

NEW RESIDENT PACKAGE

Welcome Home!

On behalf of the City Council and staff of the City of Escanaba, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the community and your new home.

This information package is your roadmap to the services, programs and contacts you will need here in Escanaba.

Please take an opportunity to review and then place by your phone for future reference.

Escanaba has many attributes that make it a desirable place to live – clean and safe neighborhoods, beautiful natural surroundings, and economic opportunities. We are pleased that you have chosen to join us.

James V. O'Toole
City Manager

City of Escanaba Municipal Building

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Escanaba, MI 49829

Website: www.escanaba.org

Phone: (906) 786-9402

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E-Mail: citymanager@escanaba.org

Important Contact Numbers

EMERGENCY – Dial 911

Fire * Ambulance * Police

Public Safety (non-emergency) * 786-5911

Police Chief: Alan O'Dell – aodell@escanaba.org

City Council

Mayor Gilbert Cheves – gcheves@escanaba.org

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Councilmember Pete Baker – pbaker@escanaba.org

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William Farrell, City Engineer/Public Works Superintendent – publicworks@escanaba.org (906) 786-1842

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Michael Dewar, City Controller – controller@escanaba.org (906) 786-0605

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Alan O’Dell, Public Safety Director – publicsafety@escanaba.org (906) 786-5911

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Mike Furmanski, Electric Superintendent – cityelectric@escanaba.org (906) 786-0061

Elizabeth Keller, City Assessor – assessor@escanaba.org (906) 786-9402

City Hall Facilities and Services

City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, 786-9402

City Hall houses the City of Escanaba offices (which is also the office for Escanaba Municipal Utilities) and is your link to the municipality. Staff will answer your questions or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Municipal Sewer and Water

The municipal sewer and water infrastructure is in place in the City of Escanaba to ensure clean, safe water to approximately 5400 users. For service or other questions, please contact the Utility Office at 786-0552. This service is billed monthly with your electric service by Municipal Utilities.

Municipal Electric

The municipal electric service is available for all City of Escanaba residents and certain outlying areas. This service is billed monthly with your sewer and water services by the Escanaba Municipal Utilities.

Garbage and Recycling Services

Garbage and recyclables are picked up curbside. There may be some changes in the schedule due to holidays. For more information contact the Department of Public Works at 786-1842.

The City of Escanaba encourages recycling and recycling collection is handled by the Department of Public Works. Recyclable items include:

Aluminum cans	Office paper
Steel food cans	Junk mail
Aerosol cans	Corrugated card board
Plastics - #1 and #2 bottle jugs	Empty brown paper bags
Newsprint, phone books, magazines, catalogs, paperback books	

Public Safety

The City of Escanaba maintains an active and dedicated Public Safety Department for your protection. Currently, officers are available to respond to fire, vehicular and other emergencies. The department maintains a pumper, tanker and rescue van, all equipped with the necessary support apparatus. In an emergency, residents should call 911. For further information, contact Director Alan O'Dell at 786-5911.

Public Library

The Library, located at 400 Ludington Street, is an educational and recreational hub of the community, offering a wide selection of books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs and audio books, as well as public Internet and free wireless. Programs for children and adults are offered throughout the year. For more information, visit the Library web site at www.escanabalibrary.org.

Voter Registration Information

Before you can exercise your right to vote in any election, you must become a registered voter. Voter registration is an easy process described below. The City Clerk's Office encourages everyone to exercise their right to vote! Participate in our electoral process --- - register and attend the polls on election day! To register to vote you must be a United States citizen at least 18 years of age by election day, a resident of Michigan and the City or Township where you are applying to register to vote.

Where do I register to vote? City Clerk's Office, County Clerk's Office, Secretary of State Offices, Department of State Offices, Family Independence Agency, any agency providing public assistance or services for persons with disabilities.

Register by mail - Persons registering to vote by mail are required to vote in person the first time they vote, unless they are members of the military, overseas, handicapped, or a senior citizen.

To be eligible to vote, you must register at least 30 days prior to any election in Michigan. This gives your local clerk time to process the voter registration forms and to send your Voter Identification Card.

Whenever you move to a new City or Township, you must re-register to vote. If you move within a City or Township, you must update your address. This can be accomplished through your local City Clerk, at your polling place on election day, at a Secretary of State branch office, or by mail.

