

THE ESCANABA EXPRESS

The Escanaba Express is a monthly newsletter that is published to keep the community informed about the City's services, programs, activities and opportunities to participate.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Type of Meeting
02/04	6:00pm	Manager's Call
02/04	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
02/08	4:00pm	Historic District Commission
02/09	4:30pm	Housing Commission
02/09	5:00pm	Harbor Advisory Committee
02/09	6:00pm	Recreation Advisory Board
02/10	12:00pm	Joint Governmental Meeting
02/10	6:00pm	Electrical Advisory Committee
02/11	6:00pm	Planning Commission
02/16	6:00pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
02/17	8:30am	Java with Jim
02/18	6:00pm	Manager's Call
02/18	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
02/22	5:00pm	Board of Library Trustees
02/23	8:00am	Public Safety Retirement Board
02/25	12:15pm	Downtown Development Authority

GO PAPERLESS!

PAPERLESS BILL PAY FOR YOUR CITY UTILITY BILLS

The City Treasurer's Office provides utility customers with a variety of paperless bill payment, and bill delivery options. Through the City's web site at www.escanaba.org, customers can access the City's secure electronic payments portal, where they can pay utility bills via electronic bank draft, or credit card, on a one-time, or recurring basis.

First time customers will need to enroll by following the instructions at the portal. Enrollment requires an account number, so customers should have a copy of their most recent billing at the time of enrollment. Once enrolled, customers can pay utility bills and make on-line changes to account settings 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The portal also gives customers the option to "go paperless" by electing to receive monthly billings via e-mail, eliminating wasted paper and postage.

For those customers who are not comfortable using the internet, but who still wish to pay electronically, the Treasurer's Office can enroll those individuals in the recurring ACH bank draft option. Under this option, monthly billings will be deducted from a customer's bank account on the same date each month. Customers are mailed a notification detailing all charges approximately two weeks prior to each monthly withdrawal. Customers can enroll in ACH bank draft option in person at the utility payments window at City Hall or by calling the billing office at (906) 786-0552.



[Pay Utility Bill Online](#)
[View Bill or Amount Due Online](#)



Or download our FREE bill payment app "PSN Payments"

Call 877-885-7968 to pay

Street Snow Plowing Priorities

By: Bill Farrell, City Engineer/Public Works Superintendent

The City of Escanaba Department of Public Works is responsible for plowing, ice control and hauling snow on our streets and alleys. In the City, we have approximately 83 miles of paved street, 18 miles of alleyways and 8 miles of non-motorized trails that we are responsible for. We also have 9 facilities that require snow removal and clearing.

Snow plows are sent out when snow or ice accumulation creates slippery road conditions. Generally speaking, the City of Escanaba has 10 pieces of snow removal equipment, staffed by 10 Public Work's employees being operated during a typical snow storm. We also have a mechanic on hand to assist the operators and keep our snow fleet running.



In the City of Escanaba, there is a priority ranking system that governs which streets are plowed first. This ranking system is based on the street function, traffic volume, and importance to the welfare of the community. All streets in the City of Escanaba are categorized which determines their priority for clearing during snow plowing operations.

The first priority streets are "*Main Thoroughfares*" which are high volume streets which connect major sections of the City and provide access for emergency fire, police, schools and medical services. In the City of Escanaba, the following streets are designated Main Thoroughfares:

- Ludington Street
- Stephenson Avenue
- Washington Avenue
- Sheridan Road
- South/North 14th Street
- South/North 10th Street
- 1st Avenue North – 4th to 10th Street
- 3rd Avenue North
- North 30th Street
- Danforth Road
- Lake Shore Drive
- Willow Creek Road
- 5th Avenue South/North
- 6th Avenue North
- Areas around Schools
- 14th Avenue South from Lake Shore Drive to South Lincoln Road

All other streets in Escanaba are considered to be our second priority which is generally referred to as "*Local Thoroughfares*".

Once all the streets in the City are plowed, alley snow plowing takes place. Alley plowing is done as part of the regular plowing operations of the City of Escanaba. Depending on the severity of the storm, alley plowing could be delayed significantly as the major and local thoroughfares take priority. Every attempt is made to open all alleys as soon as possible for public use. Staffing and budgetary constraints may delay opening of an alley. Generally, all alleys will be plowed within 48 hours of a snow event, not including weekends. Smaller snow events may not require plowing of alleys.

In the event of a medical, fire or other public safety emergency, residents are asked to contact the Department of Public Safety by calling 911. The Department of Public Safety will alert snow and ice control resources immediately to provide emergency service support.

Residents can be assured that when snowfall accumulates, the Department of Public Works will do its best to plow all streets as soon as possible in order of priority, but severity of storms can greatly tax equipment and human resources.

