

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

In our efforts to be more efficient, I have introduced our first fuel efficient police car. When fuel prices spiked in 2009, the city went looking at how cost reductions could be made. We explored fuel efficient, effective patrol cars. We selected the Chevrolet Equinox. We expect to improve our gas mileage by 2/3 in the working patrol environment over the existing full size vehicles. The new car is fuel efficient, all-wheel drive for winter driving and has a back seat large enough to transport suspects. Our new vehicle has been on the road for several weeks now and as we replace patrol cars we plan to replace with a fuel efficient fleet in the coming years.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Help Save Puget Sound What we do here, at our homes, is having a serious impact on our local waterways and ultimately on Puget Sound. Throughout the 12 counties that border Puget Sound there are thousands of storm drains and

streams pouring polluted water into the Sound's delicate ecosystem.

Our actions on land pollute the Sound with yard chemicals, oil, grease, soap, and bacteria from pet waste and failing septic systems. Approximately 75% of all pollution in Puget Sound comes from storm water runoff that starts in our neighborhoods. This untreated storm water flows over roads and yards and into storm drains and ditches. It empties directly into streams, rivers and lakes and winds its way into Puget Sound - where it stays.

But together, we can fix it. By changing a few of the things we do in our yards, with our cars, around our dogs and in our homes, we can help save Puget Sound at its source. For more information visit www.pugetsoundstartshere.org.

PASSPORTS

You can apply for your passport and have your photo taken at Brier City Hall,

Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. For further information please contact Brier City Hall at 425-775-5440.

SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY

Libraries are busier than ever.

Did you know at the library you can:

Use the readily available resources to find and apply for jobs?

Stop by to check out our wide selection of free entertainment DVDs and music CDs. Use the free Worldwide Newspapers Database to Read the world's leading newspapers in their original format.

Get live Homework Help, Skills Building and Writing Workshop for grades 3-12. College students may also find the skills review and writing workshop helpful. One-to-one online tutors are available from 1-10 pm, seven days per week.

Learn to Knit or Crochet. The Brier KnitWits meet every 1st and 3rd Monday at 7pm.

Attend library programs for all ages, such as our **Winter Extravaganza, Origami Comes Alive** with master storyteller and radio personality Debbie Deutsch. This program for school age audience begins at 1pm on December 28, 2009.

Visit the Sno-Isle Libraries website (<http://www.sno-isle.org>) for additional program information as well as the many databases and millions of items available to you through your library.

The *Friends of the Brier Library* is a non-profit organization that fundraises to support programs at your library. Join the *Friends* and give back to your community and the library. *Friends'* memberships annually cost \$5 for an individual, \$15 for a family, \$25 for an organization, or a lifetime membership for \$100. For more information, visit us at our monthly meeting held the 1st Tuesday (September through June) at 7pm in the Library. The *Friends* also host an ongoing book sale in the library lobby. Drop by the library during open hours and check out the selection of gently used items.

Find out more by calling 425-483-1468 or visit www.sno-isle.org.

See you at the library!

PARKS

The Park Board is very excited to see the progress on the Bob Cat Park project. The new play set is installed, and work is ongoing on parking area

improvements. Stop by and check it out!

Look for our new Park Link Trail system, now with signage posted throughout the city defining walking paths between our parks.

Upcoming events - Tree Lighting - December 5. Santa arrives at 6:30 pm - Brier Park.

Mark Your Calendars - Traditional Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 3 - 10:00 am start - ages 3 to 10 - Brier Park.

We are always seeking volunteers to help us in our parks and at our events. It is very easy to sign up - just visit the website: <http://ci.brier.wa.us/community/volunteer.htm>

PUBLIC WORKS

As fall is here and winter is approaching your Public Works Department is reminding citizens that they can make a difference when it comes to flooding. Home owners who have open ditches in front of your property - check to see that nothing is hung up in the culverts under driveways that would cause the ditch to overflow. A rake and/or a shovel can clear the tops of catch basins very

quickly, and prevent a minor problem from becoming a larger issue. This is especially true evenings and on weekends, outside of the City's normal working hours.

If we have a snow event, hopefully not one like last year, please be prepared! Proper footwear and warm clothing are a must if you get stuck and have to walk. Clear the snow off all the windows of your vehicle to see properly, not just the front window. Good snow tires are important; otherwise all you do is create a hazard for yourself and others when you are stuck in the middle of the road. If we do get a fair amount of snow, like last year, Public Works cannot clear the outer edges of the roads so people can get their garbage cans out for pick up. All we can do is open the road enough so two vehicles can make it by each other. Our job is to keep the streets open and passable for the public and for emergency vehicles. In doing that, we may push snow into your driveway even after you already cleared it.

Storm events of any kind can be a real burden on the elderly if power is lost or we have heavy rains or other problems. Check on your neighbors. As always,

you may contact Public Works at 425-775-5440 ext-111 or at bpworks@ci.brier.wa.us. After hours, call 911.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY WATCH We have a community watch members list that you can be on by sending me your email address at dlane@ci.brier.wa.us . I then email to our citizens items such as weekly police beat, press releases and other items of interest.

FINGERPRINTING We also do fingerprinting, if you need it. For further information please contact the Brier Police Department at 425-775-5452.

HOUSE CHECKS For those of you getting ready to head south for the winter, fill out a request for us to check your house while you are away. The Security House Check forms can be found on line at ci.brier.wa.us or at the police department office. Please submit the completed form to the Brier Police Department.