

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
03/01	5:00pm	Harbor Advisory Committee
03/01	6:00pm	Recreation Advisory Board
03/03	6:00pm	Manager's Call
03/03	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
03/08	7:00am-8:00pm	Presidential Primary Election
03/08	9:00am	Board of Review - Organizational Meeting
03/08	2:00pm	Bid - WasteWater Primary Sludge Pump
03/08	4:30pm	Housing Commission
03/09	12:00pm	Joint Governmental Meeting
03/09	6:00pm	Electrical Advisory Committee
03/10	6:00pm	Planning Commission
03/14	9:00am - 12:00pm	Board of Review - Public Appointments
03/14	12:-00pm	Board of Review - Working Lunch
03/14	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Board of Review - Public Appointments
03/16	8:30am	Java with Jim
03/16	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Board of Review - Public Walk-Ins
03/16	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Board of Review - Public Walk-Ins
03/17	6:00pm	Manager's Call
03/17	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
03/21	4:00pm	Historic District Commission
03/22	8:00am	Public Safety Retirement Board
03/24	12:15pm	Downtown Development Authority
03/28	5:00pm	Board of Library Trustees



FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE CITY OF ESCANABA



Presidential Primary Election **March 8, 2016**

QUALIFIED ELECTORS CITY OF ESCANABA

Absentee ballots, for qualified voters, are still available in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 410 Ludington Street. Qualified electors are reminded Saturday, March 5, 2016, is the last day an absentee ballot can be mailed for the March 8th Presidential Primary Election. The Clerk's Office will also be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on that date.

Monday, March 7, 2016, is the last day to vote by Absentee ballot. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on that date. **YOU MUST VOTE IN PERSON** at the City Clerk's on that date, however all Absentee ballots already issued and returned by 8:00 p.m. on March 8, 2016, **WILL BE COUNTED!!!**

Qualified residents in Escanaba registered at Precinct No. 3 are reminded their polling location has moved to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, small meeting room 121. Please follow the signs. Parking is available at the main Entrance of the Building and in the rear Parking lot.

Individuals may call the City Clerk's Office at 786-1194 if you should have any questions regarding your voter registration and Precinct Location.

Further election information can be obtained by calling the Escanaba City Clerk's Office at 786-1194, or by logging on to: www.michigan.gov/vote



CITY OF
Escanaba
PUBLIC SAFETY

Volunteer ANGEL Program

To help reduce drug addiction in Delta County, MI, the Escanaba Department of Public Safety is changing the way it handles addicts who request help with their addiction to opiates such as buprenorphine, suboxone, subutex, morphine, heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone as found in OxyContin®, Percocet®, and Percodan®, and hydrocodone as found in Vicodin®. There are many resources available to help with this disease, but many people do not know how to access these services. With strong community support, Public Safety will be adopting the following policy to address the needs of any person who comes to the department requesting help with their opiate addiction.

Any person who enters the police department and requests help with their addiction to Schedule I, II, III, IV, controlled substances will be immediately screened into the ANGEL program. If such a person who has requested help with their addiction is in possession of drugs or their drug equipment (needles, etc.), they will not be charged.

For more information you can contact Lt. Robert LaMarche at the Escanaba Public Safety Department at [\(906\) 789-5911](tel:9067895911).



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.

