

From the Desk of the Mayor

I am pleased to report that several good things are happening in our lovely City.

- Please read the update from Chief Almquist regarding our Brier Police Department. I am excited about the new staff and training updates that he & Lieutenant Ridout are focusing on.
- We are working with our City Engineer to complete the permitting & drawings for the Brierwood pedestrian bridge repairs. Our hope is to select a contractor and complete the construction work this summer.
- The Brier City Council and Planning Commission meetings are back to in person at City Hall. See our website for dates and times. Brier residents are encouraged to come, participate, and better understand our city government.
- I am also pleased to report that we are gathering more information on our sewer utilities & our stormwater systems. Our goal is to keep them maintained and functioning well.
- I am working with other local elected officials on several issues. Some of them are County wide Emergency Management, Sno911, affordable housing, transportation funding, crime and policing and Department of Ecology updates.

As always, I enjoy hearing from Brier residents. Please feel free to call or email me at City Hall. 425 775 5440 and dkaemingk@ci.brier.wa.us.

Mayor Dale Kaemingk

Public Works Department

Vegetation Removal

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 has been severely cut. Dept. of Corrections work crews will only be able to assist the City of Brier about once a month. 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 previously 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). 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.

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 walk out into the roadway or unable pass at all. Please bring your cans in within 24 hours so that we can help all our citizen stay safe on the sidewalk.

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 1x2s can be purchased at most hardware stores.

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. You will receive a notice from Public Works 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 at 425-775-5440.

Stormwater Training

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 4 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The training will be held virtually and available for viewing on the city's website. A walking tour to visit several detention ponds near City Hall is planned for August 11 from 3:30-5:00. Find out more and register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/detention-pond-webinar-for-brier-residents-tickets-355237905137>

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.

Brier Library

Beginning July 1st, library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11am-7pm, Friday and Saturday 10am-6pm. In person story times are now held the last Wednesday of each month at Brier Park, 10:30am – 11:30am. Visit the library or go to sno-isle.org for more details.

Wildlife Habitat Corner

Wildlife Habitat Garden Volunteers

The beautiful flowers at Brier Library are maintained by a small group of volunteers who tend the pollinator garden. The current team would like to invite Brier residents to participate in keeping Brier Library beautiful. Please leave your name and contact information with library staff if you would like to help. The Wildlife Habitat Volunteer Coordinator will contact those who leave their name with either an email or phone # for contact information. Work parties take place three or four times a year, as needed.

The Brier Wildlife Habitat Project would also like to form "Ivy Out" teams to remove English ivy from Brier's parks and greenbelts. As few as two individuals, or as many as a scout troop can make a difference in the health of Brier's woodlands. English ivy covers native vegetation and becomes a home to rats. Ivy climbs trees, taking water from tree roots during the dry summer months. The weight of ivy and the stress of reduced water increases the chance that trees could topple in a windstorm.

To become a wildlife habitat gardener visit www.nwf.org/certify. There are 140 wildlife habitat gardens in Brier. Our gardens can make a difference for birds and pollinators. Thank you!

Police Department

Update and Special Events

2022 has been an amazing transitional period for the Brier Police Department. I am humbled and blessed to be your Police Chief. Every vacant position will be filled by the end of June. The members of the department are excited to serve and become invested in the safety of its residents. We have worked very hard to make sure that the selected staff are the best fit and most qualified to enhance our services to you. Our current staff has a combined 70 years of law enforcement experience!

The city council, staff and residents have been very welcoming of myself and new officers. Brier is truly an amazing and supportive community to serve and thrive.

We are bringing back National Night Out to Brier! This will be held at Brier Park on August 2nd. We have multiple vendors, food, entertainment, and other activities planned. We will be introducing two more community programs as we lead up to National Night Out. For more information, please see our Facebook Page @BrierPoliceDepartment.

As always, the men and women of the Brier Police Department are here to serve you in any way possible. If you see something suspicious or a crime in progress, please call 911 immediately.

Dog-Walker Watch Program

The Brier Police Department is launching the Dog Walker Watch Program, in partnership with National Night Out, as our crime prevention program focus. Dog Walker Watch encourages the local community to assist

the Brier Police Department in being the extra eyes and ears while out walking their dog. Dog Walker Watch isn't solely for dog owners, but includes walkers, runners and the general community to participate in this program. The Brier Police Department will be hosting an informational presentation at Brier City Hall on July 20th at 7:00pm. For more information about the program go to www.natw.org/dog-walker-watch.

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

Music in the Park – July 13th, time TBD.

SeaScare- August 10th, 7pm.

Dog-O-Ween – Saturday in October TBD.

Holiday Tree Lighting – First Saturday, December 3rd. Complete details available at <http://ci.brier.wa.us/cityhall/events.htm>

CITY OF BRIER IS HIRING

We have several Public Works positions available and would love your help in recruiting new staff. We have competitive pay and benefits packages. Please check out the employment page on our website and submit application to pswisher@ci.brier.wa.us.

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