

## Curfew and Summer Mischief

After all these months it is finally here, the flowers are blooming, the smell of fresh cut grass is in the air, and juvenile mischief calls are up 200% . As longer and warmer days begin in the City of Becker we will see an increase in property damage, disorderly conduct, and general mischief calls for service. Even though this is a common theme throughout Minnesota during the summer months, I would like to remind everyone of the City of Becker's curfew ordinance.

- Children ages fifteen (15) and younger shall not loiter upon streets or public places between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am.
- Children sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years of age shall not loiter upon streets or public places between 12:00 am (midnight) and 5:00 am.

Curfew is strictly enforced by the Becker Police Department in an effort to prevent crime. Children that are found in violation of this ordinance will be cited in the amount of \$ 50.00 and taken home. Parents and guardians please be aware that you can be cited for allowing your children to violate the curfew ordinance. Exceptions are granted to curfew violators if they are attending a school, church, or other community function. Violating curfew for reasons of employment is also acceptable.

Please report suspicious activity, immediately. This department constantly receives reports that are hours or even days old. Waiting to report suspicious activity does not help us fix the problem. Do not be afraid to call 911 or the non emergency dispatch number (763-765-3500). While the Becker Police Officers are hard working and committed to safety, we cannot be everywhere at once. Your phone call could help us maintain a safe community.

Thank you, Have a happy, healthy, safe summer



## Movin' & Groovin'

Things are starting to POP at Pebble Creek. Now that we finally have some heat and a little bit of moisture, things are starting to green up. It's a great time of the year as things come out of hibernation. The grass was dormant for a long time this spring as the evening temps continued near freezing for the month of April. Now that we out of that range and getting into the 60's during the day, the turf and trees are starting to respond. Another week or so and we'll be in mid-summer form.

We have some changes at Pebble Creek this year as we bring the food and beverage operation in-house. For the first time in the over 25 year history of Pebble Creek the city will also be handling the food and beverage operation. It has been quite the process to get it up and running but we're positioned better now than we ever have been. The Governor recently signed the Omni-bus liquor bill which included permission for Pebble Creek to get a liquor license. Now we just have to wait on the paperwork to make sure the I's are dotted and the T's crossed before we start serving. The pieces are in place. We have the grill open and ready to serve as well. We'll have burger baskets, grilled chicken sandwiches, clubhouse, BLT, a couple salads, appetizers, and pizza's available on our everyday menu. We'll also have the standard fare for you at the turn, hot dogs, brats, pulled pork and chicken, chips, candy bars, etc. We'll be able to service all your needs from start to finish now when you come to the facility.

Also this year, we'll be offering FootGolf and FlingGolf on the Local 9 along with 8" big cups and the standard size cup on every green. You'll see the FootGolf cups alongside the fairway with orange flags, the big cups will be on the greens with red and white checker flags, and the normal size cup will be the same flag as last year, white with a blue border.

Pebble Creek Golf Club offers something for everyone!

## 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](http://www.beckercommunitycenter.com/BeckerCommunityCenter)

### Becker Freedom Days Week

June 15<sup>th</sup> Medallion Hunt begins  
June 16<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social and Senior Potluck Lunch  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Sherburne State Bank Customer Appreciation Lunch and Ice Cream  
June 18<sup>th</sup> Movie for the Seniors at BASC  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Freedom Barbeque & Entertainment and Kiddie Parade

### Freedom Days - Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

5K Fun Run 7:30am, Parade 11am. Other community activities include Memorial Blood Center Blood Drive, Craft Show, Games/Inflatables, Food and Vendors, Hasse Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, Bingo and Raffle, Pebble Creek Golf Course – Free access to the Local 9, Dazzler Dance Camp Performance, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Becker Blast Freedom Days Softball Tournament & Tennis Tournament, Dean-o-Mite DJ, Robotics Demonstration, Outside Recess, and Fireworks

### Preschool Enrichment Camps

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Freedom Days Camp 9am  
Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Here Ye, Here Ye Princess Camp 9am or 6pm  
\*Please pre-register for camps by calling the BCC 763-200-4271

### Group Swimming Lessons

Members \$40, Non Members \$45  
June 8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> (Monday – Thursday)  
**Parent/Child 9-9:20am**  
Preschool 9:30-10am  
Level One 10:05-10:35am  
Level Two 11-11:45am

July 6<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> (Monday – Thursday)  
Preschool 9-9:30am or 5-5:30pm  
Level One 9:35-10:05am or 5:35-6:05pm  
Level Two 10:10-10:55am or 6:10-6:55pm  
Level Three 11-11:45am or 7-7:45pm

### Karate

Beginner and Advanced Classes – 6 Week Session  
Mondays, June 22 – July 27  
Beginners 5:30-6:15pm, Advanced 6:30-7:15pm  
Members \$25, Non Members \$35

### Becker Farmer's Market

Fridays, May 15<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Beginners 5:30-6:15pm, Advanced 6:30-7:15pm  
Becker Community Center Parking Lot

## ACT on Alzheimer's – Preparing Becker

Do you know someone with Alzheimer's or dementia? Most of us do. In fact, every 67 seconds someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer's and currently, there are over 89,000 Minnesotans over age 65 living with this disease. It is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death and the only one in the top ten that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. Why is this important? Because as the senior population increases, there will be more and more people affected by this disease and fewer people to take care of them. Minnesota has signed on to this initiative of working toward becoming a dementia-friendly community.

