

THE COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Time	Type of Meeting
12/02	7:30am	Downtown Development Authority
12/03	6:00pm	Manager's Call
12/03	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
12/08	4:30pm	Housing Commission
12/08	5:00pm	Harbor Advisory Committee
12/08	6:00pm	Recreation Advisory Board
12/09	10:00am	Brownfield Redevelopment Auth.
12/09	12:00pm	Joint Governmental Meeting
12/09	6:00pm	Electrical Advisory Committee
12/10	6:00pm	Planning Commission
12/15	2:00pm	Board of Review
12/15	6:00pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
12/16	8:30am	Java with Jim
12/17	6:00pm	Manager's Call
12/17	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
12/21	4:00pm	Historic District Commission
12/22	8:00am	Public Safety Retirement Board
12/18	5:00pm	Board of Library Trustees

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT
THE CITY OF ESCANABA

57th Annual ESCANABA CHRISTMAS Parade

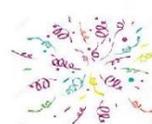
December 4, 2015, 7:00 P.M.



The theme will be
"Christmas's of Yesterday & Today"

Sponsored by: The Escanaba DDA

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL



Escanaba New Year's Eve Pasty Drop

Thursday, December 31st, 2015
10p.m. until midnight

Following 9:00p.m. fireworks at the dock
1025 Ludington St., Escanaba, Mi

Door Prizes & Games
Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Pasties will be available
Bay De Noc UUS, CR Meyer, Gram's Pasties



LET THERE BE LIGHT!



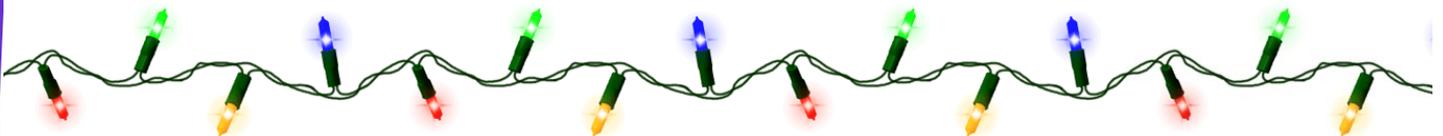
NEW CITY STREET LIGHTING

City Electric Crews have been busy the last few weeks installing new L.E.D. lights on Ludington Street in Downtown Escanaba. With the great advancements made in LED street lighting over the past few years, the upgraded lights are better and more affordable.

Replacement of the existing street lights on Ludington Street should be completed in the next few weeks. It is the goal of the City of Escanaba to eventually replace all the street light and dusk-to-dawn lights with LED fixtures. This project will take multiple years to complete. The City has approximately 1,550 street lights and 300 dusk-to-dawn lights on the distribution system.

'TIS THE SEASON

City Crews have been busy installing decorative garland over Ludington Street for the upcoming holiday season. The garland is purchased by the Downtown Development Authority and installed by City Crews each year.



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

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

- Parking will be allowed only on the west side of all streets.
- Parking will be allowed only on the north side of all avenues.
- No vehicle shall be parked for a period longer than one half-hour on any street or avenue within the confines of the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated by signage during the months of December, January, February and March of each year.
- On Ludington Street and the 100 blocks off Ludington Street, parking will be allowed on both sides of the street with the exception of South 15th Street, South 16th Street, South 17th Street, South 18th Street, South 19th Street and South 22nd Street.
- Parking will be allowed on the east side of the street in the following business districts: 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Stephenson Avenue and the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of Sheridan Road.
- Parking will be allowed overnight, on both sides of the street, in the 200 block of Ludington Street.
- Parking will be allowed overnight within the median of the 100 block of South 3rd Street.
- Parking will be allowed overnight in the 100 block of South 5th Street, on the west side of the street, pursuant to a permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.
- The issuance of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a public safety officer in the City shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation as herein provided.

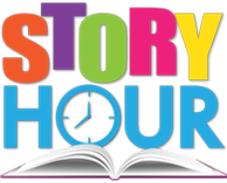
These parking regulations will be in effect through March of 2016.

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

Ken Vanderlinden
Director of Public Safety



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 6th - February 10th, 2016 - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time (Session 2) 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. NOTE: Session 3 Dates run March 9 - April 20.</p>
	<p>January 8th - February 19th, 2016 - Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Library Babies (Session 2) 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 simples 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. NOTE: Session 3 Dates run March 11 - April 29.</p>
	<p>Thursday, December 3, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Great Start Family Fun Night The theme for this event is “How to Be a Superhero”. Families will enjoy a story time, activity and snack. Space is limited and registration is required. Register by calling Laurie Mold at 906-786-9300 ext 111 and leave name, telephone number and the number of children attending.</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>



THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATON FOR DELTA COUNTY

The Library was awarded \$1949 from the Community Foundation for our Technology for Today's Teen Project.

