

PARKS AND RECREATION

Upcoming events,

Mark Your Calendars

Tree Lighting – Saturday, December 3rd. Santa arrives at 6:00 pm - Brier Park.

Traditional Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 15th - 10:00 am start - ages 3 to 10 - Brier Park.

**Watch for Hickory Park
Master Plan Meeting**

We will be hosting a community meeting in the coming months to discuss future planning for the yet to be improved Hickory Park. This is a passive park and we would like to receive feedback from you on how to best utilize it. Please keep an eye out for announcements about this meeting as we encourage you to join us.

**SEWER/STORMWATER RATES
FOR 2017**

Annually the providers of sewer treatment to our city review the rates they charge to accept our sewage wastewater. Our wastewater flows through King County Metro and Alderwood Water & Wastewater District trunking lines. We have received notices from both agencies of their planned increases for the conveyance of wastewater transferred to their systems resulting in increased sewer charges for the 2017 year. These are pass-through charges; please note the City is not increasing its rates for sewer simply recouping the increased charges. Also note our storm water management rates will be

increased allowing the City to meet the Federal and State permitting requirements imposed on us under the Clean Water Act.

Rates for 2017 are as follows:

Wastewater that flows through Alderwood Water District lines, the rate will be \$164.06 monthly and for wastewater that flows through King County Metro the rate will be \$132.56 monthly. Of those rates our Storm Water rate for 2017 is \$21.00 bi-monthly.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works seeks your help in trimming trees and bushes that stem from your property in our efforts to keep our walkways passable.

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.

Low Impact Development (LID) Codes are Coming to Brier!

The City of Brier is required under the Federal Clean Water Act to ensure that stormwater runoff does not pollute our streams, lakes, wetlands, or Puget Sound. Stormwater runoff is rain or snowmelt which flows over land and paved surfaces without being absorbed into the ground. As it travels over impervious surfaces such as streets, parking lots, and roofs, it accumulates pollutants that contribute to water quality problems when left untreated.

In Washington State, the Department of Ecology (DOE) administers what is called the “National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System” (NPDES) Permit on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This permit, issued every six (6) years, describes what counties and cities must do in order to meet Federal and State standards for water quality.

Under the current NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit that applies to Brier, development regulations are required that incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) as the preferred method of construction by December 31, 2016. LID is a method of developing property in a way that mimics natural drainage processes and encourages infiltrating and treating stormwater runoff on-site. Over time, this helps to reduce flooding, lower infrastructure costs, and improve habitat.

Brier is currently in the process of adopting code amendments which seek to minimize stormwater runoff, reduce the loss of native vegetation, and establish requirements for landscaping and parking lots. Staff’s goals while developing these codes

were to ensure that the requirements were clear, reasonable, and did not require existing properties to come into compliance until substantial changes were proposed.

You are invited to review the proposed code changes, available at city hall.

For questions or comments, please contact Lauren Balisky, Interim City Planner, at (425) 775-5440 or cityplanner@ci.brier.wa.us.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safe Winter Driving: Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This information provides safety information to residents to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

Maintain Your Car: Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

Have On Hand: flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow

brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. *For long trips, add* food and water, medication and cell phone. Remember if the roads are icy and you are out of the car standing along the roadway you put yourself at high-risk of being injured, stay in the car and call for roadside assistance if possible.

Pets: In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Make sure your four-footed family members stay safe and warm by keeping your dog or cat indoors or in a safe heated shelter with food and water.

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.

SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs:
December 20th at 2:00 PM: Still Bored? Games, Games (ages 5-11)
December 27th at 5:30 PM: Digital Downloads - OverDrive
December 28th at 2:00 PM: Solids, Liquids, and Chemical Creations (ages 6-11; registration required)
December 29th at 2:00 PM: Read-Aloud Party! (ages 5-11)
January 3rd at 5:30 PM: Digital Downloads – Zinio, Freegal, and Hoopla
Like the library on Facebook at www.facebook.com/brierlibrary.

**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 & Thursday 2:30-4:30PM for **Brier Residents only**. 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.

BRIER WILDLIFE HABITAT

The Brier Wildlife Habitat Project promotes gardening for birds, butterflies and pollinators. Habitat gardens may include a pond with frogs, dragonflies and water lilies or could be an area with trees and native plants. These gardens may be as small as an apartment balcony, even a flowering plant with nectar is habitat to a hummingbird.

Brier Library and Fire Station #18 recently joined three city parks in addition to *Brier Elementary* and *Brier-Terrace Middle School* as certified habitats with the National Wildlife Federation's community habitat program. *Would you like to certify your own backyard habitat? To learn more visit: nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx.*