

THE ESCANABA EXPRESS

The Escanaba Express is a monthly newsletter that is published to keep the community informed about the City's services, programs, activities and opportunities to participate.



IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 19TH, 2024

WE ARE HIRING!

SEASONAL SUMMER POSITIONS

**OPEN
POSITIONS:**

- ENGINEERING INTERNS
 - LABORERS
 - DOCK ATTENDANTS
 - LIFEGUARDS
- AND MORE!

APPLY AT WWW.ESCANABA.ORG

Upcoming Public Meetings

Date	Time	Type of Meeting
02/01/2024	7:00 pm	City Council
02/08/2024	6:00 pm	Planning Commission
02/13/2024	4:30 pm	Housing Commission
02/13/2024	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory Committee
02/13/2024	6:00 pm	Recreation Advisory Board
02/15/2024	7:00 pm	City Council
02/20/2024	6:00 pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
02/22/2024	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority
02/26/2024	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees
02/27/2024	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board

Upcoming Public Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL
02/03/2024	5:00 pm—11:00 pm	Delta Chamber's Annual Mid-Winter Gala
02/03/2024	3:00 pm—6:00 pm	Cancer Alliance Annual Luminary Gathering
02/09/2024	6:00 pm	Tri-County Safe Harbor's Mystery at Deadwood Saloon
02/14/2024	6:00 pm—8:00 pm	Paint N Sip: Valentines Gnomes—Bonifas Arts Center
02/17/2024	9:00 am	Delta County Doggie Dash 5K
02/18/2024	11:00 am—2:00 pm	It's Your Day Bridal Expo—Island Resort & Casino
02/21/2024	5:30 pm	Great Starts Family Fun Night
02/23/2024	11:00 am—5:00 pm	Trenary Outhouse Race
02/24/2024	5:00 pm	YMCA Father Daughter Dance
02/29/2024	7:30 pm	Players De Noc : Lumberjacks in Love

Escanaba Library

Library Hours

Monday

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

10:00—7:00 p.m.

Thursday

10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Sunday

CLOSED



Escanaba Library



Holiday Notice in Observance of Presidents' Day

The Escanaba Public Library will be closed:
Monday, February 19, 2024

Escanaba Public Library

WINTER READING

Reading Challenge Open to Adults & Teens



February 5 – March 16,

Read books and win great prizes!



Nothing is better than snuggling up with
a hot drink and a good book ...

Except winning prizes!

Pick up a reading log at the circulation desk
in the library or the drive-up window!

List 6 (six) book titles with authors that you have
read between February 5 and March 16, 2024.

With the support of the Friends of the Escanaba Public Library

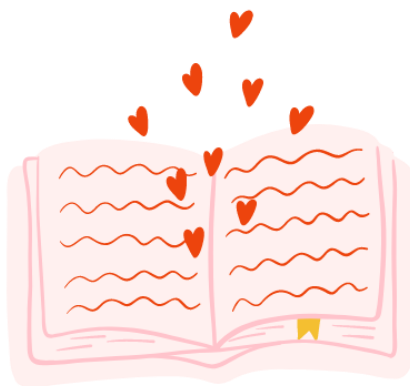


Escanaba Library

**Lego Club
Saturday,
February 10
1:00 p.m.**

"Happy Hearts"

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+

Tech help—
from library staff—
every Tuesday!

