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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.



#### HOLIDAY NOTICE IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY



All City of Escanaba offices (including the Escanaba Public Library and the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center) will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in observance of the  $4^{th}$  of July holiday.

All City garbage collections scheduled for the week of July  $4^{\rm th}$  will be as follows:

Monday: Monday's Route Tuesday: No Garbage Collection Wednesday: Recycle Thursday: Tuesday's Route Friday: Thursday's Route Saturday: Friday's Route

Emergency services may be obtained by calling the Public Safety Department at (906) 786-5911.



Upcoming Public Meetings					
Date	Time	Type of Meeting			
7/6/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
7/11/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission			
7/11/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory			
7/11/2023	6:00 pm	Recreation Advisory Board			
7/11/2023	6:00 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals			
7/12/2023	4:00 pm	Electrical Advisory Committee			
7/13/2023	6:00 pm	Planning Commission			
7/18/2023	10:00 am	Board of Equalization and Review			
7/20/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
7/24/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees			
7/25/2023	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board			
7/27/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority			

Upcoming Public Events						
DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL				
7/1/2023	11:00 am- 11:30 pm	Fireworks in Ludington Park— Fourth of July Celebration				
7/1/2023-	9:00 am– 5:00 pm	Crafty Flea Market				
7/4/2023		Gladstone 4th of July Celebration				
7/5/2023	7:30 pm—8:30 pm	City Band Concerts				
7/10/2023	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Music Monday: Tohubohu				
7/11/2023	7:00 pm	Strings on the Bay 2023				
7/12/2023	7:30 pm—8:30 pm	City Band Concerts				
7/13/2023	11:30 am—1:30 pm	Live on the Lawn Summer Music Series				
7/13/2023	4:00 pm– 8:00 pm	Hot Rods & Harleys Cruise Nights				
7/15/2023	1:00 pm– 4:00 pm	Summer of Melodies				
7/15/2023	9:30 pm	Movie Night in Ludington Park				
7/17/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Music Monday: Three Wheel Drive				
7/19/2023	7:30 pm-8:30 pm	City Band Concerts				
7/21- 23/2023		Norther Lights Music Fest/ Northern Lights Music Fest Camping				
7/24/2023	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Music Monday: Stonewall				
7/26/2023	5:00 pm—7:00 pm	Business After Hours				
7/26/2023	7:30 pm– 8:30 pm	City Band Concerts				
7/27/2023	11:30 am— 1:30 pm	Live on the Lawn Summer Concert Series				
7/27/2023	4:00 pm — 8:00 pm	Hot Rods & Harleys Cruise Nights				
7/31/2023	7:00 pm — 9:00 pm	Music Monday: Grand Design				



# NEW OPEN HOURS EFFECTIVE JULY 5

MONDAY	10AM - 5 PM	1

TUESDAY 10AM - 7 PM

WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7 PM

THURSDAY 10AM - 7 PM

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

10AM - 5 PM

10AM - 3 PM

CLOSED

PLEASE COME IN

## Live on the Lawn...at Lunch! David Stoddard

with special guest Karen Mal from Austin, Texas



Minneapolis-based singer/songwriter Thursday, July 13 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Featuring Wildmans Food Truck









Hands-On Art Projects Ages 6-10

Wednesday, June 21 & 28 Wednesday, July 5, 12, & 19

2:00 p.m. in the Children's Room

> ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY



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+

Readers' Theater for 4th Grade & Up Teens & Adults Welcome!



Thursday, July 6 Thursday, August 3 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. On the North Lawn of the Library (Inclement weather moves event indoors)





4-Part Series presented by Amber Hayward, Community Nutrition Instructor with MSU Extension



Fam Jam Cardio Dance Party for all ages!



