

Mayor Graning's Farewell:

It is with mixed feelings that I send you this letter. On one hand, I am happy to start a new chapter in my life without meetings or other political obligations. On the other hand, I will deeply miss all of the aspects of being your Mayor. While there definitely are challenges and frustrations with the office, there are so many more rewards which make it all worthwhile.

I have truly enjoyed working with the present council and I believe we have accomplished a great deal in the past 4 years. We could not have done it without the hard work of our dedicated staff. To those friends I say thank you.

The most rewarding part of being the Mayor, I feel, is the direct contact with the residents of our community. From reading to 1st graders, giving guided tours of City Hall to 3rd graders, to having occasional coffee with friends and participating in the Freedom Days event. Yes, even the dunk tank. Those are the memories I will cherish.

I wish the incoming Mayor, Lefty Kleis, all the success I have enjoyed and ask him to embrace the office with the passion and commitment it deserves.

My wife Jan and I are looking forward to some travelling and definitely spending more time at the lake. So, thank you all for making my term as Mayor a truly enjoyable experience.

Business Spotlight

Darter Plastics

Darter Plastics, Inc, a full service plastics manufacturing company have been in business in Becker since 1996. The company's experiences in custom injection molding continue to drive the market. Darter Plastics, Inc. specializes in engineering/design, assembly packaging, injection molding and pad printing.

Vogel Display

Vogel Display, owner Mike Vogel conducted a tour of his facility to City Staff on November 30th. Vogel Display is a wholesale holiday decorations shop. They construct high quality, commercial grade indoor and outdoor holiday decorations for companies and organizations nationally and internationally. Vogel Display is one of very few companies in the nation that manufactures commercial grade indoor and outdoor holiday decorations.

Shepherd of Grace

One of Becker's finest retirement community features independent living apartments, assisted living units and memory care cottages. Their experienced staff provides quality care to older adults of all faiths in Central Minnesota. The independent living apartments are for adults 55 or better and feature 11 different floor plans which include microwaves, dishwashers, washers & dryers, and air conditioners in each unit. The Assisted Living program is designed to deliver a package of services to residents in each apartment. The Memory Cottages offer people with memory loss a secure home environment and provides more supervision than traditional assisted living and more freedom than the nursing home. They are now accepting applications for market rate senior apartments, and assisted living apartments. Thank you to the Staff at the Shepherd of Grace for your hard work and continued dedication. We appreciate having your assisted living community in the City of Becker!

We would like to thank Jason Hamerback, owner of Darter Plastics, Mike Vogel, owner of Vogel Display and Bruce Glanzer of Shepherd of Grace for all of your hard work and continued dedication. We appreciate having your businesses in the City of Becker!

Becker Community Center Events

Fitkids

Join us for something new and fun to keep your kids moving. Class format will vary from cardio to yoga!

Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays

3+ years of age

10—10:30am

\$2. per class or purchase a 10 pound card for \$15

Zumba is now FREE for members

Classes on Tuesdays at pm, Wednesdays at 5:30 am & 4:30pm

Preschool Enrichment Camp

Gingerbread Fun—Friday, December 14th Ages 2—6. \$5.00 per child

Join us for a morning full of baking gingerbread cookies! Please pre-register.

Non School Day Activities

Dec. 14th—student Day Swim or play in the gym for only \$2.50 after school

Dec. 26th—Winter Craft Day, 6-7:30pm

Dec. 27th Basketball Camp, 6-7:30pm

Dec. 28th—Family Movie Night, "Brave" Show Time 6:30pm

Dec. 31st—2013 New Years Eve Party, 2:00-3:30pm

*Must pre-register

Breakfast with Santa & Santa's Secret Shop

Saturday December 1st, 9-11am Bring your camera for a special snapshot with Santa then the kids can shop for those special gifts for family and friends.

Cooking with Mrs. Claus

Saturday, December 8th. Decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus and learn her special secret to making cookies that Santa really enjoys! Please pre-register at least 24 hours in advance.

City of Becker Tree Program

We will once again be offering quality bare root nursery trees to City residents. The trees are approximately four (4) to eight (8) feet in height. The Order Form will be at the Expo, the Community Center and City Hall as well as on our City website www.ci.becker.mn.us.

REMEMBER Winter Parking

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

November 1st - April 15th

SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Ordinance 133, 2nd Series 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. www.ci.becker.mn.us.

If you will be out of town or are unable to remove your snow please make arrangements with someone else to take care of your snow and ice.

**CITY OF BECKER
SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT
(All Governmental Funds)**

	2012 ADOPTED BUDGET	2013 ADOPTED BUDGET
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	\$4,709,755	\$4,787,492
Licenses and Permits	43,100	44,000
State General Purpose Aid	406,288	395,500
State Categorical Aid	70,000	90,000
County and Local Grants	6,000	6,000
Charges for Services	709,100	704,450
Fines and Forfeits	10,000	10,500
Interest on Investments	9,500	12,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	29,500	30,400
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,993,243	\$6,080,342
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$814,675	\$868,400
Public Safety	976,100	983,980
Streets and Highways	803,500	722,300
Culture and Recreation	969,900	975,850
Economic Development	126,600	121,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,690,775	\$3,671,730
Debt Service	1,959,668	1,880,012
Capital Outlay	329,300	528,600
INC (DEC) IN FUND BALANCE	\$13,500	\$0
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$4,709,755	\$4,787,492

SCHOOL SAFETY

Over the last several weeks, we have all witnessed via our local news what occurred in Sandy Hook, Connecticut, Elementary School. The result of this incident has further strengthened our resolve and commitment to ensure the safety of our children within the Becker School District. Rest assured that the Becker School District, Becker Police Department, and the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department will continue to examine and discuss any security measures in and around our schools. I know the staff at our local schools take this very seriously, and law enforcement is prepared to respond to any real or perceived issue regarding our schools and the safety of our children. Feel free to contact me should you have any concerns or questions at 763-200-4267.

Chief Brent Baloun



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February & March Meeting Dates

City Council

Tuesday, February	5 th	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February	19 th	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March	5 th	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March	19 th	5:00 p.m.

EDA

Monday, February	11 th	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March	11 th	5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Monday, February	25 th	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March	25 th	7:00 p.m.

Park & Rec Committee

Wednesday, February	27 th	7:00 pm*
Wednesday, March	27 rd	7:00 pm.*

*Meetings are held at the Becker Community Center.

City Websites

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

Utility News

Pay your bill with Credit Card/Online payment, or Direct Debit. Get form at www.ci.becker.mn.us
For questions, Call Nadean at 763-200-4251.

Utility bill due date: February 15th

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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 Pruszinske
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 Will be Closed

Presidents Day - February 18th
Good Friday - March 29th Closing at Noon

ICE SKATING

The Pleasure Ice Rink has moved from Kolbinger Park to the Becker Community Center. The Hockey Rink will remain at Kolbinger Park. The rinks are open weather permitting.

Warming House Hours—Kolbinger Park

Monday thru Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 6:00 p.m.

