



Recreation Advisory Board  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
May 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

*Members:*

*Karen Moore, Chairperson  
Randy Kleiman, Vice Chairperson  
Joe Kaplan, Board Member  
Valarie Norman, Board Member  
Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy, Board Member*

*Kim Peterson, Recreation Director  
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Assistant  
James V. O'Toole, City Manager  
Ralph Blasier, Council Liaison*

Meeting Location: City Hall, Council Room, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829  
Recreation Advisory Board

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016; 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ROLL CALL

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - Regular Meeting – February 9, 2016, and March 15, 2016  
APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**1. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.**

**Explanation:** The Board will begin the process of prioritizing sections within the City for connecting a city-wide non-motorized pathway.

**2. Five-Year Recreation Plan.**

**Explanation:** Administration will discuss updating the Five-Year Recreation Plan. General discussion will take place on projects of importance in the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

**1. Project Updates:**

- a. Civic Center Usage Update/Program and Activity Update.
- b. Summer Programs.
- c. Various.

MISCELLANEOUS  
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT  
ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully Submitted

Kim Peterson, Recreation Director

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. There was not a quorum present.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Moore and Vice  
Chairperson Randy Kleiman

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmembers Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy,  
Joe Kaplan and Valarie Norman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Peterson, Recreation Director  
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant  
DDA Director Ed Legault

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**Approval/Correction of the February 9, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Item was tabled until next regularly scheduled meeting when a quorum was present.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated the kick-off meeting was held at it was a great turn out. CUPPAD is currently working on an inventory list of non-motorized services within each community. CUPPAD will be contacting each community to do public hearings and more in depth discussions individually. The Recreation Advisory Board would like a map presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting so a priority list can be started.

## **2. Five-Year Recreation Plan.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that CUPPAD is currently working on a regional recreation plan and will work on the City of Escanaba's as part of this plan at no additional cost. Administration met with CUPPAD and within a month or so meetings will be held to seek input on the plan.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated a Public Hearing is being held to receive citizen comment on the proposed Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

Recreation Director Peterson stated the proposed Escanaba Marketplace Play and Park Structure is at a cost of \$86,000. The MDNR Recreation Passport Grant is a 25% match at a maximum grant of \$45,000 (\$45,000 is being sought). The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant is a 25% match at a maximum grant of up to \$300,000 (\$64,500 is being sought).

DDA Director Ed Legault stated the Escanaba Marketplace will be located on the corner of South 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Ludington Street. The park and play structure will be located right behind the Escanaba Marketplace and will be fenced in. The Escanaba Marketplace will be utilized nine months out of the year due to winter weather.

Public Hearing was opened.

Chairperson Moore asked for any public comment.

Public Hearing was closed with no one in attendance.

It was the consensus of the Boardmembers present to provide a letter of support for submission of both grant applications on behalf of the Recreation Advisory Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated the proposed budget was submitted to the City Manager for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Additional items added were the resurfacing of one of the tennis/basketball courts, wood chips, and CPR training. Other line items remained the same as in previous years.

**3. Project Updates.**

**A) Civic Center Usage/Program and Activity Update.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated figures are needed from the senior center so the report can be complete and will forward it when done. The average daily use would be approximately 100 people with an average of 65-70 kids coming in for the after school program.

**B) Various.**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson  
Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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Date

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Moore; Boardmembers Joe Kaplan and Valarie Norman

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmember Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy, Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman, City Council Liaison Ralph Blasier

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Peterson, Recreation Director  
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**Approval/Correction of the December 8, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Approval tabled until next meeting in February, due to two new boardmembers appointed to the board.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.**

Recreation Director Peterson announced that there will be a public kick-off meeting for the Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 pm at the Delta County Service Center; flyers have been distributed. Boardmember Moore announced that there is also a meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> held by MDOT on the State of Michigan bridge project for 2017. Recreation Director Peterson discussed the options for connecting the Wells Township and the Escanaba Non-Motorized Pathways via Sheridan Road, the viaduct, etc.

## **2. Election of Chairperson**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that a new Chairperson must be elected due to the recent resignation of Chairperson Jonathan Harris. The board elected Boardmember Karen Moore to the position of Chairperson on the Recreation Advisory Board Committee.