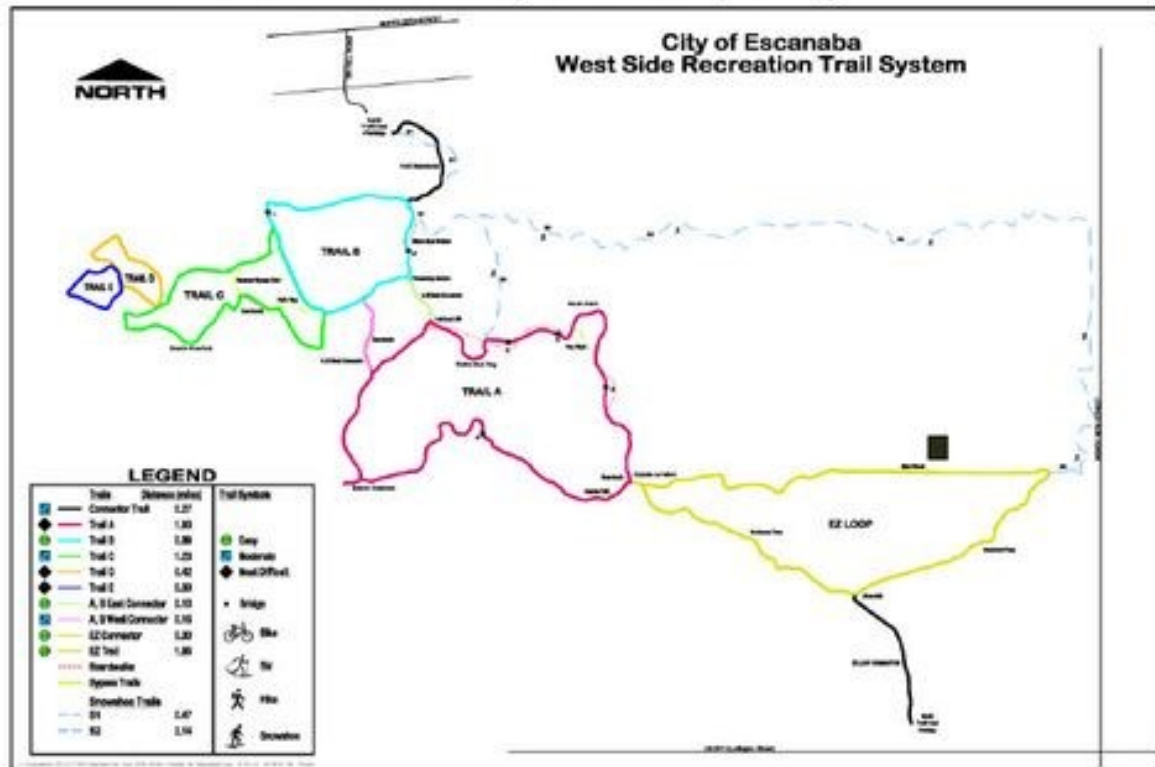
**TECH
TUESDAYS**

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Help! You have questions—We have answers!



CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CROSS COUNTRY HIKING, SKIING AND SNOWSHOE TRAIL
 Trail Heads Located – Comfort Suites Parking Lot and off 19th Avenue
 North Behind Great Lakes Sports and Recreation Club
 Arrows indicate direction of suggested travel.
 Motorized vehicles are prohibited on pathway.



General Safety Rules

Be courteous and helpful at all times.

For safety and skier enjoyment, most trails are designed for one-way travel; AVOID skiing against the flow.

If a hill appears too steep, please remove your skis and walk down the hill.

Be in control. Ski within your ability.

If you fall on the trail, be a courteous skier by filling and leveling the area – especially on downhill sections.

Slower skiers should yield the track to faster skiers.

If you walk the path when snow covered or are biking/snow biking, please avoid walking in the groomed ski tracks.

Keep clear of the track when not skiing.

Keep aware of weather conditions.



City Bids and RFPs

February 12, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
EPSD Building Generator

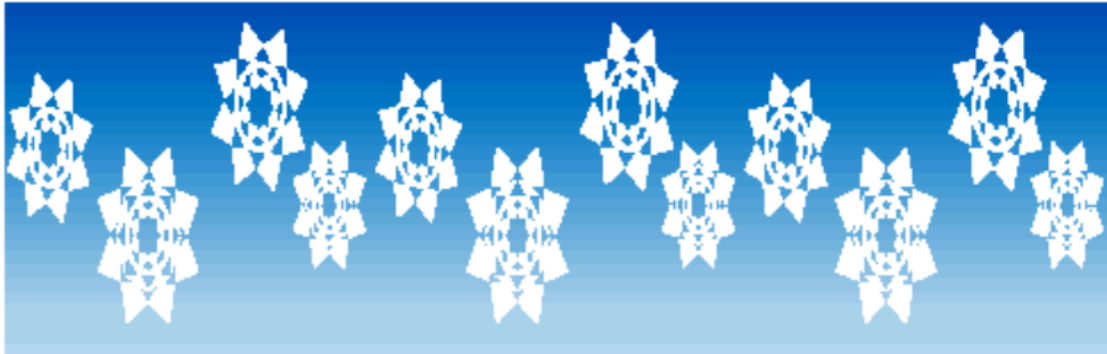
March 4, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
**Ludington Park Concession
Sanitation Services
Resurfacing Project – Royce Multi-Use Court**



Thank you to the Youth Assistance Program for sponsoring our monthly Birthday Party. The next monthly party will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 3:00 p.m.