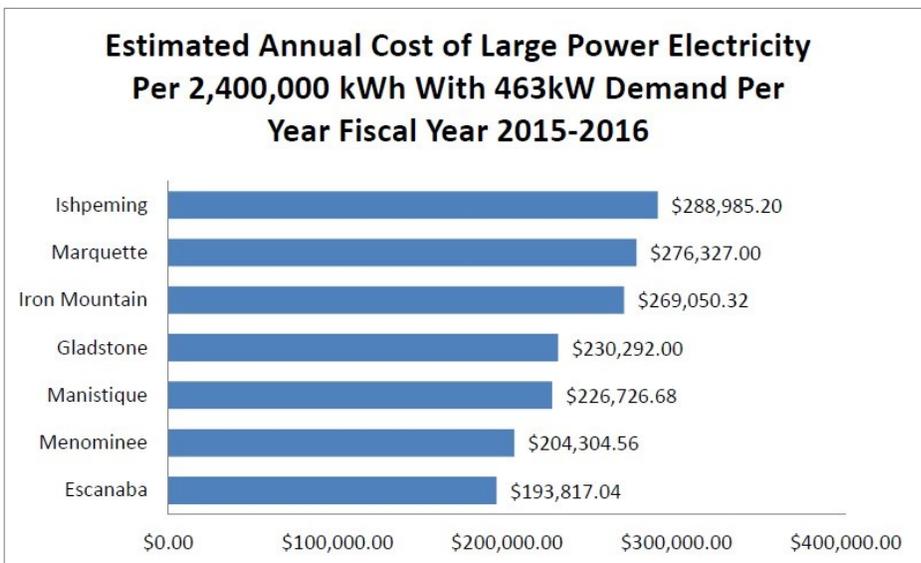
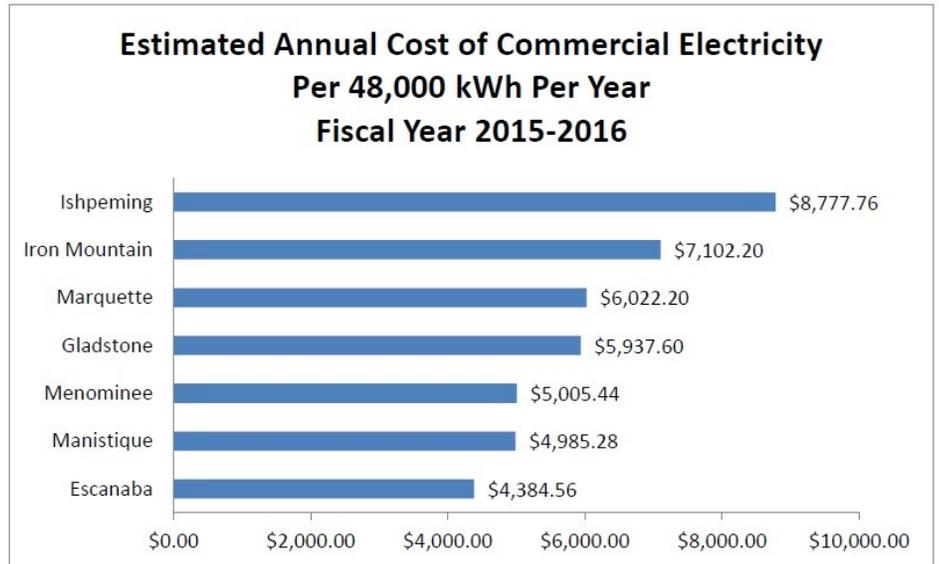
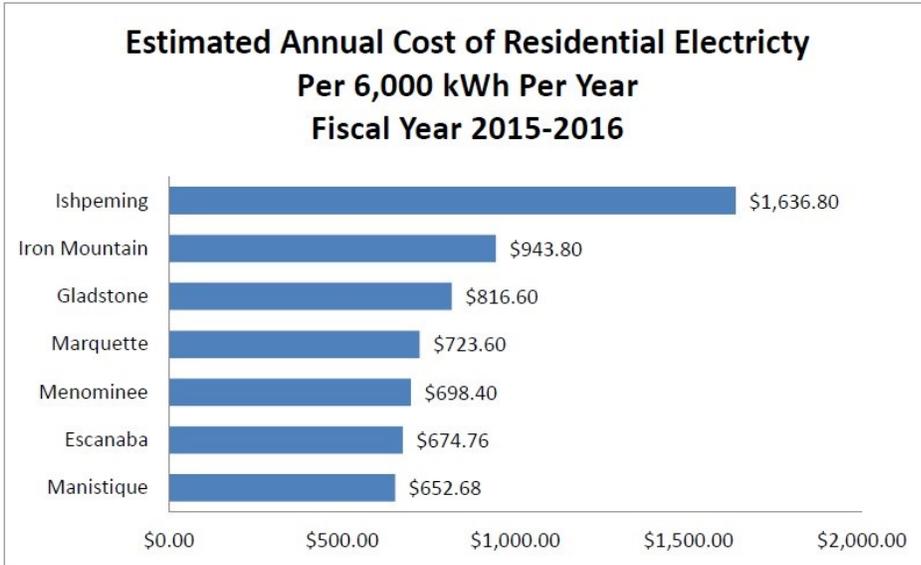
Crimes from buying or selling on social media are increasing which has prompted Escanaba Department of Public Safety to become a Safe Trade Zone. "People should meet sellers or buyers at our public parking lot, located on the east side of Public Safety. If a person refuses to meet here, it is recommended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

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.



