to your property.

### **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Requirements**

The Federal Government thru the Clean Water Act and the Washington State Department of Ecology, requires ongoing maintenance of all our stormwater conveyance systems. This includes private as well as public storm water control systems built in association with Short Plats and Subdivisions. Public Works has sent notices to Property owners with privately owned storm water systems of the State informing of the requirements for scheduled cleaning and maintenance of the underground systems. The notices explained how and what needs to be cleaned, depending on your type of system, and what to look for as far as the repair of physical structure its self, if needed.

If you have any questions please contact us at city hall.

### **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**

Check for leaks. Use substitute for copper brake pads. Ask for steel tire weights instead of lead.

#### **Fertilizers & Herbicides**

Pull and smother weeds instead of spraying. Use native plants.

#### **Car Washing**

Use commercial car washes. Wash on pervious surfaces such as a lawn.

#### **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**

Choose least-toxic alternatives for household cleaners. Use more elbow grease, fewer chemicals.

#### **Septic Systems**

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!

### Sno-Isle / Brier Library

We would like to introduce our new library manager, Kelley Murdock.

The Library is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11 AM.-7 PM., and Thursday through Saturdays, 10 AM-6 PM, Closed on Sunday and Monday.

For additional details please contact the library at 425-483-0888.

### Brier Wildlife Habitat Corner

#### Escaped Ivy

English Ivy is escaping gardens at rates not seen before. Have you found ivy that has jumped the fence, gone rogue or is otherwise out of bounds? While we weren't watching, ivy has escaped cultivation and taken up residence in natural areas, school green belts and city parks. Ivy smothers native vegetation in woodlands, crowding out native plants and depriving birds of their natural food plants and nest sites. Just as harmful, it climbs trees and eventually topples them. Ivy gives rats a perfect home where they hide undetected. For a fact sheet on ivy,

stop by the entrance to city hall or visit this website: <http://kuow.org/post/rip-ivy-out-your-yard-right-now-seriously>. In the meantime avoid planting ivy. For those who already have it, please remove the berries *before* they spread.

### **SNOHOMISH COUNTY ROAD PROJECT ON LARCH WAY CULVERT REPLACEMENT SUMMER 2018**

On Larch Way, between 28th Avenue W and Cypress Way, a pipe arch culvert under the road is deteriorating. This culvert is undersized and a partial barrier to fish. Due to the deterioration of the culvert and the fish impassability, the culvert will be replaced in the summer of 2018. A detour will be needed to complete this project.

For this project the undersized culvert will be replaced with an aluminum structural plate pipe arch culvert. The culvert will measure 53 feet in length and provide an opening that is 8.4 feet high and 14 feet wide.

#### **Timeframe**

Work is anticipated to begin in late July and conclude in August 2018.

#### **Traffic Impact**

To install the new culvert, Larch Way will be fully closed during construction from July 30th to August 10th.

This closure will be ten working days.

The detour route will be signed and utilize 28th Ave, 204th Street SW and Cypress Way.

#### **CONTACT**

For more information or to sign up for email alerts visit:

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/4038> or contact Rob Schurman at 425-262-2649 [Rob.Schurman@snoco.org](mailto:Rob.Schurman@snoco.org).

**Parks & Events**

**Music in the Park** - Brier Park - July 18th - 6:00 pm

**KidScare/TeenScare** - Friday before SeaScare August 3 Brier Library

**SeaScare** - Brier Road - August 8th - 7:00 pm.

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

**Fireworks Rules For The 4<sup>th</sup> Of July**

**Fireworks Prohibited**

Please remember, fireworks are not allowed in the City of Brier, just as they are in many other surrounding cities. By code section 8.28 makes it illegal to sell, possess, purchase or discharge fireworks within the City limits of Brier.