As a resident and business owner, you can help by keeping parked cars off streets during and after snow storms. Parked cars are an obstacle to efficient snow removal and also pose a hazard that plows must maneuver around. Also, residents and business owners are reminded that it is illegal to deposit snow from private property onto public streets. Snow shoveled or plowed from driveways, parking lots or sidewalks cannot be piled on public streets or another's private property.

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON

Martin's Quest - He's All About The Brine

In October of 2015, the Department of Public Works sent one of our Foremen, Martin Fix, to the Winter Snow Removal Conference in Traverse City. One of the main objectives in attending the conference was to obtain information about the use of brine as a pre-event anti-icing agent and pre-wetting agent for road salt. This technique has gained widespread acceptance with state agencies and large municipalities throughout the country and is slowly working into the smaller agencies.

Some key facts about brine are:

- It can be used as a stand-alone de-icing agent or as a pre-wetting agent for road salt. Both of these concepts, under the right conditions, will work quicker, at lower temperatures and use less salt.
- Applying brine ahead of a snow event can keep ice from forming on the roadway and make the snow easier to remove (less scraping). Some studies say that it takes four times the amount of salt to remove ice, than to prevent it.
- Brine should only be used as a pre-treatment when roads are dry, rain is not forecasted, the forecasted temperatures are within 15 to 30 degrees Fahrenheit, excessive wind or blowing snow is not expected, and visual inspections indicate that there is currently not a residual of chloride on the street.
- Using brine as a pre-treatment for road salt has several benefits, including: quicker melting, better salt penetration into ice and snow pack, melting at lower temperatures, and reduced loss of salt from bounce and scatter. Not to mention we would not have to use salt/sand for our standard storms. This would save money not having to stockpile sand, mix the salt/sand or clean the sand up off the streets at the end of the year.



With the information Martin received at the conference and some ingenuity, he built a small scale brine maker (out of mostly spare parts), and a pickup mounted spreader. Water is mixed with our road salt until a 23.3% brine solution is achieved and stored in 250 gallon totes.

We have been using this brine in certain test areas to determine its effectiveness and whether or not we believe investing more money into brine is warranted. To date, we are very happy with the results and believe that this is a valuable tool to have in our snow/ice removal tool box. We have used it on the City Hall sidewalks and parking lot and on some select streets.

The addition of pre-wetting to our existing road salt application would be the next step. We are currently exploring the costs associated with adding a pre-wetting system to our existing spreader unit (which was purchased with pre-wetting in mind). Other considerations we are looking into are increasing our storage capacity of brine, so we could make brine less frequently and have more on hand when needed; and lastly, a 1,000 gallon, or larger, tank with the pumps and controls for doing large scale brining.

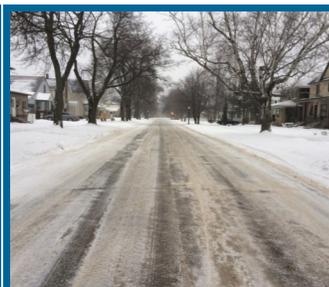
In summary, we believe that the brine concept for both pre-treatment and as a pre-wetting agent for our salt will be a valuable tool to have. Martin Fix deserves a big pat on the back for taking the information he received at the conference, coming back and creating a small scale test rig, and specifying the larger scale rig that we hope to eventually purchase.



BEFORE



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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 2016.

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



SafeTrade

Escanaba Department of Public Safety announced on January 7, 2016 that it has joined the SafeTrade initiative for safer completion of online transactions.

SafeTrade is a simple program for police and sheriff's departments to encourage transactions at their facilities; for classified sites to strengthen their safety and security initiatives, and for users to insist on "SafeTrade" by conducting their transactions only at a local police or sheriff's office.

Crimes from buying or selling on social media are increasing which has prompted Escanaba Department of Public Safety to become a Safe Trade Zone. "People should meet sellers or buyers at our public parking lot, located on the east side of Public Safety. If a person refuses to meet here, it is recommended that the transaction be avoided" advises, Director Ken Vanderlinden.

Additional information is available at www.safetradestations.com.

The East/Public Parking Lot at Escanaba Department of Public Safety can be used for such exchanges. All exchanges must be done in the public parking lot and not within the police department. The Escanaba department is located at 1900 3rd Ave N. Escanaba, MI 49829.

Escanaba Department of Public Safety Recognition

THE ESCANABA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a sincere pleasure to recognize the devoted service of the staff at the Escanaba Department of Public Safety for their selfless dedication to the citizens of Escanaba and the surrounding area.

The Escanaba Department of Public Safety has devoted countless hours in commitment to serving the community. On top of the irreplaceable public safety services rendered by Escanaba Police and Firefighters, they sponsor a yearly food drive to stock the three food pantries located in Delta County and have been able to contribute 3,000 pounds of food annually, as well as their sponsorship of a trailer of food that is distributed through the Feed America program.

