



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.

CITY OF ESCANABA



LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

PARADE STARTS AT THE MARKETPLACE AND ENDS AT THE MUNICIPAL DOCK

12 PM | LUDINGTON STREET PARADE
1 PM | MUNICIPAL DOCK

- This event is **FREE** and open to the public
- Where's Gary performs 1:00 - 4:00
- We Ain't Saints performs 4:30 - 8:00
- Petting Zoo 1:00
- Obstacle Course and Bounce House 2:00 - 6:00
- Bloody Mary Bar and Beer Tent 12:00 - 8:00
- Food vendors on site
- Golf Ball Drop 6:00
- Lighthouse and Museum Open 11:00 - 4:00
- Escanaba Public Library Bookmobile on site
- Delta County Trades and Labor Union Raffles

YOU CAN PURCHASE GOLF BALL TICKETS FROM KIM PETERSON, TODD FLATH AND AT THE CATHERINE BONIFAS CIVIC CENTER



happy LABOR day

HOLIDAY NOTICE IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY



All City of Escanaba business offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.

The Escanaba Public Library will be closed on Saturday, September 3, 2022 and Monday, September 5, 2022.

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022.

All City garbage collections scheduled for the week of September 5th 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 (906) 786-5911.

FIRST ANNUAL

Labor Day On the Dock

AT LUDINGTON PARK

SUPPORTING THE CIVIC CENTER

LIVE MUSIC - CRAFTS
ARTISTS - VENDORS
FOOD - PETTING ZOO

11-4PM | ANGELS AND OUTLAWS 12-3PM
PETTING ZOO 12-3PM

SUNDAY SEPT. 3RD | FREE ENTRY

| Upcoming Public Meetings | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Date | Time | Type of Meeting |
| 9/7/2023 | 7:00 pm | City Council |
| 9/7/2023 | 4:30 pm | Housing Commission |
| 9/7/2023 | 5:00 pm | Harbor Advisory |
| 9/7/2023 | 6:00 pm | Recreation Advisory Board |
| 9/14/2023 | 6:00 pm | Planning Commission |
| 9/18/2023 | 4:15 pm | Historic District Commission |
| 9/21/2023 | 7:00 pm | City Council |
| 9/25/2023 | 5:00 pm | Board of Library Trustees |
| 9/26/2023 | 8:00 am | Public Safety Retirement Board |
| 9/28/2023 | 8:15 am | Downtown Development Authority |

| Upcoming Public Events | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| DATE | TIME | EVENT / FESTIVAL |
| 9/1/2023 | | UP Steam and Gas Engine 47th Annual Show |
| 9/4/2023 | 12:00 pm– 8:00 pm | Escanaba Labor Day Celebration |
| 9/7/2023– 9/9/2023 | | GLTPA 2023 Logging Expo |
| 9/14/2023 | 4:00 pm– 8:00 pm | Hot Rods & Harleys Cruise Nights |
| 9/27/2023 | 5:00 pm– 7:00 pm | Business After Hours |
| 9/28/2023 | 4:00 pm– 8:00 pm | Hot Rods & Harley Cruise Nights |



Escanaba Library

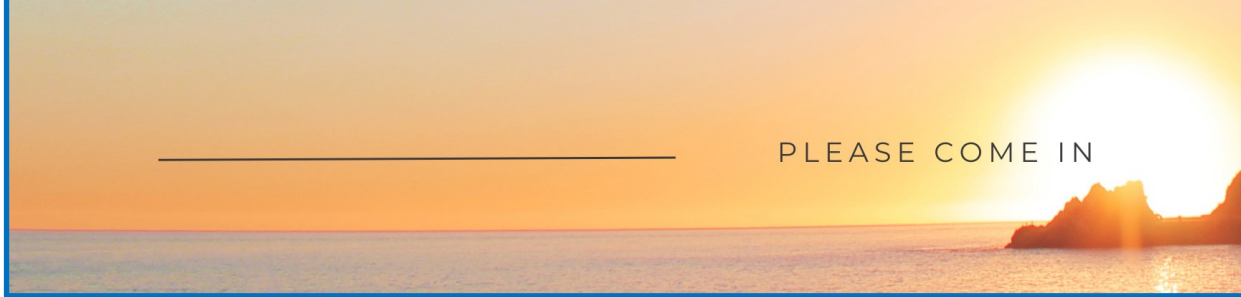


ESCANABA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**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

