

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 Thanksgiving

City of Escanaba Business Offices & Escanaba Public Library
Thursday, November 23, 2023— **Closed all Day**
Friday, November 24, 2023— **Closed all Day**



Leaf Collection Policy

During the collection period Public Works will make every attempt to collect leaves from your address on your garbage collection day. It is not possible to accurately inform residents of the exact day leaf collection will occur. It is recommended that leaves are out by the curb on the day before garbage collection.

ONLY leaves will be collected, sticks and other yard debris will not. Leaves should be raked to the street at the curb line.

Leaf collection will run from approximately October 9th to November 10th.

Questions— Call Escanaba Public Works at 906-786-1842.



Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Turnacliff and Therapy K9 Vera with the Escanaba Public Safety on passing the National Therapy Dog certification evaluation!



Upcoming Public Meetings		
Date	Time	Type of Meeting
11/2/2023	7:00 pm	City Council
11/9/2023	6:00 pm	Planning Commission
11/14/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission
11/14/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory Committee
11/14/2023	6:00 pm	Recreation Advisory Board
11/16/2023	7:00 pm	City Council
11/27/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees
11/30/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority

Upcoming Public Events		
DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL
11/1/2023	10:30 am	Escanaba Public Library Toddler Time
11/3/2023- 11/5/2023		2nd Annual UP Ice Fishing & Hunting Expo
11/4/2023	10:00 am—4:00 pm	BAY-CON Presents: Pop-Culture Show
11/4/2023	11:00 am	Bay College Film: Put Your Hand on the Line
11/4/2023	6:00 pm—9:00 pm	Vino at the Casino
11/9/2023	7:00 pm	Bay Film Series: The League
11/11/2023	8:00 am– 1:00 pm	Dentistry for Our Vets
11/11/2023	9:00 am—11:00 am	Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast
11/24/2023		TV6 Thanksgiving Craft Show
11/28/2023	7:00 pm	Bay College 2023 Fall Concert Series: Escanaba City Band



BLACK FRIDAY ON TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 21

DOWNTOWN ESCANABA

& TREE LIGHTING CENTER COURT AT 7 PM

Christmas shopping starts early at Escanaba's Black Friday on Tuesday. Enjoy going store-to-store on Ludington Street as carolers sing holiday tunes. Sip hot chocolate, meet Santa and help usher in the holiday season with the lighting of the Christmas tree at Center Court at 7 p.m. It's a wonderful way to begin the holiday season.

SHOPPING

HOLIDAY SALES

SLEIGH THE DEAL PROMO

STREET CHAROLERS

DOWNTOWN RIDES

CELEBRATION

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

SANTA VISIT

LIGHTING PROGRAM

HOT CHOCOLATE



ESCANABA CHRISTMAS PARADE
DEC. 1 | 6 PM

escanabadowntown.com



Scan for Black Friday
on Tuesday Specials

Escanaba Library

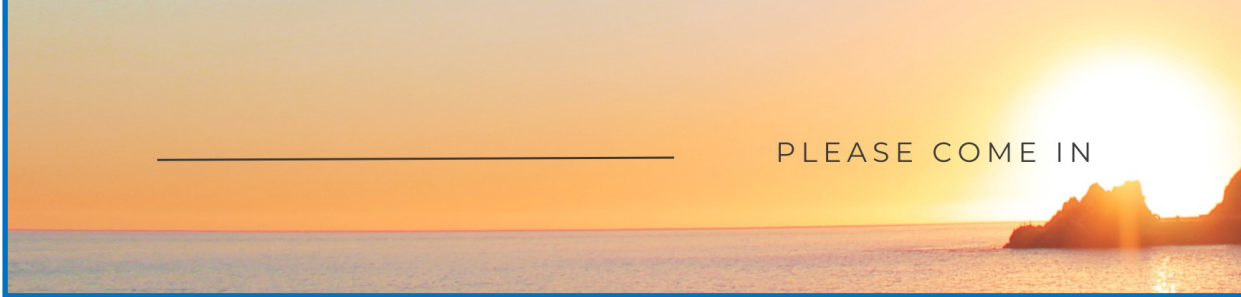


ESCANABA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**NEW OPEN
HOURS
EFFECTIVE JULY 5**

