



As of last spring we are no longer sharing space with the library, even with limited funds and manpower the interior of the building has been repainted. Tentive plans are to have the museum open in the spring, we're keeping our fingers crossed on this though as it has been recently discovered we have a serious underground water leak, plus a few bad floor joists.

On a much brighter side we were able to make a scheduled \$400.00 loan payment last month. One down and nine to go!



Northport's old 1934 firetruck has been moved back to its home (**the fire station we rebuilt last year**)

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The Historical Society has agreed to raise needed funds for the truck. No major repairs are needed, however years of neglect have had its toll. Non working brake system, rusty cowling, rotted leather seats, wooden floor boards and a host of other small items that need attention. Hopefully sometime in the near future perhaps even a new coat of paint.

Ron Singh manager of Albar Industrial Minerals LTD presented us with a huge flat rock which will be used to mount the above brass plaque for the Fire Hose House. **"top priority in the spring"** **Thank You Ron!** *"ALBAR is a privately held company building a barite business in Northport and the surrounding area, at the present they are hauling ore from the old 'Flagstaff Mine'"*

Seven years ago we laid out a walking tour to a few of the historic sites in Northport, with each site having it's own information plaque.



Over the years the weather has taken its toll on the plaques leaving some of them in sad shape. Don Baribault has stepped forward and is replacing the weathered wood on those plaques that need it saving us considerable expense. **Thank You Don!**



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It seems that someone at City Hall did not like the below paragraph, going so far as to complain to our new president Terry Hart. In turn Terry did cause a note of apology to be posted on the post office bulletin board.



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One has but to look at the old truck to realize that the above paragraph is not overstated in fact just the opposite.

However, our new president decided to send this to city hall

It has come to our attention that members of our community and the historical society were displeased with the wording in the newsletter regarding the upkeep of the 1934 fire engine. It was never our intention to disrespect the city fathers nor the way they took care of the fire engine.

We know that they have not been in possession of the engine for long and times are tough for everyone with money in short supply. We apologize for offense we caused and hope we can count on your continued support

The Historical Society

The only people offended were the ones in city hall and two so called mechanics that thought the truck had mechanical brakes and one person that ran for sectary and lost 3-6 in the last election ☺

As far as apologies go I am seriously considering starting a weekly newspaper, I might have a hard time getting a city business license though.

When I wrote the newsletter I didn't intend to take a dig at the city government when I wrote "over the years"

However looking back I can see how someone who had been there over the years might be a little touchy about what wasn't done.

Lee Helle