

THE COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 9/02 @ 7:30am - Downtown Development Auth.
- 9/03 @ 6:00pm - Manager's Call
- 9/03 @ 7:00pm - City Council Meeting
- 9/08 @ 4:30pm - Housing Commission
- 9/08 @ 5:00pm - Harbor Advisory Committee
- 9/08 @ 6:00pm - Recreation Advisory Board
- 9/09 @ 10:00am - Brownfield Redevelopment Auth.
- 9/09 @ 12:00pm - Joint Governmental Meeting
- 9/09 @ 6:00pm - Electrical Advisory Committee
- 9/10 @ 6:00pm - Planning Commission
- 9/16 @ 8:30am - Java with Jim
- 9/16 @ 2:00pm - CCTV Sewer Camera WWTP Bid Meeting
- 9/17 @ 6:00pm - Manager's Call
- 9/17 @ 7:00pm - City Council
- 9/21 @ 4:00pm - Historic District Committee
- 9/22 @ 8:00am - Public Safety Retirement Board
- 9/24 @ 8:00am - Delta Force
- 9/28 @ 5:00pm - Board of Library Trustees



CIVIC CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Come tour our facility, meet staff, enjoy treats, and students in 4th - 12th grade can register for school supplies and prizes!

For parents and youth in grades 4th-12th
Come register your child for the 2015/16 after school program and see what the Civic Center has to offer.



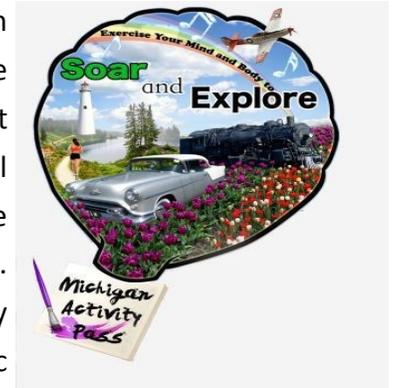
The City of Escanaba would like to thank our Rock the Dock - Part II co-sponsors, Engineered Machined Products of Escanaba and the Escanaba Downtown Development Authority, The Jam Band, Mike Flavor DJ Service, the Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports Fishermen Club, and all the food and ride vendors for making August 1, Escanaba Rock the Dock - Part II event successful and memorable.

Great Work!



Escanaba Public Library to offer Michigan Activity Pass program with free passes to hundreds of state parks, recreation and cultural destinations throughout Michigan

The Escanaba Public Library will be participating in the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) program which offers library cardholders at more than 400 participating Michigan libraries a one-day pass to explore—at no cost—hundreds of Michigan’s state parks, historic sites, cultural attractions, campgrounds and recreation areas simply by visiting the Escanaba Public Library or the Michigan Activity Pass website. Beginning May 24, the Michigan Activity Pass will enable library cardholders to print a pass, either from home or the Escanaba Public Library that is valid for one-time entry into any Michigan state park or recreation area and more than 100 participating cultural institutions, including many museums, for up to one week. Monique Ciofu, Adult Services Librarian said, “We look forward to offering our patrons the Michigan Activity Pass. It’s great to give Escanaba residents another reason to visit the library and experience so much more than they may realize is available to them with their library card.”



The program is supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) and the Library Network. “The Michigan Activity Pass is a great value for our patrons as it encourages people to enjoy some of Michigan’s greatest resources free of charge.” said Jim Pletz, director, The Library Network.

For details about the Michigan Activity Pass including a complete list of supported venues, visit www.michiganactivitypass.info or call the Escanaba Public Library at 906-789-7323, visit the library’s web site at <http://www.escanabalibrary.org> or link to our Facebook/Twitter pages. The Escanaba Public Library is located at 400 Ludington Street in downtown Escanaba.

ENERGY OPTIMIZATION TIPS

Retire your old central air conditioner in time for summer! If your central air conditioner is more than 12 years old, replace it with a more efficient model. **ENERGY STAR** models have a higher seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER) than standard ones, making them about 15% more energy efficient.



And, units with a rating of 16 SEER or higher can qualify for a \$100 rebate!



The City of Escanaba would like to Congratulate
The Junior Girls and Girls Little League Softball Teams on such outstanding seasons



CONGRATULATIONS !



