

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.

WINTER WEATHER:

What to Expect and How to Help:

The City is making every effort to prepare for storms, and as citizens, you can too. Here are a few examples of what you can do to help:

- Remove debris such as leaves and packed snow from storm drains. This will alleviate drainage problems along roadways and prevent melted snow from refreezing and becoming a bigger safety issue.
- Move vehicles from the side of streets for snow plows to get by. When your vehicles are off the road, snow plows have an easier time clearing the streets for your safety. It also prevents the possibility of your vehicle getting trapped behind or high centering on a snow bank.
- Cover and wrap hose bibs in the front and back of your house to prevent freezing in pipes. By wrapping your outside spigots, you keep the cold from creeping into the pipes in your house and reduce the risk of freezing and breaking.
- Prepare a three-day emergency kit. Now is the time to gather emergency items such as enough food and water for your family for three days, flashlights and batteries, first-aid, and other essential comfort items. Have an emergency kit for both your home and your car. Visit

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit> for more information and ideas.

- Property owners remember: it is your responsibility to clear driveways and sidewalks. Many of our children still walk to school or bus stops in bad weather. You can help keep them safe by clearing a path for them in front of your home or business.
- Be safe and drive carefully! Use extreme caution while driving in inclement weather of any kind. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and always yield to service vehicles such as plows, sanders, and busses.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

There is an opening on the Brier Library Board. This is a proactive group who meet at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of alternating months. Please contact the Mayor or City Clerk if interested in serving on City Commissions and Boards.

rcolinas@ci.brier.wa.us or
pswisher@ci.brier.wa.us.

SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY

Having trouble finding a good book? In addition to print material, the Brier Library offers many titles in audio or ebook format. Access your favorite music or download something new.

Learn to Knit or Crochet at the Brier Library. The Brier KnitWits meet every 1st and 3rd Monday at 7pm. Basic Computer classes are offered to adults on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 11:15am.

Join us for special school age programs during Winter Break. On Wednesday, January 2nd listen to songs and stories about frogs, whales and giants, and make your own foolish frog puppet! On Friday, January 4th hear magical tales of trolls, fairies and elves. Discover the best times for seeing them, too! Both programs begin at 2pm.

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

The Friends of the Brier Library is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support programs at your library. Join the Friends and give back to your community and the library. Friends of the Library annual membership fees are only \$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 4th Monday (September through June) at 7pm in the Library. The Friends also host an ongoing book sale in the library. Drop by during open hours and check out the selection of gently used items.

Find out more about the library and programs, by calling 425-483-1468 or visit www.sno-isle.org. See you at the library!

INTERNET SAFETY

The Internet offers an array of entertainment and educational resources for children but it also presents some risks. Approximately one in seven youths (10 to 17 years) experience a sexual solicitation or approach while online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is committed to helping all audiences - from kids to parents and guardians to law-enforcement officers and educators - learn the aspects of Internet safety.

With the upcoming winter breaks from school, you can't watch kids every minute, but you can use strategies to help them benefit from the Internet and avoid its risks. NCMEC urges you to do one of the single most important things to promote safety — talk to kids about the rewards and risks of Internet use. We also encourage you to visit the following sites to educate yourself about Internet safety:

www.cybertipline.com
www.missingkids.com
www.NetSmartz.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

Per Brier Municipal Code 8.28.010, "In accordance with RCW 70.77.395, as amended, the use or discharge of consumer fireworks are expressly prohibited within the City of Brier, except for the 4th of July. If you have any questions regarding the prohibited use of fireworks during New Year's celebrations please contact the Brier Police Department during business hours at 425-775-5452.

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. Members will be

provided notifications such as weekly police beat, press releases and other items of interest.

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.

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 cannot 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. After hours, call 911.

Doing Business in Brier

A “Home Occupation” License is necessary if you have a business operating from your home. If you have a State Business License & you listed your business address in Brier then you need to be licensed in the City of Brier.

If you have any contractors or companies working on your property they need a City Business License. This is a requirement in addition to a State Business License. For questions contact the City at 425-775-5440.

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 which 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.

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

PARKS

Upcoming events - Tree Lighting -
December 1st. Santa arrives at 6:30
pm - Brier Park.

Mark Your Calendars - Traditional
Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 30th -
10:00 am sharp – divided into age
groups up 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](http://ci.brier.wa.us/community/volunteer.htm)