Escanaba Wading Pool

The Escanaba Wading Pool is open from mid June to mid August. This outside facility has a wading pool depth of 9". For further information contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

Youth and Adult Activities

The City summer sports program offers soccer, swimming lessons and tennis. Programs are organized by the Escanaba Recreation Department. The Escanaba Little League offers softball, baseball and t-ball. The Civic Center facility located at 225 North 21st Street is open for youth activities from mid September to the end of April. For additional information on adult activities, contact the Civic Center at 786-4141.

Parks and Trails

You will find parks and trails for your recreation pleasure within the community area of Escanaba.

Ludington Park is a 120-acre municipal park offering a children's playground, band shelter, picnic tables, and public beach. Four tennis courts, soccer field, six beach-sand volleyball courts and one basketball court. The Ludington Park Beach will be open from mid June to mid August. There is also a 165 slip marina and historical museum.

Pavilion – The Ludington Park Pavilion is located near the south end of the park. There is a 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 Bandshell parking lot. Advance reservations are required for family socials, picnics and outings. There is a \$50.00 reservation fee per day/event. Please contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

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 are required for wedding ceremonies, family/group pictures, etc. There is a reservation fee of \$30.00 per two-hour block. For reservations contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

Ludington Park Bandshell – The Bandshell is a multi-use facility capable of accommodating 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 Bandshell include parking for approximately 100 vehicles and restroom facilities immediately north of the Bandshell area. Advance reservations are required for the use of the Ludington Park Bandshell. There is a \$50.00 reservation fee per day. The Escanaba City Band performs every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. from mid June to mid August. For reservations contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

Harbor Hideout Playground – Located in Ludington Park, Harbor Hideout is Escanaba's own 22,500 square foot children's adventure facility. The structure was designed by local community volunteers and area school children and built with volunteer labor. This facility is suitable for children of all ages. Consider this playground a "must see" for all residents and visitors alike. Playground is barrier-free and nearly all features are handicapped accessible. Slides, transfer points, swings and playground cover are suitable for the mobility impaired.

Royce Park – Located on South 19th Street and 7th Avenue South. Two tennis courts and one basketball court. Outside ice rink available from January to February weather permitting with a warming shack. There is also a playground and ball diamond on site.

Veteran’s Park – Located on Lake Shore Drive and 13th Avenue South. Two tennis courts and one basketball court. There is also a playground and ball diamond on site.

Webster Park – Located on the North 1300 block and North 19th Street. Outside ice rink available from January to February weather permitting with a warming shack.

Escanaba High School – Located on 5th Avenue South and South Lincoln Road. Four tennis courts. There is a walking/running track available on site.

Stephenson Park – Located on North 19th Street and 15th Avenue North. One basketball court. There is also a playground and ball diamond on site.

Rose Park – Located on Washington Avenue and Stephenson Avenue. One tennis court and playground area available.

Ogden Avenue Park – Located on Ogden Avenue and 4th Avenue South. Outside ice rink available from January to February weather permitting.

Escanaba Marina and Boat Launches

The Escanaba Marina, Ludington Park Boat Launch and the North Shore Boat Launch is open from May to October. The fish cleaning station located at the North Shore Boat Launch will be available from May to October.

Cemeteries

There are two cemeteries within City of Escanaba limits. Holy Cross Cemetery is located on M-35. Lakeview Cemetery is located at 2110 3rd Avenue South.

Zoning

In the City of Escanaba, zoning laws regulate the use of all land and buildings in the municipality. We have a downtown development district that is governed by ordinances, as well. For detailed zoning information contact the Community Preservation Department located at City Hall or phone 786-9402.

Building Permits

Building permits are required for all new construction, and for additions, garages, accessory structures and decks, etc. Zoning approval is required by the City of Escanaba prior to obtaining a building permit. For further information contact the Community Preservation Department for a zoning application at 786-9402. Building permits for the City of Escanaba are handled by the County Zoning Administrator, Tom Carivou at 789-5189, 310 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

Burning Permit

A Burn Permit is required for burning brush, leaves, etc. and can be issued at Escanaba Public Safety Department. Special Precautions: clear 20 feet around each pile to be burned, burn one pile at a time, adding to the burn pile shall be permitted only with advanced approval, the fire shall be extinguished immediately upon direction of the Chief of Public Safety, burning shall commence no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and shall be completed no later than 6:00 p.m., a permit (pre- and post-burn) inspection shall be completed for each pile to be burned, and a Fire Watch is required.

Fire Watch – is defined as a responsible person on site with equipment capable of either putting the fire out or contacting the Public Safety Department should the fire burn out of control. A bulldozer and operator shall be on site from the time of burn through one hour after the burn.

