

Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses an individual's personal information without permission to receive some kind of benefit, most commonly money and property. Personal data may also be used by an imposter to fraudulently obtain employment, housing, medical care, utility services, education, or to avoid a record of arrest or conviction. With increasing reliance on technologies to communicate and conduct business, opportunities for criminals to victimize have multiplied. Individuals need to react quickly to victimization and take preventative steps to ensure their personal data is secure. The following resources provide guidance on what to do if a person becomes a victim of identity theft as well as resources to assist in responding to and preventing this crime.

- Close compromised accounts immediately, to include bank and credit cards
- File a police report immediately
- Place a fraud alert through a trusted credit reporting bureaus (ex: Transunion)
- Report Identity Theft to www.ftc.gov/complaint or 1-877-FTC-HELP

Further steps to help protect yourself:

- Continue to monitor any and all accounts you have
- Place an extended 7 year fraud alert on your accounts through a credit bureau. This way creditors will have to contact you before issuing credit in your name
- Credit Freeze. This must be done with the three credit bureaus (Tansunion, Equifax, and Experian). A police report will be needed.

For more information, please visit the MN Dept of Public Safety at www.dps.mn.gov.

Snowmobiling Ordinance

It is unlawful for any person to Operate a Snowmobile on the right - of - way of any public highway, street, road, trail or alley used for motor vehicle travel, except upon the most right hand lane of a street or alley and may in passing or making a left hand turn. Snowmobiles may also be operated upon the ditch bottom or the outside bank of trunk, County State aid and County highways where such highways are located within the City limits. Snowmobiles may not be operated on a public sidewalk or trails provided for pedestrian travel, boulevards within any public right-of-way, or on private property without specific permission of the owner. Snowmobiles can not be driven at a rate of speed greater than ten (10) miles per hour. They will not be operated at any time or place in a careless or negligent manner, or with disregard of the rights or safety of others. City Code 8:10.

FOOD SHELF

Food Shelf Donations are accepted at City Hall, Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.
Pick up times are :Tuesday 9:00 - 11:00 am
Thursday 4:00 - 5:30 pm

SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

It is the property owner's responsibility to keep all sidewalks that abut a street free from snow and ice. City Code requires the property owner to remove snow and ice within 48 hours following the termination of any snowstorm.

A complete copy of Ordinance 133, 2nd Series is available on the City website at www.ci.becker.mn.us.

It is the property owner's responsibility to keep all sidewalks that abut a street free from snow and ice. Please make arrangements for someone to remove your snow or ice if you are unable or out of town within 48 hours of a snow event.

Winter Parking

Remember on All Becker City streets & road ways, vehicles are prohibited from parking between the hours of 12:01a.m. to 8:00 a.m. November 1st - April 15th

BCC Holiday Hours

- December 24th 8am-Noon
- December 25th Closed
- December 31st 8am-4pm
- January 1st 8am-4pm

Preschool Enrichment Camp

- Ages 2-6, \$5 per child 8:30-10:00am
- Christmas Extravaganza – Friday, December 20th
- Candy canes, Christmas tress, decorating cookies, oh my! Please come dressed in red and green!

Youth Non School Day Activities

- December 27th – Family Movie Night - Showing Despicable Me 2 at 6:30pm
- December 27th - Winter Wonderland Day Camp at AZ
- December 30th – Ooey, Gooey Science

Breakfast with Santa

- Get your photo taken with Santa and have breakfast at the BCC!
- Saturday, December 7th ; 9-11am

Cooking with Mrs. Claus

- Meet Mrs. Claus and make holiday cookies with her!
- Saturday, December 14th

Father Daughter Dance

- Registration for the Father Daughter Dance opens on Wednesday, January 1st! The dinner and dance will be on Friday, February 7th.

Private Swimming Lessons

- Call the BCC to schedule a private swimming lesson. Cost is \$60 for 4 – 30 minute lessons.



Tree Lighting Ceremony Becker Community Center

Join the fun as we ring the Holiday Season with Christmas Carols sung by the Becker High School Choir.

Then join for the countdown to brighten the City of Becker with our beautiful out door lighting ceremony.

Event begins immediately following the Open House at 6:00 PM.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

You should have a carbon monoxide detector installed in your home whenever you are burning indoors any type of **liquid or solid fuel** for heating, cooking or other use.

If you have fuel-burning appliances on more than one level of your home, you should have a carbon monoxide detector on each floor. For example, if you have a gas range on the main floor and a wood-burning fireplace on the lower level, you should have detectors on each of these floors.

Such fuel-burning appliances are generally tested and safe to use, but should there be a clogged vent line or any part of the appliance that becomes faulty, it could release hazardous levels of carbon monoxide in your home and death can occur within minutes. But you can keep your family safe by using a carbon monoxide detector which can alert you to the presence of this silent toxic gas.

If you work regularly on running vehicles in a closed garage, you should also consider installing a unit in that area as well. Read more on: About.com.

Family History Research

Anyone interested in pursuing family history or genealogy is invited to join us on December 14th, 2013 at the Sherburne History Center. The group meets on a regular basis, generally the fourth Saturday of each month to share information and resources from researching family history. The meeting is developed as an open forum discussion to provide new information to family historians.



City of Becker Newsletter

December 2013 & January 2014



12060 Sherburne Ave. • PO Box 250 • Becker, MN 55308

December 2013 & January 2014 Meeting Dates

<u>City Council</u>			
Tuesday, December	3 rd	5:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, December	17 th	5:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, January	7 th	5:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, January	21 st	5:00 p.m.	

<u>EDA</u>			
Monday, December	9 th	5:30 p.m.	
Monday, January	13 th	5:30 p.m.	

<u>Planning Commission</u>			
Monday, December	30 th	7:00 p.m.	
Monday, January	27 th	7:00 p.m.	

<u>Park & Rec Committee</u>			
Wednesday, December	18 th	7:00 pm*	
Wednesday, January	22 nd	7:00 pm.*	

*Meetings are held at the Becker Community Center.

Xmas Tree

Xmas trees will be pickup curbside
Thursday, December 26th, 2013
Monday, January 6th, 2014
Trees can be dropped at Compost Site.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Becker Fire Department requests that residents please shovel a 3-foot-radius around your hydrant and keep them free of snow and ice during the winter in case of an emergency.



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 AdministratorGreg Pruzinske
Asst. Admin/Community Dev DirKelli Neu
Treasurer.....Corey Boyer
Community Dev. Coordinator.....Amanda Fiedler

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 Closed

December 24th 1/2 day Christmas Eve
December 25th, Christmas Day
December 30th 1/2Day New Years Eve
January 1st, New Years Day
January 20th Martin Luther King Day

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots application available at City Hall and on the City website.

Utility News

Pay with Credit Card/Online payment, or Direct Debit. Get form at www.ci.becker.mn.us. For questions, Call Nadean at 763-200-4251. **Due Date December 15th.**

The updated City Code is available on the City website : www.ci.becker.mn.us

Street Lights Out?

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

Coffee with the Mayor

November 23, 2013
Gily's 9:00 am—11:00 am