They have also been known to host charity events, enabling them to donate nearly \$47,000 to many deserving local charities, programs and organizations since 2012.

Not only is the department community-minded, and filled with community spirit, additionally, it is also a thoughtful leader among its peers in the law enforcement community. The Escanaba Department of Public Safety is the first department in Michigan associated with the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.). The P.A.A.R.I. program takes a new look at how to manage the challenging issue local communities are facing in handling those with addictions.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed to applaud the excellent staff at the Escanaba Department of Public Safety for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the community in selflessly serving the citizens of Escanaba, Delta County, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We join together to thank them for their exceptional and admirable public and civic service.



CITY OF ESCANABA 2016-17 Budget Calendar

December 28, 2015	Budget papers to department heads; operating budgets due 1/22/16.
January 8, 2016	Publish notice of first Public Hearing for the 2016-17 City budgets at the 1/21/16 regular Council meeting.
January 21, 2016	(Regular Council Meeting) First Public Hearing for citizen input into the 2016-17 City budgets.
January 22, 2016	Departmental operating budgets due.
February 12, 2016	Publish notice of second Public Hearing for the 2016-17 City budgets at the 2/18/16 regular City Council meeting.
February 15, 2016	First draft of budget requests to City Manager.
February 18, 2016	(Regular Council Meeting) Second Public Hearing for citizen input into the 2016-17 City budgets.
March 11, 2016	Publish notice of third Public Hearing for the 2016-17 City budgets at the 3/17/16 regular Council meeting.
March 17, 2016	(Regular Council Meeting) Third Public Hearing for citizen input into the 2016-17 City budgets.
March 25, 2016	Council receives tentative copy of the City budgets.
April 11, 2016	Budget work session open to the public.
April 12, 2016	Budget work session open to the public.
April 13, 2016	Budget work session, if required, open to the public.
April 21, 2016	(Regular Council Meeting) Council passes resolution to set May 5th as the fourth Public Hearing on the 2016-17 City budgets.
April 22, 2016	Budgets are revised, based on the work sessions, and are made available to the public.
April 25, 2016	Publish notice of Public Hearings on budgets.
May 5, 2016	(Regular Council Meeting) Public Hearing on 2016-17 City budgets.
May 9, 2016	Publish notice of final hearing and adoption of 2016-17 City budgets. This notice must be at least 6 days prior to the budget adoption and must contain language to the effect that the tax rate will be a subject at this meeting, assuming that the City does not intend to roll back the millage by the bae tax reduction fraction.
May 19, 2016	Public Hearing and adoption of City budgets. First reading of the Appropriations Ordinance, including the millage rate, and first reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance, with second reading and adoption set for the May 26 th special meeting. First reading of Utility Ordinances, with second reading and adoption set for the Monday, June 6 th special meeting.
May 26, 2016	(Special Council Meeting) Second reading and adoption of the Tax Levy Ordinance and the Appropriations Ordinance.
June 6, 2016	(Special Council Meeting) Second reading and adoption of the Utility Ordinances.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Personal Property Forms Are In The Mail! These are due February 20th.



In order to claim a Small Business Tax Exemption you need to file Michigan Department of Treasury Form 5076 by February 10th.

Please note that the new EMPP & ESA or Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property and Essential Services Assessment program begins this year.

Form 5278 and additional instructions are available on the State's web site. A link will be on the Assessor's webpage at

www.escanaba.org/assessor.

This form must be received by the assessor's office by February 20th!

THE CITY OF ESCANABA SURE KNOWS HOW TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

Three major festivities made this New Year's Eve (December 31st, 2015) a night a major success.

- The New Year's Eve Rock the Dock (Children's Party) took place at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Food and games were provided free of charge with approximately 85 kids in attendance.



- Fireworks were shot from the Municipal Dock at 9:00 p.m.



THANK YOU TO THE CITY OF ESCANABA, ENGINEERED MACHINED PRODUCTS AND THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR MAKING THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE!





- The 3rd Annual Pasty Drop took place at Midnight. Many City of Escanaba Residents and Visitors came down to Center Court to celebrate the changing of the New Year by counting down the seconds as the large Pasty (made of wire and lights) was lowered from a crane. Door Prizes were handed out, Games were played, hot chocolate, cookies and pasties were also made available. After the Pasty Dropped, many revelers took a commemorative picture with the pasty to memorialize the event.



THANK YOU TO BAY DE NOC UUS, CR MEYER, GRAM'S PASTIES AND HALBINSEL INC. FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!






City of Escanaba Helps with Statewide Power Outage

The following is a re-printed article written/posted by MECA (Michigan Electric Cooperative Association) on December 29, 2015.