WINTER AEROBICS

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department offers a safe and effective method to becoming physically fit. Dance aerobic class is offered at the Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, Monday thru Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Programs are designed around Jacki Sorensen's Fitness Classes.



WINTER SESSION 2024 – 10 WEEKS
JANUARY 15th – MARCH 21st

CLASS FEE: \$120 for 10 weeks or \$5 per class drop in fee

The class fee entitles you to attend as many classes as you wish.

- All persons attending must register at each class with aerobics instructor
- Sessions may be cancelled due to weather at the discretion of the Recreation Director
- No make-up days for inclement weather or holidays
- Sessions are held in the gym
- Locker room with showers available
- Bring exercise mat or heavy bath towel for class, which does include some floor exercises

For more information call the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

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





Copper Wire Gem Tree— Thursday, Feb. 8; 3:00–5:00 pm
Learn the details of wire sculpting with award winning crafter and artist Mollie Larson. All supplies will be provided, you'll gain the knowledge of what tools to use, sculpting techniques, and how to add gems. Then you'll have a beautiful handmade piece to add to your home décor.



Paint N Sip: Valentine's Gnomes— Wednesday, Feb. 16;
6:00–8:00 pm

Sign up with a partner or crew for this fun-filled evening. Choose from any or all of these paintings and enjoy guidance from Staci, while you sip a tasty beverage that you brought. Feel free to bring goodies to share to add to your evening. No experience or supplies needed.

Polymer Clay Jewelry Making— Saturday, Feb. 17; 1:00
pm–3:00 pm

Learn to create your own accessories to perfectly match your style. Polymer clay is incredibly lightweight, durable, and so easy to clean – it's the perfect medium for any beginner to learn to create with. You'll learn how to select the best supplies along with the basics of working with clay from experienced clay artist Kaylea Quinn. You will also design and create your own custom earrings.



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.



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



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter and nfpa.org/winter.



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Winter Parking Regulations

In order to better the flow of traffic, to ease the parking situation and expedite the movement of fire equipment and emergency vehicles during the months of December, January, February, March, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that parking will be restricted to one side of every street and avenue within the confines of the City from 2:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m., during the months of December, January, February and March, in the City of Escanaba in accordance with the schedule listed below:

Parking will be allowed only on the west side of all streets. Parking will be allowed only on the north side of all avenues.

No vehicle shall be parked for a period longer than one half-hour on any street or avenue within the confines of the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated by signage during the months of December, January, February and March of each year.

On Ludington Street and the 100 blocks off Ludington Street, parking will be allowed on both sides of the street with the exception of South 15th Street, South 16th Street, South 17th Street, South 18th Street, South 19th Street and South 22nd Street.

Parking will be allowed on the east side of the street in the following business districts: 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Stephenson Avenue and the 1400 block of Sheridan Road.

Parking will be allowed overnight, on both sides of the street, in the 200 block of Ludington Street.

Parking will be allowed overnight within the median of the 100 block of South 3rd Street.

Parking will be allowed overnight in the 100 block of South 5th Street, on the west side of the street.

The issuance of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a public safety officer in the City shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation as herein provided.

People are allowed to park on the south Side of 3rd Ave South from S 25th St to S 26th St between 7am-5pm.

These parking regulations will be in effect through March of 2024.

The Public Safety Department suggests that you clip this notice and keep it in your automobile and asks for your continued cooperation in this attempt to promote public safety.

