



Northern Community Mediation

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HERE COME THE JUDGE! HERE COME THE JUDGE!



A huge congratulations goes out to The Honorable James Erhart on his appointment as judge of the 90th District Court. Judge Erhart was appointed by Governor Snyder to replace Judge Richard May, who is retiring. As much as Judge May will be missed, we are equally as excited for Judge Erhart to take the bench. He is an advocate for mediation and supportive of Northern Community Mediation.

PUDSY

Everyone once in a while, an e-mail comes across my desk that is worth sharing. Take the time to copy the link below and paste it into your internet connection if you want to see a video that will bring a smile to your face, warm your heart, and make you happy. Have patience. Click on "skip ad" if necessary. Do not turn it off before it is done.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dv_gOBi8Wpk

SOMETHING NEW

To help spice up our monthly newsletter, two new sections are going to be added. The first is the *Quote for the Month*, and the second is *Useless Fact*.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I don't know that there are real ghosts and goblins, but there are always more trick-or-treaters than neighborhood kids. – Robert Brault

USELESS FACT

The first female monster to appear on the big screen was *Bride of Frankenstein*. (Else Lanchester and Boris Karloff)

FORTY HOUR TRAINING

Just a reminder that Northern Community Mediation will be offering the 40-hour training on the following dates and times:

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| Wednesday, April 10 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Thursday, April 11 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Friday, April 12 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |

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| Wednesday, April 17 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm |
| Thursday, April 18 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Friday, April 19 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |

Do take note of the fact that the training will take place at City Hall in Petoskey.

Brochures for the training are available by calling the NCM office at 231.487.1771. Information about the training is also available on the NCM website at www.northernmediation.org. If you know of someone who is interested in taking the training, encourage him/her to contact the NCM office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time ends soon – officially at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4. Remember, you'll "fall back" and set your clocks back one hour. Many electronic devices automatically adjust when Daylight Savings Time begins or ends.

What to do with that extra hour? Something to consider is giving blood. The Red Cross has reported a need for blood after superstorm Sandy led to hundreds of blood drives being canceled.

TWO REMINDERS

1. Try to avoid wearing blue jeans to mediation. Slacks and sport shirt or sweater are perfect for men. Slacks or skirts with blouse or sweater are ideal for women.
2. In Charlevoix, remember to remove all paper work from the mediation room, take it into the office, and then shred it. We have had a couple of incidents where confidential paper work was left behind.

STAFF RETREAT

Just a reminder that Northern Community Mediation will be closed on Friday, November 16 for the annual staff retreat. If you have any suggestions for improving our services, let one of the staff members know so that we can discuss your ideas during our staff retreat.