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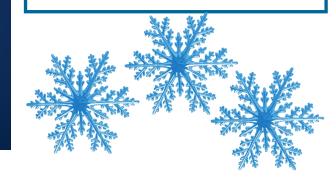
City of Escanaba, Michigan

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.



In observance of President's Day all City of Escanaba Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023.



Youth In Art

February 23–March 23 | Awards will be posted on the Bonifas Facebook Page on March 14th by 7 PM! Open Houses: Grades K-5 (March 15th 3-6 PM) Grades 6-12 (March 16th 3-6 PM)

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Upcoming Public Meetings						
Date	Time	Type of Meeting				
2/2/2023	7:00 pm	City Council				
2/9/2023	6:00 pm	Planning Commission				
2/14/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission				
2/14/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory Committee				
2/14/2023	5:30 pm	Recreation Advisory Board				
2/16/2023	7:00 pm	City Council				
2/21/2023	6:00 pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee				
2/23/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority				
2/27/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees				
2/28/2023	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board				

Upcoming Public Events						
DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL				
2/7/2023	6:00-7:30 pm	Make and Take: Macarons with Lisette LaFave Bonifas				
2/11/2023	5:00– 11:00 pm	Fire and Ice Island Resort & Casino				
2/14/2023	6:00– 8:00 pm	Make and Take: Triple Chocolate Cream Pie with Alicia Sturdy Bonifas				
2/16/2023	7:00 pm	Bay Film Series— TAR				
2/17/2023 2/18/2023		The Big Freeze Winter Festival Delta County Search & Rescue Team				
2/23/2023	6:00– 8:00 pm	Goat Milk Soap with Jessica Thorson Bonifas				
2/28/2023	6:00– 8:00 pm	Make and Take Healthy Bread with Alicia Sturdy Bonifas				
3/2/2023	7:00 pm	Bay Film Series— Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice				
3/3/2023	6:00— 9:00 pm	A Taste of Italy Beer & Wine Tasting				
3/4/2023	11:30 am– 12:30 pm	Polymer Clay Jewelry Making Class with Kaylea Quinn Bonifas				



Stained Glass Class

INSTRUCTOR: Beth Cox DATE: Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21: 1-3 PM Ages: Adult & Teen Student Fee: \$60 M / \$72 NM



Enjoy this traditional family holiday workshop by creating your own gingerbread house. This workshop will warm the hearts of your entire family as you create lasting memories. Adults and children are invited to attend this fun workshop.

Fused Glass Class

INSTRUCTOR: Beth Cox DATE: Thursday, March 9, 1-3 PM Ages: Adult & Teen Student Fee: \$40 M / \$48 NM



Join us at the Bonifas for Fused Glass. During this class, each student will have the opportunity to create their own one-of-a-kind fused glass items. This could include, but is not limited to, sun catchers, jewelry (Pendants or earrings), buttons, magnets, fan pulls & more. This is a beginner class; no glass cutting experience is required. The students will receive a quick overview of glass history, compatibility, design, and the firing process.

Polymer Clay Jewelry Making Class

INSTRUCTOR: Kaylea Quinn DATE: Saturday, March 4, 11 AM-12:30 PM Ages: Adult & Teen Student Fee: \$40 M / \$48 NM



Learn to create your own accessories to perfectly match your style. You'll design and create your own stud or dangle ear-rings that you'll want to wear every day! Polymer clay is incredibly lightweight, durable, and so easy to clean – it's the perfect medium for any beginner to learn to create with. Learn the best supplies and the basics of working with polymer clay from an experienced clay artist Kaylea Quinn, who can't wait to answer all your questions and help you perfect your creations.

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THE POWERS GALLERY



Stella Larkin by her 1st place winning fiber



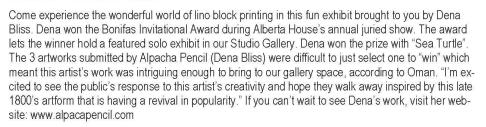
Youth In Art winner Adria Pontius for her pottery.