Christmas Eve Windstorm Leaves Thousands Without Power

'Twas the night before Christmas when 70 mph winds whipped through Michigan, knocking down trees and power lines, and leaving thousands of Michigan residents without electricity. Collectively the windstorm resulted in nearly 120,000 outages for Michigan's electric co-ops.



"This event was more challenging than the Christmas ice storm of 2012," commented Joe McElroy, safety and loss control director for the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association. "Almost every utility I called for help was already busy dealing with outages of their own." Without sufficient resources available in Michigan, McElroy triggered Michigan's emergency system and contacted Ohio co-ops for aid.

Great Lakes Energy and Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op (PIE&G) were hit the hardest. Great Lakes Energy's outages totaled 79,259, and PIE&G was faced with one of their largest restoration projects to date with 20,000 outages. Other co-op outages included Cherryland (3,000); HomeWorks Tri-County (1,800); and Cloverland (14,000). Thumb quickly cleaned-up 250 outages and sent aid to Great Lakes Energy. Alger Delta received help from the City of Escanaba to restore power to 1,000 members, and then sent lineworkers to Great Lakes Energy, too.

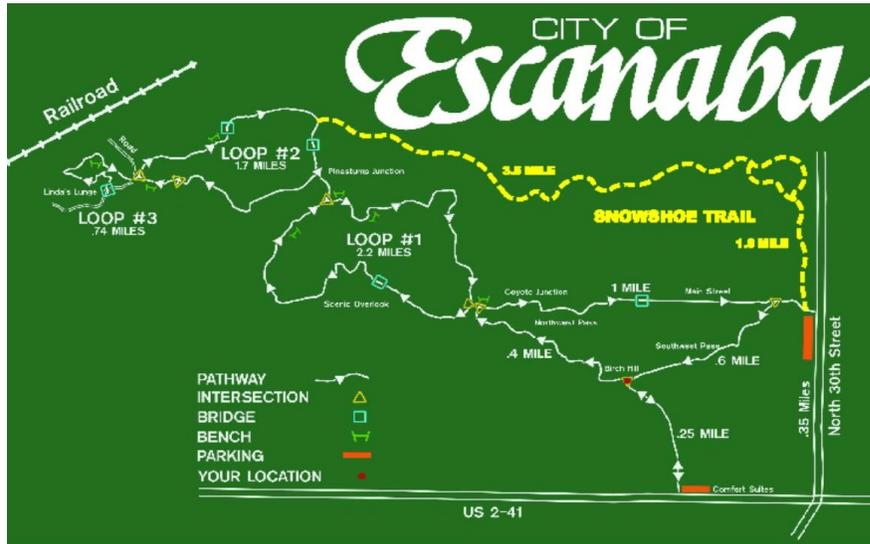
Both Great Lakes Energy and PIE&G received mutual aid assistance to tackle their large and widespread outages. Great Lakes Energy was assisted by Alger Delta, Thumb, Midwest Energy, Wolverine Power Cooperative, City of Hillsdale and two Ohio cooperatives – Frontier and Mid-Ohio. With the extra support, Great Lakes Energy was able to restore power to all members by the evening of Dec. 27. PIE&G received assistance from Wolverine Power Cooperative, Chelsea Light & Power, Bay City Light & Power, Cherryland, Great Lakes Power and Pipe, HomeWorks Tri-County, Holland Board of Water and Light, Alpena Power and Hydaker-Wheatlake. PIE&G is still working to get all remaining services restored, but progress is slower as crews focus on individual outages. They estimate one more day of work before restoration efforts are complete.

Mutual aid efforts ensured that electricity was restored to members as quickly as possible, but many people had to sacrifice time with their families over the holiday to make it happen. Joe McElroy and Dan King of MECA spent the holiday coordinating mutual aid efforts along with their municipal utility colleagues, while linemen and support staff worked to restore power to members. All of the effort didn't go unnoticed. Co-op facebook pages are filled with messages of support and gratitude from members like this one posted by Great Lakes Energy's Beck Cobb, "THANK YOU all for the countless hours away from your families to help us!"

MECA applauds the personal sacrifices and efforts of everyone involved who took time away from their families to help restore power.

Ways to Enjoy Winter in the City of Escanaba

City of Escanaba Cross Country Ski Pathway



The Escanaba Cross Country Ski Trail, which is just under 7 miles of trails, can be accessed off of Comfort Suite’s parking lot or on North 30th Street. Skiers are welcome to utilize the pathway in Ludington Park which loops around the outer perimeter. Both the ski pathway and loop in Ludington Park will be groomed as weather conditions permit.

The snow shoe trail will also be available, weather permitting, which consists of 5.1 miles of trail and can be accessed from the North 30th Street location.

