

Escanaba Express

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October News Roundup

It might seem controversial, but as much as we've enjoyed the warm weather, we're starting to long for that cozy autumn vibe.

We're ready for cozy sweaters, the crunch of fallen leaves underfoot and pumpkin and apple flavored **everything**.

Thankfully, there are ample events happening this October that will keep us in the Spooky Season frame of mind.

Looking for something to do on October 5th? Escanaba has plenty to offer, including the Fall Family Fun Day, Harvest of Harmony and UPW Pro Wrestling.

The 12th will be just as exciting with the RRN Garage Sale, YMCA Fall Family Festival, A Golden Girls Mystery and UPtoberfest offering a wide range of entertainment options

On the 18th, don't miss the EscanaBOO Festival, followed by the Halloween Gala at the Haley Station on the 26th.

And, of course, the highlight of the season—Halloween—will take place **on October 31st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**.

Make sure to check out the Public Safety section of the newsletter to learn some tips to make sure your littlest ghosts and goblins stay safe while trick-or-treating

This October, we also invite you to attend one of our many public meetings. These meetings offer a great opportunity for residents to stay informed about what's happening in the City. If you're interested in making a lasting impact, consider joining one of our boards or commissions.

While some towns may be made for summer, with palm trees or rolling hills, we believe Escanaba truly shines in October—and we hope you feel the same!

-City Staff

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Upcoming Public Meetings

10/01/2024	6:00 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
10/02/2024	6:00 pm	W/WW Infrastructure Informational Meeting
10/03/2024	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
10/08/2024	4:30 pm	Housing Commission Meeting
10/08/2024	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory Committee Meeting
10/08/2024	6:00 pm	Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
10/09/2024	4:00 pm	Electrical Advisory Committee Meeting
10/10/2024	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
10/15/2024	6:00 pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
10/17/2024	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
10/22/2024	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board Meeting
10/24/2024	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority Meeting
10/28/2024	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees Meeting

Upcoming Public Events

10/05/2024	11:00 am	Fall Family Fun Day - U. P. State Fairgrounds
10/05/2024	7:00 pm	Harvest of Harmony 2024 - William Oliver Auditorium
10/05/2024	7:00 pm	UPW Pro Wrestling - Delta County Chamber of Commerce
10/12/2024	9:00 am	RRN Giant Garage Sale - U.P. State Fairgrounds
10/12/2024	11:00 am	YMCA Fall Family Festival - Northern Lights YMCA
10/12/2024	5:00 pm	A Golden Girls Murder Mystery - Terrace Bay Hotel
10/12/2024	2:00 pm	UPtoberfest - Ludington Park
10/18/2024	3:00 pm	EscanaBOO Festival - U.P. State Fairgrounds
10/26/2024	7:00 pm	Halloween Gala - Haley Station



Library News

Ready to cozy up with the Library this October?

On October 5th, children are invited to join fellow Lego fans to create spooky, seasonally-themed builds. That same day, the Ink Society, our local writing group, will meet to show aspiring writers that the craft of writing doesn't have to be intimidating.

A new addition to the Library this month is the Fiber Arts Group, with its first meeting on October 15th at 5:30 pm. Join fellow crafters and bring along your never-ending WIP (work in progress)!

On the 19th, head down to the Library to enjoy a musical evening at the Esky Baroque Recital.

And, of course, the Library offers a wide selection of books, e-books, and audiobooks to brighten up the longer autumn nights.

There's always something for the curious and creative at the Library. For more information on these and other events, visit us at www.escanabalibrary.org.



Recreation News

Autumn is the perfect time to try something new at the Civic Center!

Looking for a fun way to add some exercise to your day? Join our 12-week Aerobics class! Sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can sign up for the full program for \$135 or drop in for \$5 per class.

Our Afterschool Program offers a safe, fun environment where kids can enjoy a snack, play games, and finish their homework.

To register, contact the Civic Center at 906-786-4141.

A quick reminder: the Municipal Marina will close on October 5th. Until then, the Marina will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please ensure your boat is out of the water by the 5th. If you have any questions, give us a call at 906-786-4141.



Public Safety News

The scariest thing about Halloween should be the stomach aches from eating too much candy. Unfortunately, there's a real danger: children are more than twice as likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween.

The good news is that keeping kids safe is simple. Make sure a responsible adult is with young children while trick-or-treating. For older kids going out on their own, agree on a set route and a time for them to return home.

Remind them never to enter a stranger's car or house, and always stick to well-lit, familiar areas.

Encourage everyone to cross streets carefully and stay alert.

Halloween takes place when the sun begins to set, so take care to drive slowly and watch for children in dark clothing. Take care when exiting and entering driveways and alleys, and, if you're an inexperienced or new driver, Halloween may be a great night to binge watch horror movies from the comfort of your home.