Stipulations – Any person who sets a fire without taking reasonable precautions to prevent the escape thereof or leaves the fire before it is extinguished is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who maliciously sets a fire which endangers human life or destroys the property of another, may upon conviction, be assessed a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term of not over ten years or both such fine and imprisonment. Any person who negligently allows a fire to escape is liable for all expenses incurred by the State of Michigan and/or the City of Escanaba in the suppression of such fire. Any permit issued may be revoked if conditions are such that burning may not be done safely. This permit does not supersede any other Act or Ordinance which further restricts or prohibits the setting of fires.

Dog and Cat Licenses

Dog and cat licenses are required. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must be presented in order to acquire a license. Prices vary. For more information contact the Delta County Treasurer's Office, 310 Ludington Street at 789-5117.

William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Inc.

Located at 700 1st Avenue South – 786-3833

The William Bonifas Fine Arts Center is a friendly spot where you can tour gallery exhibits, participate in art workshops, learn something new in the educational classes and enjoy theatrical productions. Educational programs for children, adults and artists provide exposure to new techniques or advance current skills. You are invited to become a member of the Bonifas and take advantage of the many opportunities to enrich your life through the arts. The Alice Uren Powers Gallery, hosts a variety of traveling exhibits as well as displays by regional artists throughout the year. There's no charge to visit the exhibits, so drop in often!

Other Community Services

United States Post Office - 786-0652

Charter Communications – 1-800-545-0994
(cable, internet, phone)

DTE Energy – 786-5651
(natural gas)

SBC Telephone Company – 786-9966
(internet, phone)

Schools

Elementary Schools:

Franklin, 612 2nd Avenue South – 786-9203

John Lemmer, 700 South 20th Street – 786-5333

Soo Hill, 5219 18th Road – 786-7035

Webster, 1209 North 19th Street – 786-6118

Middle School, 1500 Ludington Street – 786-7462

Senior High, 500 South Lincoln Road – 786-6521

Holy Name (private school) K-8
409 South 22nd Street – 786-7550

Bay de Noc Community College
2001 North Lincoln Road – 786-5802

Major Annual Events

January

Antique and Vintage Snowmobile Show, beginning of month – Rock

February

Love Affair, Delta County Chamber Annual Fund-raiser, first Saturday – Escanaba
Jig It Ice Fishing Tournament, end of month – Gladstone

March

Players de Noc Production, beginning/mid month – Escanaba
WLUC TV6 Craft Show, mid month – Escanaba
Bayshore Kiwanis Boat and Sport Show, mid month – Escanaba

April

Kiwanis Home and Garden Show and Pancake Days, mid month – Escanaba
Spring Craft Show, mid month – Escanaba
Players de Noc Production, end of month – Escanaba
Taste of Home Cooking Show, end of month – Escanaba
Holy Name Carnival, end of month – Escanaba

May

Antique Show and Sale, beginning of month – Escanaba
Walleye Season, opening day May 15th – Escanaba
Shrine Circus, mid month – Escanaba
Krusin Klassics Fun Run, late May or early June – Escanaba
Memorial Day Celebration, end of month – Rapid River
Bass Season, opening day May 31st – Escanaba

June

Sand Point Lighthouse and Historical Museum, opens for summer
Delta Chamber Golf Outing, first Thursday – Escanaba
Don McGinnis Walk - Escanaba
Days River Music Festival, mid month – Rapid River
JayCee's American Legion Invitational Baseball Tourney, mid month – Escanaba
Gladstone Crazy Days, end of month – Gladstone

July

Art in the Park, beginning of month – Escanaba
D.A.F.T. Music Festival – beginning of month – Escanaba
4th of July Celebration, beginning of month – Escanaba and Gladstone
U.P. Vintage Tin Car Show, beginning of month – Escanaba
Slamfest Volleyball, mid month – Escanaba
Blessing of the Fleet, mid month – Fayette
Schooner Inland Seas, second week - Escanaba
Lighthouse 5K Run, last Saturday of month - Escanaba
Escanaba Sidewalk Sales, end of month – Escanaba

August

Heritage Days, beginning of month – Fayette
Michigan/Wisconsin Tennis Tournament, first week of August - Escanaba
Garden Tractor Pulls, beginning of month – Garden
Waterfront Art Festival, beginning of month – Escanaba
Bark River Off Road Races, mid month – Bark River
Upper Peninsula State Fair, mid month – Escanaba
JayCee's Duck Race, end of month – Gladstone

September

Nahma Labor Day Celebration
Celebration Gun, Knife, and Sporting Collectables, beginning of month – Escanaba
Labor Day Celebration, beginning of month – Rock
Century Bike Ride, mid month – Gladstone