For trail information, contact the Recreation Department at (906) 786-4141.



Webster Ice Rink



Royce Park Ice Rink

Neighborhood Ice Skating Facilities

Royce Park Ice Rink
700 Block/South 19th Street

Webster Park Skating Rink
1300 Block/North 19th Street

Skating schedule is January-March, weather permitting.

Monday - Friday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Schedule subject to change dependent on weather

Ice rinks will be closed if schools are cancelled due to weather.



UPCOMING EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY

	<p>October 10th, 2015 - May 7th, 2016 - Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. Storyhour Story hours in the Children's Library has begun for this year, and will run every Saturday through May 7th, 2016 (excluding November 28, January 2, and March 26). The program is FREE for children 4 years or older. No registration is required. Storyhour will include stories, simple crafts, book bingo, and occasionally a book-related movie or special guest.</p>
	<p>January 11th - February 27th, 2016 Hot Reads for Cold Nights: Adult Winter Reading Program Read or listen to a book and be entered in a drawing to win prizes. Program open to adults 18 and older with an Escanaba Public Library card. Sponsored by the Friends of the Escanaba Public Library.</p>
	<p>Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Folded Heart BOOKED for the Winter: A free series of Altered Book Art Classes for Teens & Adults Turn a book into a piece of art by folding the pages to create a heart shape, just in time for Valentines Day. All materials are supplied and space is limited. Please call to register at 906-789-7323.</p>
	<p>Wednesday, February 3, 2016 - 6:30pm- 7:30pm - Circus Time Great Start Family Night Come one! Come all! It's a circus themed Family Fun Night at the Escanaba Library. Special guest Poopeck the clown will be joining us for stories, activities, a craft and a snack. Don't miss the fun. Save your spot by RSVP to 906-786-9300 ext. 111 with your name, phone # and the number of children attending by Tuesday, February 2, 2016.</p>
	<p>Starting February 8th, 2016 Tax Assistance Sessions An AARP Tax-Aide will provide assistance in filing 2015 income tax returns for low income and senior citizens. Photo IDs and Social Security cards required. Sessions begin the week of February 8th. Please call the library at 906-789-7323 for more information.</p>
	<p>Thursday, February 23, 2016 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Book Flowers BOOKED for the Winter: A free series of Altered Book Art Classes for Teens & Adults Create a lovely bouquet of Spring flowers from old book pages and warm up a winter day. All materials are supplied and space is limited. Please call to register at 906-789-7323.</p>
	<p>March 9th - April 20th, 2016 - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time (Session 3) Toddler Time in the Children's Library takes place on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. This program is FREE and designed for toddlers ages 2 to 4 years. Participation is limited, and registration is required. Call 906-789-7328 to register.</p>



UPCOMING EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY (Cont.)



Thursday, March 10, 2016 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Bird Silhouette

BOOKED for the Winter: A free series of Altered Book Art Classes for Teens & Adults

Create a positive/negative bird silhouette on an old book page that is suitable for framing. All materials are supplied and space is limited. Please call to register at 906-789-7323.



March 11 - April 29, 2016 - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Library Babies (Session 3)

Library Babies in the Children's Library takes place on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. This program is FREE and designed for babies 3 months to 23 months. Participation is limited and registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program involved simple stories, rhymes, movement, song's/music and playtime. Library Babies introduces your child to early literacy skills and also allows you to get to know the younger families. Call 906-789-7328 to register.

TAKE A BOOK, READ A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center now has a book collection for every age at no cost. Thanks to the Escanaba Public Library who has helped with the donation of the book shelves and over one hundred books.

Anyone is welcome to stop in and browse the collection on hand.

For further information, please call the Recreation Department Office at 786-4141.



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5TH GIRLS AND BOYS GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE



GIRLS

5th Grade Girls: Open to 5th grade girls from Escanaba, Gladstone, Holy Name, Bark River, or Rapid River Schools. Registration forms will be available at schools mid-January. Tentative game schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, February 20, 2016
- Friday, February 26, 2016
- Saturday, February 27, 2016
- Saturday, March 5, 2016
- Saturday, March 12, 2016
- Saturday, March 19, 2016

BOYS

5th Grade Boys: Open to 5th grade boys from Escanaba, Gladstone, Holy Name, Bark River, or Rapid River Schools. Registration forms will be available at schools mid-January. Tentative game schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, January 16th
- Friday, January 22nd
- Friday, January 29th
- Friday, February 5th
- Saturday, February 6th
- Saturday, February 13th

Forms also available at www.escanaba.org

Join this growing sport which is similar to ping pong and tennis. This sport is for all ages. Net provided, some paddles available for use on a first come, first serve basis. Played in the gym.



Fee is \$5 per day or \$35 per year (resident) or \$40 per year non-resident.

