

From the Desk of the Mayor

It has been my privilege to serve as your mayor now for almost a year. I have learned a lot and enjoyed the experience. One of the most delightful parts is interacting with Brier citizens and Brier staff. As a city, we are fortunate to have so many caring and involved residents and dedicated employees.

If you have questions about the budget, ordinances, parks, infrastructure, the Police Department, streets, recent development, or future planning, please give me a call at City Hall (425-775-5440) or email me at dkaemingk@ci.brier.wa.us. In addition, please feel free to reach out to City staff as they are knowledgeable and available to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Our city website has information on many topics. We welcome your participation in City Council meetings which are currently on Zoom Tuesday evenings, see the website for login info.

Brier is a great place to live and work. I am doing what I can to keep it that way.

Mayor Dale Kaemingk

Public Works Department
Sewer System Maintenance

The City of Brier has contracted with Aqualis to clean, and video inspect the public sanitary sewer lines to ensure they are functioning efficiently and protecting local watersheds. You may see Aqualis equipment and personnel working in the

street, rights-of-way, and sewer easements to accomplish this work over the next several months. Possible impacts to residents may include minor traffic disruptions along with potentially hearing the sound of toilets and other plumbing fixtures in your home bubbling with air and water. This is a common occurrence when high pressured jets of water are being used to clear sanitary sewer lines. It is advised that you attempt to keep toilet seats down while this work is occurring in your neighborhood. This is also a good time to remind residents to never flush wipes down toilets as they create blockages in both public and private sewer lines.

Vegetation Removal

During the current Covid-19 situation you may notice that some areas of vegetation that have been previously maintained by the 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 have been in conversation with Dept. of Corrections staff and are hopeful that work crews may be able to assist the City of Brier later in the year, but this has not been confirmed to date as we await to hear further details. We are attempting to prioritize requests and perform vegetation work in areas where the 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.

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.

No Roosters

Reminder roosters are not allowed in the City of Brier. You can read more in Brier Municipal Code chapter 6, specifically 6.20.080.

Cats

Please be courteous to your neighbors and remember that our animal nuisance code extends to cats as well as dogs. You can read more in Brier Municipal Code chapter 6, specifically 6.24.010(a).

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 inspections, cleaning, and maintenance of the systems. 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.

To assist property owners in understanding the systems and their responsibilities, the City is partnering with Snohomish Conservation District to offer training. The training is scheduled for August 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The training will be held virtually and available for viewing on the city's website. Find out more and register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stormwater-detention-awareness-class-for-brier-residents-tickets-157703614757>.

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

Home Occupation Licensing

If a resident is operating a business from their home in Brier, a Home Occupation business license is required. Along with the online application through the Department of Revenue/Business Licensing Services (BLS), we require a questionnaire about the business to be completed to make sure that certain criteria are met according to the Brier Municipal Code. The questionnaire can be found at

http://ci.brier.wa.us/Brier_Forms/business/homeoccupationcriteria.pdf.

To start this process, it is as simple as calling (360)705-6741, accessing www.bls.dor.wa.gov and creating or signing into your Secure Access Washington (SAW) account and follow the prompts. In December 2020, the city partnered with the Department of Revenue/Business Licensing Service and transitioned our business licensing services to them. Our partnership with BLS has allowed new and renewing businesses to apply for their City of Brier business license online along with connecting to state and local agencies that partner with BLS.

Police Department Traditional National Night Out

The National Night Out Against Crime celebration for 2021 is scheduled all across America for Tuesday, August 3rd. 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.

The men and women of the Brier Police Department appreciate all the community members support and please feel free to contact your Police Department anytime for assistance.

Summer Crime Prevention Tips

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

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.

General Safety

- Lock your car, don’t leave valuables in your car. If you must leave items in your car, put them in the trunk.
- When out walking pets or exercising wear reflective clothing so drivers can see you clearly.
- Check doors, windows, garage doors to make sure they are secured properly to help deter burglaries.

Have a fun and safe summer!

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.

Wildlife Habitat Corner

Backyard Greenbelts

Many residences in Brier have a natural area, wetland, or greenbelt behind the backyard. These greenbelts allow migrating birds to move through our community. They give native bees and butterflies a place to nest in the summer and complete lifecycles by overwintering. The rest of us can plant a native tree or two such as vine maple, serviceberry, or cascara to help connect greenbelts for birds and pollinators. In autumn, leave the leaves on the ground as birds will forage and find natural food in all seasons. By creating an area for birds and butterflies, gardens supply much needed sanctuary. The Brier Wildlife Habitat Project *invites you to garden with a purpose* and support birds, amphibians, and pollinators. To learn more, go to <https://www.nwf.org/certify>.

Brier Library

The library is open for limited in-building services. Our hours are Tuesday/Wednesday 12 p.m.-7 p.m., Thursday/Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sunday/Monday.

Current restrictions: Wear a face covering that covers both the nose and mouth (ages 2+), Maintain social distancing, maintain customer occupancy limit.

[Contact-free services](#) are also available.

Summer Reading Program for Kids and Teens is June 21-September 12th Read for 10 hours and earn a book - Visit the library or go to sno-isle.org for more details.

Parks & Events

SeaScare- Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Dog-O-Ween – Saturday October 30th, 2pm.

Holiday Tree Lighting – First Saturday, December 4th. Complete details are available at <http://ci.brier.wa.us/cityhall/events.htm>