

# 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
11/01	8:00am	Election Commission - Public Accuracy Test
11/02	6:00pm	Special Board of Appeals Meeting
11/03	6:00pm	Manager's Call
11/03	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
11/08	7:00am	General Election
11/08	4:30pm	Housing Commission
11/10	6:00pm	Planning Commission
11/16	8:30am	Java with Jim
11/17	8:00am	Downtown Development Authority
11/17	6:00pm	Manager's Call
11/17	7:00pm	City Council
11/21	4:00pm	Historic District Commission
11/22	8:00am	Public Safety Retirement Board
11/28	5:00pm	Board of Library Trustees



**DON'T FORGET TO  
VOTE ON  
NOVEMBER 8TH**



**CITY OF  
ESCANABA  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE LIGHTING**

**November 22  
@ 7:00PM**

**58th Annual  
ESCANABA  
CHRISTMAS  
PARADE**

**December 2, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**



**The theme will be  
"A Star Spangled Christmas"**

**Sponsored by: The Escanaba DDA**

## LEAF COLLECTION IN ESCANABA

Public Works will make every attempt to collect leaves from your address on your garbage collection day. It is not possible to accurately inform residents of the exact day leaf collection will occur. During the collection period, please contact the Department of Public Works for an update on collection.

Only leaves will be collected, sticks and other yard debris will not. Leaves should be raked to the street at the curb line.

Citizens who choose to bag leaves are encouraged to transport them to the compost Delta County Landfill Compost Facility drop site located at 5701 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Leaves must be emptied from bags and bags placed in garbage barrels.

Leaves will NOT be picked up with the regular garbage collection.

Leaf collection will run from approximately October 24 to November 18, 2016.

Questions – call Escanaba Public Works - 786-1842



## HOLIDAY NOTICE - IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING



All City of Escanaba business offices will be closed all day on Thurs., Nov. 24, 2016, and Fri., Nov. 25, 2016.

The Escanaba Public Library will be closed all day on Thurs., Nov. 24, 2016, Fri., Nov. 25, 2016, and Sat., Nov. 26, 2016.

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center will be closed all day on Thurs., Nov. 24, 2016, Fri., Nov. 25, 2016, and Sat., Nov. 26, 2016.

All City garbage collections scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 24, 2016, will be picked up Fri., Nov. 25, 2016.

All City garbage collections scheduled for Fri., Nov. 25, 2016, will be picked up Sat., Nov. 26, 2016.

Recycling will run as scheduled.

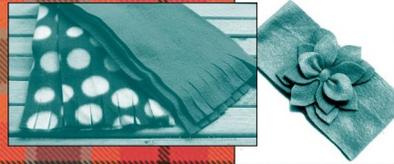
Emergency services may be obtained by calling the Public Safety Department at 786-5911.



## Deer Day Get-Away

Tuesday, November 15 / 6:00 p.m.

Make a "no sew" **Fleece Scarf / Headband**



- ◆ Space is limited
- ◆ Call 906-789-7323 to register
- ◆ All materials supplied
- ◆ FREE Craft Activity
- ◆ For Adults & Teens



Popcorn & Movie for **kids**  
**A Charlie Brown THANKSGIVING**

- ◆ No registration required— Just drop in!
- ◆ Kids of all ages welcome
- ◆ Popcorn available



**Hot Cider** and seasonal refreshments will be served!

Supported by the Friends of the Escanaba Public

For more information contact the library at 906-789-7323 or on the web at [www.escanabalibrary.org](http://www.escanabalibrary.org)

Located at 400 Ludington St. in Downtown Escanaba, Michigan 49829



## 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 2017.**

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.

**Rob LaMarche**  
Director of Public Safety

# DOWNTOWN FAÇADE PROJECTS UPDATE

## 613-615 Ludington Street



**BEFORE**



**PROGRESS**

Remove plaster from side of the building clean and seal brick - Reconstruct parapet, Heal Roof, and provide new cap

Clean and Repoint Front Façade as needed

Stained Glass to be Restored

New Windows at Second Floor

Re-paint Decorative Cast Iron Header and Columns

New Aluminum Storefront with opaque transoms and Knee Wall below

Remove ramp (Accessible Entrance at Rear) Create new steps of poured concrete



**AFTER - ARTIST RENDITION**

# DOWNTOWN FAÇADE PROJECTS UPDATE

## 812-814 Ludington Street



BEFORE



PROGRESS



AFTER - ARTIST RENDITION

# DOWNTOWN FAÇADE PROJECTS UPDATE

## 922 Ludington Street



BEFORE



PROGRESS



AFTER

# DOWNTOWN FAÇADE PROJECTS UPDATE

## 1206 Ludington Street



BEFORE



PROGRESS



AFTER - ARTIST RENDITION

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**US-2/US-41/M-35 Escanaba River Bridge - 2017, 2018**



**Construction and motorist information**

**What Is Being Done?**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is removing and replacing the bridges over the Escanaba River and under the E&LS Railroad beginning in spring 2017. This will involve replacement of the Escanaba River Bridge, 0.75 miles of roadway realignment and reconstruction, replacement of the E&LS Railroad Bridge and 3,000 feet of track.