**Motioned by Boardmember Joe Kaplan; seconded by Boardmember Valarie Norman. Motion was approved unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Recreational Program Fees.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the recreational program fees have remained the same for the past eight years. She stated that the programs are not designed to make large profits. She further reviewed the current fees throughout the recreational programs; and that the fees will be reviewed on a yearly basis but will remain the same for this year; the fees can be changed at any time with City Council approval.

### **2. Centralized Ice Rink.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that there has been discussion about having one centralized ice rink located behind the Civic Center, instead of maintaining the two the City currently has at Royce and Webster. She mentioned that there have been a couple citizens inquiring about bringing back the ice rink at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and Ogden Avenue. The numbers have been fluctuating due to the mild winter and the weather; and have been declining in the past few years. Discussion took place on options of upkeep and maintenance of the current rinks compared to the proposed centralized ice rink. As of right now the City has one union employee that takes care of both rinks throughout the season. The Civic Center facility has the staff, space and equipment to support an ice rink. Discussion was brought up on options for maintenance and upkeep of the rinks going forward. Financially wise it would be much more feasible for the City to maintain one centralized ice rink put into place. The proposal was made to table the discussion of the future of the ice rinks to the agenda for next month's meeting. A report will be compiled comparing previous years of use at the ice rinks and length of time utilized.

### **3. Activities and Events.**

Recreation Director Peterson discussed various options for new activities and events in the City throughout the year, i.e. hockey tournaments, pickle ball tournaments, volleyball tournaments, bocce ball etc.

Discussion was brought up about creating a new skateboard park for the kids to deter them from skating on public and private property around the City. Chairperson Moore mentioned that she has noticed several occasions where property is being destroyed from kids' skateboards on the properties.

Recreation Director Peterson discussed the current rentals that Mish Watersports provides at the beach and harbor such as kayaks and water boards; the marina also has the yellow bike rental for the citizens.

The discussion of a splash park was brought up and Recreation Director Peterson stated that it was placed in the Capital Improvement Plan this year. She stated that there has been discussion of building a dog park within the City limits for citizens to bring their dogs to run and exercise, she stated that discussions are ongoing at the time. Director Peterson also touched on the activities for the two Rock the Dock events to be held this year.

Chairperson Moore asked about any updates that could be made to the gazebo in regards to possibly building another covered area in the vicinity of the gazebo for the citizens that rent it for weddings and such so they have somewhere to go that is not so far away from the gazebo. This will be discussed at the upcoming Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan meetings with administration.

### **4. Project Updates.**

#### **A) West Side Cross Country Ski Trail Update.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the ski trail hasn't been fully groomed due to lack of snow and mild weather this winter; the City is currently grooming the trails with ski tracks. There is a temporary parking lot on top of the ski hill that access loops two and three, also the snow shoe trail. The City currently has three qualified volunteers that are helping with the trails.

#### **B) West Side Snow Shoeing Trail Update.**

Recreation Director Peterson touched on the snow shoe trail; it is currently being groomed and maintained and is open to the public. It is not a through trail and you must turn around as there is a section not yet completed. The snow shoe program through public health has been a big hit this year and years past.

**C) Civic Center Usage Update/ Program and Activity Update.**

Recreation Director Peterson handed out January's Civic Center Activity Report for review. She stated the Recreation Department is currently working on preparing for the upcoming summer programs that are currently in place.

**D) Various.**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Karen Moore appointed Chairperson of the Recreation Advisory Board.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Chairperson Moore, seconded by Boardmember Kaplan, to adjourn the meeting with the time being 7:29 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson  
Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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Date

**Excerpt from the Escanaba Planning Commission Recommended Capital Improvement Plan FY2015-2020:**

**City of Escanaba Non-Motorized Pathway Design**

**Description:** As part of the City of Escanaba Non-Motorized Pathway System Master Plan, a 10' wide pathway system will be engineered to include project costs for the following areas:

- 1) Willow Creek Road between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to ~~Ludington Street~~ <sup>3<sup>rd</sup> AN</sup> 5200'
- 2) Municipal Dock to North 4<sup>th</sup> Street 1400'
- 3) North 10<sup>th</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North 1400'
- 4) 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North from North 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Stephenson Avenue 2700'
- 5) Stephenson Avenue to Sheridan Road 2600' 3<sup>rd</sup> AN to 8<sup>th</sup> AN
- 6) Sheridan Road to City limit 7200'
- 7) North 26<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to North 26<sup>th</sup> Street to Danforth Road 1500'
- 8) 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from South Lincoln Road to Ludington Park 6200'
- 9) Lake Shore Drive from Ludington Park to M35 11,000'

# CITY OF ESCANABA SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS 2016

## SWIM LESSONS

### Young Beginners Swim Classes

The young beginners swim classes will provide young children with a proper and healthy attitude toward water safety. Qualified instructors will supervise all classes and will stress confidence, respect and overcoming fear of the water. Various water games will also be played. The classes will serve as preparation for regular swimming classes available at the Municipal Beach each summer. This class is for ages 3—6 years old.

Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00—1:30 p.m. or 1:30—2:00 p.m. Classes are held at the Webster Wading Pool.

Fee is \$30 per student and \$15 each for additional student in same family.

Classes will start on Monday, July 11th and run to Thursday, August 11th.

The YMCA will be sponsoring a water lesson on basic safety skills on Thursday, June 30th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Webster Wading Pool.

### New Wading Pool Hours!

Monday to Friday from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Young Beginners Swim  
Classes will start on July  
11, 2016

Learn to Swim Program  
will start on July 11, 2016

Beginner Tennis Lessons  
will start on June 14,  
2016, for Session I and  
July 12, 2016, for Session  
II

4 and 5 Year Old  
Instructional Soccer  
Program will start on July  
18, 2016

6 and 7 Year Old  
Instructional Soccer  
Program will start on  
June 13, 2016

#### CONTACT:

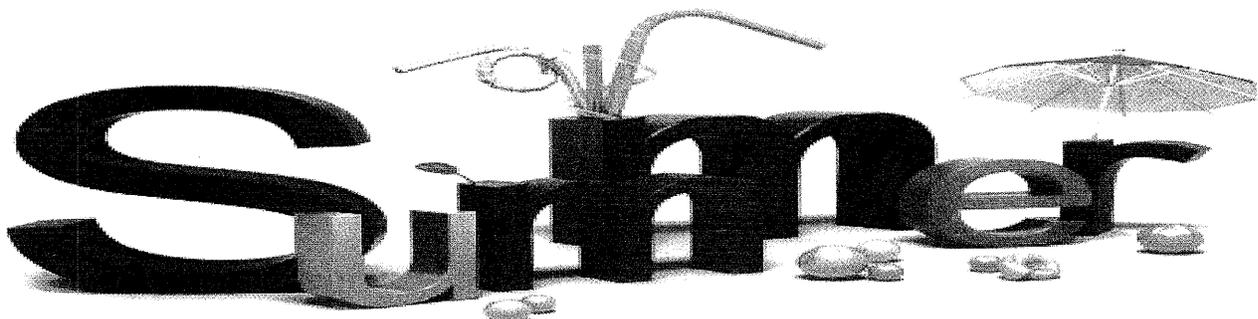
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Recreation Department  
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### Rock the Dock

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Saturday, July 2,  
2016, and  
Saturday, August  
6, 2016, at the  
Municipal Dock

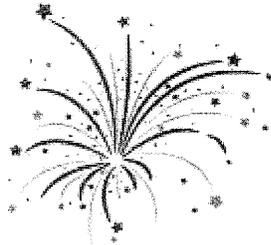
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### Fourth of July

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Monday, July 4,  
2016—Activities  
to take place at  
Ludington Park  
with fireworks at  
dusk.

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### Concession

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Sticky Fingers will be located at Ludington Park this summer. Their menu consists of fountain drinks, sports drinks, bottled water, coffee, tea, ice cream cones, suckers, candy, root beer floats, cotton candy, popcorn, chips, etc.

## Learn to Swim Program

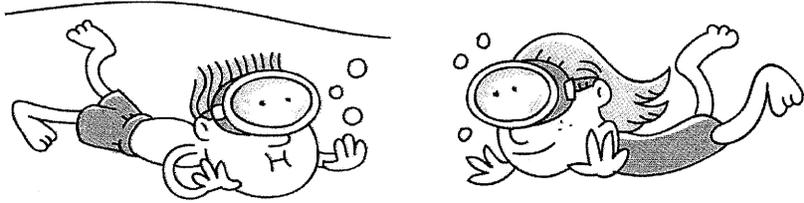
The learn to swim program offers students an opportunity to swim properly and prepare them for waterfront emergencies.

