

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 MEMORIAL DAY



All City of Escanaba business offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

This includes the Escanaba Public Library & Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

All City garbage collections scheduled for the week of May 29th will be as follows:

- Monday: No Garbage Collection
- Tuesday: Monday's Route
- 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 786-5911.

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



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Upcoming Public Meetings

Date	Time	Type of Meeting
5/4/2023	7:00 pm	City Council
5/9/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission
5/9/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory
5/9/2023	6:00 pm	Recreation Advisory Board
5/11/2023	6:00 pm	Planning Commission
5/18/2023	7:00 pm	City Council
5/22/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees
5/23/2023	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board
5/25/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority– Regular Meeting

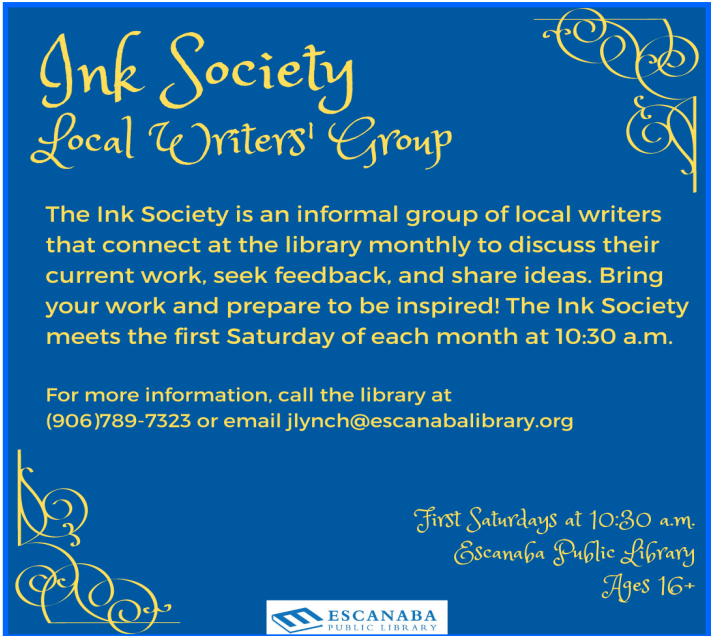
Upcoming Public Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL
5/2/2023	2:00 PM	Bay College Student Art Exhibition
5/5/2023- 5/6/2023		Escanaba Gun & Knife Show UP State Fairgrounds
5/5/2023	6:00– 8:00 pm	Silk Scarf Painting with Diane Kribs-Mays Bonifas
5/6/2023	10:00 am– 5:00 pm	Cabin Fever Craft Show UP State Fairgrounds
5/6/2023	6:00- 9:00 pm	Benefit For the Bonifas: Derby Days
5/11/2023	6:00- 8:00 pm	Fiber Coiling Class with Jessica Shields Bonifas
5/25/2023	7:00 pm	Marquette Symphony Orchestra: Midsummer Strings— Finnish Folk Trio Bay College

Escanaba Library



Story Hour
Ages 5+
Saturday,
May 6
1:00 p.m.


