

POLICE

With the warmer weather, we often spend a considerable amount of time outside in our yards or working on vehicles. As a result, the police department is often asked about what is appropriate and legal when it comes to cars or “junk” that may be stored or maintained within a person’s yard. For reference I’ve identified a few of our City Ordinances that may be helpful to know:

Sec. 9.02 (1) General Parking Prohibitions: No parking or blocking of a sidewalk

Sec 9.10 Subd. 1 You may not leave a vehicle on a public street longer than 72 hours

Sec 9.19 Residential Yard Parking

Vehicles that are parked or stored outside in the front yard area must be on paved or graveled parking or driveway area

Vehicles stored in the front yard must be set back a minimum of 1 foot from the sidewalk

Sec 10.42 Subd. 2 Hazardous Conditions: the storage of junk, metal, wood, debris, furniture, unlicensed or inoperable vehicles in a yard is considered a violation each day that it exists and punishable as separate offenses

Sec 10.44 Public Nuisance: 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 is considered a violation

Sec 11.21 Subd 10 Outside Storage in Residential Areas: outside storage of junk, supplies, and equipment shall not be permitted except for vehicles, automobiles (not missing any parts) and trucks of not more than one ton capacity. Long term storage is only acceptable in an enclosed building.

Attention to the above ordinances will provide for a better quality of life not only for you but for your neighbors. More information on these ordinances can be found at www.ci.becker.mn.us under City Code. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Becker Police Department at 763-200-4267. As always, we appreciate your attention to these issues.

Chief Brent Baloun



Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are permitted within the city limits. They can take place at any time during the day and do not require an open burning permit. Recreational fires must meet the following requirements:

An area of no more than a three (3) foot diameter circle (measured from the inside of the fire ring or border) completely surrounded by non-combustible and non-smoke or odor producing material either of natural rock, cement, brick, tile, block or ferrous metal only and which area is depressed below ground, on the ground, or on a raised bed. Included are permanent outdoor burning fire places. Recreation fire sites shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet of a structure or fence.

When a camp fire is used for recreational purposes, it must be ignited with an approved starter fluid using dry, clean Wood; producing little detectable smoke, odor, or soot beyond the property line; conducted with an adult tending the fire at all times; extinguished completely before quitting the occasion; and respecting weather conditions, neighbors, burning bans, and air quality so that nuisances, health or safety hazards will not be created. Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers, and propane or natural gas devices are not defined as camp or recreational fires, and are not covered under this section of the code.

Community Center

Mother Son Fun Day

Sunday, August 2nd at Becker City Park

Moms! Enjoy a great day at Becker City Park with your son! You’ll have a memorable experience that includes organized field games, free play on the playground, magic show, face painting and a BBQ dinner! The event is from 3-6pm and the cost is \$8 per person. Must pre-register as space is limited.

American Red Cross Swimming Lessons

The BCC has openings for group swimming lessons in August! Dates are August 3rd – 16th in the evening. Levels include Parent Child, Preschool, and Levels 1-3.

Preschool Enrichment Camp

Wham! Kapow! Bam! – Monday, August 17 at 9am or 6pm

Calling all super heros! Come dressed as your favorite super hero and watch out for the villains! Must pre-register. Cost for camp is \$5 per child.

Adventure Zone

Join us for a high quality school age childcare program packed with recreational activities before school, afterschool, and non-school days. The kids are transported safely by a Becker school bus to and from the program. Our kids enjoy swimming, rock climbing, organized field games, visits to the library, homework help, arts and crafts and much more! Adventure Zone is now taking registrations for the fall. Please call 763-200-4271 or visit the Becker Community Center website for more information.

Save the Date!

October Harvest Fest at Becker City Park is on Saturday, October 3rd! Bring your family out to enjoy the beautiful fall colors, run/walk the 5K or 1K, play kids carnival games, get your face painted and so much more!

Weed Notices

All property within the City of Becker shall have turfgrass maintained through regularly cutting to prevent grass vegetation from exceeding 12 inches. City Code 10.21

Weed notices will notify the owner of the problem and will also advise the owner that if the owner fails to comply the City will cause the violation to be corrected and the cost of removal will be assessed against the property. Ord 47 2nd series

Lawn Mowing Tips

Maintain home lawns at 2.5 to 3 inches. Mowing higher encourages greater depth of rooting and actually requires less frequent mowing.

