

FESTIVE DECEMBER



From left to right: Case Managers Jennifer Mancini & Laura Buckingham

The life of a Northern Community Mediation case manager goes far beyond conducting intake, summarizing mediator notes, recording data into the data base, scheduling mediations, and glamorous responsibilities, such as vacuuming, dusting and doing other “household” chores. There are many fun things to do as well, as is well depicted in the above picture which is a perfect segue into a message from the NCM staff.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY HANUKKAH!
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!
WE WISH YOU AN ENJOYABLE KWANZAA!
AND, WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HOLIDAY PARTY

From 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 9, we will be having a holly, jolly time at NCM’s annual holiday party. Rather than at the office, the party will take place at the home of Executive Director Jane Millar, 712 Grand Avenue in Petoskey. Being served will be yummy appetizers, wine, beer and soft drinks. To ensure that we do not run out of anything, please RSVP via e-mail jane@northernmediation.org or phone 231.487.1771.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Hanukkah teaches us that no matter how small the light, it can change the world".

"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve."

"We will never know ourselves if we do not know our history."

PARENTING TIME WORKSHOP

It is not too late to register for the Advanced Mediator training scheduled from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Friday, February 13, 2025. It will be held in person at NCM

Although this is a follow-up to the Parenting Time training that Amanda Guarisco from friend of the Court facilitated in June of this year, it is a stand alone workshop that will focus upon agreement writing and the importance of ensuring that all agreements answer the basic questions of who, what, where, when, how and sometimes why.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participation in the first session is not a prerequisite for the second session. To register, go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/>

TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

Open Houses

- Alanson Friday, December 11
- Bay Harbor December 4 – 7
- Boyne City Friday, November 28
- Boyne Mt. December 12 – 14
- Charlevoix Saturday, December 6
- East Jordan Friday, December 5pm
- Harbor Springs Saturday, December 6
- Petoskey Friday, December 5

Parades

- Boyne City Friday, November 28
- Charlevoix Friday, November 28
- East Jordan Friday, December 5 6:30pm
- Petoskey Saturday, December 13 10:00am

PEACE BANNERS

As in past years, Northern community Mediation will distribute its Peace Banners to six of the local libraries (Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Pellston, & Petoskey) and one of the school libraries (Alanson). And, as in past years, they will be on display through the end of the year. Just imagine what it would be like to live in a world of peace and good will.

REMINDER

NCM provides free mediation for BHMS and MAMP.

USELESS FACT

December was named after the Latin word "decem" for ten, but it became the twelfth month after January and February were added to the Roman calendar.