Classes will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00—11:50 a.m. Classes are held at the Escanaba Municipal Beach. This class is for ages 6 and up.

Fee is \$30 per student and \$15 each for additional student in same family.

Classes will start on Monday, July 11th and run to Friday, August 12th.

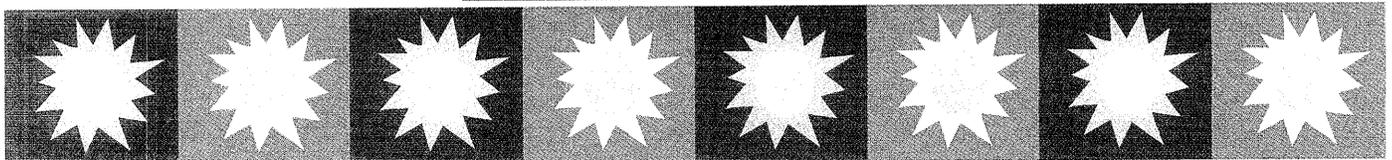
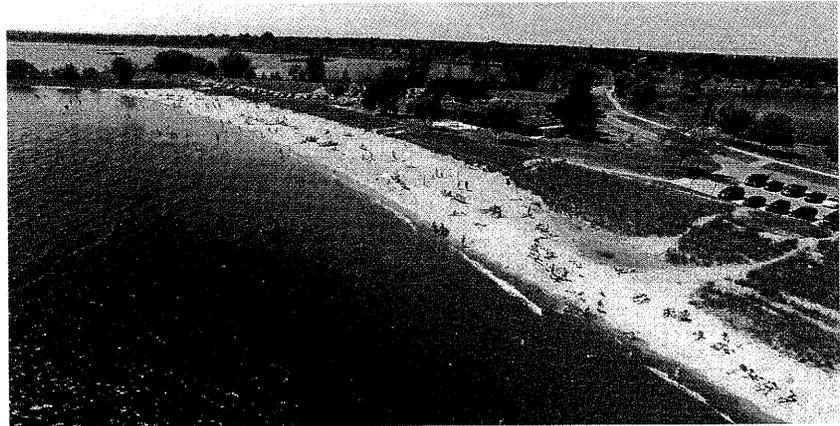
Classes will be limited to a maximum of 30 participants. More classes will be added if needed.

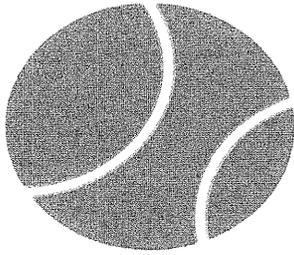


## MISH Watersports Will be Back at the Beach House!

MISH Watersports will be at the Beach House this coming season starting Saturday, June 18th. MISH Watersports is a premier watersports business offering kayak rentals, stand up paddleboard rentals and lessons, as well as kiteboarding and snowkiting lessons.

Contact information: Phone (515) 999-MISH or e-mail: [mish@mishwatersports.com](mailto:mish@mishwatersports.com).





## Beginner Tennis Lessons

The program is for students to learn skills such as forehand, backhand, grips, serves and game fundamentals.

Session I will run from Tuesday, June 14th to Thursday, July 7th.

Session II will run from Tuesday, July 12th to

Thursday, August 4th.

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Fee is \$30 per student and \$15 each additional student in same family.