Max LaCrosse, representing the Youth Advisory Committee of the Community Foundation for Delta County, presents a check to Library Director Carolyn Stacey for the library's "Technology for Teens" project. The grant funded two iPad Airs loaded with apps and reserved for teen use in the library.

CIVIC CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015, 5:00—9:00 P.M.



Come join the fun at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center
 Friday, December 18, 2015
 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Dancing, prizes, food, drinks and plenty of fun!
 Students 4th to 12th grade are welcome to participate.

Contact the Recreation Department for more information 786-4141 or kpeterson@escanaba.org

**New Year's Eve
 Rock the Dock Event**

New Year's Eve
 Thursday, December 31st
 Civic Center Activities
 5-8:30 p.m.
 Fireworks 9:00 p.m. at the
 Municipal Dock

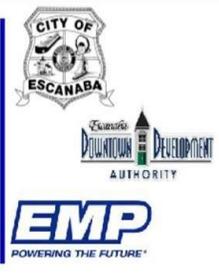
Civic Center will be open on New Year's Eve

KIDS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE CIVIC CENTER ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31ST FROM 5:00 TO 8:30 P.M. THERE WILL BE A DANCE, GAME ROOM WILL BE OPEN, FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE.

Sponsored by:

The City of Escanaba
 Downtown Development Authority
 Engineered Machined Products

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER
 IN ESCANABA



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

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



Our Waterfront Community
Escanaba
 Soak it Up!

CITY BID LIST

Concrete Work 2016

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



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).



6th Grade Boys Basketball

Schedule will be as follows:
 Saturday, November 14, 2015
 Saturday, November 21, 2015
 Friday, December 4, 2015
 Friday, December 11, 2015
 Saturday, December 19, 2015
 Monday, December 23, 2015

All games will start at 9 a.m.
 Civic Center gym



Civic Center

Pistol Range
Mondays
6:00 - 8:50 pm

Archery
Tuesdays
6:00 - 8:50 pm

For Information Call
786-4141



Senior Games, Bingo, and Card Playing



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

Wii games also available.



Escanaba Civic Center



LAPTOP HOMEWORK CENTER

(September to April)

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



Senior Citizen Line Dancing

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



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

HOLIDAY SEASON SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF ESCANABA BUILDINGS

All City of Escanaba Business Offices:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 - Closed at 12:00 noon
 Friday, December 25, 2015 - Closed
 Thursday, December 31, 2015 - Closed at 12:00 noon
 Friday, January 1, 2016 - Closed

The Escanaba Public Library:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 - Open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 Friday, December 25, 2015 - Closed
 Saturday, December 26, 2015 - Open 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 31, 2015 - Open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 Friday, January 1, 2016 - Closed
 Saturday, January 2, 2016 - Open 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 - Closed at 12:00 noon
 Friday, December 25, 2015 - Closed
 Saturday, December 26, 2015 - Closed
 Thursday, December 31, 2015 -
 Open 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & Open 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, January 1, 2016 - Closed
 Saturday, January 2, 2016 - Closed

All City Garbage collections will be as follows:

Monday pick up will be on Monday
 Tuesday pick up will be on Tuesday
 Wednesday recycling will be on Wednesday
 Thursday pick up will be on Thursday

ATTENTION: COMMUNITY MEMEBERS WELCOME



As part of the Community Master Plan update, the Planning Commission will be hosting a community visioning session on **December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.**

At the meeting, community members and others will be asked to collaborate on a vision for the development of the community. The visioning session provides a forum for ideas and allows everyone who participates to be a mutual author of the plan. The Master Plan guides City decisions about important issues like: where certain types of businesses should be allowed, how much parking should be provided, what improvements should be made to parks and recreation centers, where the City should improve streets, bike lanes & intersections, and what economic strategy the City should take among many other things.

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



DID YOU KNOW?...

FAST FACTS

The City budget process lasts 5 months, beginning at the end of December and concluding with Council adoption at the second meeting in May.

FAST FACTS

In fiscal year 2014/15, the City paid \$6,483,493.48 in accounts payable.

FAST FACTS

The average electric residential customer saves \$3.61 each month by participating in the Energy Optimization program.

FAST FACTS

The average customer experiences 1 outage per year and the average outage length is 45 minutes.

FAST FACTS

The Escanaba Public Library offers iPads loaded with educational apps and games for teens and children.