We wish all of the zombies and vampires out there a very happy Halloween!



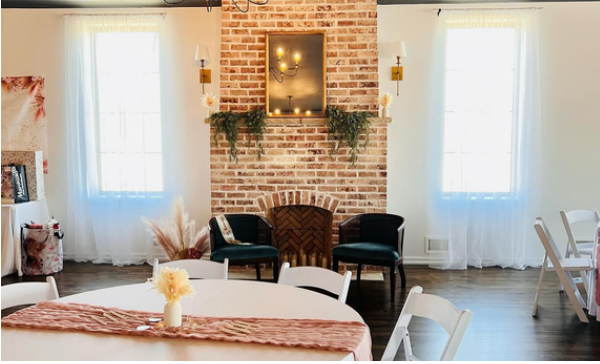
Other City Hall News

Have you taken the Community survey for the new Master Plan? The survey is available at City Hall or online at:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/Escanabampsurvey

The Clerk's Office would like to remind residents about the upcoming General Election on **November 5th**. Please keep these important dates in mind as you prepare to vote:

- **October 21:** Deadline to register by mail or online to be eligible to vote in the November Election.

- **October 22 – November 5 (until 8:00 p.m.):** In-person registration is available at the local clerk's office. Proof of residency is required.
- **October 25 (by 4:00 p.m.):** Electors can submit a written request to spoil their absentee ballot and receive a new one by mail. Those who have already returned their absentee ballot may request in person at the clerk's office to spoil their ballot and receive a new one.
- **October 26 – November 3:** Early voting will be held at 6436 N 8th St, Wells, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Around the Corner

Every month, we showcase a local business. To be featured, email becklid@escanaba.org.

Debi Haley spent over a year transforming 1837 3rd Ave N. from a worn-down building into the stunning event space now known as Haley Station.

She shared the renovation journey on social media, allowing residents and potential guests to follow along as she brought her vision to life. Since the first event in April 2024, requests have continued to pour in. As one of the few year-round venues in Delta County,

Haley Station has hosted weddings, showers, parties, celebrations of life, corporate events, and more.

With a passion for party planning, Debi ensures that each event feels special and comfortable.

Guests can rely on her creativity and expertise to create memorable occasions that people will talk about for years.

To learn more about Haley Station, visit www.haleystationevents.com, call 906-261-9159, or email haleystationevents@gmail.com.

Check out this photo of Mackinac Bridge construction from our friends at the Superiorland Library Cooperative!



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Historic Headlines

This information is from the Library's digital collection of local newspapers, available on their website. Some details have been condensed.

White Fudge Recipe -

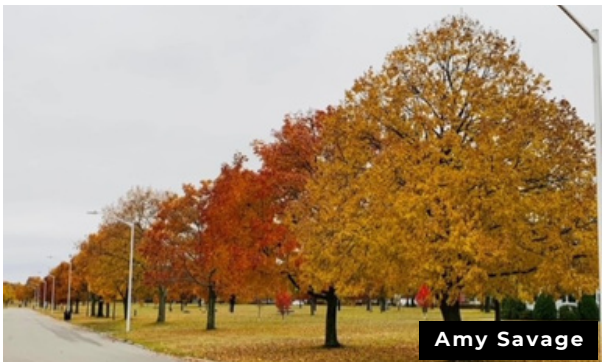
One cup "C" sugar, two cups sugar, one cup milk, two tablespoons butter, one teaspoon vanilla, one-half cup nuts.

Cook the "C" sugar, sugar, milk and butter together, stirring frequently until a soft ball is formed in cold water, set aside to cool, then beat until very creamy, add the vanilla and nuts and mold on a buttered plate. Cut when cold.

("C" sugar is caster sugar)

Community Lens

Calling all residents of Escanaba with a knack for photography! We want to showcase your talent in our newsletter. Send your best photos of Escanaba to becklid@escanaba.org along with your name and contact details for a chance to be featured!



All photos are credited to their photographers, honoring their creativity and ownership. Join us in celebrating photography with respect and recognition for the talented individuals behind the lens.

Boards and Commissions

Board of Equalization and Review - 1st Tues following 1st Mon in March

Board of Library Trustees - 4th Mon of the month at 5:00 pm

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - at the call of the Chair

City Council - the 1st and 3rd Thurs of the month at 7:00 pm

Downtown Development Authority - 4th Thurs of the month at 8:00 am

Electrical Advisory Committee - Every Jan, April, July, and Oct on the 2nd Wed at 4:00 pm

Harbor Advisory Committee - 2nd Tues of the month at 5:00 pm

Historic Preservation Commission - Every March, June, Sept, and Dec on the 3rd Mon at 4:00 pm

Housing Commission - 2nd Thurs of the month at 6:00 pm

Planning Commission - 2nd Tues of the month at 4:30 pm

Public Safety Retirement Board - 4th Tues of the month at 8:00 am

Recreation Board - 2nd Tues of the month at 6:00 pm

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - 3rd Tues of the month at 6:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals - 1st Tues of Jan, April, July, and Oct at 6:00 pm

Joining city boards and commissions is not just civic duty—it's an opportunity to shape the very fabric of your community.

