

### Watch Where You Step

As summer continues many people will be enjoying the excellent walking trails and green space in the City of Becker with their family and pets. This time of year the Becker Police Department has an increased number of animal complaints. I would like to remind everyone that it is against the law to allow an animal to defecate on others private or public property and not clean it up immediately. There have been several reports of dog owners violating these laws throughout Becker's green space including but not limited to; both Cemetery's, Pebble Creek Golf Course, and the Becker City Parks. If caught engaging in such acts, violators can be charged with misdemeanor public nuisance. Violating the state public nuisance law can have fines exceeding \$100. I have attached a list of Becker's animal ordinances and State Statutes that apply. If you have any questions please contact the Becker Police Department at 763-200-4267 or email [Chief@ci.becker.mn.us](mailto:Chief@ci.becker.mn.us).  
The Officers of the Becker Police Department

<b>Barking Dog</b>	10.06 (12) (4)	Fine - \$50
It is a petty misdemeanor for the owner of any dog to fail to keep the dog from excessively barking, howling, or whining.		
<b>Dog at Large</b>	10.06 (2)	Fine - \$50
It is a petty misdemeanor for the owner of any dog to permit such animal to run at large.		
<b>Dog License Required</b>	10.06 (3)	Fine - \$25
It is a petty misdemeanor for any dog owner of a dog six months of age, to fail to obtain a proper City license therefore.		
<b>Number of Dogs Restricted</b>	10.06 (3)	Court
The number of dogs permitted shall not exceed (3) per dwelling unit.		
<b>Animal Defecation Prohibited</b>	10.06 (19)	Court
Any person being the owner of or having charge of any animal not confined to that persons property shall immediately remove any feces deposited on public or private property. Any such person shall have in their possession a means to collect to dispose of all fecal matter in a proper manner.		
<b>Public Nuisance (local)</b>	10.44	Fine - \$ 50
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.		
<b>Public Nuisance (state)</b>	609.75	Court
Maintains or permits a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures, or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort, or repose of any considerable number of members of the public.		
<b>Littering (state)</b>	169.42	Court
No person shall throw, deposit, place, or dump, or cause to be thrown, deposited, placed, or dumped upon any street or highway or upon any public or privately owned land adjacent thereto without the owner's consent any snow, ice, glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, garbage, swill, papers, ashes, cigarette filters, debris from fireworks, refuse, carcass of any dead animal, offal, trash or rubbish or any other form of offensive matter, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon any such street or highway.		
The Becker Police Department wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe summer.		

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## Becker Community Center

### Swimming Lessons

Parent & Child	August 25-28 (Mon-Thurs)	6:00 – 6:20pm
Preschool	August 4 – 14 (Mon-Thurs)	9:30am & 5:00pm
Level 1	August 4 – 14 (Mon-Thurs)	10:05am & 5:35pm
Level 2	August 4 – 14 (Mon-Thurs)	10:40am & 6:10pm
Level 3	August 4 – 14 (Mon-Thurs)	11:30am & 7:00pm

### Adventure Zone – School Age Childcare

AZ offers a safe and positive environment, age-appropriate activities, and quality staff. Curriculum consists of a variety of enriching, educational, FUN weekly themed activities for children entering grades K-6. Our kids enjoy swimming, rockwall, library, crafts, experiments, gym time, outside play, and other fun adventures! *It's not too early to think about Fall—join us at Adventure Zone for before and after-school childcare!*

### Farmer's Market

Through October 17<sup>th</sup>; Fridays 3-6pm at the Becker Community Center Parking Lot. Bakery items, ground beef, chicken, steaks, eggs, jam, and more!

### Preschool Enrichment Camp

Ocean Life! Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-10:30am

Swimin' in the water, swimin' in the sea, swimin' together, you and me! We'll discover all things about ocean life! Please wear your swimsuit and bring your towel.

