

Kathy Himes

Kathy works at the City of Alpena and has been an Ambassador since 2001.

What is your favorite thing about Alpena? I love living in a smaller town where there is always something fun to do. If you say there is nothing to do in Alpena, you are not looking.

What do you like best about your job? I love representing the City and its employees. We have an awesome staff. Everyone puts their heart and soul into making Alpena a better place to live.



What is your favorite season? There is nothing better than putting on a sweatshirt and walking through the woods in the fall.

Why did you become an ambassador? I have always loved to volunteer in our community. When the opportunity opened to join the Chamber Ambassadors, I jumped at it. This group works so hard but has so much fun doing it. They are an extended family in so many ways.

Why do you choose to live and work in Alpena? My parents were born and raised in Alpena. They moved away for career opportunities and were gone for several years. When I was 16, it was time for them to come “home” to take care of my aging grandpa. At 16 I didn’t readily accept the change, but soon I embraced living here. This town is so amazing, I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.

Tell us about a funny thing you did recently? I recently got a black eye while feeding my sheep. Advise – don’t turn your back on a ram.

What is your favorite restaurant? JJ’s for their veggie pizza. During a recent vacation, we stopped at a restaurant that was featured on *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives* and it didn’t even come close to the pizza in Alpena.

What is your favorite outdoor activity? I love to walk. I even like to run.... But, as the saying goes, “I am slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.”

Describe yourself in one word. Optimistic

What is your favorite book and/or movie? I have seen *You’ve Got Mail* at least 100 times. Still love it! I’m not much of a reader, but there have been a few that have pulled me in to the point where I can’t put them down – *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, and *Find Her* by Lisa Gardner.

My friends would say I am a high-energy, independent person.

If I had a superpower it would be to cure cancer and diseases of the brain.