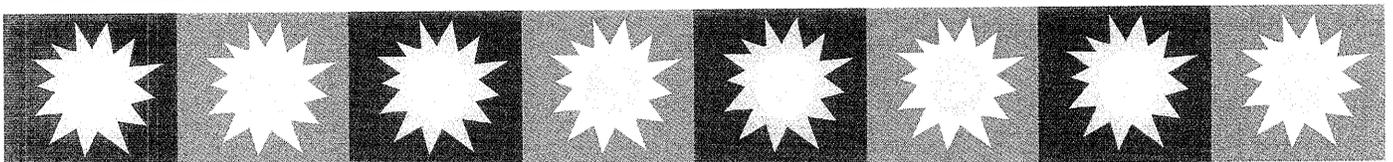
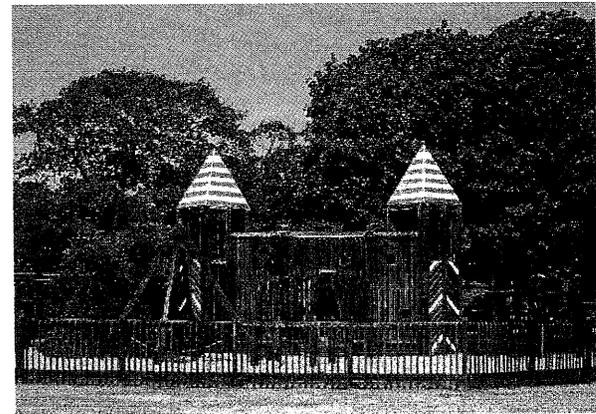
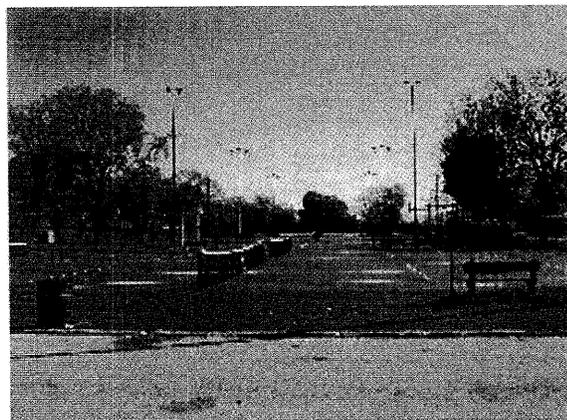
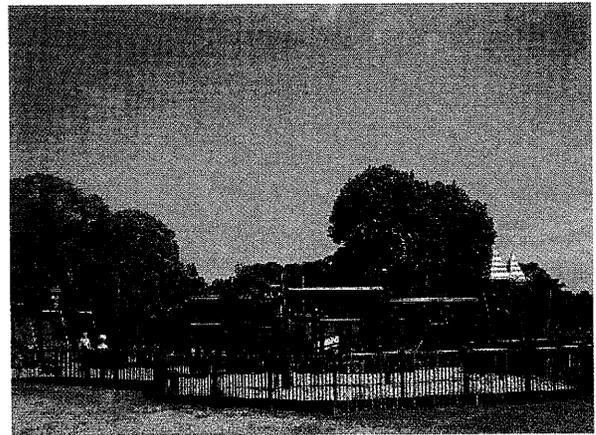
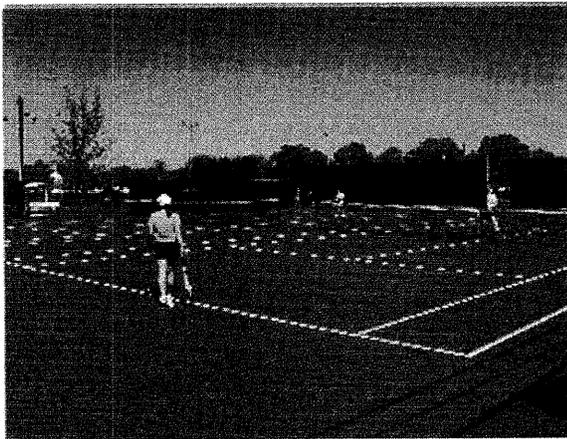
Lessons will be held at the Veteran's Park Tennis Court located at Lake Shore Drive and 12th Avenue South.

Class is restricted to 20 students. Students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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*It is the policy of the City of Escanaba to make recreation programs available to the youth of the community, as a lack of family income will not be a barrier to participate.*

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## 4 and 5 Year Old Instructional Soccer Program

The program emphasis on learning skills and having fun! Rules are modified to fit the needs of young players and the same opportunities are provided for both girls and boys. Every player is guaranteed equal playing time. No previous experience is required for any age group. There are no tryout and everyone who registers will play.

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Fee is \$30 per student and \$15 each additional student in same family.

Classes will be held on Monday, July 18th to Thursday, August 11th.



## 6 and 7 Year Old Instructional Soccer Program

The program emphasis on learning skills and having fun! Rules are modified to fit the needs of young players and the same opportunities are provided for both girls and boys. Every player is guaranteed equal playing time. No previous experience required for any age group. There are no tryouts and everyone who registers will play.

Classes are held Monday and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fee is \$30 per student and \$15 each additional student in same family.

Classes will be held on Monday, June 13th to Thursday, July 14th.

### Class Times to Select From:

Mondays and Wednesdays

or

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

or

10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

or

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.