Cost \$5. Ages 3-6

### Friday Fun Floats

Swim, float on your inflatable and sing along to your favorite summer tunes. Grab an ice cream float too! Summer Fridays through August 29<sup>th</sup> 12-8pm.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Wreckless Driving Academy

Gary Cox, owner of Wreckless Driving Academy offers Driver's Education Classes and Behind-the-Wheel for students from around the north metro area, including the cities of Becker, Big Lake, Monticello, Elk River, Otsego and Zimmerman. Wreck-Less Driving Academy offers all that is required for your teen to pursue a Driver's License. This includes 30 Classroom Hours and 6 Behind-the-Wheel Hours with a state certified instructor.

Thank you to Gary in addition to all of your staff for your continued dedication and hard work. We appreciate having your business in the City of Becker

## Lawn Care

When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn NOT the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain. The grass clippings can form blockages in the storm drains .. Grass clippings contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways.

Also, please remember that City Code requires the growth of grass or weeds can be not be over 12 inches in height! Ordinance 10:21 Subd 2., Complete Ordinance is available on city website at [www.ci.becker.mn.us](http://www.ci.becker.mn.us) . Thank You for your cooperation

### A NIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH

Listen as young adults tell their story of addiction and drug abuse and how they kept it from their parents. Hear from prevention professionals, law enforcement, as they teach on current trends and root causes of addiction and means of intervention.

#### A FREE EVENT

For parent, youth workers teachers and concerned adults. CEU's available Wednesday, July 30th - 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Question and Answer from 8:30 to 9:00 pm, Becker High School Auditorium.. For more information go to [www.knowthetruthmnc.org](http://www.knowthetruthmnc.org)

### Nite to Unite

A reminder that Night to Unite/National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> this year. For anyone planning on having neighborhood or block parties, this would be a great night to have those events. We again will have a community picnic at Kolbinger Park and will respond to any neighborhood party to say hi.

Please contact the Police Department to register your event so we can make sure we stop by. Have a safe and fun summer!

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday, July 24th - 3:00 p.m.

Pebble Creek Golf Course

Open to the public! [info@beckerchamber.org](mailto:info@beckerchamber.org)  
(763) 262-2420

### Utility News

Pay with Credit Card/Online payment, or Direct Debit. Get form at [www.ci.becker.mn.us](http://www.ci.becker.mn.us). For questions, Call Connie at 763-200-4250.

**Due Date August 15th .**

### City Council Filing

City Council Positions open this year. This year residents will be voting on two Council Member positions which are 4 year terms.

**THE FILING PERIOD FOR CITY ELECTIONS  
OPENS**

**JULY 29 TH @ 8:00 A.M. ,  
CLOSES AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:00 P.M.**

### Primary Election 2014

Primary Election is August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Polls Open at 7:00am  
Close at 8:00pm

**City Residents Vote at City Hall**



# City of Becker Newsletter

## August & September 2014



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### August and September 2014 Meeting Dates

#### City Council

Wednesday, August	6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August	19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday September	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September	16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.

#### EDA

Monday, August	11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.
Monday, September	8 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Monday, August	25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.
Monday, September	29 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.

#### Park & Rec Committee

Wednesday, August	27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.*
Wednesday, September	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.*

\*Meetings are held at the Becker Community Center.

### Phone Numbers & Contacts

Local Number: 763 -261 -4302

City Hall..... 763 -200 - 4239  
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 Administrator .....Greg Pruszinske  
Treasurer.....Sarah Brunn  
Community Dev. Coordinator.....Amanda Othoudt

**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.

### Broadband Survey

Sherburne County, along with several public partners, are collaborating with private sector entities on examining the need for development of broadband infrastructure within the County. Sherburne County invites you to take the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6FCX33F>. Results of the survey will be tabulated and presented at a community wide meeting set for early fall.



### Becker City Residents

Applications are now being accepted for membership in the following committee:

**Planning Commission:** One 3 year term.

Those interested can request an application form

from City Hall (763) 261-4302 or online at [www.ci.becker.mn.us](http://www.ci.becker.mn.us)

Applications should be submitted to: Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue, PO Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or [amandao@ci.becker.mn.us](mailto:amandao@ci.becker.mn.us) by July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.