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2nd Place in the World Series



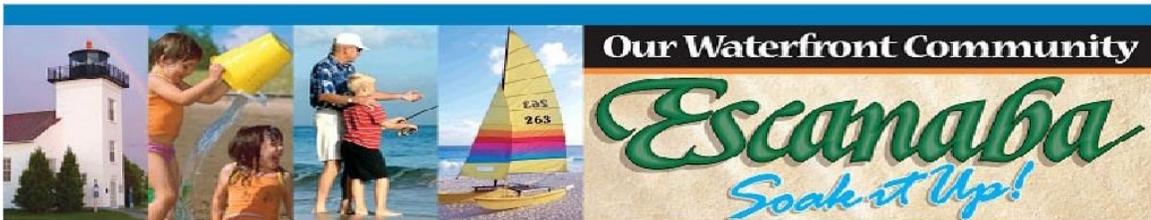
UP Steam and Gas Engine Show

Sept. 4, 2015 - Sept. 7, 2015

From its humble beginnings in 1975, our annual Labor Day show has grown into one of the best events in the region. Exhibitors come from near and far, bringing an ever-changing display of tractors, gas engines and vintage farm equipment.



UP State Fairgrounds



CITY BID LIST

September 16, 2015

CCTV Sewer Camera WWTP - 2015

Escanaba Water Dept. High Service Pump-2015

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

COUNCIL ACTIONS - AUGUST 2015

Regular Council Meeting, August 6, 2015

1. Approved a resolution of support for Excel Realty Group for the installation of 34 one and two bedroom senior housing apartments in the building located at 223 Ludington Street, commonly referred to as the “House of Ludington”.
2. Approved the purchase of a John Deere 410L backhoe with attachments in the amount of \$114,651.00 from Nortrax, Inc. of Escanaba, MI.
3. Approved to retain Doheny Companies of Northville, MI to rehabilitate and restore the City of Escanaba’s 2007 Vactor sewer truck in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.
4. Authorized an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for rental of a Vactor sewer truck if needed during the restoration of the Water/Wasterwater Department Vactor sewer truck.
5. Approved a resolution to amend the City of Escanaba Street System Map to add 26th Avenue South from South 23rd Street to South Lincoln Road (M35) to the Act 51 street system for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended.
6. Approved to retain C2AE of Escanaba, Michigan to complete a state mandated Water System Capital Improvement Plan as part of the existing General Plan and further to approve a disinfection by-product evaluation at the same time, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
7. Approved a request from Rhonda Danforth to close off North 9th Street from 1st Avenue North to the alley on August 29, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. so they can use the space for their “Mary St. Pierre Scholarship Fund Raiser” event.

Special Council Meeting, August 13, 2015

1. Directed Administration to proceed with the filing legal action against Alpha Coal Sales, and Upper Lakes Coal Company for the City of Escanaba to be reimbursed for the coal shortage.

Regular Council Meeting, August 20, 2015

1. Approved to retain Mr. Jack VanCoevering as legal counsel for the Michigan Tax Tribunal cases filed against the City of Escanaba by AutoZone, 405 South Lincoln Road, the Escanaba Country Club, 1800 11th Avenue South and O'Reilly Automotive, 521 North Lincoln Road, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
2. Approved to retain Mr. James T. Hartman for appraisal services for the Michigan Tax Tribunal cases filed against the City of Escanaba by AutoZone, 405 South Lincoln Road, the Escanaba Country Club, 1800 11th Avenue South and O'Reilly Automotive, 521 North Lincoln Road in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.

ZONING PERMITS REPORT

January 1, 2015 thru August 25, 2015

2	NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME	\$ 634,000
16	RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$ 227,100
3	NEW COMMERCIAL	\$ 7,510,000
23	COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$ 3,788,920
1	CHANGE OF USE	\$ -
0	HOME OCCUPATION	\$ -
0	LAND USE PERMIT	\$ -
6	DEMOLITION PERMIT	\$ 254,200
51	TOTAL	\$ 12,414,220



5TH/6TH GIRLS AND BOYS GRADE BASKETBALL PROGRAM



GIRLS

6th Grade Girls: Forms now available at the schools and also available on-line. Forms will be picked up from the Principal's Office on Friday, September 18, 2015. Coaches meeting Monday, September 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., Civic Center. Schedule subject to change/tentative schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, October 3, 2015
Saturday, October 10, 2015
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Saturday, October 24, 2015
Saturday, October 31, 2015
Saturday, November 7, 2015

5th Grade Girls: Forms will be available at the schools mid-January. Schedule to be announced.

BOYS

6th Grade Boys: Forms will be available at the schools mid-October. No games will be played the weekend of November 28, 2015. Schedule subject to change/ tentative schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Saturday, November 21, 2015
Saturday, December 5, 2015
Friday, December 11, 2015
Saturday, December 12, 2015
Saturday, December 19, 2015

5th Grade Boys: Forms will be available at the schools mid-December. Schedule to be announced.