A group of business and organization leaders came together to ACT on Alzheimer's in the City of Becker. Valuable information and ideas were gathered to help us move forward with conducting two projects before the end of this year.

We are looking for community members to join our action team in helping Becker to become a dementia-friendly community. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tami Kolbing at 762-267-8806

## Disposable Wipes Cause Clogs in Sewage Processing!

Municipal sewage processing facilities are built to handle two basic things, human waste and toilet paper. Unfortunately, a lot of other things make their way into the sewage system, where they cause significant problems that can interfere with waste processing, especially since many plants are struggling to handle increased loads with outdated capacity levels. In addition to culprits like condoms, tampons, facial tissue, and hazardous liquids, sewage facilities are noticing an uptick in a new problem: *Disposable Wipes!* Despite the fact that they're marketed as "flushable", these products can actually cause clogs at wastewater treatment facilities, thanks to their cloth base. Instead of breaking down like toilet paper does over the course of processing, they retain their basic shape and structure, jamming pumps, filters, screening mechanisms, and other equipment. Consequently, sewage treatment facilities have higher maintenance costs and often find it necessary to bring in cleaning specialists to clean out pumping stations and other process areas to remove the accumulated debris. *This is very expensive and the cost is ultimately addressed by increasing sewer rates!* Many of the maintenance problems could be avoided if the material was simply disposed of properly instead of flushed down the toilet!

If you are unsure of what can be flushed down the toilet and into the sewage system, please contact your municipal wastewater treatment facility for advice at 763-261-5855.. Thank You for your cooperation.

### How are Water /Sewer Bills Calculated

The City of Becker reads the water meters every other month. Around the 20th of February, April, June, August, October and December, staff from the water department do radio reads of all the meters. After receiving the reads, the bills are calculated, checked for accuracy, and sent out one month before the due date. The first read of each year (in February) is when sewer rates are locked in. The reason for locking in at this time is because most, if not all of the water used is going in the sewer and not in the ground like during the warmer months. Sewer rates can go lower if there is lower usage than the locked amount. However the sewer rate will not go higher than the locked in amount, even if usage is higher than the locked in amount.

The City has two disconnect days during the year. If accounts are 90 days or more delinquent, water may be disconnected, usually in April and August. Notices are sent to residents and 21 days are given before the water is shut off. In addition, delinquent accounts that are over 60 days late are certified and assessed to the county at the end of the year and the balance is collected on the owner's following year property taxes. The City has many payment options. Residents can make payments by mail, online, in person, or using one of the drop boxes located one inside and one outside City Hall. Visa, Master Card, or Discover are accepted. Questions and concerns are always welcome by contacting Connie at 763-200-4250.



### Utility News

Pay your bill 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.

### 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

### Sherburne National Wildlife Events

#### Bird Tour

Saturday, June 6, 8am to 11am

#### Wild Flower Tour

Saturday, June 13, 10 am to 12 pm

#### Summer Butterfly Tour

Saturday, June 20, 10am—12 pm

#### Summer Butterfly Tour

Saturday, July 11, 10am—12pm

For more information:

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/>



# City of Becker Newsletter

## JUNE & JULY 2015



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### June and July 2015

#### Meeting Dates

<u>City Council</u>		
Tuesday, June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June	16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July	7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July	21 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 p.m.

### 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 Administrator .....Greg Pruszinske  
Treasurer.....Sarah Brunn

### City Websites

#### City of Becker:

[www.ci.becker.mn.us](http://www.ci.becker.mn.us)

#### Becker Community Center:

[www.beckercommunitycenter.com](http://www.beckercommunitycenter.com)

#### Pebble Creek Golf Course

[www.pebblecreekgolf.com](http://www.pebblecreekgolf.com)

**City Offices will be Closed  
July 3rd to enjoy Independence Day**

Hello, from Mayor Kleis –

As we wrap up a pleasant spring it's time to get ready for summer! What an exciting time of year...

May brings us the School District's Art Show, Mother's Day, the fishing opener, Memorial Day and Graduation for our High School Seniors. The Art Show's Opening Reception is at the library on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6pm. Artwork will be on display until May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Moms for everything you do for us! Good luck to those who participate in the fishing opener. Thanks to the Veterans for their service and commitment. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2015 – best wishes with your future endeavors!

June brings the end of the school year, graduation parties, Father's Day and our city's own Freedom Days Celebration. To all students and staff – enjoy your summer vacation! Thanks go out to all Dads on Father's Day. Please join us for the Freedom Days Celebration. The Becker Lions, Legion, Honor Guard, Lady's Auxiliary and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is hosting a Freedom Days kick-off on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the Community Center from 4-8PM with the Legion selling food, the Lions selling beer, etc. and the BRIDGE BROTHERS playing live music from 6-8pm. This event will be a tribute to our veterans & military members. Presentation of the colors by the Honor Guard will be at 5:45pm. Please come out and show your support. The celebration will continue on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> with 5k Fun run/walk, the Blast Softball Tournament, the parade and festival, live music, fireworks and much more. I hope to see you there!

Be safe in all of your travels this summer!

Sincerely, Mayor Lefty Kleis