Removing no more than about 1/3 of grass blade growth at any one mowing helps maintain a more even, less demanding growth rate throughout the growing season. Mowing infrequently and/or removing large amounts of grass tissue at one time can seriously weaken or destroy the grass plant.

Compost your clippings right into your lawn! With regular mowing, grass clippings can be left on the lawn. As they decompose and "release" their nutrients, they will provide the equivalent of 1 to 1.5 applications of fertilizer per season.

Please remember to **not** blow your grass clippings on the roadways as they can block storm sewer lines.

NIGHT TO UNITE – AUGUST 4th, 2015

It is that time of year again where we look to spend some time meeting our neighbors and asking what we can do to make our neighborhoods and communities safer. On Tuesday August 4th we will celebrate **Night to Unite / National Night Out**. This event is a chance to celebrate and strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships. Additionally, City Police and Fire Officers as well as local officials will make visits to each of the parties, which includes bringing squad cars and fire trucks for people to see. This also gives our community an opportunity to ask questions and meet some of our public safety personnel and city officials. We want to make sure that our communities have a voice in what's going on and want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to ask questions or to voice a concern. Additionally, block parties, give neighborhoods an opportunity to celebrate the good things happening within their neighborhoods. We know that when we get to know our neighbors and neighborhoods better, crime goes down and we feel safer. This year the Police Department will be hosting a party at Kolbinger Park from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm serving hotdogs, chips and lemonade. They will also join you at your neighborhood parties meeting people. If you choose to have a Night to Unite party, or even a party on your block at another time and would like to have someone stop by, please give us a call at main number 763-200-4267.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

17076 293rd Ave, Zimmerman MN 55398, <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/>

AUGUST

Evening Moth Program

Friday, August 14, 8:00pm - 11:30pm.

Join author Jim Sogaard to learn about these fly-by-night creatures. Meet at Refuge HQ.

SEPTEMBER

Bird Tour

Saturday, Sept. 5, 10am - 12pm.

Meet your guide at Refuge HQ.

Wildflower Tour

Saturday, Sept. 12, 10am - 12pm

Meet your guide at Refuge HQ for the car caravan tour.

Most of our tours and activities are family-oriented & FREE! Pre-registration is requested. Contact the refuge for details. (763) 389-3323

United Way 2-1-1

Dial 211 or 1-800-543-7709 for community help line, free confidential, multilingual.

Street Light Out

Call City Hall (763) 200-4239

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



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.

Utility bill due date: August 15th



City of Becker Newsletter
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2015



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August and September 2015

Meeting Dates

City Council		
Wednesday, August	5 th	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August	18 th	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September	1 st	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September	15 th	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 AdministratorGreg Pruszinske
Treasurer.....Sarah Brunn

City Websites

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

**City Offices will be Closed
September 7th for Labor Day**

MAYOR NOTE

I hope all is well and everyone is enjoying our beautiful Minnesota summer. As we look forward to fall and the beginning of the school year please remember to take a moment to be thankful for all the freedoms we have been blessed with.

Sincerely,
Mayor Lefty Kleis

Coffee with the Mayor

Join us for Coffee with the Mayor on July 25th at Ellis's Bakery from 8:30am to 10:30am

Restaurant Open at Golf Course

The Restaurant in the Clubhouse is open Sunday through Saturday from 7am – 9pm, The Grill Menu consists of Appetizers, Sandwiches, Salads, Burgers, Pizza and limited Breakfast options.

**We Want To Hear From You!
Your Vision, Your Future, Your Community**

Highway 10/1st Street Corridor Plan

The City of Becker is working to develop a vision and plan for guiding the transformation of the Highway 10/1st Street Corridor into an attractive, vibrant, sustainable mixed use corridor, recognized by the community as a great place to shop, work, live and entertain. We want to hear from you as your input is valuable! Please take a short survey online at www.ci.becker.mn.us. For more information on the corridor plan, contact City Planner Therese Haffner at 763.200.4245 or thaffner@ci.becker.mn.us.