

**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
MAYOR**

With the economic down turn that we all have been experiencing, I want to report our City is holding strong. The Council, Staff and I continue to look and find effective ways of conducting our City's business while working to manage our costs. I still believe in reasonable public services at a reasonable cost.

State shared revenues to our City continue to drop as the State also deals with these hard times. The 2012 operating budget for our city will maintain all of the services we rely on. You will see a small increase in your storm water utility costs in 2012 that is due to the State of Washington's mandated Storm Water Management requirements imposed upon all Cities.

As in the past we have been fortunate to obtain grant dollars that have made it possible to make park improvements such as the skate park feature in Brier Park. Again this year we have been able to obtain grant monies from Snohomish County that will assist to facilitate the first phase of the Locust Creek Park development bringing trail connections that will link Vine road and Hickory way enhancing our walking / jogging opportunities. We have been very fortunate to have acquired grant funding for both of these projects.

The City Council and I continue to work together to make our City one of the best places to live. I encourage you to come and enjoy programs such as the tree lighting, Egg Hunt and the SeaScare parade that our community

volunteers put on. And by the way, next time you see a Park Board, Planning Commissioner, Civil Service Commissioner or Library Board member, please thank them for their dedicated volunteer service to our community. Without them we would not enjoy our community as much as we do.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Bob Colinas

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**COMMUNITY WATCH**

The Police Department offers a Community Watch members list; citizens may request to be added to the list by sending their email address to: [dlane@ci.brier.wa.us](mailto:dlane@ci.brier.wa.us). Members will be provided notifications such as weekly police beat, press releases and other items of interest.

**FOUND PROPERTY**

Numerous found property items are released to the Brier Police Department on a daily basis such as bicycles, jewelry, wallets, sporting equipment and clothing, etc... left at the local parks. If you have lost an item in Brier, please contact the Brier Police Department at 425-775-5452 to report your lost or stolen property as the item may have been located and awaiting owner identification. Found property items are held at the Police Department for 60 days prior to disposal or auction.

**VACATION CHECKS**

The Brier Police Department offers Security House Checks to residents while away vacationing or for prolonged periods. The Security

House Check forms can be found on line at <http://www.ci.brier.wa.us> or at the police department office. Please submit the completed form to the Brier Police Department.

**SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY**

Brier Library offers storytimes every Wednesday evening and Friday morning where children (and you) hear fun stories, enjoy interactive songs, play games, and create crafts—all while absorbing early literacy skills.

**CONCERN FOR NEIGHBORS  
FOOD BANK**

There is a collection barrel located in our lobby. Please help support our neighbors in need by dropping off non-perishable items. We will keep the barrel year round to help support our neighbors in need.

Programs for adults include our ongoing Coupon Exchange every first Monday of the month at 12pm. The Brier KnitWits meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Learn a needlecraft while chatting about books in an informal setting.

**LINKS TO LEARNING**

Brier Elementary would like to invite you to get involved by volunteering in a new program we are starting: Links to Learning. We are looking for adult volunteers to help us create a program that brings people of the community together with the children of our school in a formatted, but fun setting to work with our kids on their academic needs: reading and fact fluency (math facts). We are looking for adults who can spend approximately 2 hours at school on any given afternoon working with our kids 1st through 6th grade. If you are interested or would like to get more information, please contact our parent representatives at [links2learning@comcast.net](mailto:links2learning@comcast.net).

Did you know you can download books to your e-readers free from the Sno-Isle Website? Find out which e-reader best suits your needs at our eReader Expo December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Technology experts from Best Buy will be at the library to answer your questions and demonstrate how to use all kinds of library compatible eReaders.

Check out the Sno-Isle Libraries Website, [www.sno-isle.org](http://www.sno-isle.org) for a listing of other upcoming programs and classes for Children, Teens and Adults.

**PASSPORTS**

The City of Brier provides full Passport Services. You may apply for your passport at the Brier City Hall, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Passport photo service is also available making the endeavor a one stop and shop service. For further information please contact Brier City Hall at 425-775-5440 or 425-775-5452

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.sno-isle.org).

See you at the library!

**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](http://www.pugetsoundstartshere.org).

**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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

This fall and winter the Brier Public Works Department will be trimming trees and bushes throughout the City. The Brier Municipal Code, section 8.12.020, Nuisances Designated states:

“Trees and bushes can be no less than 8 feet above the sidewalk and no less than 12 feet above the street surface”, they also can not encroach into the sidewalk from the side.

Public Works would like to see property owners trim their trees and bushes to meet the BMC requirements. If not Public Works will trim the trees and bushes as required to meet our code requirements.

Public Works 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 shovel can clear the tops of catch basins very quickly, and prevent a minor problem from becoming a larger issue.

If we have a snow event, please be prepared! Please consider your safety and the safety of others if you need to drive in the snow. Public Works will make every reasonable effort to keep the streets open and passable. Our main priority will be for emergency vehicles. We apologize ahead of time if we 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 or at [bpworks@ci.brier.wa.us](mailto:bpworks@ci.brier.wa.us). After hours, call 911.

There is an opening on the Brier Library Board. This is a pro-active group who meet at 7:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of alternating months. Please contact the Mayor if interested in serving on City Commissions and Boards.

**SEWER / STORMWATER**

Please note the get-a-month free on your sewer/stormwater billing for 2012, will be eliminated this year. As the Washington State Auditor pointed out an error with this practice.

Upcoming events - Tree Lighting - December 3rd. Santa arrives at 6:30 pm - Brier Park.

Mark Your Calendars - Traditional Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 7th - 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>