

BRIER TURNS 50

This next February 11, 2015 our city will be 50 years old. Brier was incorporated on this day in February 1965. Keep an eye out for announcements as we are planning to celebrate our 50th birthday throughout the year at each of our gatherings.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Brier adds a new park at Hickory and Poplar Way.

We completed the purchase of 5.5 acres of park land located near Hickory and Old Poplar Way. Funding was provided entirely from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Funding grant program. The grant provides for purchase of non active park lands, encouraging conservation of open space and wildlife habitat. We look forward to planning future improvements at this site.

Take the Parks and Recreation Survey.

As we work to review our City's Comprehensive plan we are asking you to fill out our survey of questions regarding what park elements to work on in the future. Please visit the website listed below as your opinion is valued and we would like your input.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BrierParks>

Upcoming events,

Mark Your Calendars

Tree Lighting – Saturday, December 6th. Santa arrives at 6:00 pm - Brier Park.

Traditional Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 5th - 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 –visit our website:

<http://ci.brier.wa.us/community/volunteer.htm>

FEET FIRST WALKING PROGRAM

With the construction of the new walkways in Brier Park, made possible by a Verdant Health grant, the city is developing a walking program to promote a healthy community. Watch our website for more information on this program in coming months. www.ci.brier.wa.us.

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.

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.

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

PASSPORTS SERVICES AND FINGERPRINTING

The City of Brier provides full Passport Services including photos. Services are available at Brier City Hall, Tuesday & Wednesday, between 9:00AM - 12:00PM and Thursday between 1:00-4:00PM.

Fingerprinting is available Tuesday through Thursday from 9AM to 12PM and 2:30-4PM. For further information please contact Brier City Hall at 425-775-5440 or 425-775-5452.

Please note we only accept check or cash and you must present current identification.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY WATCH We have a community watch members list that you can be on by sending Chief Catlett your email address at mcatlett@ci.brier.wa.us. We will then post items such as weekly police beat, press releases and other items of interest on our website at www.ci.brier.wa.us.

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 <http://ci.brier.wa.us/emergency/homesecuritychecks.htm> or at the police department office. Please submit the completed form to the Brier 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.

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.

- Have children use child-friendly search engines.
- Websites for children are not permitted to request personal information without a parent’s permission.
- Children’s screen-names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child.

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

SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY

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

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

Library Hours:

Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Noon to 8 PM
Wednesday	Noon to 8 PM
Thursday	Noon to 8 PM.
Friday	Noon to 6 PM.
Saturday	11 AM to 5 PM.

See you at the library!

SEWER RATES

This upcoming year you will see an increase in your bi-monthly sewer costs. The increase is solely due to the increased fees King County Metro charges to treat the sewer coming from our city. Please note Brier is not asking for or receiving any additional fees. The increase you will see is a pass thru to the King County Metro Sewer Division.

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.