Thursday, July 20 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. on the North Lawn of the Library (Inclement weather moves event indoors)

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Live on the Lawn...at Lunch! Bling Crosby



An Eclectic Mix of On & Off the Beaten Path Covers & Originals Thursday, July 27 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Featuring Rollin' Tacos Food Truck

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# Summer of Melodies

## Karas Bandshell 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June 10th - Soulshine

Country, Classic Rock, Southern Rock, Current Music, 60's, 70's, 80's, Bluegrass & Blues

June 17th - We Ain't Saints

Classic Rock
July 15th - Cosmic Exposure

Jam and Rock July 22nd - Wingin' It Acoustic Blend of Many Genres

August 19th - Angels and Outlaws

Country **August 26th - The Lifters** Current, 60's, 70's, 80's, Country, Bluegrass, Cajun, Folk &

Blues

Summer of Melodies Series is made possible by an anonymous donation from a family whose mother passed who had ties to Escanaba. She loved listening to music in the park during the summer. Summer of Melodies will be provided for several upcoming years. We hope the community enjoys listening to our local talent during a Saturday afternoon in our wonderful Ludington Park. This will be the second year for the Summer of Melodies.





You can play disc golf at the following:

9 baskets located in Ludington Park by the bridge heading to Aronson Island and 9 baskets at Besse Park located at the corner of South 30th Street and 8th Avenue South

Discs are available to check out at no cost at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

You will get a bag with a Driver, Mid Range and Putter



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 8, 2023

Contact: Recreation Director Kim Peterson Work Phone: 786-4141 Email: kpeterson@escanaba.org

## Escanaba Municipal Beach Opening for the Season

The Escanaba Municipal Beach will be opening for the season on Monday, June 12th. Hours will be 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. seven days a week with certified lifeguards.

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department realizes the loss of the sand beach over the last couple of years. However, the berm is extremely essential in maintaining what sand area we currently have. The berm is in place to prevent further erosion of the beach area.

No swim lessons will be offered this year due to Water Safety Instructor certification shortages and staffing levels.











#### Highline Presents:

## The Super Mario Brothers Movie

Where: Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park Citrain—movie will be rescheduled) When: Saturday, August 19, 2023 Time: Movie will start around 9:30 p.m.



COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR AND A SNACK!



Movie duration is 1 hour 32 minutes

City of Escanaba Recreation Department (906) 786-4141 recreation@escanaba.org

**HIGHLINE** Welcome to real high-speed internet.



The Residential Energy Optimization Program helps qualifying City of Escanaba Electric Customers, like you, make energy-efficient choices for your home, by offering rebates when you purchase certain energy-saving products or equipment. You can earn rebates on a wide range of qualifying purchases, from ENERGY STAR appliances, LED Lighting, and HVAC Upgrades.

To see the full list of rebates available to you, download the Residential Program application by visiting: https://www.escanaba.org/electric/page/energy-optimization-program

Questions? Give us a call at 906-786-0061 or email us at cityelectric@escanaba.org



LED Lightbulbs



Appliances



HVAC Equipment





The Commercial and Industrial Energy Optimization Program makes it easy for City of Escanaba businesses to reduce your energy usage, lower your costs and earn rebates when you make certain energy-saving updates. Whether you run a restaurant, dry cleaning business or corner market, we can help you make improvements – such as lighting, HVAC, and kitchen equipment – more affordable.

To see the full list of rebates available for your business, download the Commercial & Industrial Program application at https://www.escanaba.org/electric/page/energy-optimization-program.

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LED Lightbulbs



Kitchen Equipment



**HVAC Equipment** 



**EV** Chargers



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## NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations Director Robert LaMarche on your retirement! Thank you for 25 years of dedicated service to Escanaba Public Safety!







## NEWS & NOTES

Sgt. Willour of Escanaba Public Safety organized the Community Foundation/ Escanaba Public Safety fuzzbuster games with senior classes from Mid-Pen, Bark River, Rapid River, Gladstone and Big Bay Schools. A donation of \$750 was made to each school from the Escanaba Public Safety/ Community Foundation Golf Tournament held every year.