MONDAY	10AM - 5 PM
TUESDAY	10AM - 7 PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM - 7 PM
THURSDAY	10AM - 7 PM
FRIDAY	10AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY	10AM - 3 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

PLEASE COME IN



Escanaba Library



Toddler Time

Ages 2-4

Registration Required:

906.789.7328

Wednesdays -

October 25

November 1

November 8

November 15

November 22

November 29

10:30 a.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+



Student Book Club

Ages 10-13

Saturday,
November 4

1:30 p.m.

Reservations Required

906.789.7328



Lego Club Saturday, November 11

1:00 p.m.

"Things We Are Thankful For"



Bring one container of Legos per child in attendance.


Be entered into a prize drawing!



Escanaba Library


The Escanaba Public Library
will be
CLOSED
on
Monday, November 13
for a
Staff Professional Development Day
Regular Hours will resume on Tuesday, November 14

Monday: 10am-5pm
Tuesday-Thursday: 10am-7pm
Friday: 10am-5pm
Saturday: 10am-3pm



The Escanaba Public Library
will be
CLOSED
Thursday-Saturday
November 23-25
in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
Regular Hours will resume on Monday, November 27

Monday: 10am-5pm
Tuesday-Thursday: 10am-7pm
Friday: 10am-5pm
Saturday: 10am-3pm



Craft Fun
Ages 6-10
Saturday, November 18
1:30 p.m. in the
Children's Story Room
Materials Provided




JOIN FALL AEROBICS AND GET FIT

Aerobics

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department/Jacki Sorensen format offers a safe and effective method to becoming physically fit.

FALL SESSION 2023 – 12 WEEKS
SEPTEMBER 18 – DECEMBER 14
CLASS SCHEDULE @ CIVIC CENTER
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

SESSION FEE: \$135 or \$5 per class

The session fee entitles you to attend as many classes you wish. There will be no sessions the week of Thanksgiving.

- * Session will be cancelled when Escanaba Schools are closed due to inclement weather.
- * No make-up days for inclement weather or holidays.
- * Step exercise equipment provided.
- * Bring exercise mat or heavy bath towel for dance class, which does include some floor exercises.

**For more information contact the Recreation
Department at 786-4141 or stop into our office at 225
North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI.**

Catherine Bonifas Civic Center Meeting Rooms 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829



Main Meeting Room—Up to 75 people can be comfortably seated in the main meeting room. This room is 1,700 square feet. Rate: \$25 hour resident and \$30 hour non-resident.

Room 121—Up to 50 people can be comfortably seated in this general meeting room. This room is 1,000 square feet. Rate: \$20 hour for resident and \$25 hour non-resident.

Club Room—Up to 30 people can be comfortably seated in this meeting room. This room is 900 square feet. Rate: \$20 hour for resident and \$25 hour non-resident.

Senior Activities Room—This room is available after 4:00 p.m. Up to 50 people can be comfortably seated in this room. This room is 1,200 square feet. Rate: \$20 hour for resident and \$25 hour non-resident.

Contact

City of Escanaba Recreation Department, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

(906) 786-4141 or recreation@escanaba.org





Holiday Art Fair

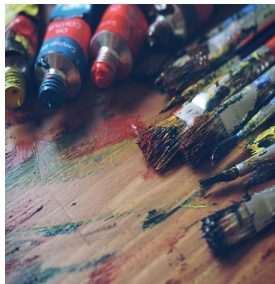
DATE: Saturday, November 4th, 10:00 am–3:00 pm

Start your holiday shopping early by visiting our annual Holiday Art & Craft Fair which features 20 different booths selling holiday themed items along with original artwork, jewelry, and much more!