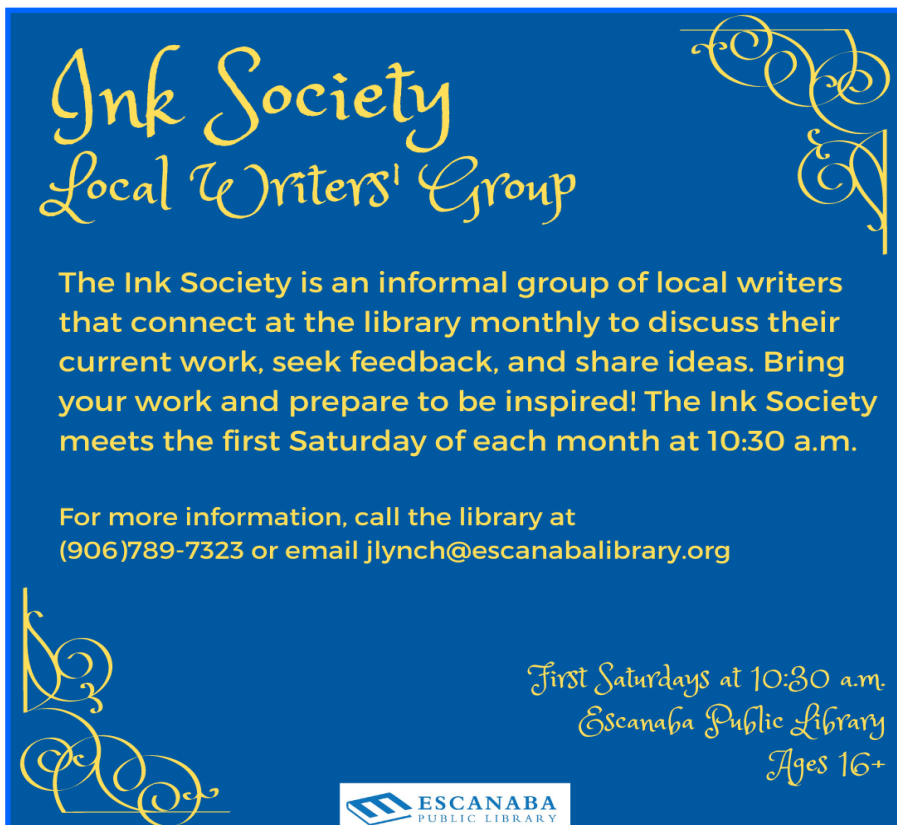


Escanaba Library



Lego Club
Saturday,
September 9
1:00 p.m.
"Fall Into Autumn"

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




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+



Escanaba Library



**BACK TO SCHOOL
SCAVENGER HUNT**

Saturday, September 9

- ✓ Drop in the library between 1 - 3pm
- ✓ Complete six stations
- ✓ Get a chance to win a \$50 gift card

Snacks & Swag provided by the
Friends of the Library

400 Ludington Street - Escanaba
906-789-7323
www.escanabalibrary.org



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 8, 2023

Contact: Recreation Director Kim Peterson

Work Phone: 786-4141

Email: kpeterson@escanaba.org

Race Ramps Donates Two Sets of Ramps to the City of Escanaba Recreation Department

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department accepted custom made ramps from Race Ramps of Escanaba. The ramps will be used for cars to gain access to Ludington Park for car shows and other areas as needed.

Event Coordinator Michelle Oxford stated, "The ramps are greatly appreciated and will definitely be put to good use. Some of the lower cars have difficulty with the elevation of the ramps being used previously and the custom made ramps will provide the ease of access to the car show area."

RaceRamps Process Facilitator Justin Lauscher stated, "RaceRamps is happy to make the custom order which will provide car owners the piece of mind to gain access to areas with ramps without worry."

Recreation Director Kim Peterson stated, "We are grateful for a local business to have the talent to make a custom build for us. They have the expertise on what was needed to gain access over the curbs in the park and provided us with two sets of ramps."