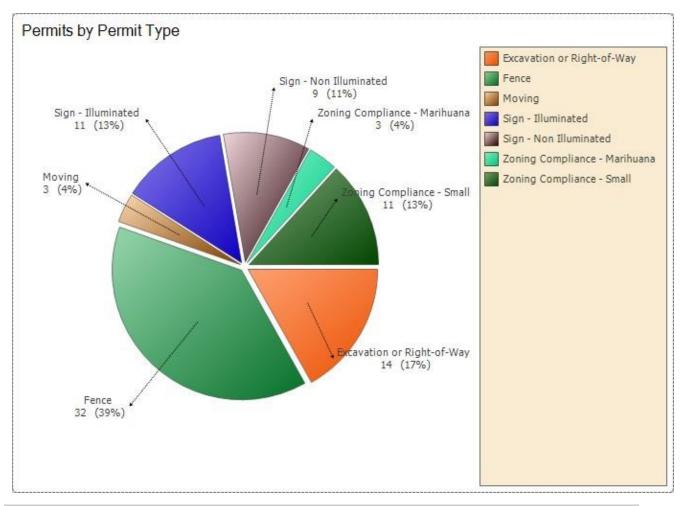




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## **Zoning Permits Report**

January 2023 through June 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 jcobb@escanaba.org



## **CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION**

ELECTED OFFICIALS	GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF					
	City Manager - James McNeil		jmcneil@escanaba.org	789-7322		
Mayor	City Controller - Melissa Becotte		mbecotte@escanaba.org	786-0605		
Mark Ammel	Water/Wastewater Sup Jeff Lampi		jlampi@escanaba.org	786-3291		
mammel@escanaba.org	Public Works Sup./City Eng Wendy Taavola		wtaavola@escanaba.org	786-1842		
	Electric Superintendent - Gerald Pirkola		gpirkola@escanaba.org	786-0061		
Mayor Pro-Tem	Mayor Pro-Tem Public Safety Director - Robert LaMarche			786-5911		
Karen Moore	Recreation Director - Kim Peterson		kpeterson@escanaba.org	786-4141		
<u>kmoore@escanaba.org</u>	City Clerk - Phil DeMay		clerk@escanaba.org	786-1194		
	Library Director - Carolyn Stacey		cstacey@escanabalibrary.org	789-7323		
Councilmember	HR Director/City Treasurer - Kim Gu	stafson	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	IMPO	IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS				
Tyler DuBord						
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		
Councilmember	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		
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City Council Left to Right: 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**

#### **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW**

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. following 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. in March

Hears appeals from all property owners who feel their property has been inaccurately assessed and has the power to make appropriate corrections in the tax roll. Consists of the Mayor and four members, two/thirds (2/3) which shall be tax-paying electors of the City. Board Members have indefinite terms and are reappointed every two years.

#### **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

#### Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. of Month, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Responsible for formulation of general policies and procedures relating to library operation for preparation and submission of annual budgets, planning future operation, hiring and overseeing nonunion library employees, and other duties as may be assigned by the City Council. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

#### BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### Meets: Call of the Chair., City Hall, Room 101

Facilitates the implementation of brownfield plans relating to the designation and treatment of brownfield redevelopment zones and to promote the revitalization of environmentally distressed areas in the community served by the City of Escanaba pursuant to Act 381. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

#### **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.

#### **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 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **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.

#### **HOUSING COMMISSION**

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of Month, 4:30 p.m., Harbor Tower

Created for the purpose of providing public housing for low-income & elderly persons, including management of publicly-owned housing. Five members are appointed for five-year terms.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Primary objective is to develop and oversee a master plan for the physical development of the City. The Commission recommends action to the City Council on preliminary plat applications, reviews and makes recommendations concerning proposed land development, rezoning, or amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD

#### Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of Month, 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 102

Administers the investments which constitute the Pension Fund of Public Safety personnel covered under Act 345. Membership consists of the City Treasurer, two Public Safety Officers elected by their peers for four-year terms, and two citizens of Escanaba serving indefinite terms.

#### **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Advises the City Council and Administration about all phases of recreation in the City, including current operations, long-term planning, and expenditures. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of every other Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Serves the City Council and Administration in an advisory capacity, particularly as concerns vehicular traffic in the City. This includes traffic flow, parking restrictions, street cuts, and sidewalk planning. Five members serve three-year terms.

#### **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.