Cost of Water and Wastewater Per 60,000 Gallons Per Year (2015)



** IronMountain/Kingsford are a Joint Sewer Authority - Has no collection system. Wastewater Plant bills the communities on the flow of the meter reading at the plant - they get paid for every gallon coming into the plant including rain, water, and snow melt.



HOLIDAY NOTICE IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY

All City of Escanaba offices will be closed at 12:00 p.m. Noon on Friday, March 25, 2016, for Good Friday.

The Escanaba Public Library and the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center will also be closed at 12:00 p.m. Noon on Friday, March 25, 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.

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





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>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>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>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>

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5TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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

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.



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.

NEW HIRES + PROMOTIONS



John Gudwer was promoted from Patrol Sergeant to Patrol Lieutenant on January 22, 2016. John has been part of Escanaba Public Safety for 16 years. He was originally hired in November 1999 as a Patrol Officer, then was promoted to Detective in January 2010, then was promoted again in September 2010 to Patrol Sergeant. Additionally John processes crime scenes as an evidence technician and assists new parents as a car seat technician.

Prior to serving in Escanaba, John was a deputy with the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department from January 1999 through November 1999. He graduated from Northern Michigan Regional Police Academy in December 1998. Further, he was employed with the Delta County Sheriff's Department, working in corrections from November 1997 to August 1998.

John is a 1995 graduate of Northern Michigan University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree. He graduated from Mid Peninsula High School in 1990.

Gudwer enjoys spending time with his family, hunting and fishing. Gudwer also has his Charter Captains license and owns Lucky Line Fishing Charters. Gudwer lives in Rapid River with his wife, Julie and their two sons, Kade and Jace.



Eric LaFave was successful in the promotional process going from detective to patrol sergeant on February 1, 2016. Eric has been part of Escanaba Public Safety for 13 years. He was originally hired in February 2003 as a Patrol Officer, and then was then assigned to an UPSET Detective position in May 2012. He has also served as a firearms instructor for the department since 2007. Prior to employment with the department, Eric enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Iraq from 2003 to 2004.

Eric is a graduate of Bay de Noc Community College and Northern Michigan University's Regional Police Academy.

Eric enjoys spending time with family as well as the outdoors and hunting. Eric lives in the Escanaba area with his wife and two children.

NEW HIRES + PROMOTIONS



Kyle Piatt has recently been hired as a Public Safety Officer for the Escanaba Public Safety Department on February 1, 2016. Kyle grew up in Manchester, MI which is about 30 miles away from Ann Arbor. His entire family is involved in law enforcement, which prompted him to pursue a career in law enforcement for himself.

Kyle graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Michigan University in 2009, where he was also enrolled in the NMU Police Academy and was selected class leader of his Academy class. He has also held positions with the Hannahville Tribal Police Department, and the City of Menominee Police Department.

He actively provides assistance for the Special Olympics, and has been a member of the U.P. travel team for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the past two years. He is married, with one son. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, helping at the family dairy farm and taking Ranger rides with my family and friends.



Eric Chailier has recently been hired as a Public Safety Officer for the Escanaba Public Safety Department on February 16, 2016. He was born and raised in Escanaba, and is an Escanaba High School graduate. After high school he attended Bay College and majored in Political Science / Pre-Law, then went on to attend Police Academy at Northern Michigan University in 2014. Eric has held positions with the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Office, as well as the Hannahville Tribal Police Department.

Eric lives in the Soo Hill area. In his free time he enjoys spending time with friends, as well as hunting, fishing, ATV riding, and hiking.



Tim Hoffmeyer has recently been hired as a Public Works Laborer on February 17, 2016. Tim lives in Bark River with his wife, Lesley, of 9 years, and their children Cameron (14), McKenzie (10), and Lexi (8). He has been a member of the Bark River Lions Club since 1995. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

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.



