

## SOME WAYS TO AVOID BEING SCAMMED

- **Avoid getting on sucker lists.** Don't fill out contest entry forms at fairs or malls—they are a common source of "leads" for con artists. Ask companies you do business with not to share your personal information with other marketers.
- **Know your "Do-Not-Call" rights.** Under federal law, you can tell a telemarketer not to call you again. Ask your state attorney general's office or consumer affairs department if there is a state "Do-Not-Call" Law and how it protects you.
- **Know who you're dealing with.** If it's an unfamiliar company or charity, check it out with your state or local consumer protection agency and the Better Business Bureau.
- **Screen your calls.** Use an answering machine, Caller ID, or other services that may be available from your phone company to help you determine who you want to talk to and who you want to avoid.
- **Have a plan for speaking to telemarketers.** Before you pick up the phone, know what questions you want to ask or what you want to say. Be polite, but firm. Hang up if someone refuses to answer your questions or you detect the "red flags" of fraud.
- **Know that your phone number may be collected.** When you call a company, your number can be displayed through Automatic Number Identification (ANI). If you have an account with the business, this enables the customer service representative to pull up your records and help you faster, but ANI can also be used for marketing purposes. Ask what information is being collected and tell the company if you don't want to be put on a marketing list

### Winter Parking

Remember on all Becker City streets & roadways, vehicles are prohibited from parking between the hours of 12:01a.m. & 8:00 a.m. November 1st - April 15th

### Leaf Pickup Curbside

Public Works will begin curbside leaf pickup on October 14<sup>th</sup> and continue through October 28<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

**NO** Brush or Branches will be picked up curbside. The compost site is available for you to drop off.

### 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). 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

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### October Harvest Fest

Enjoy a family fun day at the beautiful Becker City Park! Saturday, October 12, 11:30am – 3:30pm Kids Games – Entertainment – And More!

*\*Please park at Pebble Creek Golf Course and utilize the free shuttle.*

### Halloween 5K / 1K Cross Country Fun Run

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at City Park

5K registration 9:15-10:15am, race starts at 10:30am

Children's 1K registration 11:15-11:30am, race starts at 11:30am

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter – After the game!

Continue the fun after the Becker Varsity home football games! Activities vary each night, but will include karaoke, basketball tournaments, swimming, rockwall, competitions, prizes & more! Grades 6-8, \$5 per person. Friday 10/4 and Wednesday 10/16.

9:00-11:30pm; *must have a signed registration form and rock wall waiver signed by a parent.*

### Preschool Enrichment

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; 8:30am – 10:00am

Fall Fun – Friday, October 11: Create a one of a kind tree!

Gobble, Gobble – Friday, November 15: Get ready to celebrate Turkey Day with Thanksgiving activities.

### Youth and Family Activities

October 17 – Soccer Camp at City Park

November 4 – Carnival Day Camp at AZ

November 22 - Angry Bird Camp

Call the BCC or visit [www.beckercommunitycenter.com](http://www.beckercommunitycenter.com) for additional information.

### Family Movie Night

Friday, October 18. Showing the movie 'Epic'. Doors open at 5:45pm, show time is at 6:30pm. Suggested donation of \$5 per family. Wear your P.J.'s and bring a blanket and pillow!

### Thanksgiving Morning Fitness Class – Turkey Jam!

Join us for a last chance workout on Thanksgiving morning from 8-9:30am. A variety of instructors will be on hand to lead you through a great work out so you can enjoy your holiday guilt free! Class is FREE to everyone – just bring in a food shelf item.

### Indoor Garage Sale

Come and shop on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-4pm. Want to be a vendor and sell your belongings? Call the BCC to reserve your space. \$25 per space.

### BCC Open House & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm. Stop over to the BCC for some fun swimming and rock-wall climbing at a reduced rate of \$2.50. Bring in a food shelf item and receive an extra \$1 off the discounted price. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place immediately following the Open House at 6pm. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is free to all!

## Police

As we move into the Fall season, The Police Department would like to remind our citizens of several important things. First, classes are now in session at our local schools. Please be mindful of kids walking to and from school activities. If observed in or by a crosswalk, motorists are obligated under the law to stop and allow pedestrians to walk across the street. We ask that all motorists be respectful when seeing kids waiting at a crosswalk to ensure a safe passage to the other side of the street. Secondly, as the temperature eventually starts to dip, we typically leave our vehicles run to warm up. It should come as no surprise that we highly recommend against leaving your cars unattended while warming up. Not only is this a violation of a city ordinance, but your vehicle is more susceptible to being stolen or items stolen out of it. Please ensure that your vehicle is locked and nothing of value is visible. If a potential thief observes valuables in your vehicle, they are more apt to attempt entry into the vehicle than they would be should they not see anything.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Becker Police Department, 763-200-4267. We thank you for your endless support of our local Police Department!

Chief Brent Baloun

## Business Spotlight

**Becker Screen Print** is a custom screen printing company that executes high quality, cutting edge custom art service. They are among one of the newest businesses that opened up shop in Becker. Becker Screen Print features 12 – color capable printing, 4-color process printing, large format printing, custom sports numbers

**Country Lumber, Inc.** has been providing the best in customer service and materials to contractors in the Central MN area and their clients since 1984. Country Lumber delivers building materials, lumber, trusses, millwork, decking, windows, siding and roofing all across Minnesota. Stop by their indoor showroom to check out the latest trends and newest products.

**Crossings Inn & Suites** offer a variety of accommodations to suit all guests including spacious one-bedroom suites and studio suites with full kitchens. The Crossings Inn also features a whirlpool suite. All rooms offer free Wi-Fi access, flat panel HD TV, on-site laundry facilities and a complimentary buffet breakfast.

Thank you to Dean Wall and Julie Hurre of Becker Screen Print, Shooter Frederickson and Jeff Knutson of Country Lumber and Amy Mulder of Crossings Inn & Suites in addition to all of your staff for your continued dedication and hard work. We appreciate having your businesses in the City of Becker!

Amanda Fiedler  
Community Development Coordinator

**Becker Chamber of Commerce** is hosting a **After Hours Social**, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Crossings Inn and Suites. Please RSVP to [www.beckerchamber.org](http://www.beckerchamber.org). Hors D'oeuvres & Drinks provided by Nix Bar and Grill



# City of Becker Newsletter

## October & November 2013



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### October & November Meeting Dates

#### City Council

Tuesday, October	1 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October	15 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November	5 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November	19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.

#### EDA

Monday, October	14 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November	18 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Monday, October	28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November	25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.

#### Park & Rec Committee

Wednesday, October	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm*
Wednesday, November	25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm.*

\*Meetings are held at the Becker Community Center.

### 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 Administrator .....Greg Pruszinske  
Asst. Admin/Community Dev Dir .....Kelli 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.



#### Fire Prevention Week

October 6th thru October 12th .

**Open House** at the Fire Hall 12040 Bank St.

October 12th 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**“Prevent Kitchen Fires”**



**City Offices will be CLOSED**  
**Monday, Nov. 11th, Veterans Day**  
**Thursday, Nov. 28th Thanksgiving**  
**And Friday, Nov. 29th**

### Utility News

Pay 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 Nadean at 763-200-4251. **Due Date October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Tri County Action Program, Inc.  
Energy Assistance Program

For assistance with your gas, electric or heating fuel bills.  
Download application at [www.tricap.org](http://www.tricap.org) or call 763- 5251-1612 or 1-888-765-5597.

**Meet with the Mayor**  
**September 21st, at Gily's**  
**9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Seniors** meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Ave.