Forms also available at www.escanaba.org

DDA PATROLS ARE BACK!

By Director Vanderlinden



A huge "Thank you" to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Trustees and their membership in support of getting our officers back into the DDA district for foot and bicycle patrols.

These high visibility patrols have always been of great benefit. They allow our officers to serve in a capacity that they normally don't have the time for. Their funding gets our cops out from behind the wheel of a patrol car, and onto the pavement for direct community interaction. It puts us in a rather unique position for a preventative response, versus a reactive response.

Many other communities have conducted downtown patrols in response to a specific incident or a criminal trend affecting their area. With the patrols that we've just established, we are trying to get in front of any significant issues, while trying to resolve any concerns that either the property owners or citizens may have. Our effort is concentrated on insuring that the DDA District is a community-friendly and inviting place where our citizens and visitors can interface with our cops in a non-traditional manner; one of which is strongly interactive, with less emphasis on enforcement and arrests.

The DDA patrols are truly another aspect of community policing, which is based on our cops and our community working together to help solve problems related to crime, the fear of crime and the quality of life. This concept of policing has been an integral part of our department, as our cops have worked with our community in many aspects to improve the overall quality of life within Escanaba.

Our officers are going to address a lot of issues while conducting their patrols. Some of their primary responsibilities are:

- ◆ Investigate criminal activity in the DDA area that is discovered during the patrol.
- ◆ Engage in high visibility foot patrol (especially with the high visibility shirts)
- ◆ Serve as a liaison between the downtown businesses and other city departments (Community Preservation - blight issues, DPW - sidewalk concerns, etc...)
- ◆ Attempt to solve problems and address concerns that the DDA community has.
- ◆ Update emergency contacts for businesses.
- ◆ Check building security of closed businesses.
- ◆ Most importantly, build rapport with the DDA community and our citizenry.

I am so pleased to see that our community continues to support us. We rely heavily on that partnership. My staff has worked diligently to earn and maintain the trust of our great community. Many communities nationwide could learn a great amount from the collaboration and partnership that we've established.

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.



LUDINGTON PARK

Open 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Picnicking, children's

playground, informal ball field, open areas for informal games, 4 lighted tennis courts, 6 sand volleyball courts, 1 outdoor basketball court, disc golf, pavilion and gazebo, band shell with concerts scheduled throughout the summer, bicycle path, and public restrooms.

For reservations contact the Recreation Dept. 786-4141

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department now has a Facebook Page! "Like" them today.



City of Escanaba
Recreation
Department
Government Organization



Sharo Murray has recently been hired as the new Water-Wastewater Secretary. Sharo has been married to her husband, Brian, for 19 years and together they have three sons, Hunter, Spencer, and Tanner. She has lived in the Escanaba/Gladstone area for most of her life. Sharo has been doing secretarial/receptionist work for about 20 years. In her personal time she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, going to the kids school and sporting events, and doing crafts/painting.

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 Lisa Glish at lglish@Escanaba.org.



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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

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

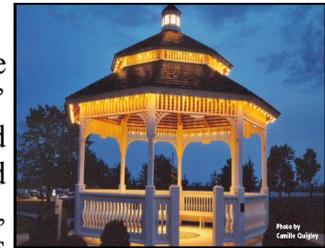
CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT



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**

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 Sattlem
msattlem@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	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 Sattlem and Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Beauchamp

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, Rm C101

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

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

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

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: September 16, 2015

RIDE YELLOW. 4 FREE.

Sign Out a FREE Bike & Enjoy!





Escanaba Yellow Bike

**Goodwill
Industries
Escanaba
Municipal Marina
Mr. Bike
Ski & Fitness**

The Escanaba— PHDM is pleased to announce the return of the yellow bike program to ensure that adult residents and visitors have access to safe, convenient, and fun opportunities to be physically active in their daily routines. The Escanaba Yellow Bike Program is an absolutely FREE community bike program to those at least 18 years old to utilize for errands, physical activity, enjoying scenery or try something fun!

This program will help create and maintain an environment that encourages and supports physical activity, making Escanaba a healthier place and removing barriers to physical activity making it easy for people to be active.

To be eligible to check-out a FREE bike, the user must be 18 years old and present a valid form of identification (i.e. drivers' license, birth certificate, passport, etc.). The yellow bikes are available at Mr. Bike, Ski & Fitness and the Escanaba Municipal Marina on Ludington Street and Goodwill Industries on 6th Avenue North. Just go to one of those locations and tell them you'd like to use a yellow bike! The bikes MUST be returned before close of business on the same day as it was checked-out.