

HWY 10/ 1st Street Corridor

If you didn't have a chance to attend the Becker HWY 10/1st ST Corridor Open House last week or didn't provide input, you can attend virtually at : <http://www.sehinc.com/online/becker101> to view the redevelopment options and take a short survey.

Therese Haffner

Community Video

Be sure to watch the City of Becker website www.ci.becker.mn.us for the Community Video coming soon!

Christmas Tree Pickup

Public Works will pick up Christmas trees curbside: December 28th and January 11th

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

Snow removal reminder

As a reminder, Minnesota State Law and our City Ordinances prohibits the deposit snow in any way onto public streets. Depositing snow onto a public road can result in a misdemeanor. Help keep our roads safe .

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.

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BUSINESS EXPO

The Becker Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting it's 23rd Annual **BUSINESS EXPO** Saturday, January 23rd 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 or visit the website to download a form: www.beckerchamber.org.
Becker Chamber Office Hours: Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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.

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: December 15th



Street Lights Out?

Call City Hall
Main Number : 763 -200-4239, or 763 261-4302

Coffee with the Mayor
November 21st, 2015
Ellis Bakery
9:00am to 11:00 am

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Becker Community Center Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve 8am-12pm Christmas Day Closed
New Year's Eve 8am-4pm New Year's Day 8am-4pm

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5th, 9-11am - Bring your family to the BCC to have breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus! The Becker Lions will be serving eggs, pancakes and sausage. Bring your camera for a special snapshot with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Cooking with Mrs. Claus

Saturday, December 12th - Cook with Mrs. Claus and make Santa's favorite treats! Please pre-register.

Christmas Extravaganza

Monday, December 21st 9am – Join us for a party Santa would even be proud of! If you'd like, wear your Santa hat! Please pre-register. \$5 per child age 2-6.

Adventure Zone

Becker Winter Break is scheduled for December 23rd – January 1st! Adventure Zone school age childcare (grades K-6) has openings for new enrollments for winter break, part time or full time! Adventure Zone kids enjoy rockwall, swimming, games, arts/crafts, library, and so much more!

Family Swim

The best deal in town! Family Swim is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm : Only \$2 per person!

Becker Wellness Words

Did you know the average adult gains 1-2 pounds during the holiday season.....and studies show the majority of people fail to lose this weight the following year!

Stay healthy this holiday season with these tips:

- ◆ Keep the focus off of food and on activities, such as spending time with family and friends, caroling or decorating.
- ◆ Plan some "me" time! Make sure to spend time on basic self-care habits to keep your stress low and your willpower for healthy decisions high.
- ◆ Eat Well.....don't forget the healthy options in holiday meals.
- ◆ Create a financial budget for gifts, travel and activities.....then stick to it!
- ◆ Create a master calendar of events & activities you want to do in the holiday season & then prioritize.
- ◆ Stay active!
 - ◇ Check out the Becker Community Center (BCC) for Turkey Jam on Thanksgiving morning or join during Jingle Jam and get your body moving.
 - ◇ Check out lap swimming at the BCC by purchasing a punch card.
 - ◇ Hit up Becker's cross country ski trails, ski rentals are available at the BCC this winter.
 - ◇ Try ice skating....it burns nearly 400 calories/hour & is available this winter at Kolbinger Park!
 - ◇ Walk on a warm winter day.....Becker offers nearly 52 miles of trails and sidewalks!
 - ◇ Give a gift that supports health and wellness such as a fitness tracker, healthy cookbook, exercise equipment or DVD's, health membership or workout music.
- ◆ Don't stress with losing weight.....focus on maintenance throughout the holiday season and gear up for a healthier **New Year!**



Keeping it Jolly without the Jiggle

Rules of Jogging Safety

The Police Department often fields complaints of joggers, or runners, who are out on the City streets and in the way of vehicular traffic. This may be because they are more difficult to see, not wearing reflective clothing or just running in the middle of the street. It only makes sense that runners check on the road rules prior to their exercise.

Stay on the sidewalk. If there is a sidewalk or walking path available, runners are expected to be using it, not running in the street. I know the common concern is the impact of the hard surface on the knees and feet or the uneven sidewalks. The answer could be as easy as running next to the sidewalk in the grass when issues flare up. Roadways are designed for vehicular traffic. Running on the sidewalk helps to separate the runner from the roadway.

Run or jog facing traffic as much as possible. Make eye contact with each and every driver that you come into contact with to ensure that they see you.

Make yourself as visible as possible. Wear reflective clothing or bright colors. After all, you'll likely have to cross an intersection at some point, so be as visible as possible.

If it appears that you are being followed by a car or someone, jog calmly to the nearest public building or location where you know someone and call the police. Try and obtain a vehicle description and license plate if possible.

Consider bringing your cell phone with in case you are injured or something occurs. Accidents sometimes happen and having a form of communication with could be the key to getting you or someone else help as soon as possible.

When running in pairs or groups, be cautious of running side by side. If running on a roadway due to lack of sidewalk, your group which may extend out into the roadway and become more of a target and nuisance to other drivers. Cars should never have to drive around you and you should be as far to the side of the road as possible.

Lastly, if you see something, say something. Call the police if you notice something out of place while you are out running. Often times, runners are in areas that may not be as easily accessible to the police, so please call if you see something. Thanks for your attention to safety!

Chief Brent Baloun



MAYOR

What an amazing fall we had! I hope everyone was able to enjoy it. Who would have thought we'd be running around in t-shirts and shorts in November? With the winter season just around the corner, please remember to allow for extra time, drive safely and watch out for those slippery spots! I would like to invite everyone to join us in kicking off the holiday season by attending Becker's Annual Craft and Vendors show on November 22nd at the Community Center. The annual tree lighting ceremony is the same evening at 6PM. As you reflect on this year, please remember to keep our veterans (past, present & future) and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Sincerely,
Mayor Lefty Kleis
612-219-5992

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



City of Becker Newsletter

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12060 Sherburne Ave. • PO Box 250 • Becker, MN 55308

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Meeting Dates

City Council

Tuesday, December 1st 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 15th 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5th 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19th 6:00 p.m.

EDA

Monday, December 14th 5:30 p.m.
Monday, January 11th 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Monday, December 28th 6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 25th 6:00 p.m.

Park & Rec Committee

Wednesday, December 16th 7:00 p.m.*
Wednesday, January 27th 7:00 p.m.*

*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

**Becker Community Center
Open House
November 22rd Opening at Noon
Save \$1.00 off Daily Fee
with Food Shelf item
Craft Show 2:00pm—6:00pm
Christmas Tree Lighting 6:00pm**

Phone Numbers & Contacts

Local Number: 763 -261 -4302

City Hall..... 763 -200 - 4129
Mayor Jerome Kleis.....612- 219- 5992
Public Works.....763 - 200 - 4190
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 Planner.....Therese Haffner

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 27th
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