- Tuesday & Thursday ~ 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Friday ~ 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For more information all the Recreation Dept. at 786-4141

WOMEN'S ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Fee is \$5 per day or \$35 per year (resident) or \$40 per year (non-resident). Games are held in the Civic Center gym.

Mondays and Wednesdays
from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

WINTER AEROBICS

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department offers a safe and effective method to becoming physically fit. Dance and step aerobics classes are offered at the Civic Center, 225 N. 21st St., Escanaba, Monday thru Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



**WINTER SESSION 2016 - 11 WEEKS
JANUARY 6 - MARCH 24, 2016**

Class Fee: \$105 for 11 weeks or \$5 per class drop in fee

For more information call the Recreation Dept. at 786-4141

Room Rentals Available for Parties, Showers, & Meetings at the Civic Center

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center has a four meeting rooms, kitchen, pistol/archery range and gymnasium available for rent on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Rates are reasonable and offer a variety of furnishings. Ideal for baby and wedding showers, birthday parties, recreation, social, governmental, or club activities. Room reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis and the Recreation Department staff will make every effort to accommodate your request for a reservation. Rooms also available for lease.

To inquire, e-mail recreation@escanaba.org, stop by in person or call (906) 786-4141 for more information.

ADULT OPEN GYM SCHEDULE

The Open Gym schedule is available at the Recreation Dept. Office or on-line at www.escanaba.org

Fee is \$5.00 per day or \$35.00 per year (resident) or \$40.00 per year (non-resident).



MEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Open to all men on a drop-in basis.
 Fee is \$5.00 per day or \$35.00 per year (resident) or \$40.00 per year (non-resident).
 College pass \$3.

In the Gym: *Mon-Wed-Fri 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.

*Subject to having enough players
 ?'s Call 786-4141



Civic Center

Pistol Range
Mondays
6:00 - 8:50 pm

Archery
Tuesdays
6:00 - 8:50 pm

For Information Call
786-4141



Senior Games, Bingo, and Card Playing



Bingo is held every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.
 Play bridge on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and Pinochle on Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Wii games also available.



Escanaba Civic Center

LAPTOP HOMEWORK CENTER
(September to April)

Open to youth M-F 2:30-6:30pm.
 Must have current Civic Center Student Membership (free upon registration) and signed internet parental consent required for use.



Senior Citizen Line Dancing

Line dancing Monday and Thursday from 1:00-2:30pm.
 Beginner line dancing on Wednesday from 1:00-2:30pm.
 No fees, donations accepted.



For more information call the Senior Center at 786-8850.

HOLIDAY NOTICE IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY



All City of Escanaba offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016, for President's Day.

The Escanaba Public Library and the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center will also be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016.

All City garbage collections and recycling will remain the same.

Emergency services may be obtained by calling the Public Safety Department at 786-5911.

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.



Absentee Voter Ballots are available for the March 8th Presidential Primary Election for residents who qualify.



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: bdgrave@escanaba.org



Our Waterfront Community
Escanaba
Soak it Up!

CITY BID LIST
February 4, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.
 Audit Services

February 10, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.
 Portable Food/Drink Concessions
 Sanitation Services Bid of 2016-17
 Independence Day Fireworks Bid for 2016

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

Our Waterfront Community
Escanaba
Soak it Up!

Job Openings

**Water/Wastewater Department
 Relief Operator Mechanic**

Apprentice or Journeyman Lineman

**www.escanaba.org - Human Resources Link
 or Call 786-9402**

WANTED

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 Monthly Newsletter, please forward the picture to Lisa Glish at

lglish@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.



Thank You to Michael Hall of Black Iris Studio for sharing these beautiful pictures from around Escanaba. If you have any photos you would like to contribute to the City of Escanaba Monthly Newsletter, please e-mail them to Lisa Glish at lglish@escanaba.org.





THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THE 10TH ANNUAL JIG-IT ICE FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 10th Annual Jig-it Ice Fishing Extravaganza presented by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area took place January 23, 2016 at the Little Bay de Noc Escanaba Harbor Area. Participants of Jig-It enjoyed pre-drilled holes, food vendors, raffles, door prizes, a warming tent, and a special raffle for a 2015 Polaris Sportsman 570. A new prize was debuted this year, an instant \$100 win if you caught a tagged fish.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

1st Place: Jayger Lamarch , **2nd Place:** Todd Wallace and **3rd Place:** Michael McGraw

Thank You to John McDonough for sharing photos from this year's event.



CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT



LUDINGTON PARK PAVILION—The Ludington Park Pavilion is located near the south end of the 120 acre Ludington Park. The Pavilion support facilities include: Ample 110-volt electric service, potable water for cooking/cleaning and a large capacity barbeque grill. The facility is capable of accommodating 10 eight-person picnic tables with ample green space in the surrounding area to facilitate additional tables/persons. Clean, modern restroom facilities are located conveniently close to the Pavilion. Parking accommodations are also close by at the tennis court lot, Jenkin’s Drive or the Band Shell parking lot.

