

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Spring is here and this is a great season to get outdoors and spend some time working in your yard. A well maintained yard can increase the attractiveness of your home as well as your neighborhood. Be considerate of your neighbor by removing weeds and other invasive plants that can spread throughout the neighborhood. It is also neighborly to remove trash, inoperable vehicles, and other debris from your yard. Vegetation abutting a sidewalk and/or road should be no taller than 3 feet for the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

If you have a supply of tools for maintaining your yard, you may need a little extra space to store these items. You may build accessory buildings, such as storage sheds and detached garages, as long as they do not occupy more than 10 percent of your lot. Accessory buildings that are 120 square feet or smaller, and are no more than one story in height, may be built without a building permit. However, these unpermitted buildings must still meet building code criteria, property line setback requirements, sensitive area buffers and setbacks, and steep slope setbacks. Call the City at 425.775.5440 for assistance in determining the appropriate buffer and setbacks.

In addition to not building within sensitive areas such as streams, creeks, wetlands, and steep slopes, these areas are protected from other

forms of encroachment. It is illegal to trim or remove vegetation within a sensitive area or its buffer or setback without obtaining permission from the City or under qualified instruction such as provided by the Snohomish Conservation Commission. It is also illegal to dump vegetation, trash and other debris in a sensitive area or its setback or buffer.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

With winter behind us, it's time to welcome the warmth of spring and summer. With more people walking, please make sure all limbs and bushes are cut back from the sidewalks and away from traffic signs. Public Works has noticed that some residents, when doing their spring yard work, have been blowing or sweeping debris out into the roadway or sidewalks. This is a violation of the Brier Municipal Code.

We are sweeping our streets more often now as part of the requirements under an NPDES storm water permit issued to us thru the Department of Ecology. This storm water permit is meant to help keep the storm water that enters our system and local streams clean and free from pollutants. So please be careful in how you use pesticides, herbicides and lawn fertilizers, and please do not dump oil or any other chemicals into our catch basins. Polluted water also contaminates the equipment used to clean the storm system and is expensive to dispose of.

The Alderwood Water District has contacted the City concerning irrigation systems being installed in Brier. A permit is required for the installation of an irrigation system, and a double check valve is required as well. It is the homeowner's responsibility that the double check valve be tested and inspected once a year with the results forwarded to the City of Brier Public Works Department. The results will be reviewed and a copy will be kept in the address file for that property.

Final Note: It is a violation of Brier Municipal Code to attach any type of signage (yard sale, home for rent, etc) on any traffic sign posts or utility poles.

SNO-ISLE / BRIER LIBRARY

There is more to explore at the Brier Library! At the library you can learn a new hobby, plan a vacation, or meet with fellow book lovers. Stop by to check out our great selection of books, magazines, CD's and DVD's.

Can't make it to the library? Check out our virtual library at www.sno-isle.org where you can find information ranging in topics from genealogy, to car repair, and a growing collection of downloadable audio books. We offer Live Homework Help, Skills Building, and Writing Workshop for grades 3-12. College students may also find the skills review and writing workshop helpful. One-to-one online tutors are available from 1-10 pm, seven days per week.

This summer at the Library!

•Summer Reading, Be Creative @ the Library, begins in June with programs for all ages. School age children should stop by the library to pick up your "Be Creative @ the Library" reading log. Meet your summer goal before school

starts and earn a free book and certificate.

•The Summer Reading Kickoff Party will be on Tuesday, June 23rd at 4PM. The theater group, Last Leaf Productions, will be presenting The Artist's Brush. School age kids are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons at 2PM from June 30th through August 18th for exciting stories and creative activities.

•Family Story times are being offered throughout the summer. Preschoolers are invited to special story times just for them on Fridays at 11AM throughout the year.

•Joy Knight of Creation Station will be offering a special family program on Saturday July 11th. Re-create Your Next Masterpiece – from trash to treasured art.

•Teens will be busy this summer too! In addition to the teens' monthly gaming day at the library, you can: Get Creative with your Socks (Gocks) June 10th, Get Creative with your T-Shirt July 15th, Get Creative with your Food: Fear Factor 2 August 12th.

•The second annual KidScare will happen August 7th at 12PM. This year we will be creating the Brier Library KidScare Band. Kids will make their own musical instruments that they can play while marching with the library in the SeaScare Parade on August 12th.

•There are also activities and resources for adults to explore at the library. The 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, the Brier Knit-Wits gather to knit and chat. Knitters of all skill level are invited to join them from 6 -8 pm. The Brier Reading Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of September through June to discuss a selected book.

•Want to give back to the community and the library? Be a Friend! The Friends of the Brier Library are a non-profit organization that fundraises to support programs at your 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 1st Tuesday (September through June) at 7pm in the Library

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

PARKS

As you have seen, the Skate Park is now open at Brier Park and is wildly popular. In addition, the horse arena has been refurbished and has never looked better. We thank two scouts that chose these improvements as their Eagle Scout projects - Ian Palmer and Christopher Keith.

Bobcat Park is next for improvement. Look for a new play set down there in the future.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

July 23rd, Thursday, @ 6:30 pm - The Lynnwood Community band will be playing in Brier Park

August 4th, Tuesday @ 6:00 pm - National Night Out in Brier Park

August 12th, Wednesday, @ 7:00 pm - SeaScare Parade on Brier Road

Have you been to any of our city events? Check out the pictures on the city's website: ci.brier.wa.us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

The City of Brier will be hosting a Basic Hunter Safety Education Course at the Brier City Hall during the evenings of

July 13, 14 and 15 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Washington State Law requires all individuals born after 1 January 1972 to show proof of basic hunter education training before purchasing a hunting license. **There are no exceptions to the law.**

Please contact Mickie Halverson at the Brier Police Department (425-775-5452 ext. 100) to register. Class size is limited to 25 students and will be on a first come, first serve basis. There is a \$25 fee that will be forwarded to Department of Fish and Wildlife to cover materials.

2. VACATION CHECKS

The Brier Police Department offers Security House Checks to residents while away for prolonged periods. The Security House Check forms can be found on line at ci.brier.wa.us or at the police department office. Please submit the completed form to the Brier Police Department.

3. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 25th Annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2008. National Night Out is a symbolic, nation wide crime prevention event that reflects the day in and day out cooperation of our citizens and police.

We invite the community to be part of our Night Out team and celebrate with us at the Brier Park from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Block BBQ's are traditionally held the night before, Monday, August 4, 2008. Please notify the police department if you are planning a block BBQ and they will do their best to attend.

3. PASSPORT SERVICES

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

**FIREWORKS RULES FOR THE
4TH OF JULY**

Only safe and sane fireworks can be discharged within the city limits. Remember: It is illegal to discharge or possess bottle rockets, salutes, m-80's, m-100's, firecrackers and sky rockets. These illegal devices cause 90% of all fireworks related fires in Washington State. **The use or discharge of consumer fireworks shall be restricted to the fourth day of July each year during the hours of nine a.m. through eleven-fifty-nine (11:59) p.m.**