

Spring Cleaning

Let us take the opportunity to welcome you to warmer weather. Shorts, sun, and yard work are on the horizon. With spring upon us it is a perfect time to start beautifying our yards. Over the past year the Becker Police Department has been receiving an increased number of public nuisance yard and parking complaints around the City. These increased complaints have forced the Becker Police

Department to take an aggressive enforcement stance against continued yard nuisances. While we understand that your yard is private property and shall be kept to the owners standards. There is a minimum standard that is necessary as written in City Ordinance.

Keeping our yards maintained, mowed, and free of junk not only increases your property value, it increases the City's value. It is also universally accepted in law enforcement and security that poorly kept properties increase crime rates. See (*Broken Windows Theory*). People choose to live in Becker because of the wonderfully maintained parks, trails, golf course, and commons areas. It diminishes everyone's hard work to beautify the City when a property owner refuses to maintain their property to the same standard. The Police Department is not unreasonable in this matter and we understand that there may be a legitimate reason you are unable to properly maintain your property. For example limited financial means, illness, or disability. For these situations there are plenty of local charitable groups, hardworking teenagers, and polite neighbors that may be happy to assist you in yard maintenance. However the responsibility remains on the property owner to outreach for assistance.

Below are a few of the yard maintenance ordinances that will be enforced by the City of Becker. They can be found on the City of Becker website under the CITY CODE tab.

On behalf of Chief Brent Baloun and the Officers of the Becker Police Department we thank you for helping keep our City beautiful.

SEC. 10.21. MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Subd. 1. Purpose. It is the primary responsibility of any owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of land to maintain the property in such a manner so as not to constitute or create a public nuisance or degrade the value of the neighborhood.

C. "Public Nuisance" means and includes

Maintaining or permitting a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any considerable number of members of the public;

Subd. 5. Junk Storage.

It is unlawful to park or store Junk on any premises unless it is housed within a completely enclosed building or on duly licensed Junk dealer premises.

Subd. 6. Turfgrass maintenance.

property within the City of Becker shall have turf grass maintained through regularly cutting to prevent grass vegetation from exceeding 12 inches.

City of Becker / Becker Township Clean Up Day

The City of Becker and Becker Township will hold their annual Clean Up Day on May 16th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. at 11956 Gardner Street (Public Works Facility). Gas Refrigerators and Household garbage are not accepted. Please remove all oil and gas from items. Watch the Sherburne County Citizen for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste

Sherburne County will again accept household hazardous waste on May 18th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and also Tuesday May 19th from 7:00 am to 9:00am at 12002 Morris Street.

Becker Community Center

Find us on Facebook!

Find us on Facebook for up to date information on our programs and events!
www.beckercommunitycenter.com/BeckerCommunityCenter

Save the Date!

Indoor Garage Sale – Sunday, April 19

Touch a Truck & Kids Garage Sale – Saturday, May 2

Freedom Days – Saturday, June 20

Preschool Enrichment Camp

Calling All Cooks! Friday, April 17th, 9-10:30am, \$5 per child.

Come hungry and ready to eat, but first we'll create a special treat! Must pre-register. Call 763-200-4271.

Non School Day Activities (Grades K – 6)

Hawaiian Luau Day Camp – Friday, April 3

Be Active! – Tuesday, April 21

Daily Fees

Adult \$6.50

Child (3-17) / Senior (62+) \$5.50

Family Swim \$3.00

BCC Membership

Be fit and have fun while you spend time with your family and friends! There are many great benefits to being active! Moving your body will help you... Reduce stress! Add energy! Improve sleep! Manage your weight! Build strength! Keep your bones healthy! Many health insurance plans reimburse you for all or a portion of your membership costs; additional information is available at the BCC or on the website beckercommunitycenter.com

