

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING



Trying to capture the impact that Jimmy Carter has had upon our country is next to impossible. Northern Community Mediation encourages everyone to honor his legacy by observing Thursday, January 9 as a National Day of Mourning. NCM also encourages paying tribute to Jimmy Carter by watching the service honoring him beginning at 10:00am on Thursday, January 9.

MEDIATOR ROUND TABLE

Having a mediator round table is long overdue. So, put 4:00pm on Thursday, March 7 on your calendars. Two of the topics to be discussed will be the Revision of the Mediator Notes and Tips & Tricks for Successful Mediations. This will be an in-person gathering.

PETOSKEY CHAMBER STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

The Petoskey Chamber of Commerce State of the Community will be held at Crooked Tree Arts Center on Friday, February 7. There will be networking opportunities from 1:00pm to 1:30pm, at which time the program itself will begin. This is always an informative event. This year for Northern Community Mediation (NCM) is particularly exciting because Executive Director Jane Millar has been asked to address the great work of NCM in the non-profit portion of the program. To register for the event, go to <http://www.petoskeychamber.com/state-of-the-community-luncheon> on the Petoskey Chamber website.

INTERESTING FACTS (1 – 5)

1. Jimmy Carter was the first US President⁴ born in a hospital.
2. The county library provided a young Jimmy Carter with his first job in public service.
3. Jimmy Carter skipped school and missed out on being valedictorian
4. Before he was a peanut farmer, state senator, governor and president, Carter served as a submariner in the US Navy.
5. Carter is also believed to be the first president to live in public housing.

ANNUAL MEET4ING

As is customary, Northern Community Mediation will hold its Annual Meeting at noon on the third Thursday in January, which is the 16th of the month. Obviously, Board members will be in attendance. It is important to note, however, that this meeting is open to the public. Mediators are particularly encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at City Park Grill. Those who choose to do so can order lunch at their expense. Not only will the annual report be given, but more importantly, the outgoing board members will be recognized, as well as introducing the new board members. If you plan on attending, call the NCM office at 231.487.1771. We need to give City Park Grill a count so that they know how many people they have to set up for. And, if you have any questions, feel free to give us a call. We do hope to see you there.

ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation plans to offer two four-hour Advanced Mediation Trainings in 2025. The first will be in the latter part of the spring (specific date to be determined in the near future). The topic will be Effective Techniques for Parenting Time Mediations. Amanda Guarisco from Emmet County Friend of the Court (FOC) will explain the intricacies of the FOC requirements. Kristen Herriman from Charlevoix County FOC will focus on the role of the Prosecutor's Office, as well as being a mediator for Parenting Time cases.

Many of you may recall the Advanced Mediator Training titled "The Health and Well-Being of the Mediator" that we offered several years ago. We are considering a similar type of training that would address techniques for emotional freedom. The purpose of this training would be to restore the body's energy system while focusing on emotional issues or challenges. As we all know, being a mediator can emotionally draining. This technique would help us remain more balanced and hence, more effective as mediators. The plan is to offer this Advanced Mediator Training in the fall.

Both of the above trainings will be on a Friday morning and in-person.

INTERESTING FACTS (6 – 10)

6. The Carters started a new tradition when they walked in the inaugural parade.
7. And supporters from Georgia were there to see it.
8. Carter has been a baseball fan all his life.
9. Jimmy Carter has lived in the same Georgia home for more than 60 years.
10. Carter is a prolific writer.

Thank you Jimmy Carter for your contribution to humanity.