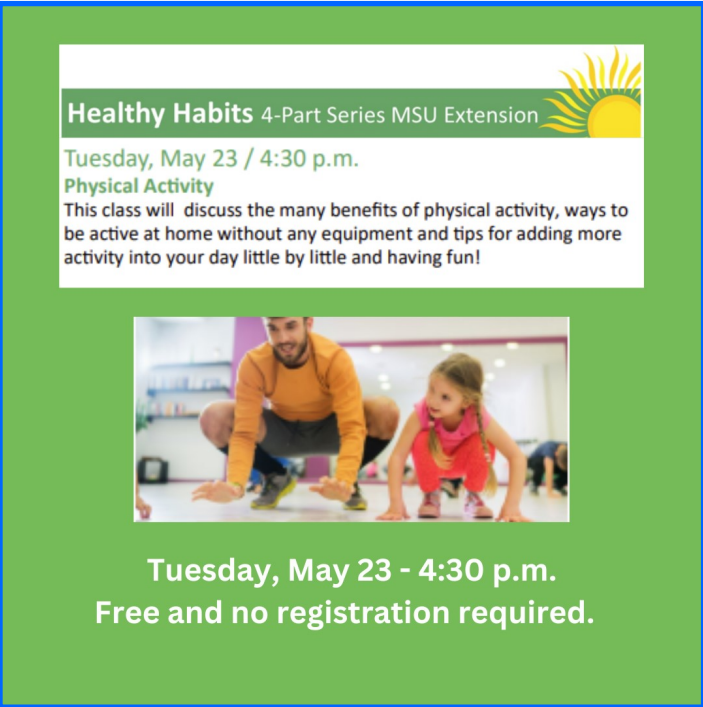




Ink Society
Local Writers' Group

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+

Healthy Habits 4-Part Series MSU Extension 

Tuesday, May 23 / 4:30 p.m.
Physical Activity
 This class will discuss the many benefits of physical activity, ways to be active at home without any equipment and tips for adding more activity into your day little by little and having fun!



Tuesday, May 23 - 4:30 p.m.
 Free and no registration required.



Lego Club
Saturday,
May 13
1:00 p.m.
"Flowers"

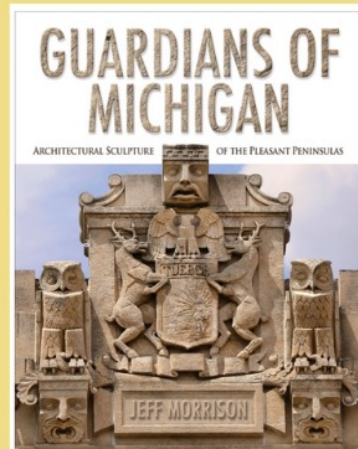
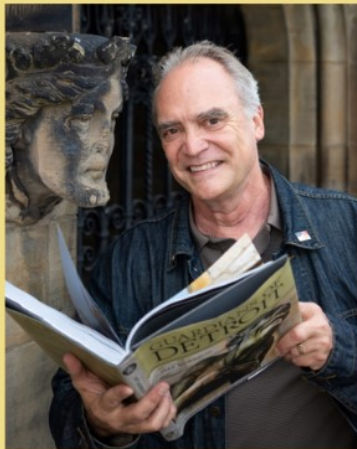
Bring one container of Legos per child in attendance.
 Be entered into a prize drawing!




Escanaba Library

Author Talk with
Michigan Notable Author
Jeff Morrison

"Guardians of Michigan:
Architectural Sculpture of the
Pleasant Peninsulas"



Thursday, May 25 - 4:30 pm
at the Escanaba Public Library



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\$40

CITY OF ESCANABA SOCCER PROGRAM

SOCCER PROGRAM



HELD AT BAY SOCCER
COMPLEX BEHIND BAY
COLLEGE

4/5 YEAR OLD
AND
6/7 YEAR OLD

SOCCER PROGRAM
JULY 10TH - AUGUST 3RD

VISIT WWW.ESCANABA.ORG RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR
REGISTRATION OR AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 225 NORTH STREET



WHEN

May 8-13

Community-wide celebration on May 13 12:00-3:00 P.M. with lunch at 1:00 P.M.

Prizes for kids 12 and under given away from 12:30-2:30

WHERE

ESCANABA, MI

WHAT WE'RE DOING

ESKY CLEANUP IS A WEEK-LONG EVENT WHERE GROUPS CAN WORK IN MORE AREAS OUTSIDE OF DOWNTOWN ESCANABA TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY LOOK ITS BEST.

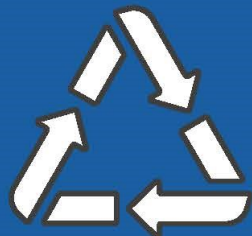
HIGH VISIBILITY VESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS BAGS, TAGS, AND TOOLS FROM THE CHECK IN POINT AT THE ESCANABA MARKETPLACE

SIGN IN WITH YOUR GROUP AT THE CHECK-IN POINT AND RETURN ALL TOOLS AND BAGS TO THE MARKETPLACE.

TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR CLEANUP AREA BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER, AND BE SURE TO GET A GOOD PICTURE OF YOUR GROUP AT THE SITE TO SEND TO ESKYCLEANUP@GMAIL.COM

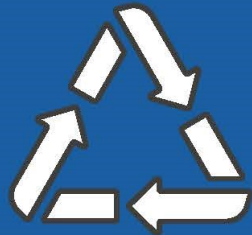


Sponsorship Opportunities



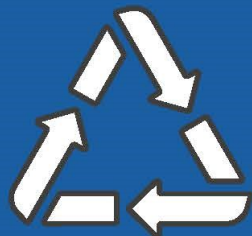
\$100

Sponsorship acknowledgments live during the celebration on Saturday, May 13.