Austin Ash's *Frankie* took 2nd place at the *Bonifas Membership Show* last year.

THE STUDIO GALLERY







Fabrications VI is showcasing the best of the regional contemporary fiber art scene. This exhibit shows off innovative work rooted in traditional fiber materials and explores the unexpected relationships between fibers, non-traditional materials and other creative disciplines. Awards will be picked out by judge Fay Runkel—quilter and owner of Tebears Sewing & Quilting. Thank you to Tebears for sponsoring a new award the Featured Artist Award; winner will get their work displayed in Tebears Gallery.

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Thank you to all of our Award Sponsors: Billerud (formerly Verso), Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District, GFWC: Escanaba Woman's Club, Michigan Education Association Coordinating Council #17B, Kiwanis Award, and the Bonifas Arts Center

BONIFAS MEMBERSHIP SHOW

March 30 - May 18 (exhibit will be down May 1 - 8 for our Benefit for the Bonifas) Opening Reception: March 30; 6 - 8 PM with awards at 7 PM

A 40+ year tradition, the Bonifas Membership Show, has encouraged members to share their creative explorations at every level of ability. It is a rich and varied exhibit where emerging artists show side-by-side with our experienced and professional artists. It's a community favorite and worth a walk taking through the galleries. Enjoy!

Dena Bliss won solo show with "Sea Turtle"

Escanaba Library

The Escanaba Public Library is hosting AARP's FREE tax preparation service for seniors 50 or older and those who are of low to middle income. Call the library today at 906-789-7323 to get on the waiting list.

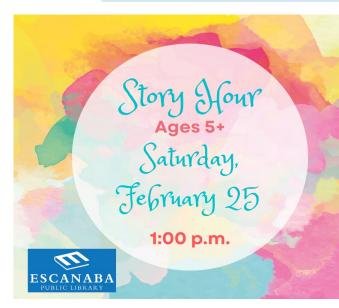
Tax preparation begins the second week of February. You will receive a call to make an appointment about one week ahead of time. You need to fill out an interview sheet prior to your appointment. These forms are available at the Library.

This is the 18th year that the Escanaba Public Library has hosted AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.



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Escanaba Library



Multicultural Story Hour

Explore the world through different cultures at our monthly storytime with Bay College's Multicultural Club

Saturday, February 4

1:00 p.m.

Kiwanis 'N

Cops 'N Kids

*A monthly story hour with Escanaba Public Safety & Escanaba Kiwanis.

*Preschool - Early Elementary *Children must be accompanied by an adult February 18

1:00 p.m.



The Ink Society is an informal group of local writers that connect at the library monthly to discuss their current work, seek feedback, and share ideas. Bring your work and prepare to be inspired! The Ink Society meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the library at (906)789-7323 or email jlynch@escanabalibrary.org



First Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Escanaba Public Library Ages 16+ NESCANABA

Lego Club Saturday, February 11 1:00 p.m.

"Things We Love" (Person, Place, or Thing)









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NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations Blaine DeGrave on your retirement! Blaine has worked as a Code Enforcement Official for 15 years and Fire Inspector for the last two years.



Lt to Rt: Det/Lt Gudwer, Captain Zawacki, Blaine DeGrave, Director LaMarche.