Pictured: RaceRamps Process Facilitator Justin Lauscher and Event Coordinator Michelle Oxford

CATHERINE BONIFAS CIVIC CENTER
PRESENTS

OPEN HOUSE

*225 North 21st
Street*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

SPONSORED BY: DELTA COUNTY YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INC.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS NO COST TO STUDENTS
PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN 4TH - 12TH GRADES
CONTACT US AT (906) 786-4141 OR RECREATION@ESCANABA.ORG

CITY OF ESCANABA

Welcome Back

GAMEROOM - GYM - LAPTOPS
BOOKS-WIFI-SNACKS/FOOD

CATHERINE BONIFAS CIVIC CENTER

SAFE, SUPERVISED ENVIRONMENT
HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY 2:30 - 6:30 P.M.
SATURDAY 12:00 - 6:30 P.M.

225 NORTH 21ST STREET
ESCANABA, MI

OPENING FOR SEASON
SEPTEMBER 11

FOR YOUTH 4TH - 12TH GRADES



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



Congratulations Captain Marc Zawacki on your retirement! Thank you for 25 years of dedicated service to Escanaba Public Safety!



The Fire Truck stopped by the Northern Lights YMCA Child Care and Youth Center!



Congratulations Darren Smith on your promotion to Captain!





CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Escanaba Department of Public Safety is taking applications for our Citizens Academy! The Academy is one night a week (2.5 hrs) for 8 weeks. If you are interested in learning about Escanaba Public Safety request an application from Jennifer Spriks, stop by Escanaba Public Safety Monday- Friday 7:00 AM-4:00 PM, or contact Lieutenant Jeff Erickson at 906-786-5912. The class is limited!



2023 Escanaba Run, Bike, and Walk Event Benefitting Special Olympics Michigan Presented by: Law Enforcement Torch Run

Date: Wednesday, September 13th

Check-In Time: 5:00 PM

Start Time: 5:30 PM

Start Location: Elmer's County Market

End Location: Ludington Park Karas Memorial Bandshell

Cost: \$30 and includes the annual LETR Shirt

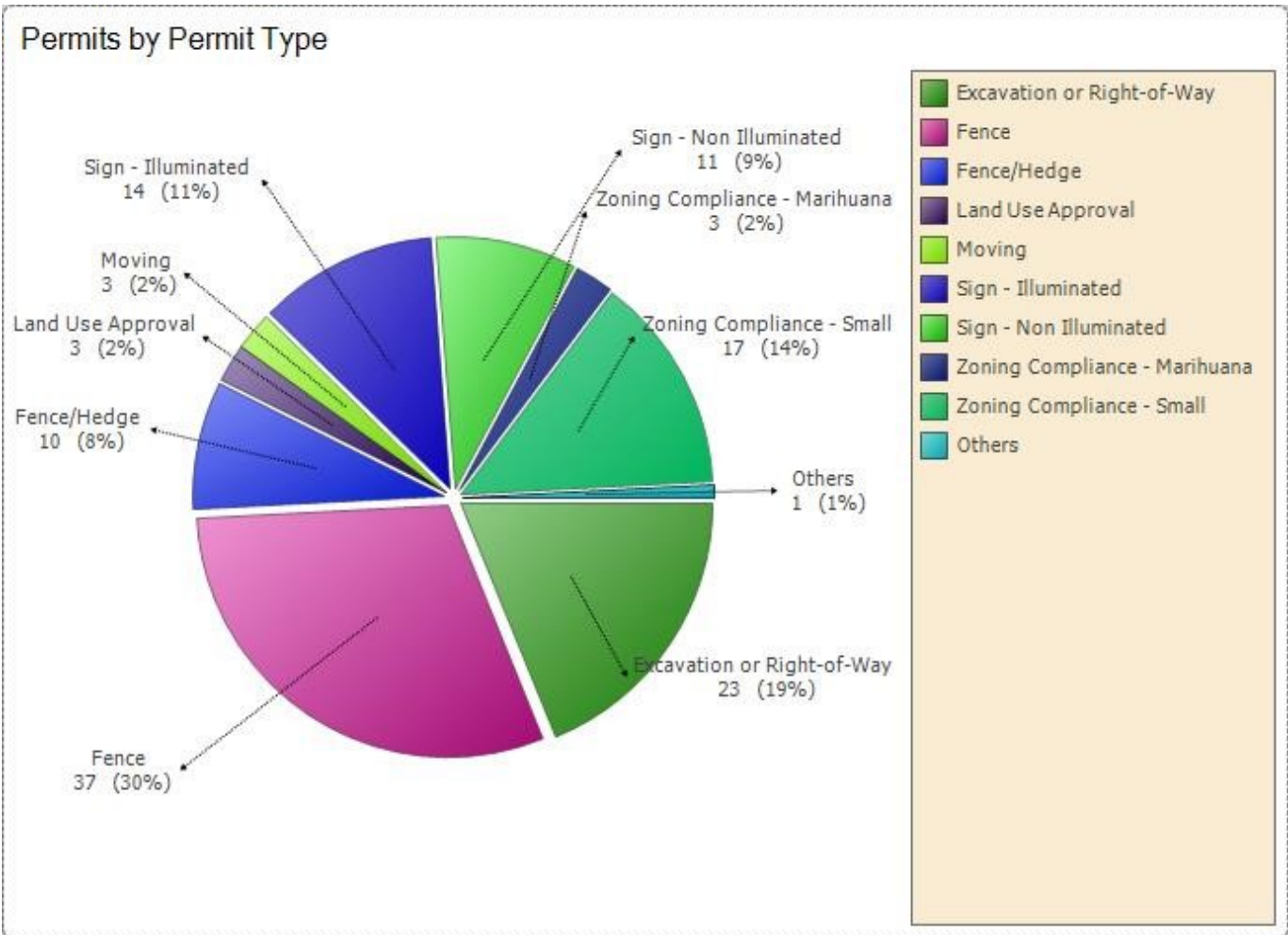
Dog Registration: \$10 and includes LETR shirt for your dog!

