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WINTER 2015

BRIER TURNS 50

We would like to thank everyone for joining us throughout the year at the various events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our City.

We look forward to the next 50 years.

PARKS AND RECREATION

**Upcoming events,
Mark Your Calendars**

Tree Lighting – Saturday, December 5th. Santa arrives at 6:00 pm - Brier Park.

Traditional Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 26th - 10:00 am start - ages 3 to 10 - Brier Park.

**Spring "Brier on the Move"
Walking Challenge.**

Keep your eyes on our website for details later this winter. Free pedometers are still available at City Hall while supplies last.

Find results from our previous challenges, a walking map of Brier at <http://ci.brier.wa.us/onthemovechallenge/>

Check out the photos of our events. <http://ci.brier.wa.us/community/photos.htm>

**CONCERN FOR NEIGHBORS
FOOD BANK**

Please help support our neighbors in need by dropping off non-perishable items. We keep a barrel in our lobby year round to help support our neighbors in need.

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.

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.

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

SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY

Brier Library is now on Facebook. Connect with us at www.facebook.com/brierlibrary to receive library updates, reading suggestions, program information for all ages, and a little bookish fun!

Upcoming Holiday Closures at the Library are:

December 24th: Close early at 3:00pm, December 25th, December 31st: Close early at 5:00pm and January 1st.

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.

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. To report activity call 9-1-1.

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

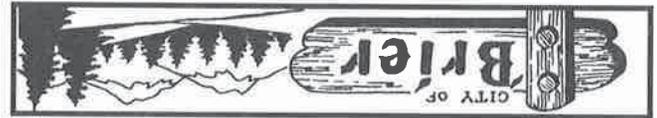
www.NetSmartz.org

Please call 9-1-1 to report suspicious people, activity or vehicles. All calls emergency or otherwise must go through the 9-1-1 dispatch center. Thank you.

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PASSPORTS SERVICES AND FINGERPRINTING

Passport Services including photos are available: Tuesday/Wednesday 9AM-12PM and Thursday 1-4PM. For questions call 425-775-5440.

Fingerprinting is available Tuesday/Wednesday 2:30-4PM and Thursday from 9AM-12PM. We recommend that you call ahead. For further information please contact Brier City Hall at 425-775-5452.

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

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PARKS ACHIEVE WILDLIFE HABITAT CERTIFICATION

The City would like to thank Julie O’Donald for her help with getting three of our parks certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Locust Creek Park, Brier Wood Park and our newest park Hickory Park have all been recognized as mini-refuges for our wildlife.

To find out how you can turn your backyard into a mini-refuge visit www.nwf.org. Or contact the Brier Wildlife Habitat Project at silveryblue@frontier.com.