



Northern Community Mediation

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NEW PRINTER / COPIER



For all of you who do mediations at City Hall in Charlevoix, you will be glad to know that we have a new printer / copier. Everything is hooked up and ready to go. All of this is thanks to the generosity of Bruce Herbert and Chuck Jadwin.

FUTURE MEDIATORS?

On December 4, attorney and mediator Jodi Doak gave birth to a daughter named Allaina Noelle. She weighed 8 lbs. 2.7 oz., and was 19 1/4" long. Of course, she is an absolutely beautiful baby.

And, there is another baby on the way. One of our newest mediators, Analisa Charlton, is an expectant mother.

EMMET COUNTY

If you have not had the opportunity to see the video *Emmet County A to Z*, take the time to do so. It is clever and really promotes Emmet County. To view the video, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0ZDkf-K1c0>

LEAD MEDIATOR?

There is no such thing as a leader mediator. At Northern Community Mediation, we are co-mediators.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

"I like to see people reunited, maybe that's a silly thing, but what can I say. I like to see people run to each other. I like the kissing and the crying. I like the impatience, the stories that the mouth can't tell fast enough, the ears that aren't big enough, the eyes that can't take in all of the change. I like the hugging, the bringing together, the end of missing someone." Jonathan Safran Foer

ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

Northern Community Mediation will be hosting its 10th annual Theatre Party on Monday, March 10. Be certain to get your tickets. They are still only \$25 each. Your tickets entitles you to plenty of food for dinner, non-alcoholic wine and beer, a chance to win door prizes, and a movie of your choice. Tickets are available by contacting NCM at 231.487.1771 or at the door the night of the event. You ask, "What are the movies that will be playing?" That information will be available late this evening; so, expect an e-mail blast tomorrow morning with the list of movies.

ADVANCED MEDIATOR TRAINING

Attorney and mediator Steve Tresidder will facilitate an advanced mediator training from 8:00am to 5:00pm on Friday, May 16. The topic will be "Social Psychological Factors in Mediation." This course has been approved by SCAO for continuing education units. As always, NCM mediators will not be charged. Registration details are be available on the NCM website at <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-11/>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 18	4:00-5:00	VORP Roundtable
Wednesday, March 19	10:00-3:00	Project Connect
Friday, May 9	9:30-11:30	Michigan Mediates

CHANGE IN DATE

The board meeting originally scheduled for noon on Thursday, September 11 has been re-scheduled to Thursday, September 25. The meeting will still take place in Charlevoix.

FRIENDLY TIP

A phrase that may be worth incorporating into the opening statement is "We have been given some information about why you are here, but we would like you to tell us in your own words what your concerns and issues are." This sounds more professional than "We don't know what is going on."

A SAD NOTE

Mediator Paul Schemanski's father-in-law has died. Our sympathy to Paul and his wife Mikkie.

USELESS FACT

The hottest temperature recorded in Michigan was 112°, and it happened in Mio in far northern Michigan.