Money raised through The Flame of Hope Community Runs will go to support athletes in the State of Michigan who compete year-round at no cost. Through these events you are helping to raise funds and create awareness for those with intellectual disabilities. Come join us and carry the Flame of Hope for the athletes and run/walk side by side with local athletes, community members and LETR Volunteers.



Zoning Permits Report

January 2023 through August 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 | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| <p>Mayor Mark Ammel mammel@escanaba.org</p> <p>Mayor Pro-Tem Karen Moore kmoore@escanaba.org</p> <p>Councilmember Ron Beauchamp rbeauchamp@escanaba.org</p> <p>Councilmember Tyler DuBord tdubord@escanaba.org</p> <p>Councilmember Todd Flath tflath@escanaba.org</p> | <p>City Manager - James McNeil</p> <p>City Controller - Melissa Becotte</p> <p>Water/Wastewater Sup. - Jeff Lampi</p> <p>Superintendent of DPW - Kent Dubord</p> <p>Electric Superintendent - Gerald Pirkola</p> <p>Public Safety Director - John Gudwer</p> <p>Recreation Director - Kim Peterson</p> <p>City Clerk - Phil DeMay</p> <p>Library Director - Carolyn Stacey</p> <p>HR Director/City Treasurer - Kim Gustafson</p> <p>City Assessor – James McNeil</p> <p>Harbor Master - Shayne Sanville</p> <p>Planning & Zoning Admin.- Tyler Anthony</p> | <p>jmcneil@escanaba.org</p> <p>mbecotte@escanaba.org</p> <p>jlampi@escanaba.org</p> <p>kdubord@escanaba.org</p> <p>gpirkola@escanaba.org</p> <p>jgudwer@escanaba.org</p> <p>kpeterson@escanaba.org</p> <p>clerk@escanaba.org</p> <p>cstacey@escanabalibrary.org</p> <p>kgustafson@escanaba.org</p> <p>assessor@escanaba.org</p> <p>ssanville@escanaba.org</p> <p>tanthony@escanaba.org</p> | <p>789-7322</p> <p>786-0605</p> <p>786-3291</p> <p>786-1842</p> <p>786-0061</p> <p>786-5911</p> <p>786-4141</p> <p>786-1194</p> <p>789-7323</p> <p>786-0552</p> <p>789-7381</p> <p>786-9614</p> <p>786-9402</p> |
| 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

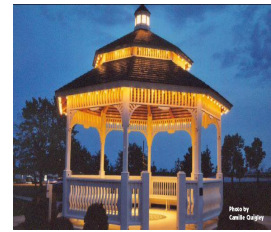
**CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT
HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT**
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT (906) 786-4141



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.