

THE COMMUNITY UPDATE

A means to keep the community informed about the City's services, programs, activities and opportunities to participate.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Downtown Development Authority 02/04 at 7:30 a.m.**
- **Manager's Call 02/05 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **City Council 02/05 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Historic District Commission 02/09 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Harbor Advisory Committee 02/10 at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Recreation Advisory Board 02/10 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **911 Dispatch 02/11 at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority 02/11 at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Joint Government 02/11 at 12:00 noon**
- **Electric Advisory Committee 02/11 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Planning Commission 02/12 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Traffic Safety Advisory 02/17 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Java With Jim 02/18 at 8:30 a.m.**
- **Manager's Call 02/19 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **City Council 02/19 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Board of Library Trustees 02/23 at 5:00 p.m.**
- **PS Retirement Board 02/24 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Delta Solid Waste 02/24 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Delta Solid Waste Management Authority 02/27 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Budget Process

By: James V. O'Toole, City Manager

The City of Escanaba has begun the process of creating the 2015-16 operating budget pursuant to the Escanaba City Charter and other relevant State laws. As part of the budget process, we also prepare a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan to provide direction on City growth and change.

In preparing the City Budget, the various department heads are in the process of developing their annual budgets for basic operations and a capital budget that proposes major expenses, such as equipment, street projects, service improvements and facility improvements. Once the departments complete their review, each Department Head meets with the City Manager to review priorities, revenues and expenditures. When that process is completed, the City Manager proposes a budget to the City Council, which in turn holds a series of work sessions to study and make adjustments to the proposed budget.

Key Dates in the Budget Process

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| January 15, 2015 | A Public Hearing for citizen input into the 2015-16 budget is conducted by the City Council. |
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March 27, 2015	City Council receives tentative copy of the City budget.
April 13-15, 2015	Public budget work sessions conducted.
April 17, 2015	Budget is revised based on work sessions and are made available to the public.
April 27, 2015	City Council conducts a meeting to get May 7, 2015, as the fourth Public Hearing on the 2015-16 budget.
May 7, 2015	City Council conducts a Public Hearing on the 2015-16 budgets.
May 21, 2015	Public Hearing and adoption of the City budget before City Council.
May 28, 2015	Special City Council Meeting held to read and adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance and the Appropriations Ordinance.
June 1, 2015	Special City Council Meeting held to read and adopt the Utilities Ordinance.

In developing the budget process, our goal is to develop a user-friendly and responsible budget that provides for the needs of the community and enhances our community's future.

Delta County Historical Society 2015 Winter Outreach Programs

In partnership with the Escanaba Public Library, the Delta County Historical Society will offer the following winter outreach programs at the Escanaba City Hall in the Council Chambers:

Wednesday February 18, 2015

A Weekday with Bernie

Mid-Twentieth Century Photos from Bernie Schultz

Presented by Richard Anzalone

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 18, 2015

Escanaba's Golden Age 1884 - 1914

Presented by Charles Lindquist

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 22, 2015

Who Were the Manigolds?

The rediscovery of one of Delta County's

Forgotten Families

Presented by Jeanne Rose

7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS OWNERS:

Personal Property Forms are in the mail! DUE February 20th!

Please remember that to qualify for the exemption from paying PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES – You MUST QUALIFY AND fill out the exemption form on the last page of the packet. THE EXEMPTION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 10th!



Every year business owners in the City of Escanaba get a form in the mail. This form is where the business is supposed to list all of their 'non inventory' personal property and they are taxed on that personal property.

Forms and instructions can be found at www.escanaba.org/?PERSPROP

Q: If you fill out and timely file the 2015 Personal Property Statement and your valuation is under the cap and you would be eligible to be exempt from paying personal property taxes but fail to file Form 5076, will you still get the exemption?

A: NO. If you fail to file form 5076, you will have to pay personal property taxes even if you would have qualified for an exemption.



CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL EQUIPMENT

With the help of the Hannahville Indian Community, Plum Creek and Esky 150, the City of Escanaba was able to buy new trail grooming equipment.

The snow equipment is used to help in the grooming of a track for cross country skiing. The machine and the equipment were purchased from grant money and donations for this purpose of grooming for cross country skiing.

THANKS!

CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Marc Tall
mtall@escanaba.org
786-4798

Mayor Pro-Tem
Ron Beauchamp
rbeauchamp@escanaba.org
280-8378

Councilmember
Patricia Baribeau
pbaribeau@escanaba.org
786-0532

Councilmember Ralph Blasier
rblasier@escanaba.org
786-6493

Councilmember Michael Sattem
msattem@escanaba.org
399-0316

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF

City Manager - Jim O'Toole	jotoole@escanaba.org	786-9402
City Controller - Mike Dewar	mdewar@escanaba.org	786-0605
Water/Wastewater Sup.—Jeff Lampi	jlampi@escanaba.org	786-3291
Public Works Sup./City Eng. - Bill Farrell	bfarrell@escanaba.org	786-1842
Electric Superintendent - Mike Furmanski	mfurmanski@escanaba.org	786-0061
Public Safety Director - Ken Vanderlinden	kvanderlinden@escanaba.org	786-5911
Recreation Director -Tom Penegor	tpenegor@escanaba.org	786-4141
City Clerk - Bob Richards	clerk@escanaba.org	786-1194
Library Director - Carolyn Stacey	cstacey@escanaba.org	789-7323
HR Director/City Treasurer - Bob Valentine	bvalentine@escanaba.org	786-0552
City Assessor - Daina Norden	dnorden@escanaba.org	786-9402
Harbor Master - Larry Gravatt	lgravatt@escanaba.org	786-9614
Code Compliance Inspector—Blaine DeGrave	bdegrave@escanaba.org	786-9402

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Escanaba Public Safety—Emergency 911	Wastewater Questions/Issues—786-1301
Escanaba Public Safety—General 786-5911	Escanaba Public Library—789-7323
Garbage/Recycling Information—786-1842	Escanaba DDA—789-8696
Snow Plowing/Removal—786-1842	Electrical Questions/Issues—786-0061
Potable Water Questions/Issues—786-3291	Civic Center/Recreation—786-4141
Neighborhood Complaint Hotline—789-7317	



Left to right: Councilmember Ralph Blasier, Councilmember Patricia Baribeau, Mayor Marc Tall, Councilmember Michael Sattem and Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Beauchamp

Cross Country Ski Trail is Open

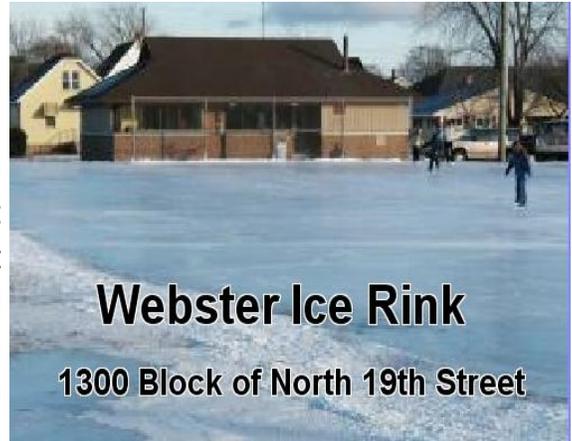
The cross country ski trail off of North 30th Street is open for skiing. The trail is not groomed yet but with the amount of snow just received can be skied. We have two ski trail heads now, one at North 30th Street and the other at the east side of the Comfort Suites on Ludington Street.

Free Snow Shoe Program

The Civic Center is again offering free snow shoes at the Civic Center per weather.

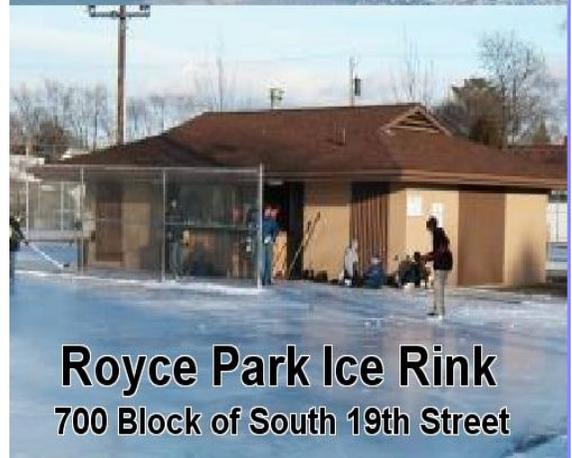
Ice Rinks

Per weather, the Royce and Webster Ice Skating Rinks will have hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Webster Ice Rink

1300 Block of North 19th Street



Royce Park Ice Rink

700 Block of South 19th Street

Winter Reading Program for Adults at Escanaba Public Library

Escanaba Public Library announces its winter reading promotion, “Hot Reads for Cold Nights”. The program is open to adults 18 and older with an Escanaba Public Library card. Adult readers will have the chance to win one of two grand prizes of a Kindle Fire HD and weekly prize drawings for a book bag. To qualify, participants simply read or listen to a book and list it on an entry form. The library will count books read between January 12 and February 28 and patrons can enter as often as they like. Program participants will be encouraged to share their “hot reads” with others by posting a book review in the library or posting online at the library’s Facebook page. Participants who provide a book review will be given an additional entry in the drawing.

