

**Becker Welcomes New Businesses to the Community:**

**Absolute Sourcing, Inc.** has purchased the former 1st Cut Products and K.A.S.S. Cabinets building. They specialize in turning and milling, and all fabrication methods as well as simple painting, powder coating, bead blasting and all types of plating.

**Highway Materials, Inc.** has found their home in the former Becker Truss Plant. Highway Materials, LLC is a fabricator and distributor of materials for the concrete construction industry with a primary focus on highway, street, bridge and airfield projects, as well as commercial and industrial concrete flatwork projects.

The City of Becker wants to give a warm welcome to Trevor Studanski of Absolute Sourcing, Inc., Jake Steinberg and Mark Brinkman of Highway Materials, Inc. in addition to all of your staff for choosing Becker, MN as the prime location for your business. We appreciate having your businesses in the City of Becker!

Amanda Othoudt

**Compost Site**

Compost Site is open for your convenience with an access card available at City Hall Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 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](http://www.ci.becker.mn.us).

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**BUSINESS EXPO**

The Becker Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting it's 22nd Annual **BUSINESS EXPO** Saturday, January 24th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Becker High School Field House

Any questions, please contact the Becker Chamber: 763-262-2420 or [chamber@beckerchamber.org](mailto:chamber@beckerchamber.org) or visit the website to download a form: [www.beckerchamber.org](http://www.beckerchamber.org).  
Becker Chamber Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

**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.  
**Utility bill due date: December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

**Coffee with the Mayor**

November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Gily's  
9:00 am to 11:00 am

 **Street Lights Out?**  
Call City Hall  
Main Number : 763 -200-4239, or 763 261-4302

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**Becker Community Center**

**Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 9-11am  
Join Santa for breakfast and bring your camera for a special holiday photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

**Cooking with Mrs. Claus**

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Claus will be decorating cookies North Pole style! Ages 4-8

**Lego Camp**

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Ages 5-12  
Two hours of Lego excitement! We will enjoy an evening of Lego themed fun! Activities and games with friends as well as time to build and discover.

**Christmas Day Camp**

Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> Ages 5-12  
Open all day 6am-6pm. Members: Full Day \$30, Half Day \$20; Non Members: Full Day \$35, Half Day \$25  
Celebrate Christmas by preparing special gifts and cards for loved ones. Enjoy Christmas themed games, activities and snacks with your friends.

**New Year's Celebration Day Camp**

Tuesday, December 30  
Ages 5-12  
Open all day 6am-6pm. Members: Full Day \$30, Half Day \$20; Non Members: Full Day \$35, Half Day \$25  
Prepare to ring in the New Year by creating a time capsule, decorating party supplies and counting down to the New Year!

**Black Friday Specials**

30% off New Annual Membership & No Admin Fee (only 10 available & must be paid in full)

**Black Friday - All Day Special**

15% off New or Renewal Annual Memberships & No Admin Fee (Must be paid in full)

**Teddy Bear Junction - Drop In Child Care**

Ages: 3 months – 12 years old  
A fun and well supervised drop in child care so you can enjoy the amenities at the BCC!  
Open Monday thru Thursday 8-10:45am, and 5:45-8:15pm , Friday 8:00-10:45 am & Saturdays 8:30-10:30am  
Members - \$2/child/hour or Unlimited Care \$30/month or \$330/year  
Non Members - \$3/child/hour

**Preschool Enrichment Camps**

Sing, bounce, create, read, and play with us!  
Ages: 3-6 (age 2 is welcome with a parent present)  
Kindergarteners are welcome  
Cost: \$5 per child Time: 9:00am – 10:30am

**Friday, November 21 – Turkey Trouble**

Silly Mr. Turkey, where did you go? Are you high or low? Get ready for a turkey hunt!

Friday, November 21 – Thanksgiving Camp

Friday, November 28 – Friday Fun Float

## Welcome Back to Winter Driving

As we Minnesotans start another seemingly endless winter, it is important to discuss vehicle safety and poor weather driving. Every winter the Becker Police Department and law enforcement agencies across Minnesota see a dramatic increase in crashes due to the weather, driver inattention, driver inexperience, and poorly maintained vehicle equipment. While driver inattention is a traffic safety hot topic, an equally important but much less talked about issue is maintaining your vehicle.

Vehicles have become incredibly safe and now include side curtain air bags, correction systems that control braking, and blind spot notification systems. However after all these bells and whistles are added your vehicle is simply a steel tube on four wheels. The only connection you have to the pavement is your tires. Ensuring proper tread depth and checking your tires regularly is a safety must for any vehicle owner. No matter how talented a driver you are, if your tires are bald, bulging, or showing cords, there is a high probability that you will have an accident with your vehicle. There is no time of year that tires are more important than winter. Snow and ice buildup on roadways reduces the grip between your vehicle and the road. If your vehicle cannot grip the road then it will not stay on the road. **Minnesota state statute 169.723** requires a tread depth of 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch. State law is the minimum standard and most tire manufactures state that tires should be replaced well before the tread reaches 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch.

There are several other statutes that drivers must follow that are related to poor weather driving;

### **MN 169.791.3 Defrosting requirement**

No person shall drive any motor vehicle with the windshield or front side windows covered with steam or frost to such an extent as to prevent proper vision.

### **MN 169.48.3 Lights to be displayed**

At any other time when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead

### **MN 169.79.7(3) Plate fastened and visible**

The person driving the motor vehicle shall keep the plate legible and unobstructed and free from grease, dust, or other blurring material so that the lettering is plainly visible at all times. It is unlawful to cover any assigned letters and numbers or the name of the state of origin of a license plate with any material whatever, including any clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity. (This includes snow)

Have a happy, healthy, and safe winter.

From Chief Baloun and the Officers of the Becker Police Department.



### Mayor's Notes

Hello -

I hope that everyone had a great summer and was able to enjoy the incredible fall that we had.

With winter soon approaching, please remember to drive safely and watch out for those slippery spots! Don't forget to take advantage of the community activities that are available to you such as the Community Center, the Library, and the Senior Center, etc.

I would like to wish each of you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Lefty Kleis  
612-219-5992

[leftykleis@Hotmail.com](mailto:leftykleis@Hotmail.com)



# City of Becker Newsletter

## December 2014 & January 2015



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### December 2014 and January 2015

#### Meeting Dates

##### City Council

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

##### EDA

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.  
Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

##### Planning Commission

Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

##### Park & Rec Committee

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.\*  
Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.\*

\*Meetings are held at the Becker Community

#### 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)

#### 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  
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.

**City Offices will be Closed**  
**Christmas Eve December 24 1/2 Day**  
**Christmas Day December 25**  
**New Years Eve December 31, 1/2 Day**  
**New Years Day January 1st**  
**Martin Luther King Day January 19th**

**BLACK FRIDAY**  
**November 28th**  
**BCC Door Buster Deals**

**30% off New Annual Memberships**  
**30% off of a Renewal Membership**  
**(only 10 available in each group)**

**Check out the many ALL DAY DEALS**

**Becker Community Center**  
**Open House**  
**November 23rd Opening at Noon**  
**Save \$1.00 off Daily Fee**  
**with Food Shelf item**  
**Craft Show 2:00pm—6:00pm**