Your voice, expertise, and passion can drive positive change, influencing local policies and decisions directly. It's a chance to be a proactive force in building a better, more vibrant Escanaba for everyone.

Join today, and let your commitment be the catalyst for a brighter tomorrow!

If interested in applying, or for more information, go to www.escanaba.org/bc or email clerk@escanaba.org.

Historic Preservation Commission

The work that boards and commissions do shouldn't be a mystery. Each month we go over one board or commission, explain what they do, and give you information on how you can get involved!

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was established by the City Council to oversee construction, alterations, and demolitions within Escanaba's historic districts.

Its purpose is to preserve the city's heritage, enhance property values, promote civic beauty, and support economic growth. Additionally, the HDC encourages the educational and cultural use of historic areas.

Individuals with a background or interest in historic preservation, architecture, history or archeology, or cultural heritage would make a good fit for this board.

Skills including knowledge of local history, research, effective communication, collaboration, problem solving, and a passion for preservation are crucial for members of this board.

The commission consists of seven members appointed to three-year terms and meets quarterly on the 3rd Monday of March, June, September, and December at 4:15 p.m. in City Hall, Room C101.

For more information, please visit www.escanaba.org/bc-hdc.

Recreation Rental Information



Ludington Park Pavillion

Located near the south end of Ludington Park, the pavillion has ample 110-volt electric service, potable water, and a large capacity BBQ grill. Included are 10 eight- person picnic tables with ample green space surrounding.

1/2 day fee of \$75 resident and \$100 non-resident. Full day fee of \$100 resident and \$125 non-resident .



Ludington Park Gazebo

Located across from Sand Point Lighthouse, the 20' x 20' gazebo is equipped with electrical outlets and external lighting. On street parking is available with bathrooms available at the Municipal Marina.

\$50 fee per two-hour block for resident and \$75 for non-resident.



Band Shell

Located on the south end of Ludington Park, the facility can seat up to 300 people with plenty of green space for other spectators. Parking for up to 100 vehicles and restrooms are available close by.

Day fee of \$75 for resident and \$100 for non-resident. Full-day fee of \$100 for resident and \$125 for non-resident.



Escanaba Marketplace

Located across from the Upper Elementary, the Marketplace boasts an 8,000 sq. ft. pavilion, restrooms, commercial kitchen, sound stage, fire pit, and a fenced in playground! Included are 40 tables, 200 chairs, and a parking area.

Day fee for residents is \$150. Please contact the DDA for reservations at 906-789-8696

Important Reservation Info

- For reservations, call the Recreation Department at 906-786-4141.
- Advanced reservations are required for all rentals.
- Multiple rooms in the Civic Center are available for rent with seating ranging from 30 to 75 people. Please call the Recreation Department or go to www.escanaba.org/parks-rec/page/parks-facilities for more information on pricing and availability.

City Services & Information

City Manager - James McNeil	jmcneil@escanaba.org	906-789-7322
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Water/Wastewater Sup. - Jeff Lampi	jlampi@escanaba.org	906-786-3291
Public Works Sup. - Kent Dubord	kdubord@escanaba.org	906-786-1842
Electric Sup. - Gerald Pirkola	gpirkola@escanaba.org	906-786-0061
Public Safety Director - John Gudwer	jgudwer@escanaba.org	906-786-5911
Recreation Director- Kim Peterson	kpeterson@escanaba.org	906-786-4141
City Clerk - Phil DeMay	clerk@escanaba.org	906-786-1194
Library Director - Carolyn Stacey	cstacey@escanabalibrary.org	906-789-7323
HR Director/Treasurer- Heather Calouette	hcalouette@escanaba.org	906-789-7305
City Assessor - James McNeil	assessor@escanaba.org	906-789-7381
Planning & Zoning Admin. - Tyler Anthony	tanthony@escanaba.org	906-786-7302

Important Phone Numbers

Public Safety	906-786-5912
Garbage/Recycling	906-786-1842
Wastewater Issues	906-786-1301
Potable Water Issues	906-786-3291
Public Library	906-789-7323
Electrical Issues	906-786-0061
Civic Center	906-786-4141
Complaint Hotline	906-789-7317

City Council

Mayor Mark Ammel	mammel@escanaba.org
Mayor Pro Tem Karen Moore	kmoore@escanaba.org
Council Member Ronald Beauchamp	rbeauchamp@escanaba.org
Council Member Tyler Dubord	tdubord@escanaba.org
Council Member Todd Flath	tflath@escanaba.org

Thank you for reading!