\$250-\$500

A custom banner hung on the Marketplace during the week of cleanup and sponsorship acknowledgements during the celebration on Saturday, May 13.



\$500+

Special radio promo on all local stations, custom banner hung on the marketplace during the week of cleanup, sponsorship acknowledgements live during the celebration on Saturday, May 13.

Checks can be made payable to Esky Cleanup | Esky Cleanup
1101 Ludington Street Suite J Escanaba, MI 49829



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 17, 2023

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

Catherine Bonifas Civic Center Will be Going to Summer Hours Effective May 1st

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center will be going to summer hours effective May 1st with office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Adults will be able to utilize the facility during this time. The hours will run until the beginning of September.



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 25, 2023

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

Bethany Lutheran Church Donates to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center After School Program

Bethany Lutheran Church has donated to the City of Escanaba Recreation Department for their After School Program. The program is for students in 4th – 12th grades. Students can utilize the game room, gym, board games, wi-fi, laptops, take a book and leave a book program, crafts and visit. The facility is a supervised environment and provides food/snacks, hygiene items and school supplies.

Recreation Director Kim Peterson stated, “The After School Program has been running for several years for students in 4th to 12th grades. The Program is very popular and averages 20 – 30 kids every day. Students can come and utilize the facility from Monday to Friday 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Civic Center will be going to their summer hours for adults effective May 1st which will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are excited to partner with Bethany Lutheran Church and are very grateful they decided to donate to our program.”



Pictured left to right:
Pastor Lily Brondyke and Recreation Director Kim Peterson

906 Events Presents:

DC League of Super Pets

Where: Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park

(if rain—movie will be rescheduled)

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023

Time: Movie will start around 9:30 p.m. (Dusk)



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



Movie duration is 1 hr 45 minutes

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



OSF HealthCare Presents:

Tangled

Where: Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park

(if rain—movie will be rescheduled)

When: Saturday, July 15, 2023

Time: Movie will start around 9:30 p.m. (Dusk)



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



Movie duration is 100 minutes

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OSF[®] HEALTHCARE

Highline Presents:

Strange World

Where: Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park

(if rain—movie will be rescheduled)

When: Saturday, June 24, 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 47 minutes

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HIGHLINE™

Welcome to real high-speed internet.

Highline Presents:

The Super Mario Brothers Movie

Where: Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park

(if rain—movie will be rescheduled)

When: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Time: Movie will start around 9:30 p.m.



COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS
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Movie duration is 1 hour 32 minutes

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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



EV Chargers



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>.

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



LED Lightbulbs



Kitchen Equipment



HVAC Equipment



EV Chargers



NEWS & NOTES



The YMCA Day Care learned about the fire truck and fire safety by Officer Peterson.



Webster School Lunch Hero, having lunch with Officer Levesque.