# Upcoming Events

**Saturday, April 30th**—The Paul Mitchell School Cut/Color Run 2016 at the Ludington Park Tennis Courts/Pavilion area

**Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th**—City-Wide Rummage Sale Trash to Cash

**Sunday, June 5th**—Trash to Treasure

**Saturday, June 11th**—Angler Young Angler Walleye Tournament at the Karas Bandshell

**Saturday, June 25th and Sunday, June 26th**—Delta County Amateur Radio Society at the north end of Aronson Island

**Saturday, June 25th**—Walk in the Park at the Ludington Park Pavilion

**Saturday, July 2nd**—Rock the Dock at the Municipal Dock

**Monday, July 4th**—Fourth of July activities throughout Ludington Park

**Sunday, July 17th**—Take a Vet Fishing—location unknown at this time

**Saturday, July 30th**—Marina Fest at the Escanaba Marina

**Saturday, August 6th**—Rock the Dock at the Municipal Dock

**Saturday, August 6th**—ReCreating in the Great Outdoors at the Escanaba Marina

**Saturday, August 6th**—Waterfront Art Festival at the Karas Bandshell area

**Saturday, August 6th**—Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sportsfishermen Walleye Tournament at the Escanaba Marina/Ludington Park area

**Saturday, August 13th**—Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sportsfishermen Kid's Fishing Derby sponsored by Wal-Mart at the Escanaba Marina/Ludington Park area

**Monday, August 15th—Sunday August 21st**—U.P. State Fair at the Fairgrounds

**Saturday, August 20th**—Crusaders Triathlon at the south parking lot of Aronson Island

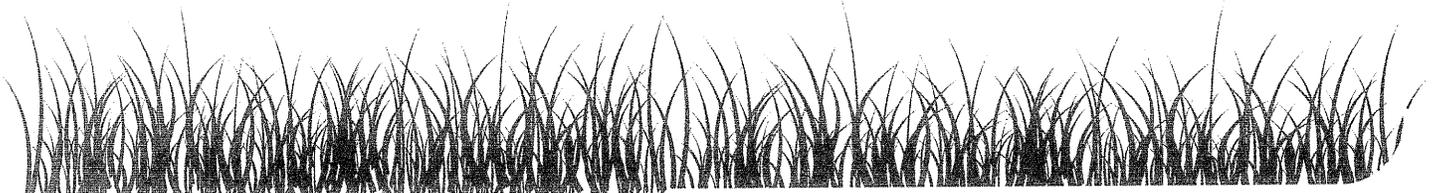
**Saturday, September 10th**—End the Silence Walk at the Ludington Park Pavilion

**Saturday, October 1st**—Pink Pumpkin Cancer Awareness 5K at the Ludington Park Pavilion

*Call the Recreation Department for upcoming events. We have something for everyone!*

*(906) 786-4141 or*

*e-mail: [kpeterson@escanaba.org](mailto:kpeterson@escanaba.org)*



## Escanaba Little League T-Ball

Escanaba's Little League goal is to provide a great environment for your child to play baseball or softball. The coaches are dedicated to making the game safe, fun and instructional at all levels. The board is dedicated to providing the best experience possible for your child and the entire family. This is for area youth to have a fun summer with fellowship, exercise and the thrill of a little competition. Players who are the age of 4, 5 or 6 years old are eligible to be selected to a t-ball team. The cost is \$35 and registration and payment can be mailed to Escanaba Little League, P. O. Box 1251, Escanaba, MI 49829. Contact Mark Cloutier for more information at (906) 789-2913.

Player evaluations will be held on Saturday, April 9th at the Escanaba Senior High School Gym. New players must provide their birth certificates.

Forms are located at the Civic Center, however, they must be mailed and not submitted to the Civic Center.

## Bayside Soccer

Bayside Soccer is accepting registration for the summer recreation program. Focus is on fun, skill building and sportsmanship! No previous experience required and rules are modified for young players. This program is available for boys and girls ages 8—15. There are no tryouts and no cuts. Cost is \$70 with discounts available for volunteers.

Registration and more information is available on-line at [www.baysidesoccer.net](http://www.baysidesoccer.net) or you can contact Tana at (906) 399-5574. Registration deadline is Friday, May 20th to guarantee your soccer jersey.

## Disc Golf Lessons

Please contact Jon Harris at the Beaten Path (906) 789-6220 for more information.