October

Hayes Corn Maze, all month – Rock
Delta County Chamber Annual Dinner, first Thursday – Escanaba
County Fair Craft Show, beginning of month – Escanaba
Players de Noc Production, beginning to mid month – Escanaba
Magic Show, mid month – Escanaba

November

Old Fashioned Christmas, end of month – Gladstone
Santa Train, end of month – Gladstone and Rapid River
Calico Christmas Craft, end of month – Escanaba

December

Christmas in the Village, beginning of month – Escanaba

Sand Point Lighthouse Holiday Open House, end of month – Escanaba

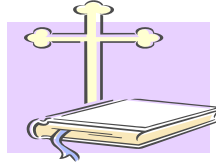
Community Organizations and Programs



For more information on the following community organizations and programs, please contact the Commerce Center, 230 Ludington Street at 786-2192.

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| 4-H Youth Program | Altrusa International of Escanaba |
| American Legion Auxiliary | American Legion Post |
| Bay de Noc Garden Club | Bay de Noc Habitat for Humanity |
| Bay de Noc Kennel Club | Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club |
| Bay's de Noc Gobblers, Chapter of N.W.T.F. | Big Bay de Noc Friends of the Library |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area | Boy Scouts of America |
| Child and Family Services of U.P. | Christian Women's Club |
| Community Foundation for Delta County | Delta County Democratic Party |
| Delta County Business and Professional Women | Delta County Foster Parent Association |
| Delta County Genealogical Society | Delta County Historical Society |
| Delta County Jaycees | Delta County Landlord Association |
| Delta County Republican Party | Delta County Special Olympics |
| Delta County Sportsman's Club | Delta County Trades & Labor Council |
| Delta County Veteran's Council | Delta Rocks Curling Club |
| Ducks Unlimited | Eagles Auxiliary |
| Elks Lodge | Escanaba Area Figure Skating Club |
| Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association | Escanaba City Band |
| Escanaba Little League | Escanaba Senior Center |
| Escanaba Yacht Club | Farmer's Market |
| Great Lakes Sports Fisherman | Great Lakes Timber Show |
| Escanaba High School Key Club | Kiwanis |
| Krusin Klassics Car Club | League of Women Voters of Delta |
| Lions Club | Peninsula Waters Girl Scout Council |
| Rotary Club | United Way of Delta County |
| U.P. Sled Dog Association | U.P. Sno Phlyers of Delta County |
| U.P. Whitetail Association, Inc. | Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. |
| Upper Michigan Central Model Railroad Club | YMCA |
| Wildlife Unlimited of Delta County, Inc. | Youth Assistance Program (YAP) |

Churches



Agape Ministries, 1420 Sheridan Road – 786-2722
Bethany Lutheran Church ELCA, 202 South 11th Street – 786-6642
Blessed Hope Baptist Church, 2530 14th Avenue South – 786-9574
Calvary Baptist Church, 2000 11th Avenue North – 786-6323
Central United Methodist Church, 322 South Lincoln Road – 786-0643
Christian Science Society, 325 South 13th Street – 786-6644
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1230 North 18th Street – 786-7400
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1021 South 14th Street – 789-0370
Cornerstone Community Church, 920 Willow Creek Road – 786-7735
Escanaba Free Lutheran Church AFLC, 502 South 12th Street – 786-3053
Escanaba Pentecostal Church, 3085 Lake Shore Drive – 789-6335
Faith Formation Office, 409 South 22nd Street – 233-9566
First Presbyterian Church, 819 1st Avenue South – 786-2932, www.fpcesc.org
First United Methodist Church, 302 South 6th Street – 786-3713
Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 South Lincoln Road – 786-6771
Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, 3110 Lake Shore Drive – 786-3864
Lakeside Christian Church, 2300 South 21st Street – 789-9699
Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene, 2601 South Lincoln Road – 786-2339
New Life Assembly of God Church, 2005 8th Avenue South – 786-3858
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2401 North Lincoln Road – 789-9350
St. Anne Parish, 817 South Lincoln Road – 786-1421
St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish, 709 1st Avenue South – 789-6244
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 500 Ogden Avenue – 786-7970
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1820 9th Avenue North – 786-4627
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church WELS, 615 South 30th Street – 786-0363
Salvation Army Temple Corps, 3001 5th Avenue South – 786-0590
Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 210 South Lincoln Road – 786-0887
Silver Winds Church, www.silverwindschurch.org – 786-7941