



Northern Community Mediation

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IN OUR LIBRARY

Board member Ray Kiogima has co-authored a book entitled *Odawa Language and Legends* with Andrew Blackbird. We have purchased a copy of the book for NCM's library. If anyone is interested in reading it, feel free to borrow it from our library.

Of particular interest in relationship to the authors is the fact that they lived in different centuries. Yet, they have much in common. Blackbird was Odawa, cared about the customs and traditions of his people, aspired to compile a dictionary and grammar of the Odawa, and lived in Harbor Springs. All of this is also true of Ray.

This book is definitely worth reading. Take the time to do so.

IN THE NEWS

Pam Ovshinsky attended the first public meeting for Blueprint Petoskey: Building a Community Plan. At that meeting, Pam stated that she would like to see "more projects like the one undertaken by the Petoskey synagogue, Temple B'Nai Israel. Instead of expanding by moving the temple out of town, the synagogue built an addition" so that it could remain an integral part of downtown.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

On Friday, November 3, Ann Bachle Fifer will return to Petoskey for an update training. Although the topic has not yet been completely finalized, part of the workshop will focus on "Am I the Mediator I Want to Be?" This year, it will be held at the Perry Hotel. Look for more details in future newsletters.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!
HAVE A GREAT FOURTH OF JULY!**

FEE SCHEDULE

There seems to be some confusion as to whether or not we charge a fee for our services. With the exception of divorce cases, we do not charge for cases that are court-referred. There is a \$40.00 fee (\$20.00 from each party) for divorce cases.

For cases that are not court-referred, we charge the initiator an administrative fee.

\$30.00 for Consumer/Merchant
Breach of Contract
Juvenile
Landlord/Tenant
Neighborhood
Noise/Nuisance
Access & Visitation
School Problems
Trespass

\$50.00 for Adult Offender
Assaults
Employment
Ordinance/Statute/Regulation
Professional/Client
Property
Public Policy

Fees are discussed with all clients at the time of intake. We send an invoice to the appropriate participants for collection purposes. The only reason you need to be aware of these fees is to accept the money if it is brought to mediation.

PILOT PROJECT

As a result of a grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, we are developing a program for first-time offenders of shoplifting. This will be a part of the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program overseen by Pat Dull.