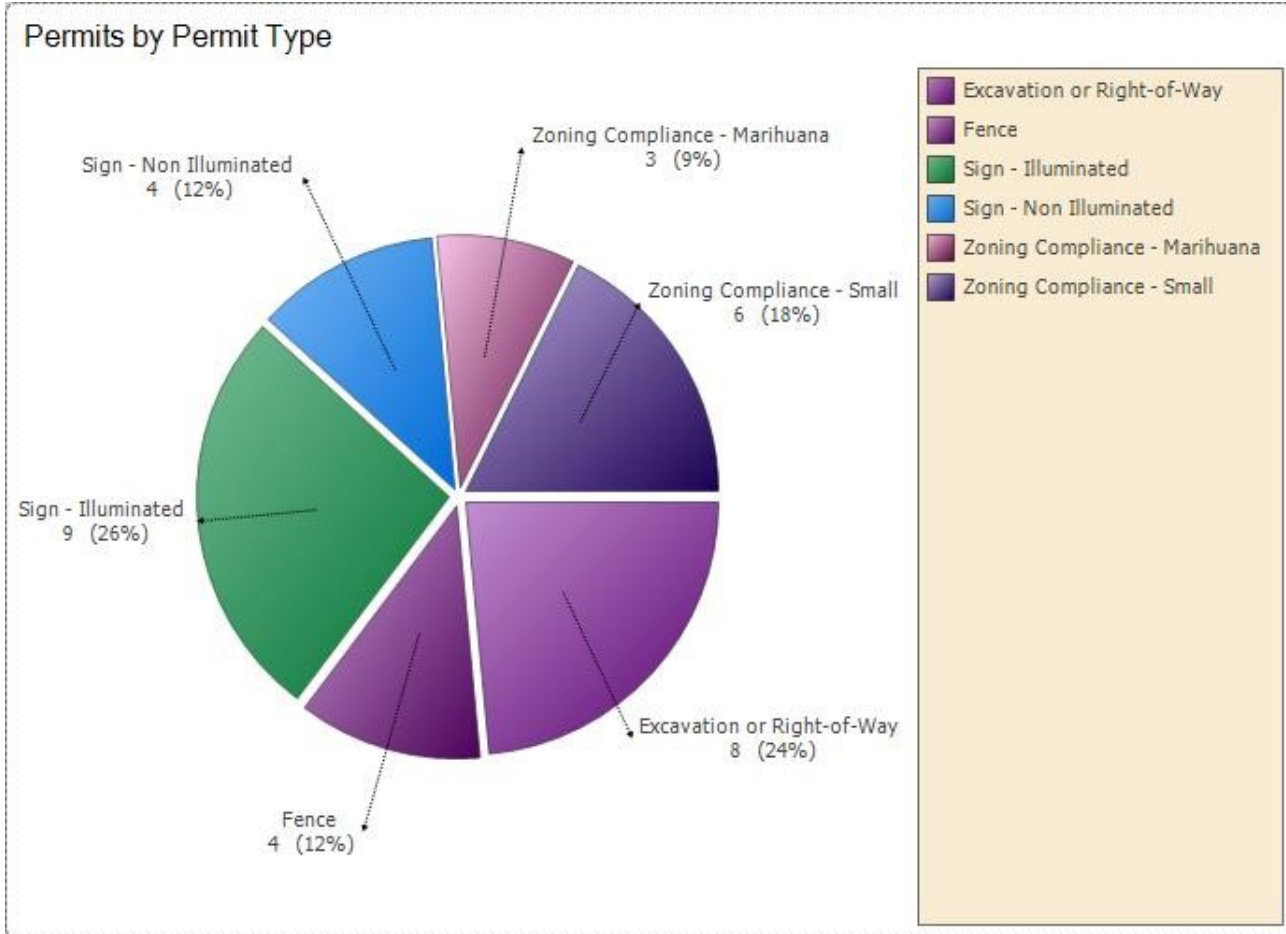
NEWS & NOTES



Escanaba Department of Public Safety would like to introduce our new K-9 Officer "Cigo" and his handler Officer Austin Young. A BIG thank you to all who donated to make this possible.

Zoning Permits Report

January 2023 through April 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



CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS	GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF		
<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Mark Ammel mammel@escanaba.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Pro-Tem Karen Moore kmoore@escanaba.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councilmember Ron Beauchamp rbeauchamp@escanaba.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councilmember Tyler DuBord tdubord@escanaba.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councilmember Todd Flath tflath@escanaba.org</p>	City Manager - James McNeil	jmcneil@escanaba.org	789-7322
	City Controller - Melissa Becotte	mbecotte@escanaba.org	786-0605
	Water/Wastewater Sup. - Jeff Lampi	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
	Public Safety Director - Robert LaMarche	rlamarche@escanaba.org	786-5911
Recreation Director - Kim Peterson	kpeterson@escanaba.org	786-4141	
City Clerk - Phil DeMay	clerk@escanaba.org	786-1194	
Library Director - Carolyn Stacey	cstacey@escanabalibrary.org	789-7323	
HR Director/City Treasurer - Kim Gustafson	kgustafson@escanaba.org	786-0552	
City Assessor - James McNeil	assessor@escanaba.org	789-7381	
Harbor Master - Shayne Sanville	ssanville@escanaba.org	786-9614	
Planning & Zoning Admin.- Tyler Anthony	tanthony@escanaba.org	786-9402	
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS			
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
Potable Water Questions/Issues	786-3291	Electrical Questions/Issues	786-0061
Neighborhood Complaint Hotline	789-7317	Civic Center/Recreation	786-4141



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

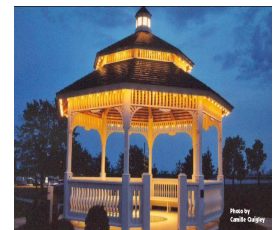
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT (906) 786-4141



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 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.

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.
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

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.