

Garbage Cans-Bring them in

We would like to ask for your cooperation in bringing your garbage cans back in right after garbage day. We have had several complaints from neighbors pointing out that the cans block the sidewalks and make it difficult for children and those with limited mobility. The blockage causes them to either have to walk out into the roadway or unable pass at all. Please bring your cans in within 24 hours so that we can help all of our citizen stay safe on the sidewalk.

Public Works Department
Vegetation Removal

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 to be 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 also the season for landscape work so residents need to be aware that the Brier Municipal Code (BMC) does not allow landscape materials such as 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).

Work in the right-of-way.

Per BMC 12.12.010 a City permit is required for work in the right-of-way (ROW). Some activities that require a ROW use permit include landscape work, paving, and digging/excavation to install utilities. ROW permits are required whether the work is performed by the property owner, a contractor, or the utility provider. Please remember that Washington State law requires a locate request be submitted to have all utilities located and marked before any excavation work is conducted. A locate request can be submitted by calling 811. If you are unsure of the location of the ROW, please contact City Hall. A typical reference point is your water meter as they are usually placed on the ROW edge.

Trees

Removal of trees may require a permit depending on the location and/or type of tree. Please contact the City Planner to discuss your project.

Signage - It's Garage Sale Season!

Are you planning to have a garage or yard sale? BMC allows 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 advertising signs on city street signs. It is a violation of the BMC to attach any type of signage (**yard sale, home for rent, etc**) on any traffic sign posts or utility poles. Don't forget signs must be removed once your yard sale is over. Inexpensive 1 x 2's can be purchased at most hardware stores.

RV Occupancy

As a reminder, rules for occupying recreational vehicles (RV) within the city are covered by BMC section 17.48.020.

A recreational or utility vehicle shall not be occupied by any person or persons unless it is entirely located on a lot or parcel that contains a single-family dwelling unit and the lawful occupant of the house has given permission for the person or persons to occupy the recreational or utility trailer; provided, that such occupancy does not create a public health hazard or nuisance and this occupancy shall not exceed two weeks within any six-month period.

If you have any questions contact City Hall at 425-775-5440.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Requirements

The Federal Government through the Clean Water Act and the Washington State Department of Ecology, requires ongoing maintenance of all our stormwater conveyance systems. This includes private residential systems as well as storm water control systems built in association with Short Plats and Subdivisions. Public Works sends notices to property owners informing them of the requirements for scheduled cleaning and maintenance of the systems. The notices explain how and what needs to be cleaned, depending on your type of system, and what to look for as far as the repair, if needed. Your notice will also indicate if you are required to provide documentation to the City of the required maintenance. If you have any questions please contact us at City Hall.

Sno-Isle / Brier Library

Explore Summer @ the Library

Stories for Getting Back to Sleep-Book Reading with Author Diane Gillespie on June 15th 11AM-12PM.

Eric Ode Presents: Space Dog from Planet K-9 on June 22nd 11AM – 12PM.

Explore Summer Field Day at Brier Park on August 3rd 11AM – 1PM.

KidScare on August 9th 11AM-12:30PM.

The Library is open Tuesday and Wednesday 11AM.-7PM., and Thursday through Saturday, 10AM-6PM, Closed on Sunday and Monday.

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

Police Department Traditional National Night Out

The National Night Out Against Crime celebration for 2019 is scheduled all across America for Tuesday, August 6th. 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.

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 are 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 or invite one of our officers to stop by contact the Brier Police Department to obtain a block closure permit and make your request.

Summer Crime Prevention Tips

The following crime prevention tips are recommended by the police department:

Bike Theft Prevention

- Most bikes are stolen while left unlocked. If you’re not riding it, **LOCK IT UP!**

Bike Safety Tips

- Obey the rules of the road.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding or walking.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.
- Parents should be aware of where their children are going.

Vacation Watch

- When leaving town on vacation, stop by the police department and fill out a house check form.
- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers.
- Leave a lamp on a timer.
- Always lock your home and garage.

General Safety

- Lock up your car in the evening, do not leave valuables in your car.
- If you must leave items in your car, put the items in the trunk.

- When out walking pets or exercising please wear reflective clothing so drivers can see you clearly.
- Make sure that pets are taken care of properly in the hot weather.
- Reminder no fireworks are allowed within the City limits.
- Be sure to double check entry doors, windows, garage doors to make sure they are secured properly to help deter burglaries.

Have a fun and safe summer!

Brier Wildlife Habitat Corner

Pollinators

Pollinator decline has been in the news and helping pollinators in our gardens is now a growing trend. Did you know that in 2012 and 2013 the rare Western bumble bee was found in Brier? It was first photographed in one of Brier's wildlife habitat gardens and afterward newspaper articles appeared in the Seattle Times. A pollinator garden was created at Brier-Terrace Middle School with the hope of attracting this bumble bee.

This year another pollinator garden is taking shape at the Brier Library. The Brier Wildlife Habitat Project is working with girl scouts in Troop 44378 from Brier Elementary to plant flowers and shrubs that attract butterflies and native bees. We invite the community to enjoy these gardens and gain ideas on how to grow your own garden for pollinators. For more information on gardening for wildlife visit www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.

Parks & Events

Music in the Park - Brier Park – Wednesday, July 10th - 5:30-8:00pm

KidScare/TeenScare - Friday before SeaScare August 9th Brier Library

SeaScare - Brier Road – Wednesday, August 14th - 7:00 pm.

Dog-O-Ween – Saturday in October TBD.

Holiday Tree Lighting – First Saturday, December 7th.

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

Fireworks Rules For The 4th Of July

Fireworks Prohibited

Please remember, per BMC 8.28 fireworks are **NOT** allowed within the City, just as they are not in many other surrounding cities. BMC 8.28 states it is illegal to sell, possess, purchase or discharge fireworks within the City limits of Brier.