John Gudwer, Director of Public Safety

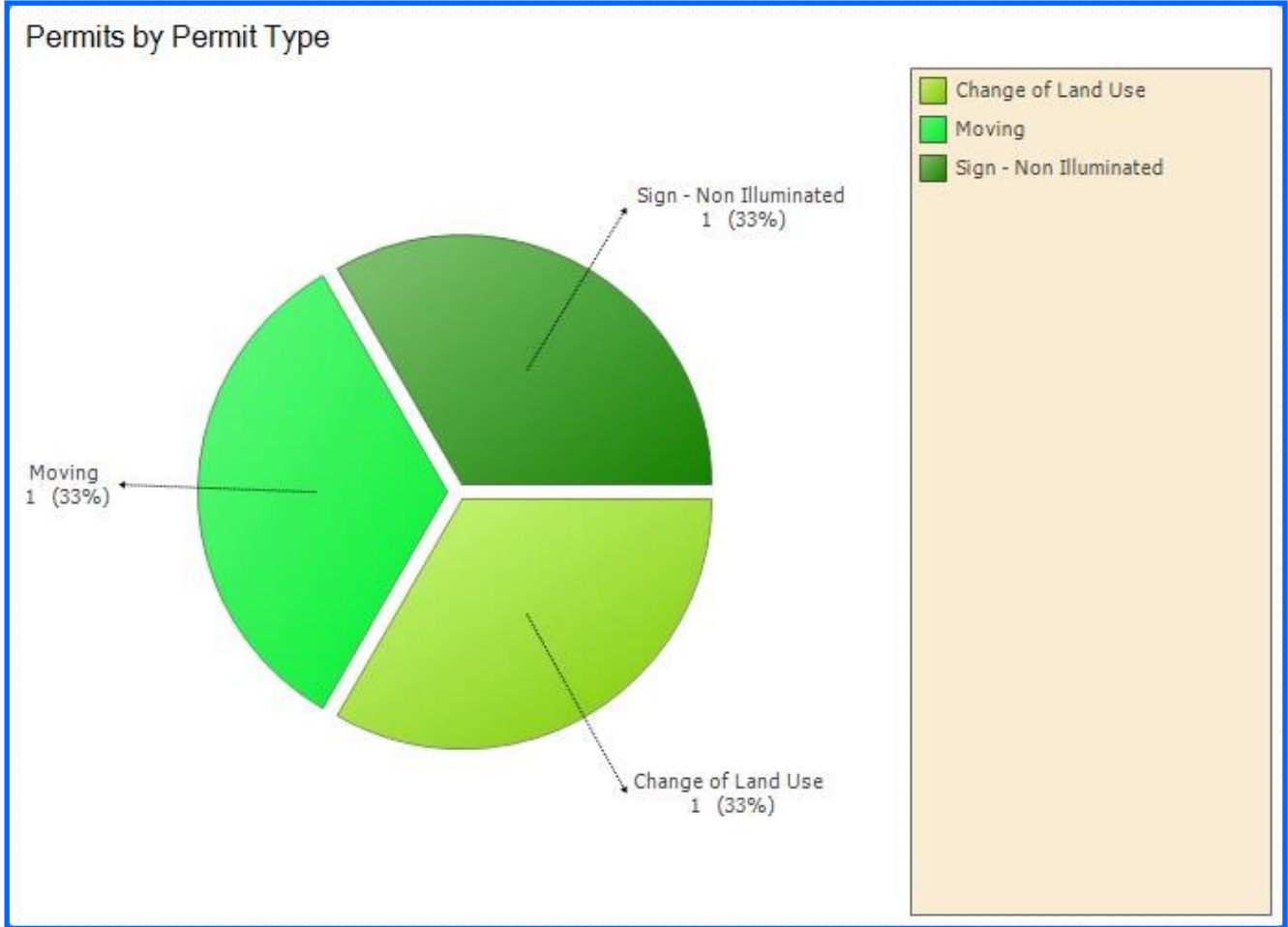


Mission Statement

Enhancing the enjoyment and livability of our community by providing quality municipal services.
The City of Escanaba is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Zoning Permits Report

January 2024



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

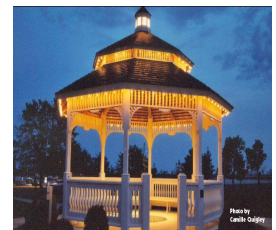
**CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT
HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT**
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT (906) 786-4141



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.