Total Cost: \$17.9 million

**When Will This Be Done?**

The project is scheduled to begin in April 2017 and be completed in October 2018.

**How Will Traffic Be Affected?**

The project will be constructed part width to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction and minimize detouring. The southbound half of the bridge will be built in 2017 and the northbound half in 2018.

**Detour route information:**

- An estimated 7 total days of detours will be needed over the length of the 2-year project.
- The 9.5-mile detour route is via Delta County roads 426, 420, 531, and M-35.
- Will be coordinated with County Road Commission.

**Long-term Benefits**

The highway bridge was constructed in 1929 and widened in 1956. It is considered “functionally obsolete” — not up to current standards. The new bridge will have improved alignment — a gradual curve instead of curve-straight-curve. Some of the “dip” will be eliminated. The new bridge will be 37 feet wider -- including wide shoulders and a pedestrian path. The railroad bridge will be moved to the south, away from the river, creating better sight lines.

**How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?**

When we get closer to the project, up-to-date information will be at [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive) or via the free Mi Drive app from iTunes and Google Play.

**For More Information**

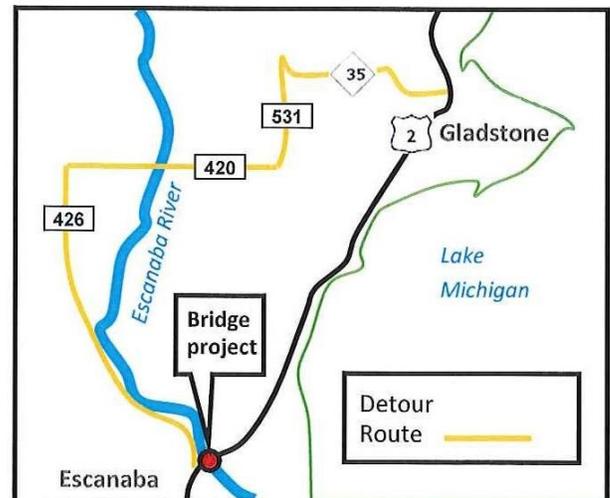
**Call the Crystal Falls Transportation Service Center:**  
(906) 875-6644

**Visit MDOT's website at:** [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot)

**Facebook:**  
MichiganDOT

**Follow us on Twitter:**  
@MDOT\_UP

**MAP**



## HOW DO WE COMPARE?

City/Utility	Project example customer classification and usage—Effective October 2016		
	Residential 500 kWh/mo	Commercial 4000 kWh/mo	Large Power 200,000 kWh & 463 kW
Escanaba City of Escanaba	\$56.23	1 Ph \$365.38 3 Ph \$373.75	\$16,151.42
Manistique Cloverland REA	\$57.96	\$418.42	\$19,219.89
Menominee WPS	\$62.78	\$450.80	\$17,667.93
Gladstone City of Gladstone/WPP	\$68.05	1 Ph \$494.80 3 Ph \$495.80	\$19,191.00
Iron Mountain WE Energies	\$78.33	1 Ph \$591.35 3 Ph \$605.66	\$22,424.18
Marquette Marquette BLP	\$84.00	\$665.00	\$29,239.50
Ishpeming UPPCO	\$114.83	\$731.48	\$24,909.77
Traverse City Traverse City L&P	\$53.00	\$497.40	\$17,703.00
Alpena Alpena Power Co	\$64.11	\$484.28	\$19,024.21
Gaylord Great Lakes Energy	\$75.41	\$515.76	\$16,359.00
Cadillac Consumer's	\$75.10	\$413.38	\$24,361.25

2016-2017 Cost of Water and Wastewater Per 5,000 Gallons Per Month			
City	Water Rate	Wastewater Rate	Combined Rate
Kingsford**	\$14.00	\$18.65	\$32.65
Escanaba	\$28.10	\$20.14	\$48.24
Iron Mountain**	\$31.25	\$22.98	\$54.23
Gladstone	\$36.00	\$39.25	\$75.25
Marquette (2015)*	\$38.71	\$51.76	\$90.47
Sault Ste. Marie	\$45.00	\$52.22	\$97.22
Iron Wood	\$54.10	\$72.67	\$126.77
Munising	\$57.21	\$80.55	\$137.76
Manistique	\$76.38	\$74.64	\$151.02
*Marquette's rates are from 2015. The 2016-2017 rates will be available October 1st.			
** Kingsford & Iron Mountain are a Joint Sewer Authority - They only take care of the Wastewater Plant (no Collection System). The Wastewater Plant bills the community on the flow of the meter reading at the plant - meaning they get paid for every gallon coming into the plant (including rain water and snow melt).			