Advance reservations required for family socials, picnics and outings. One-half day reservation fee of \$75 resident and \$100 non-resident. Half-day reservation can be made before or after 4:00 p.m. Full day reservation fee of \$100 resident and \$125 non-resident .

LUDINGTON PARK GAZEBO—The Gazebo is located across from the Sand Point Lighthouse near the east end of Ludington Park. The 20’ x 20’ Gazebo is equipped with both internal and external electrical outlets and external lighting for subtle nighttime illumination. Many people have found the Ludington Park Gazebo an excellent location for wedding ceremonies, wedding pictures and family reunion pictures. This facility provides beautiful views of the Ludington Park Fountain and the Harbor. On-street parking is available. Restrooms are nearby at the Municipal Marina.



Advance reservations required for wedding ceremonies, family/group pictures, etc. \$50 fee per two-hour block for resident and \$75 for non-resident.

LUDINGTON PARK BAND SHELL—The Band Shell is a multi-use facility capable of accommodating performances, plays, concerts, religious functions and other ceremonies and social events. Located on the south end of Ludington Park, the facility is capable of seating 300 people with a large expanse of green area and hills to accommodate hundreds of other spectators. Support facilities for the Band Shell include parking for approximately 100 vehicles and restroom facilities immediately north of the Band Shell area.

Advanced reservations required for use of the Ludington Park Band Shell. One-half day reservation fee of \$75 for resident and \$100 for non-resident. Half-day reservations can be made before or after 4:00 p.m. Full-day reservation fee of \$100 for resident and \$125 for non-resident.



**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT (906) 786-4141**

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.

Next Date: February 17, 2016




FAST FACTS
Jan. 1, 2015, thru Dec. 31, 2015,
a total of 72 zoning permits
were issued totaling
\$15,165,554 in declared
construction value.



FAST FACTS
January 1, 2015, thru
December 31, 2015 a total of 71
fence permits have been issued.



FAST FACTS
January 2015, thru Dec. 31, 2015,
a total of 23 sign permits
have been issued.



By: Sandra Allen



COUNCIL ACTIONS - JANUARY 2016

Regular Council Meeting, January 7, 2016

1. Approved to purchase a closed circuit televising system from Aries Industries, Inc. of Waukesha, WI in an amount not to exceed \$49,251.
2. Approved to retain U.P. Concrete Company of Escanaba, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$24,495 for the installation of nine (9) concrete disc golf tee boxes at Ludington Park, two (2) concrete pads at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center and a concrete walkway/sidewalk at the Marina.
3. Approved a resolution to terminate the City of Escanaba's participation in the MERS Health Care Savings Program due to program conflicts.

Special Council Meeting, January 13, 2016

1. Approved to retain Krause Power Engineering of Chippewa Falls, WI in an amount not to exceed \$280,000 for professional design services, project oversight, and construction management of the new Escanaba North Substation.
2. Authorized an additional \$10,000 to Delta Force Surveillance, to provide Power Plant surveillance through February 29, 2016.

Regular Council Meeting, January 21, 2016

1. Approved to renew a five (5) year parking lot lease agreement with Ricky and Lisa Benoit, 1812 Ludington Street, for public parking on private property adjacent to the alley and in exchange for the lease, the City will continue to maintain the parking lot and pay an annual lease fee of \$1.00.
2. Approved to renew a three (3) year contract with the Escanaba Daily Press for advertising legal notices and other advertisement needs of the City at a rate of \$11.52 for a classified advertisement, and \$15.53 for public notices.
3. 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 23, 2016.

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 - Melissa Becotte	mbecotte@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 - Kim Peterson	kpeterson@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			
Escanaba Public Safety - General	786-5911	Wastewater Questions/Issues	786-1301
Garbage/Recycling Information	786-1842	Escanaba Public Library	789-7323
Snow Plowing/Removal	786-1842	Escanaba DDA	789-8696
Potable Water Questions/Issues	786-3291	Electrical Questions/Issues	786-0061
Neighborhood Complaint Hotline	789-7317	Civic Center/Recreation	786-4141



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

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.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CITY COUNCIL

Meets: The first and third Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Room C101

Comprised of five elected citizens to serve four-year terms. The election is held on the first Tuesday in November each odd-numbered year. Candidates must be U.S. citizens and a City of Escanaba resident. They are nominated at large by petitions, signed by not less than 50 qualified electors, and shall be filed with the City Clerk. The Council constitutes the legislative and governing body of the City, possessing all powers and authority to pass ordinances and adopt resolutions as they shall deem proper in order to exercise any or all powers held by the City.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Meets: Call of the Chair, City Hall, Room 101