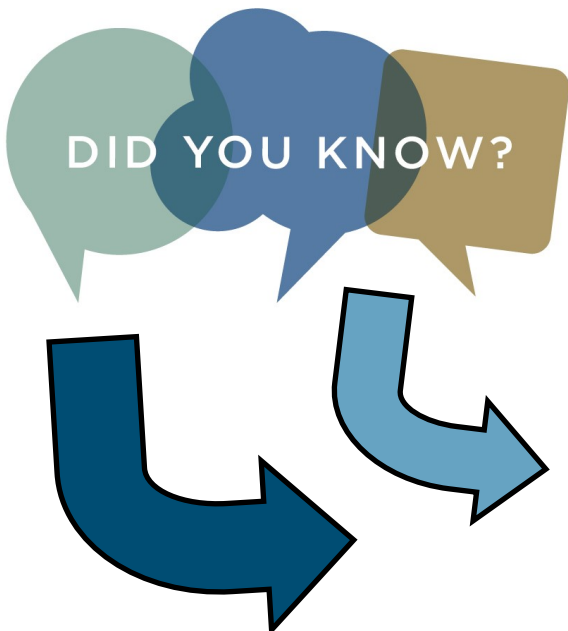


Northern Exposure XXX Reception

DATE: Thursday, November 9th, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm



Come celebrate with us as Northern Exposure turned 30! The Bonifas Arts Center supports its annual regional competition, Northern Exposure, expressly to both encourage Upper Peninsula Artists to create new artworks and to showcase comprehensive look at the contemporary artwork being created in the U.P. Northern Exposure XXX runs from November 9th to December 28th in the Powers Gallery.



FREE CLASSES FOR VETERANS

The Bonifas Arts Center believes that art can be healing and therapeutic. Thanks to our partnership with Oscar G. Johnson, VA Medical Center, All classes offered are free to all Veterans.

Thank you for your service.



BONIFASARTS.ORG



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



School Resource Officer Stempki and Detective Madalinski presented Fire Safety to the Small Wonders Preschool Program at the Delta Schoolcraft ISD!



School Resource Officer
Stempki, Captain Smith and
PSO Miller Presented Fire
Safety at Webster School!



School Resource Officer Stempki, Detective/Sergeant Turnacliff and Detective Chouinard presented Fire Safety at Lemmer School!



Captain Darren Smith & Director John Gudwer at the Gladstone High School Career Fair