“Our Northern winters provide many opportunities to curl up with a good book,” said Library Director Carolyn Stacey, “and the library offers many choices; whether you prefer e-books, audiobooks or a book you can hold in your hands, the library has a selection for you.”

For those who need suggestions for what to read next, library staff is always happy to recommend a good book or refer patrons to online resources for recommendations. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Escanaba Public Library.

The Escanaba Public Library is located at 400 Ludington Street. For details about the winter reading program, call 906-789-7333 or visit the library’s web site at <http://www.escanabalibrary.org>.

WINTER TAX COLLECTION

The 2014 winter tax bills were mailed on December 10, 2014. Citizens can pay their bills through February 13, 2015, without a late payment penalty. A 3% (three percent) late payment penalty will be imposed on all payments received between February 14, 2015, and February 27, 2015.

Delinquent real property taxes are payable at the Delta County Treasurer's Office after February 27, 2015. Personal Property and Special Acts taxes remain payable at Escanaba City Hall with additional penalties and interest after February 27, 2015.

Tax information can be accessed 24/7 on the City's website at :

www.escanaba.org

Photographs Wanted!

Do you enjoy taking pictures and sharing them with your friends and neighbors? If so, the City of Escanaba is looking for current photographs of people, places and events taking place in the City of Escanaba. If you are interested in contributing a photograph for possible publishing in our Community Update, please forward the picture to Kim Peterson at kpeterson@escanaba.org.



Birthday Party Packages **Escanaba Civic Center**

For youth ages 5th thru 12th grades only. Package includes room rental, open gym and game room use. Parties limited to 3 hours and a maximum of 30 children per party. Please call 786-4141 for information and available times. Fee is \$40 for City resident and \$50 for non-resident.



CITY BID LIST

Thursday, February 5, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

Janitorial Services - City Hall Library Building

Thursday, February 18, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

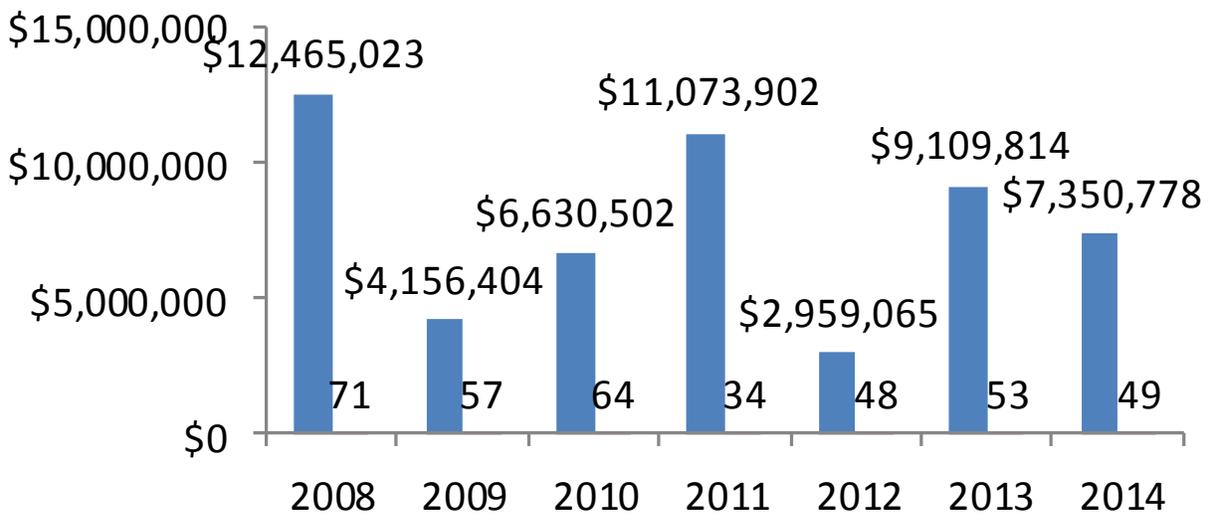
WWTP Digester Bio-Solids Removal & Hauling
WWTP Digester High-pressure Cleaning & Sealing

Information is available by reviewing information on the City of Escanaba website
www.escanaba.org/?citybidlist

City of Escanaba Zoning Permits and Declared Values



Delta County Building Permits and Declared Values



NOTE: The figures on the bottom of both charts reflect how many Zoning Land Use Permits were issued for each year.