FAST FACTS

Streaming film, downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines are available free with an Escanaba Public Library card through www.escanabalibrary.org

FAST FACTS

An Escanaba Public Library card gives you borrowing privileges from over 400 libraries throughout Michigan.

FAST FACTS

Search local historical newspapers back to 1869 from the library's web site at www.escanabalibrary.org

FAST FACTS

Over the past 7 years, 16 Downtown Business Owners have successfully completed the DDA facade program improving their building's curb appeal and enhancing our Downtown's image. There will be 6 new Facade projects that will start construction in 2016 with a total costs of \$1.4 million dollars.

FAST FACTS

In 1877 an Agricultural Society was created and a Fair was held at the Tilden House, the first large building built in Escanaba. The City of Escanaba continued its support for the local Farmers by inviting them to bring their crops downtown once a week which led to the Farmer's Market on 9th Street & 1st Avenue North in the 1920's.

DID YOU KNOW?...

FAST FACTS

The City will send out tax bills totaling \$15.3 million in 2015. Of that amount, \$5.4 million is retained by the City. The remainder is distributed to the entities for which we collect.

FAST FACTS

886 utility bills, totaling \$186,000, were paid through our on-line portal during the month of October 2015.

FAST FACTS

Over 696 million gallons of sewage was treated at the Wastewater Plant during 2014.

FAST FACTS

The Wastewater Plant generated and land applied just over 314 dry tons of anaerobically digested bio-solids.

FAST FACTS

The Water Department dealt with 489 frozen water services during the "Deep Freeze" of 2014, and 189 frozen services during the winter of 2013.

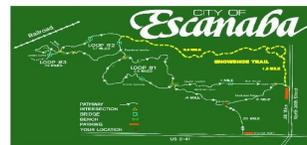
FAST FACTS

Over 889 million gallons of potable drinking water was processed at the Water Plant during 2014.

FAST FACTS

Since 2012, the Escanaba Public Safety Golf Committee has granted over \$46,000 to many deserving local charities and projects throughout Delta County.

FAST FACTS



New snowshoe trail is approximately 5.1 miles.

FAST FACTS

The Engineering Department responded to 816 Miss Dig requests in 2014 and to date has responded to 772 Miss Dig requests in 2015.

FAST FACTS

The City of Escanaba has laid 2,382 tons of asphalt in the 2015 Construction Season.



Open House at the Lighthouse

The Board of Directors of the Delta County Historical Society invites you to our annual Christmas Open House at the Sand Point Lighthouse. From 2 until 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 26, and Sunday, December 27, we will share hot beverages, homemade cookies and good cheer with our friends and supporters in the community. The lighthouse will be festively decorated, and local musicians will add to the celebration. Please join us, and bring your holiday guests along to share in the unique charm of a lighthouse Christmas.

Bake Sale at the Museum

The annual Delta County Historical Society bake sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, in the multi-purpose room of the museum and archives building, located just east of the Sand Point Lighthouse in Ludington Park. An array of baked goods—cookies, bread and pastries—as well as other homemade seasonal treats will be offered. We will also have stocking stuffers available at the museum desk, including etched glass ornaments and chocolates.

Donations of bake goods and other food items are invited, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. We encourage our patrons and donors to enjoy the view of the bay and to tour the museum as our guests during sale hours.

Proceeds support the maintenance of the lighthouse, museum and archives.

For additional information call 786-0831.



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👉 City of Escanaba

👉 City of Escanaba Recreation Department

👉 Escanaba Department of Public Safety

👉 Escanaba Public Library



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.



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.



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 barbecue grill. The facility is capable of accommodating 10 eight-person picnic tables with ample green space in the surrounding area to facilitate additional tables/persons. Clean, modern restroom facilities are located conveniently close to the Pavilion. Parking accommodations are also close by at the tennis court lot, Jenkin’s Drive or the Band Shell parking lot.

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

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



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

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

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



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

JAVA WITH JIM



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

Next Date: December 16, 2015



Keith Marenger has recently been hired as the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. Keith is an Escanaba Native, and brings 22 years of Maintenance and Supervisory experience with him. He is a Bay College and Western Michigan University graduate, with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering. Keith is married to Lisa (Newhouse), and has three children Tyler (17), Brenan (15) and Alexis (12). In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family and friends, doing home improvement projects, 4-wheeling, and personal finance.



Crystal Martin has recently been hired as the Accounting Clerk at City Hall in the Controllers Office. Crystal was born and raised in Escanaba and graduated from LSSU with a Bachelors in Accounting and a Bachelors in Administration. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two girls, Riley (9) and Rayne (4). She has a Boxer Razer and a Mini Eskimo Brinley along with two Bearded dragon lizards, Izzy and Zeus. When not spending time with her family and friends she is writing or reading. She published her first book, Silver Lining this past March.