Pool Hours

Monday – Friday

Lap Swim 5:30am-8:30am, 12-3:30pm, 8-8:45pm

Family Swim (waterslide off; reduced rate) 10am-12pm

Open Swim (waterslide on) 3:30-8pm

Saturday

Lap Swim 8-10am

Family Swim (waterslide off; reduced rate) 10am-12pm

Open Swim (waterslide on) 12-7:45pm

Sunday

Open Swim (waterslide on) 12-5:45pm

Coffee with the Mayor March 28th 9:00am - 11:00 am
Ellis Bakery

Sponsored by
Beyond the
Yellow Ribbon

April is the month of the Military Child
Celebrating our Heroes and their Heroes at Homes
April 25th, 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Becker Community Center

Hello Spring

I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant winter. Now it's time to get ready for some warm weather. Spring is a beautiful season - flowers blooming, green grass, birds singing, several events and activities to participate in. Let's show our community pride and support the upcoming events around town; Military Kids Day, Easter Bunny Breakfast, Touch A Truck, Becker's Annual Clean-Up Day, the Fishing Opener and last, but definitely not least - Mother's Day! Have a wonderful and enjoyable spring.

Sincerely,
Mayor Lefty Kleis leftykleis@hotmail.com

Trees For Sale

This year the City will be offering six varieties of trees for sale. All the trees are bare root except for the Black Hills Spruce.

Maple Drummond	Approximately	6 - 8 feet tall	\$30.00
Honeylocust Shademaster	Approximately	5 - 6 feet tall	\$30.00
Elm Triumph	Approximately	6 - 8 feet tall	\$30.00
Maple Norway	Approximately	1 inch Diameter Trunk	\$30.00
Maple Fairview	Approximately	1 1/4 inch Diameter Trunk	\$30.00
Maple Medallion	Approximately	1 1/4 inch Diameter Trunk	\$30.00
Black Hills Spruce	Potted		\$25.00

Order Form available on City website: www.ci.becker.mn.us

HWY 10 Corridor Plan

The City of Becker will be completing a redevelopment/revitalization plan for the HWY 10 corridor encompassing the north side of HWY 10 within the city limits. The purpose of the plan is to develop a vision for guiding the future development of the corridor into an attractive, vibrant, sustainable place to work, shop, and live. We want to hear from you! During the next several months watch for opportunities to share your ideas during public meetings, via a project website and by email. If you have questions or are interested in becoming involved, contact Therese Haffner, City Planner at 763.200.4245 or email thaffner@ci.becker.mn.us.

FOOD SHELF

Food Shelf Donations are accepted at City Hall, Monday to Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm. Pick up times are :Tuesday 9:00 - 11:00 am
Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 pm



Utility News

Pay your bill with **Credit Card/ Online payment, or Direct Debit.**

Get form at www.ci.becker.mn.us
For questions, Call Connie at 763-200-4250.



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April and May 2015 Meeting Dates

City Council		
Tuesday, April	7 th	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April	21 st	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May	5 th	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May	19 th	5:00 p.m.

City Websites

City of Becker:
www.ci.becker.mn.us
Becker Community Center:
www.beckercommunitycenter.com
Pebble Creek Golf Course
www.pebblecreekgolf.com

Phone Numbers & Contacts

Local Number: 763 -261 -4302

City Hall..... 763 -200 - 4239
Mayor Jerome Kleis.....612- 219- 5992
Public Works.....763 - 200 - 4275
Metro West Inspections.....763 - 479 - 1720

Water Supply Department.....763 -200 - 4276
Community Center.....763 -200 - 4271
Pro Shop.....763 -200 - 4268
POLICE.....763 -200 - 4267
EMERGENCY.....9-1-1

City AdministratorGreg Pruszinske
Treasurer.....Sarah Brunn

Meeting Locations: All meetings are held at the Becker City Hall Council Chambers, unless noted. Meetings in the Chambers are equipped with hearing aid devices.

City Offices will be Closed
April 3rd at Noon - Good Friday
May 25th - Memorial Day

Board of Review
Thursday, April 16th, 2013
6:00p.m. at City Hall
Review of property values with
Sherburne County Assessor.

Winter Parking
Remember Winter Parking is
in effect until April 15th



Street Lights Out?

Call City Hall
Main Number : 763 -200-4239, or
763 261-4302



BASC

Becker Area Senior Center
Seniors meet at City Hall every
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
Any questions call BASC at (763) 528-0643

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