COUNCIL ACTIONS—JANUARY 2015**Regular Council Meeting, January 7, 2015**

1. Approved to condemn the building located at 630 1st Avenue South, Escanaba, MI.
2. Approved to schedule public hearings for January 15, 2015, February 19, 2015, and March 19, 2015, for citizen input on the 2015/16 Fiscal Year Budget.

Special Council Meeting, January 14, 2015

1. Approved termination of the EGE Power Plant Asset Purchase Agreement.
2. Approved to file the MISO Attachment Y Submission – Retirement of the Escanaba Power Plant, effective this upcoming June 2015.
3. Approved to purchase transformers of various sizes from RESCO of Middleton, WI for the Ermco transformers in the amount of \$53,284.00.

Regular Council Meeting, January 15, 2015

1. Approved a request from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area to use the Escanaba Municipal Harbor for their annual Jig It Ice Fishing Fundraising Event on Saturday, January 24, 2015.
2. Approved Bonifas Art Center request who sought Council approval of a resolution supporting their grant application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs seeking funds for the “Music Mondays” Summer Concert Series.
3. Approved a lease which would allow the Delta County Michigan Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society to utilize space at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center for their weekly rehearsals.

Special Council Meeting, January 20, 2015

1. Approved to hire the Attorney Firm of Bloom Sluggett Morgan, Counselors & Attorneys in an amount up to \$30,000, to represent the City of Escanaba in its appeal to the State of Michigan Court of Appeals on the Menards Inc. Michigan Tax Tribunal decision.

**Mites to Men
Pond Hockey Tournament
Hosted by EAJHA**

**January 30th through February 1st, 2015
Ludington Park Escanaba**

Calling all Men, Women, and Children of all ages.

Join us for good, clean family fun.

Playing hockey as it was played in the beginning.



**Email or Call for details
Escanaba Recreation Dept.
906-786-4141**

WEATHER RECORDS FOR 2014
BY THE ESCANABA WATER DEPARTMENT

Averages

MONTH	PRECIPITATION IN INCHES	SNOW IN INCHES
January	0.0	27.3
February	0.4	15.1
March	0.1	12.1
April	2.8	8.0
May	2.9	0
June	4.1	0
July	3.9	0
August	5.0	0
September	5.8	0
October	4.6	0
November	2.7	12.8
December	1.5	8.3
TOTAL	33.6	83.6

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

	High	Low
January	18	1
February	19	-3
March	29	6
April	42	28
May	59	43
June	71	54
July	73	57
August	73	58
September	68	51
October	53	40
November	36	22
December	32	20

CITY OF ESCANABA NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE

Do you have rubbish, un-shoveled sidewalks, dilapidated buildings or non-running vehicles in your neighborhood? You can call the City of Escanaba's Neighborhood Code Enforcement Hotline to report your concerns.
 CALL: 789-7317
 or e-mail: bdegrave@escanaba.org



CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY—FRIDAY—7:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

City Council Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.



HELP WANTED!

Boards, Commissions and Committees

Currently Recruiting Boards, Commissions and Committees

Applications are accepted anytime—submit yours today!

City of Escanaba residents are invited to participate in the process of the City of Escanaba government. One of the most effective ways to participate is through service on one of the City's citizen boards, commissions or committees. Through these services, civic minded citizens become involved in their local government and make recommendations to the Escanaba City Council. As a result, the City benefits from the vast knowledge, experience and expertise of its citizens.

Board and commission member positions are all voluntary and are appointed by the Mayor with the consensus of City Council. Once appointed, the time commitment for each board/commission varies, some meet on a regular schedule, others on an as needed basis. Preparation for some meetings may require additional time obligations. Once committed, your attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings is critical.

How to apply for Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointment:

Board, Commission and Committee members are appointed by the Mayor with the consensus of the Escanaba City Council.

To apply:

1. Review the list of preferences and areas of interest and determine your top choices. Every effort will be made to accommodate your first preference, but vacancies vary and demand for some boards may be higher than others.
2. Complete the required Boards and Commissions Application Form online or mail/fax it, along with your resume to: Office of the City Clerk, P. O. Box 948, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 or fax (906) 786-4755 or e-mail to clerk@escanaba.org.
3. As vacancies occur, applications are reviewed.
4. All members of boards, commissions and committees must be residents of the City of Escanaba, unless directed by the Escanaba City Council to waive the requirement or as specified in the bylaws of the board, commission or committee or as mandated by State Law. Members may not serve more than two full, consecutive terms and are expected to attend all regular and special meetings.
5. Applications will remain on file for one calendar year. A new application is required each year.