ZONING PERMITS REPORT

January 1, 2015 thru November 16, 2015

3	NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME	\$ 881,960
29	RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$ 346,524
4	NEW COMMERCIAL	\$ 8,252,000
25	COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$ 5,392,120
1	CHANGE OF USE	\$ -
0	HOME OCCUPATION	\$ -
0	LAND USE PERMIT	\$ -
9	DEMOLITION PERMIT	\$ 289,450
71	TOTAL	\$ 15,162,054



Thank You to Michael Hall of Black Iris Studio for sharing this beautiful picture titled "The Three Sisters" trees at Ludington Park, from Feb of 2014. If you have any photos you would like to contribute to the City of Escanaba Monthly Community Update, please email them to Lisa Glish at lglish@escanaba.org.

COUNCIL ACTIONS - NOVEMBER 2015

Regular Council Meeting, November 5, 2015

1. Approved a resolution opposing House Bill No. 4138, the Presumptive Parole Act, which could allow violent felons released on parole without a full and detailed evaluation by an educated and experienced parole board, and further directed Administration to send copies to State Legislatures.
2. Approved a resolution of support which recognizes the City of Escanaba as a Community for a Lifetime from the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging.
3. Approved to sell surplus recycled asphalt to Payne & Dolan, Inc. of Gladstone, MI at \$0.80 per ton.
4. Approved to purchase a 2016 Chevrolet Impala Patrol car from Riverside Chevrolet of Escanaba in an amount not to exceed \$23,517.
5. Approved to purchase 29 bulletproof vests from The Vest Man, LLC of Lawndale, CA in an amount not to exceed \$34,365.
6. Approved a purchase of 12 pole mount transformers from Power Line Supply of Reed City, MI in an amount not to exceed \$48,688.
7. Approved to purchase 2 pad mount transformers from Resco, Inc. of Middleton, WI in an amount not to exceed \$35,996.
8. Approved to purchase a 22 foot long trailer with a clear 80" opening from Trailer Sales of Michigan of Jackson, MI in an amount not to exceed \$3,990.
9. Approved the proposal from Northern Machine and Repair for the purchase of the City Power Plant.

Special Council Meeting, November 11, 2015

1. Approved support of an internal staff and volunteer feasibility study of a Community Solar Garden concept, with specific deliverables at the completion of the study in 5 months.

Regular Council Meeting, November 19, 2015

1. Approved to set December 3, 2015, as a public hearing for Ordinance No. 1165, - to amend Section 10-17. of the City Code of Ordinances, regarding the location of Precinct 3, and move Precinct 3 to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba.
2. Approved the results from the Delta County Board of Canvassers regarding the Elections Results from the November 3, 2015, City Council Election.
3. Approved a request to use Ludington Street for the 57th Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
4. Approved an Eskymo Fan Club resolution that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan.
5. Approved to retain Mr. Jack VanCoevering as legal counsel for the Michigan Tax Tribunal cases currently filed against the City of Escanaba by Shopko, Delta Plaza, and Duke Lifepoint Medical Center, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.
6. Approved to retain the Bosk Corporation of Escanaba, MI to remove, repair, and paint wall surfaces in the City Hall and Library Complex in an amount not to exceed \$30,200.

CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Marc Tall
mtall@escanaba.org
786-4798

Mayor Pro-Tem
Ron Beauchamp
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280-8378

Councilmember
Patricia Baribeau
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786-0532

Councilmember Ralph Blasier
rblasier@escanaba.org
786-6493

Councilmember Michael Sattem
msattem@escanaba.org
399-0316

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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



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

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: 2nd Wed. of Month, 10:00 a.m., 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: 1st Wed. of Month; 7:30 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: 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.

PERFORMANCE MATTERS PUBLIC SAFETY - CRIME, TRAFFICE AND FIRE			
	2013	2014	
Violent Crimes Per 1,000	2.06	2.90	↑
Property Crimes Per 1,000	50.4	41.7	↓
Traffic Injuries / Fatalities	65	73	↑
Traffic Tickets - City Infraction	593	773	↑
Traffic Tickets - Misdemeanor	324	185	↓
Call Volume - Incident	7,600	7,512	↓
Call Volume - Quick Call	13,803	14,557	↑
Fire Calls	145	99	↓
Escanaba Public Safety Case Clearance Rate	48%	52%	↑
Statewide Case Clearance Rate (Averages)	34.1%	36%	↑