

Public Works Department
Vegetation Removal

During the current Covid-19 situation you may notice that some areas of vegetation that have been previously maintained by City of Brier are not receiving the same level of service that has occurred in the past. The reason is that the City of Brier has an agreement with the Dept. of Corrections that utilizes low risk offenders to perform vegetation management in many areas throughout the City and due to Covid-19 this program is not currently occurring. We are attempting to prioritize requests and perform vegetation work with City staff in areas where responsibility falls on the City to maintain. We are taking this opportunity to remind everyone that many areas of public right-of-way or planting strips that have been maintained by the City, through the above mentioned program, are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to perform the vegetation maintenance per BMC 8.12.040 (A). Now that resources are limited, please be aware that the City is limited in our ability to maintain these areas, therefore we are requesting property owners maintain the vegetation adjacent to their properties.

Also 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).

Park Facility Closures

With Governor Inslee’s "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order currently in effect, the City of Brier is doing our part to adhere and help fight the spread of illness. Parks currently remain open to use while park users are reminded to practice recommended guidelines such as “social distancing”. Some Park amenities such as the Skateboard Park, playground & exercise equipment, group use of athletics fields, and group use of the shelter currently remain closed. We ask that you obey posted closure signage and do not remove caution tape or enter padlocked gates to use the closed park amenities. We are currently discussing when to safely start opening the closed amenities through the “Safe Start Washington” plan, phased approach to re-opening. Currently we believe that

many of the closed amenities may begin opening up for use during phase 3.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Police Department **Traditional National Night Out**

The National Night Out Against Crime celebration for 2020 is scheduled all across America for Tuesday, August 4th. 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.

- 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!

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).

Wildlife Habitat Corner

Garden for Health and Help Pollinators

Honey bees aren't the only pollinators that need help. Native pollinators like bumble bees and butterflies are also in decline. To give native pollinators a better chance of survival, these early flowering native shrubs make a welcome addition to gardens. Red-flowering currant, mock orange, evergreen huckleberry, western serviceberry and vine maple flower in spring when native bees emerge and search for nectar and pollen. Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides that often harm non-target species such as bees. An on-line guide for gardening for bees can be found at www.bee-friendlier.com/get-involved/#Plant-Wildflowers The Brier Wildlife Habitat Project invites you to visit pollinator gardens at

Brier Library and Brier Terrace Middle School.

www.nwf.org/GardenForWildlife.aspx

Fireworks Rules For The 4th Of July

Fireworks Prohibited

Please remember, per BMC 8.28 fireworks are **NOT** allowed within the City. BMC 8.28 states it is illegal to sell, possess, purchase or discharge fireworks within the City limits of Brier.

Parks & Events

SeaScare-TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED/TBD
Brier Road –Wednesday, August 12th-
7:00pm.

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>