Recruiting for the following:

Electrical Advisory Committee—Meet 2nd Wednesday of month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room C101

Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee—Meet 1st Monday of month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room C101

Local City Officers Compensation Commission—Meet every odd-numbered year - Nov., City Hall, Room C102

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee—Meet 3rd Tuesday of month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room C101

Planning Commission—Meet 2nd Thursday of month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall Room C101

		<p align="center">“DELTA WIDE RECYCLING” DWR DO WHAT’S RIGHT!</p>			
Items to Recycle		 Please Do Not Include 		How To Prepare	
 <p align="center">Aluminum Cans</p>		<p align="center">No: Foil, Pie Tins, Pet Food Containers</p>		<p align="center">Rinse Well Do Not Crush</p>	
 <p align="center">Steel Food Cans</p>	 <p align="center">Aerosol Cans</p>	<p align="center">To recycle can lid, place it inside the can and gently squeeze the top</p>		<p align="center">Rinse Well, Empty Remove Plastic Lids</p>	
 <p align="center">Plastics #1 and #2 Bottle Jugs</p>		<p align="center">No: #1 non-bottle items #2 Motor Oil or Antifreeze Containers, Bags, Films, 5 Gallon Pails</p>		<p align="center">Identify Plastics by symbol # Rinse well; Discard Caps</p>	
 <p align="center">Newsprint, Phone Books; Magazines Catalogs, Paperback Books</p>		<p align="center">No: Tissue Products</p>		<p align="center">Bag or Bundle</p>	
 <p align="center">Paper, Junk Mail</p>		<p align="center">No: Carbon Paper, Wax Paper, Transfer Paper, Paper Towels, Labels Backing Food Wrappers</p>		<p align="center">Please Bag if Pre-Shredded</p>	
 <p align="center">Corrugated Cardboard Brown Paper Bags</p>		<p align="center">No: Food Contaminated Paper, Wax Coated Boxes, Non Corrugated Cardboard</p>		<p align="center">Flatten; Discard Paper or Plastic Liners</p>	

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

In order to better the flow of traffic, to ease the parking situation and expedite the movement of fire equipment and emergency vehicles during the months of December, January, February, March, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that parking will be restricted to one side of every street and avenue within the confines of the City from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., during the months of December, January, February and March, in the City of Escanaba in accordance with the schedule listed below:

Parking will be allowed only on the west side of all streets.

Parking will be allowed only on the north side of all avenues.

No vehicle shall be parked for a period longer than one half-hour on any street or avenue within the confines of the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated by signage during the months of December, January, February and March of each year.

On Ludington Street and the 100 blocks off Ludington Street, parking will be allowed on both sides of the street with the exception of South 15th Street, South 16th Street, South 17th Street, South 18th Street, South 19th Street and South 22nd Street.

Parking will be allowed on the east side of the street in the following business districts: 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Stephenson Avenue and the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of Sheridan Road.

Parking will be allowed overnight, on both sides of the street, in the 200 block of Ludington Street.

Parking will be allowed overnight within the median of the 100 block of South 3rd Street.

Parking will be allowed overnight in the 100 block of South 5th Street, on the west side of the street, pursuant to a permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.

The issuance of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a public safety officer in the City shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation as herein provided.

These parking regulations will be in effect through March of 2015.

The Public Safety Department suggests that you clip this notice and keep it in your automobile. They ask for your continued cooperation in this attempt to promote public safety.

Ken Vanderlinden
Director of Public Safety

JAVA WITH JIM



Join City of Escanaba Manager Jim O'Toole for coffee and conversation at Swedish Pantry, 819 Ludington Street, every third Wednesday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

February 18th
March 18th

Help Us—Help You

Residents are asked to keep the fire hydrant on your property free from snow and ready for use in the event of an emergency.



CIVIC CENTER

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center is now open for the season.

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday to Friday and noon to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays with earlier openings when 5th and 6th basketball start.

**SPACE FOR LEASE AT CIVIC CENTER
900 SQ FT
INCLUDES HEAT, ELECTRICITY, AND WATER
CENTRALLY LOCATED
SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Contact : Tom Penegor,
Recreation Director at 786-4141**

