

Becker Among any more work can be done. Top 15 Safest Cities in Minnesota

The City of Becker was just recently named one of the 15 safest cities in Minnesota by Safewise! This report was generated from the most recent FBI Crime reports. Chief of the Becker Police Department, Brent Baloun stated "We have a very supportive and active community which helps to create a safe environment for everyone living in and visiting Becker". Thank you to our Becker Police Department, residents and business owners for your support to help us become one of the safest cities in Minnesota!

Recreation Opportunities Abound at Pebble Creek

Pebble Creek Golf Club continues to expand the opportunities for recreation at the facility. With both the Local 9 and the Championship courses, Pebble Creek offers something for everyone who plays or is thinking about playing golf in the family. From beginners, to advanced players we have something to offer. The Local 9 features a more relaxed pace, 10 minute tee time intervals, 8" cups and the standard 4.25" cup on every green. The 8" cups will have shorter flags so you can tell them apart. The green fees are an unbelievable value, only \$7 for kids and \$15 for adults. The Championship Course is the original design done by Don Herfort back in 1987. It's a great layout that any skill level can enjoy. Pace of play is about 4 hours and it's an easy course to walk.

New this year, Pebble Creek will be offering FootGolf on the Local 9. FootGolf is a combination of the popular sports of soccer and golf. The game is played with a regulation #5 soccer ball at a golf course facility on shortened holes with 21-inch diameter cups. The rules largely correspond to the rules of golf. FootGolf as a game is played throughout the world in many different forms, but as a sport, it is regulated by the Federation for International FootGolf (FIGF). The American FootGolf League (AFGL) is the exclusive member of the FIGF and governing body for the sport of FootGolf in the United States. The AFGL is organizing tournaments throughout the country working with golf courses to bring FootGolf to their clubs as another avenue for revenue and to develop the game further. We're excited to be offering another great option for recreation to the residents of Becker. We will have soccer balls available for rent if you need one. Check out <http://www.afgl.us> for more information on this new and exciting sport.

For the Lacrosse players out there, we are also offering FlingGolf. Similar to golf it uses a golf ball, but instead of having to carry a bag full of clubs, there is only one, the Fling Stick. Fill your pocket with a ball marker and a divot repair tool for the green and you're all set. You scoop the ball using the stick and fling it like Lacrosse. Anybody can play and it's a great change of pace. We have fling sticks available for rent. Bring the family and give it a try.

So this summer, if you're looking for an opportunity to get a little exercise, check out Pebble Creek. We have many options to help you get that work out. Don't forget, in the winter, there are cross country ski trails groomed to hook up with the County system that tour both the Local 9 and the Championship course. For details on the ski trails, contact the Becker Community Center.

Upcoming Events

Watch for upcoming Tree Sale information
Clean Up Day May 16th, 2014

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Becker Community Center

Father Daughter Dance - Friday, February 6th

Pasta Dinner at 6pm, Dance 7-8:30pm. This is a very popular event and space is limited. Call the BCC to RSVP at 763-200-4271.

Zumba Jam – Saturday, February 21^s

6-9pm. Vendors, Prizes, Zumba and Fun!

Photography Contest

Enter your professional or amateur images by February 28th. Visit the BCC website for additional information.

Chase a Leprechaun 5K Fun Run – Saturday, March 7th

Race begins at 10:30am. Cost: \$20 (before 2/26) or \$25 (2/27-3/7). Chip timing, finish line video and pictures provided by Gopher State Events.

Easter Bunny Breakfast – Saturday, March 21st

Enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny and have a special picture taken with the Easter Bunny!
9:00 – 11:00am at the BCC

2015 NEW BUSINESSES!

Casey's General Store is gearing up to begin construction on a brand new convenience store on the vacant lot next to the Williams Dingmann Funeral Home this spring! The project will take approximately 4 months to complete. This project increases the community's long term economic vitality through the creation of additional employment opportunities of approximately 15-20 new jobs for the residents of the City of Becker. In addition, it's another step towards expanding Becker's property tax base.

UPAC2 is a Plastic Thermoforming business, who is anticipated to occupy the former Advanced Extrusions building by the end of Quarter 1 of 2015. The anticipated new job creation for UPAC2 is estimated at 24 Full Time positions!

The City of Becker wants to give a warm welcome to Cal Krupa of UPAC2, and Casey's General Store 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!

Thank you,

Amanda Othoudt, Community Development Coordinator

CITY OF BECKER
SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT
 (All Governmental Funds)

	2014	2015
	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	\$5,238,736	\$5,928,759
Licenses and Permits	54,000	74,000
State General Purpose Aid	10,788	9,288
State Categorical Aid	85,000	85,000
County and Local Grants	6,000	6,000
Charges for Services	758,150	769,350
Fines and Forfeits	10,500	10,500
Interest on Investments	14,000	11,900
Miscellaneous Revenues	6,400	6,400
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,183,574	\$6,901,197
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$848,851	\$941,020
Public Safety	1,053,355	1,097,415
Streets and Highways	734,500	828,000
Culture and Recreation	1,015,700	1,100,650
Economic Development	97,400	112,680
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,749,806	\$4,079,765
Debt Service	1,656,968	1,293,432
Capital Outlay	776,800	1,528,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND		
OTHER FINANCING USES	\$6,183,574	\$6,901,197
INC (DEC) IN FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$5,238,736	\$5,928,759

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Sarah Brunn, Treasurer



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February and March 2015 Meeting Dates

City Council

Tuesday, February 3rd 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 17th 5:00 p.m.

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EDA

Monday, February 9th 5:30 p.m.
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Planning Commission

Monday, February 23th 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, March 30th 6:00 p.m.

Park & Rec Committee

Wednesday, February 25th 7:00 p.m.*
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*Meetings are held at the Becker Community

City Websites

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



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**

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
 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
February 16th
President's Day

BASC
 Seniors meet at City Hall every
 Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
 Any questions call BASC at (763) 528-0643

BUSINESS EXPO
 Saturday, January 24th
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Becker High School Field House