## City Council Actions - October 2016

### Regular Council Meeting, October 6, 2016

1. Approved the new City of Escanaba Master Plan.
2. Approved an Abandonment of Right-of-Way Policy #100616-01.
3. Approved to internally refinance two (2) outstanding marina loans by combining the two (2) existing internal loans into a single loan, amortized over 15 years at a rate of three (3%) percent.
4. Approved a resolution that they be recognized Upper Peninsula Down Syndrome Association (UPDSA) as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan.

### Regular Council Meeting, October 20, 2016

1. Scheduled a public hearing for November 3, 2016 on a proposed land purchase offer from Basic Marine Inc. to purchase City-owned property located adjacent to the Delta County Jail facility along the lake shore between North 3rd and 4th Street.
2. Approved a request from Mr. Richard Semashko, owner of Wheels & Deals Pawn Shop, 1210 North Lincoln Road, to continue operations as a pawnbroker in the City of Escanaba.

### Special Council Meeting, October 26, 2016

1. Awarded North Substation General Building Materials bid to Border States of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$90,775.68.
2. Awarded North Substation Structural Steel bid to B&B Steel of Knapp, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$63,978.
3. Awarded North Substation Construction contract to Energis High Voltage Resources, Inc, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$600,000.
4. Directed the City Attorney to prepare the necessary legal documents to transfer the Power Plant Combustion Turbine Unit to the successful November 1, 2016, Request for Proposal (RFP) bidder.
5. Extended the energy contract with NextEra by three years which would end on May 31, 2024, on a year by year basis at yearly costs.
6. Authorized administration to purchase needed electric capacity at a not-to-exceed price of \$3.85/kW -mo, for a period of 3 years.



## SafeTrade

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 SafeTrade 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.

[www.safetradestations.com](http://www.safetradestations.com)



### MEDRETURN IS HERE....

The MedReturn is a receptacle that has been placed in the public safety lobby, so that residents can turn in unwanted or expired household and prescription drugs. All expired or unused medications can be dropped off at the department located at 1900 3rd Ave. N., anytime of the day or night.

A big thank you goes out to the Community Foundation for Delta County in supporting this project.

?s call 786-5911

# CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF		
City Manager - Jim O'Toole	<a href="mailto:jotoole@escanaba.org">jotoole@escanaba.org</a>	786-9402
City Controller - Melissa Becotte	<a href="mailto:mbecotte@escanaba.org">mbecotte@escanaba.org</a>	786-0605
Water/Wastewater Sup. - Jeff Lampi	<a href="mailto:jlampi@escanaba.org">jlampi@escanaba.org</a>	786-3291
Public Works Sup./City Eng. - Bill Farrell	<a href="mailto:bfarrell@escanaba.org">bfarrell@escanaba.org</a>	786-1842
Electric Superintendent - Mike Furmanski	<a href="mailto:mfurmanski@escanaba.org">mfurmanski@escanaba.org</a>	786-0061
Public Safety Director - Robert LaMarche	<a href="mailto:rlamarche@escanaba.org">rlamarche@escanaba.org</a>	786-5911
Recreation Director - Kim Peterson	<a href="mailto:kpeterson@escanaba.org">kpeterson@escanaba.org</a>	786-4141
City Clerk - Bob Richards	<a href="mailto:clerk@escanaba.org">clerk@escanaba.org</a>	786-1194
Library Director - Carolyn Stacey	<a href="mailto:cstacey@escanabalibrary.org">cstacey@escanabalibrary.org</a>	789-7323
HR Director/City Treasurer - Bob Valentine	<a href="mailto:bvalentine@escanaba.org">bvalentine@escanaba.org</a>	786-0552
City Assessor		786-9402
Harbor Master - Larry Gravatt	<a href="mailto:lgravatt@escanaba.org">lgravatt@escanaba.org</a>	786-9614
Code Compliance Inspector—Blaine DeGrave	<a href="mailto:bdegrave@escanaba.org">bdegrave@escanaba.org</a>	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



Escanaba City Council

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

**CATHERINE BONIFAS CIVIC CENTER**

The Escanaba Recreation Department has planned a wide variety of programs for citizens young and old. Civic Center schedules, program information and sign-up forms are available at the City of Escanaba's website for the Escanaba Recreation Department at [www.escanaba.org](http://www.escanaba.org).