Has the power to hear and decide appeals on matters where the Zoning Ordinance provides for review of an administrative interpretation, exception, or special approval permit. The Board can also authorize a variance from the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance. Six members are appointed for three-year terms.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Meets: 1st Tues. following 1st Mon. in March

Hears appeals from all property owners who feel their property has been inaccurately assessed and has the power to make appropriate corrections in the tax roll. Consists of the Mayor and four members, two-thirds (2/3) which shall be tax-paying electors of the City. Board Members have indefinite terms and are reappointed every two years.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meets: 4th Mon. of Month, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Responsible for formulation of general policies and procedures relating to library operation for preparation and submission of annual budgets, planning future operation, hiring and overseeing nonunion library employees, and other duties as may be assigned by the City Council. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meets: Call of the Chair., City Hall, Room 101

Facilitates the implementation of brownfield plans relating to the designation and treatment of brownfield redevelopment zones and to promote the revitalization of environmentally distressed areas in the community served by the City of Escanaba pursuant to Act 381. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: Call of the Chair, City Hall, Room 101

Accumulates and coordinates citizen concerns as they pertain to environmental impacts within the City of Escanaba. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

Meets: 4th Thurs. of Month, 12:15 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Established under P. A. 197, 1975, creating a DDA Board made up of the Mayor and 7 members to be appointed by the Mayor with Council concurrence. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district. Not less than one of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district, as the Escanaba area has over 100 people residing within the area. The establishment of the DDA is to correct and prevent deterioration in the business district, as described in P. A. No. 197, 1975. The Mayor and City Manager will serve for an indefinite period. The seven members meeting the criteria set forth serve for a four-year period.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 2nd Wed. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created to provide continuous information and recommendations to the Escanaba City Council on current trends, operations, and needs in our community. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created for the purpose of advising Administration concerning operation of the Municipal Marina and concerning development, and improvements. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meets: 3rd Mon. of Month, 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created to regulate the construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation and demolition of resources in historic district within the City limits. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

HOUSING COMMISSION

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 4:30 p.m., Harbor Tower

Created for the purpose of providing public housing for low-income & elderly persons, including management of publicly-owned housing. Five members are appointed for five-year terms.

LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW BOARD

Meets: Call of the Chair, City Hall, Room 101

Created to review all applications for the issuance of new liquor licenses. After the Board's review and findings, a recommendation is made to the City Council. Three members are appointed, one (1) council member and two (2) city residents at large, each serving for a term of three (3) years.

LOAN ADMINISTRATION BOARD (LAB)

Meets: Every Jan/Apr/July/Oct, 3rd Thurs., 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 102

City's approval body for economic development loans. Loan requests that meet federal, state, and local requirements are presented to the Loan Administration Board for approval, modification, or denial. Five members are appointed for six-year terms.

LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Meets: Every odd numbered year, Nov., City Hall, Room 102

Charged with determining the salaries and expense allowances of the City Council, the Mayor, and elected City officials. Five members are appointed for five-year terms.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets: 2nd Thurs. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Primary objective is to develop and oversee a master plan for the physical development of the City. The Commission recommends action to the City Council on preliminary plat applications, reviews and makes recommendations concerning proposed land development, rezoning, or amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Nine members are appointed for three-year terms.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD

Meets: 4th Tues. of Month, 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 102

Administers the investments which constitute the Pension Fund of Public Safety personnel covered under Act 345. Membership consists of the City Treasurer, two Public Safety Officers elected by their peers for four-year terms, and two citizens of Escanaba serving indefinite terms.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Advises the City Council and Administration about all phases of recreation in the City, including current operations, long-term planning, and expenditures. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 3rd Tues. of every other Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Serves the City Council and Administration in an advisory capacity, particularly as concerns vehicular traffic in the City. This includes traffic flow, parking restrictions, street cuts, and sidewalk planning. Five members serve three-year terms.

Accepted at Delta Wide Recycling Facility



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Newspaper & inserts



Aluminum cans



Tin or steel cans



Office paper & file folders



Cardboard (flatten all boxes)
Paper bags



Telephone books



Junk mail



Magazines & catalogs



Plastic bottles & containers



PLEASE

No Glass

No Styrofoam

No Pizza Boxes

No Waxed Boxes

No Cereal / Cake Mix Boxes

No Food Contaminated Paper or Containers

Find Holiday Hours And Authority Board Meetings At:
www.dswma.org or call (906)786-9056

HOURS: M-W 8am-3pm
Thurs 8am-6pm
F 8am-3pm
Sat 8am-12pm

Contact your waste provider for accepted pick up materials and scheduled pick up times