JACKI'S SPRING AEROBICS
ESCANABA CIVIC CENTER GYM
225 NORTH 21ST STREET

PHONE 786-4141 FOR REGISTRATION - PROGRAM INFORMATION

2016 SPRING SESSION

11 WEEKS
April 18th to June 30th

Dance AND/OR Step \$105

Attend as many dance or step sessions as you like for this low price or drop in to any class for just \$5 per class.

- * No make-up days for inclement weather or holidays; cancellation at discretion of Recreation Director. If school is cancelled, the aerobic session will also be cancelled.
- * Evening session will be held in Meeting Room 121.
- * Step exercise equipment provided.
- * Bring exercise mat or heavy bath towel for dance class, which does include some floor exercises.

Dance classes are held Monday – Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Step classes are held Tuesday – Thursday from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



Thank You to Michael Hall of Black Irish Studio for sharing these beautiful winter scenes 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.

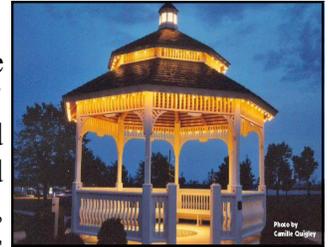
CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT



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**

ZONING PERMITS REPORT

January 1, 2016 thru February 22, 2016

1	NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME	\$ 125,000
0	RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$ -
0	NEW COMMERCIAL	\$ -
1	COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$ 1,200
0	CHANGE OF USE	\$ -
0	HOME OCCUPATION	\$ -
0	LAND USE PERMIT	\$ -
0	DEMOLITION PERMIT	\$ -
2	TOTAL	\$ 126,200.00

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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

COUNCIL ACTIONS - FEBRUARY 2016

Regular Council Meeting, February 4, 2016

1. Approved a proposal submitted by MISH Watersports, Wells, Michigan to operate their water sport rental business out of the Aronson Island Beach House facility for the 2016 and 2017 summer season(s).
2. Approved to retain TelNet Worldwide for continued telephone line service in the City Hall/Library Complex through 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.

Special Council Meeting, February 10, 2016

1. Approved to retain the Electrical Advisory Committee, revised the scope of duties and Rules of Procedure, reduced its composition to 5 members, with the Mayor appointing/reappointing new members with staggered terms.

Regular Council Meeting, February 18, 2016

1. Held a Public Hearing on the 2016/17 Fiscal year budget, and heard from the Bonifas Arts Center Representatives who asked for continuation of their annual appropriation.
2. Held the first reading of Ordinance No 1166, Payment in Lieu of Taxes Ordinance, which would allow Excel Realty Group, Deal 24, LDHA LP to seek funding from the State of Michigan Tax Credit Program for the renovation and upgrading of property located at 223 Ludington Street and 216 1st Avenue South, and further set March 3, 2016 as the second reading, public hearing and approval date.
3. Approved to retain the Rehmann Group of Traverse City, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed and average of \$22,500 per year for mandated audit services through 2019.
4. Approved a Resolution to Terminate the City of Escanaba Economic Development Administration (EDA) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).
5. Approved to retain MJ Electric of Greenville, WI to provide labor and equipment to install forty-five (45) new electrical distribution poles in an amount not to exceed \$86,000.
6. Approved to purchase four (4) substation re-closers from RESCO, of Middleton, WI in an amount not to exceed \$103,500.
7. Approved a project commitment agreement between the City of Escanaba and the American Transmission Company which commits both parties in the construction of the new North substation to be located on City-owned property.



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CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS
<p>Mayor Marc Tall mtall@escanaba.org 786-4798</p> <p>Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Beauchamp rbeauchamp@escanaba.org 280-8378</p> <p>Councilmember Patricia Baribeau pbaribeau@escanaba.org 786-0532</p> <p>Councilmember Ralph Blasier rblasier@escanaba.org 786-6493</p> <p>Councilmember Michael Sattem msattem@escanaba.org 399-0316</p>

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.

CITY BID LIST

March 8, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

Escanaba Wastewater Plant Primary Sludge Pump

Accepted at Delta Wide Recycling Facility


RECYCLE HERE




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

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www.dswma.org or call (906)786-9056

HOURS: M-W 8am-3pm

Thurs 8am-6pm

F 8am-3pm

Sat 8am-12pm

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