Fees

Students are not charged a fee to utilize the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center. Adult open use of the gym, game room and pistol/archery range requires a \$5 daily use fee or a \$35 annual use fee for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Daily college pass is \$3. Fees can be paid at the Recreation Office. Daily passes are valid for date posted and annual passes are valid from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2017.

Clerk's Office

**Room Rental for Parties, Showers or Meetings**

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center has four rooms, kitchen and gym 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, government or club activities.

To inquire, please e-mail [recreation@escanaba.org](mailto:recreation@escanaba.org), stop by in person at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center or call (906) 786-4141 for more information.

Clerk's Office

**LAPTOP HOMEWORK CENTER**

(September to April)

Must have current Civic Center Student Membership (free upon registration) and signed internet parental consent required for use.



Clerk's Office



Participants are encouraged to consult the gym and game room schedule prior to scheduling their activity.

Call 786-4141 for schedules and information

City Clerk's Office



**YOUTH/TEEN CENTER SCHEDULE**

Fall activities begin Monday, September 12, 2016, and will be made available through Friday, May 5, 2017.

High School - Grades 9th to 12th

Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. & Sat. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jr. High School - Grades 7th to 8th

Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. & Sat. 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Upper Elementary - Grades 4th to 6th

Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. & Sat. 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Due to scheduled activities, the gym will be closed Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Clerk's Office

**YOUTH/TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES**

Game Room Activities:

- \*Ping Pong
- \*Pool
- \*Foosball
- \*Air Hockey
- \*Bull's Eye
- \*Reading Books
- \*Bumper Pool
- \*Chess & checkers
- \*Card & Board Games



Gym Activities:

- \*Basketball
- \*Volleyball
- \*Bean Bag Toss
- \*Soccer
- \*Q-Tip Hockey
- \*Shuffleboard
- \*Dodgeball



Civic Center Activity and Gym & Game Room Schedule available on-line at: [www.escanaba.org](http://www.escanaba.org)

Clerk's Office

### 6th Grade Boys Basketball

Forms will be distributed at the schools mid-October and also on-line.

#### Tentative schedule is as follows:

- Friday, November 11, 2016
- Saturday, November 19, 2016
- Friday, December 2, 2016
- Friday, December 9, 2016
- Friday, December 16, 2016
- Saturday, December 17, 2016

Clerk's Office

### 6th Grade Girls Basketball

Forms now available at the schools and also available on-line.

#### Tentative Schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, October 8, 2016
- Saturday, October 15, 2016
- Saturday, October 22, 2016
- Friday, October 28, 2016
- Saturday, October 29, 2016
- Saturday, November 5, 2016

Clerk's Office

### **MEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL**

Open to all men on a drop-in basis.

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

\*Subject to having enough players

? 's Call 786-4141

Clerk's Office

### 5th Grade Girls Basketball



Forms will be available at the schools in mid-January at which time a schedule will be announced.



Clerk's Office

### **WOMEN'S OPEN VOLLEYBALL**



Open to all women on a drop-in basis. Power volleyball is not permitted.

In the Gym: Mon/Wed 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Clerk's Office

### **Pickleball**



Join this growing sport which is similar to ping pong and tennis. This sport is for all ages.

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

Bring your own paddles or use ours (limited number available).



For more information call: Recreation Dpt. 786-4141

Clerk's Office

**ADULT OPEN GYM SCHEDULE**

The Open Gym schedule is available at the Recreation Dept. Office or on-line at [www.escanaba.org](http://www.escanaba.org)

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



**ESCANABA SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER**

Recreational & Social Activities  
M-F 8:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Call 786-8850



Clerk's Office

**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

Clerk's Office

**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.



**Senior Citizen Line Dancing**

Line dancing is held 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.

Clerk's Office

## ZONING PERMITS REPORT

**January 1, 2016 thru October 31, 2016**

4	NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME	\$ 721,844
28	RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$ 719,900
4	NEW COMMERCIAL	\$ 1,997,600
18	COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$ 6,669,700
2	CHANGE OF USE	\$ -
2	HOME OCCUPATION	\$ -
0	LAND USE PERMIT	\$ -
8	DEMOLITION PERMIT	\$ 60,220
<b>66</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,169,264</b>

### 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: November 16, 2016

**CITY OF ESCANABA  
 NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE**

Do you have rubbish, overgrown lawns, 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](mailto:bdegrave@escanaba.org)



# 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](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. following 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 8:00 a.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:** Every Jan/Apr/July/Oct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds., 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Charged with providing continuous information and recommendations to the Escanaba City Council on current electrical policy trends that could impact the community. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

### **HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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