Webster School Hero Lunch with Officer Bruce







P.O. Box 94	8 • Escanaba, MI 49829-0948 Escanaba (906)786-9402 • fax (906) 786-4755				
	Winter Parking Regulations				
equipmen HEREBY confines o	better the flow of traffic, to ease the parking situation and expedite the movement of fire t and emergency vehicles during the months of December, January, February, March, IT IS ORDERED that parking will be restricted to one side of every street and avenue within the of the City from 2:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m., during the months of December, January, February h, in the City of Escanaba in accordance with the schedule listed below:				
	ill be allowed only on the west side of all streets. Parking will be allowed only on the north avenues.				
confines o	a shall be parked for a period longer than one half-hour on any street or avenue within the of the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated by uring 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.					
	ill be allowed on the east side of the street in the following business districts: 200, 300, 400, and 700 blocks of Stephenson Avenue and the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of Sheridan				
Parking w	ill be allowed overnight, on both sides of the street, in the 200 block of Ludington Street.				
Parking w	ill be allowed overnight within the median of the 100 block of South 3rd Street.				
	ill be allowed overnight in the 100 block of South 5th Street, on the west side of the street, to a permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.				
	nce of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a public safety officer in the City shall be deemed ion of a parking violation as herein provided.				
People ar 7am-5pm	e allowed to park on the south Side of 3rd Ave South from S 25th St to S 26th St between				
The	se parking regulations will be in effect through March of 2023.				
	c Safety Department suggests that you clip this notice and keep it in your automobile, and our continued cooperation in this attempt to promote public safety.				
	Robert LaMarche, Director of Public Safety				
e.	Mission Statement Enhancing the enjoyment and livability of our community by providing quality municipal services.				

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR WATER FLOWING IN THE EXTREME COLD WEATHER

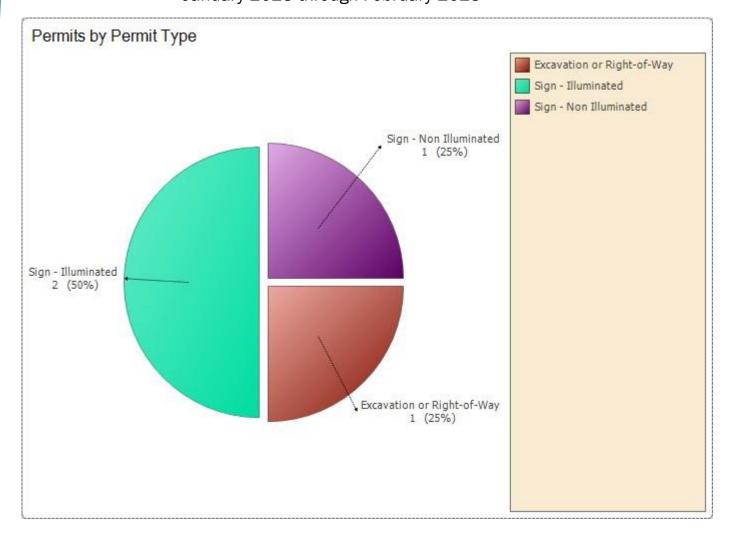
- Check basements and crawl spaces for drafts.
- Check plumbing close to a vent or window.
- Turn on or install heat tape on plumbing which is exposed to the cold.
- Disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets.
- * Avoid parking or driving over your incoming water line.
- It's best to pile snow over your service line and sewer lateral to provide more insulation form the cold.
- Keep an eye out for rusty water; this is a sign of a pipe freezing.
- If your water reaches a temperature below 34 degrees, your line may be subject to freezing.
- Have your sewer lateral cleaned to insure no obstructions are present that may slow the flow.
- Use more water to flush solids to the main, today's low flow toilets do not provide enough flow.
- Do not flush sanitary wipes into the sanitary sewer, they will slow the flow and create a plug downstream.
- Grease will solidify very quickly in a cold sewer line, which may eventually create a plug.
- Clear your sewer vent on your house, a plugged vent will not allow your sewer to breath and will restrict the flow.
- Most importantly, please check on a neighbor that may need a helping hand.

Call the Water or Wastewater Departments: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM (786-3291 or 786-1301), if you have any water related problems.



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Zoning Permits Report January 2023 through February 2023



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: 786-6121 or e-mail: jvandamme@escanaba.org cbarnhart@escanaba.org



CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS	GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF				
	Interim City Manager - James McNe	il	jmcneil@escanaba.org	789-7322	
Mayor	City Controller - Melissa Becotte		mbecotte@escanaba.org	786-0605	
Mark Ammel mammel@escanaba.org	Water/Wastewater Sup Jeff Lamp	i	jlampi@escanaba.org	786-3291	
	Public Works Sup./City Eng Wendy Taavola		wtaavola@escanaba.org	786-1842	
	Electric Superintendent - Gerald Pirkola		gpirkola@escanaba.org	786-0061	
Mayor Pro-Tem	Public Safety Director - Robert LaMarche		rlamarche@escanaba.org	786-5911	
Karen Moore	Recreation Director - Kim Peterson		kpeterson@escanaba.org	786-4141	
kmoore@escanaba.org	City Clerk - Phil DeMay		clerk@escanaba.org	786-1194	
	Library Director - Carolyn Stacey		cstacey@escanabalibrary.org	789-7323	
Councilmember	HR Director/City Treasurer - Kim Gustafson		kgustafson@escanaba.org	786-0552	
Ron Beauchamp	City Assessor – James McNeil		assessor@escanaba.org	789-7381	
rbeauchamp@escanaba.org	Harbor Master - Shayne Sanville		ssanville@escanaba.org	786-9614	
	Planning & Zoning Admin Tyler Anthony		tanthony@escanaba.org	786-9402	
Councilmember Tyler DuBord	IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS				
tdubord@escanaba.org	Escanaba Public Safety - Emergency 911				
	Escanaba Public Safety - General	786-5912	Wastewater Questions/Issues	786-1301	
	Garbage/Recycling Information	786-1842	Escanaba Public Library	789-7323	
	Snow Plowing/Removal	786-1842	Escanaba DDA	789-8696	
Todd Flath tflath@escanaba.org	Potable Water Questions/Issues	786-3291	Electrical Questions/Issues	786-0061	
	Neighborhood Complaint Hotline	789-7317	Civic Center/Recreation	786-4141	



<u>City Council Left to Right:</u> Todd Flath Tyler DuBord Mayor Mark Ammel Mayor Pro-Tem Karen Moore Ronald Beauchamp

CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT

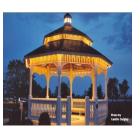
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (906) 786-4141



LUDINGTON PARK PAVILION - The Ludington Park Pavilion is located near the south end of the 120 acre Ludington Park. The Pavilion support facilities include: Ample 110-volt electric service, potable water for cooking/cleaning and a large capacity barbeque grill. The facility is capable of accommodating 10 eight-person picnic tables with ample green space in the surrounding area to facilitate additional tables/persons. Clean, modern restroom facilities are located conveniently close to the Pavilion. Parking accommodations are also close by at the tennis court lot, Jenkin's Drive or the Band Shell parking lot.

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

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



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

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



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

THE ESCANABA MARKETPLACE is available to rent for private events from May to October. Your rental includes the use of the 8000 sq. ft. pavilion, restrooms, a commercial kitchen, a sound stage, a fire pit, a fenced in playground, a commercial gas grill, 40 banquet tables, 200 chairs and a parking lot for your guests! Residents can rent the Market Place for the entire day for \$150 dollars. Businesses within the DDA footprint can hold a once a year business event M-F for \$150. There is a fully refundable security deposit of \$150.

Call the DDA at 906-789-8696 for information.





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.
- 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 <u>clerk@escanaba.org</u>.
- 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.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Meets: First Tuesday of Jan/Apr/July/Oct at 6pm, City Hall, Room 101

The ZBA functions as a quasi-judicial body that hears and makes decisions on cases for zoning appeals, interpretations, and variance requests. Six members, plus two alternate members, serve 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: 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. 57 of 2018, the DDA Board made up of the City Manager and 8 members to be appointed by the City Manger with Council concurrence. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district or officers, members, trustees, principals, or employees of legal entity 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 district has over 100 people residing within the district. The establishment of the DDA is to correct and prevent deterioration in the business district, as described in P.A. 57 of 2018. The City Manger serves for an indefinite period. The eight members meeting the criteria set forth serve for a four-year period.

ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: Every Jan/Apr/July/Oct, 2nd Weds., 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

The Electrical Advisory Committee is charged with providing continuous information and recommendations to the Escanaba City Council on current electric policy trends that could impact the community. Five 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.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meets: Every March/June/Sept/Dec, 3rd Mon., 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.

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. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

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.