Webster School Hero Ride with Officer Bruce

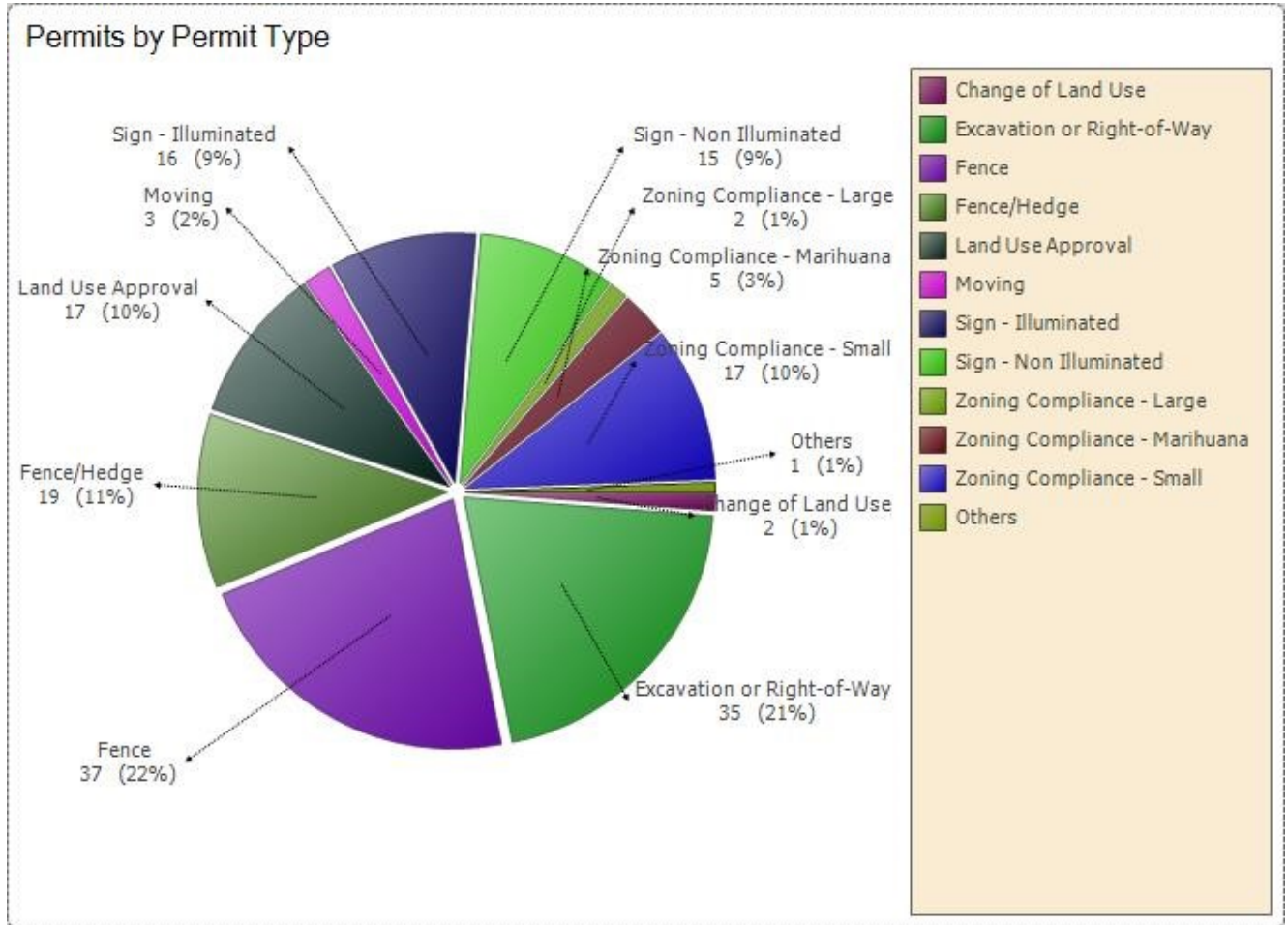


Sgt. Erickson & Det. Madalinski visited Northern Lights YMCA Childcare Center for Fire Safety Month



Zoning Permits Report

January 2023 through October 2023



CITY OF ESCANABA NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE

Do you have rubbish, overgrown lawns, unshoveled 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			
<p>Mayor Mark Ammel mammel@escanaba.org</p>	City Manager - James McNeil	jmcneil@escanaba.org	789-7322	
<p>Mayor Pro-Tem Karen Moore kmoore@escanaba.org</p>	City Controller - Melissa Becotte	mbecotte@escanaba.org	786-0605	
<p>Councilmember Ron Beauchamp rbeauchamp@escanaba.org</p>	Water/Wastewater Sup. - Jeff Lampi	jlampi@escanaba.org	786-3291	
<p>Councilmember Tyler DuBord tdubord@escanaba.org</p>	Superintendent of DPW - Kent Dubord	kdubord@escanaba.org	786-1842	
<p>Councilmember Todd Flath tflath@escanaba.org</p>	Electric Superintendent - Gerald Pirkola	gpirkola@escanaba.org	786-0061	
	Public Safety Director - John Gudwer	jgudwer@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 - Heather Calouette	hcalouette@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

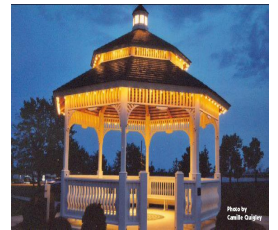
**CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT
HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT**
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT (906) 786-4141



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 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 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.