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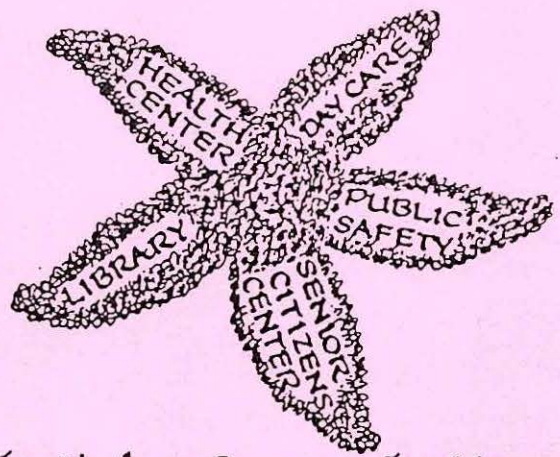
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

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Casco Bay Lines News

The most pressing bit of news to emerge from the Casco Bay Lines last Directors meeting involves the first phase of the so-called Océangate project, which could begin sooner than most expected. Jeff Monroe, director of the Port of Portland, informed CBL Directors in its January meeting that a design plan for an expanded ferry terminal should be finalized by April so that construction could begin as early as this summer.

To that end, the Board agreed to visit the idea of exactly how (and if) the terminal should be expanded in a series of meetings to occur in February. Among the issues raised and accommodated in a first sketch of an expanded terminal include perceived safety issues. It is believed that traffic and pedestrian flow intermingle in a way that could lead to accidents. Further issues include a more sheltered waiting area for the Gate 5 (Machigonne II) area, a more efficient freight handling area and system, and the addition of a second floor of the terminal to accommodate administrative offices and a possible tenant.

Anyone with interest in redesign of this terminal, in other words, anyone who lives on any of the islands, is welcome and encouraged (behooved?) to attend these meetings: Thursday, Feb. 1, 07:45, Executive Committee meeting; and Friday, Feb. 9, 07:45, Board of Directors meeting.

The Bay Lines Operations Committee will also be discussing a volatile issue at its February 2 meeting (07:45): a look at how pushcarts should be admitted to board ferries. We will discuss whether their size should be limited, whether tickets should be sold for carts, whether carts should be disallowed, and whether people who use carts can still be considered good citizens.

All meetings are held at the CBL meeting room.

-Twain Braden e-mail: cucumber@gwi.net

STAR Deadline and Other Details

DEADLINE for the March issue of the STAR is Sunday, February 25 by 6 PM. The STAR could use a few more volunteers for paste-up, photocopying, and distribution. At this point, there are two teams that alternate months, but they could use some backup members for times when people are ill or away. Speak to Kay Taylor or Judy Piawlock, team leaders or to Rose Ann Walsh or Priscilla Webster at the library if you are interested in helping.

THE CITY PAGE
THOMAS FORTIER, ISLANDS ADMINISTRATOR
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It has been a busy winter. Let me try to update you on the happenings..... There is great momentum on Peaks Island for a **Skateboard Park**, be on the lookout for informational meetings... The **Peaks Island Land Preserve** has proposed a conservation easement on City owned acreage in the middle of the island for perpetuity... the **deer management program** is a success and has not compromised public safety..... A huge step toward **senior housing** on Peaks Island has been taken with the allocation of \$430,000 to move the public works barn to the transfer station..... **Government Pier** is currently in the permit phase, the pier is to be extended and will allow public access.... the **Centennial boat ramp** materials are in and are awaiting warmer weather to begin that project..... if you haven't participated in **Ocean Gateway workshops** then you simply are not trying!.... the **Island Institute fellow** and the City Engineering /Assessors Department continue to work collaboratively in mapping the past, present, and future of Peaks Island..... a **Transportation Committee** is forming with the purpose to review alternative modes of transportation on Peaks Island..... there will be increased efforts and enforcement of **contacting the owners of unregistered vehicles**, and towing certain abandoned cars, as well as enforcement of the **48 hour time limit** in the front parking lot.... the **Island registration program for vehicles** will be tied in to unpaid parking tickets soon, this will assist us all with the current parking issues we face..... the **earth moving/stockpiling/ building height requirements** proposal will be in front of the planning board this month.... the **Ryfield/ Seashore sewer project** is on schedule and continuing thru ought the winter despite 12-24 inches of frozen ground . The **Transfer Station** is nearing completion thanks to the great efforts of the **public works staff**..... If you need more information on any of the above-mentioned issues feel free to call or e-mail me anytime.

PEAKS ISLAND SENIORS

Beat Cabin Fever! Join the Peaks Island Seniors at our meeting on Monday, February 12, at the Brackett Church, 12 noon. It's Pot Luck - bring a main dish, salad or dessert. For more information, call Virginia Horne (5011).

From Public Safety

We would like to remind everyone that we will be towing cars on about 1/29/01. The cars that will be towed are from down front, and have been blocking snow removal. The cars will be towed to town and will cost \$ 50.00 for the tow, \$ 15.00 per day for storage, and any unpaid parking tags will have to be paid to get the car back. Nobody gets enjoyment from towing cars, so please move your car if you think that you are in violation.

The post office as well as the taxi would like it if you could sand your walkways this winter. Sand is available at Public Works.

Are you near a hydrant? If you are, think about shoveling it after a snowstorm. The officers that are assigned to the Island have to shovel over 55 hydrant every storm, thank you.

PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

PINA's general membership met at the Community Center on January 9 to discuss two major issues: draft changes to residential building codes affecting height and possible changes to the rules governing residential property in the island business zones.

Mike Nugent and Marge Schmuckal from the city's Inspection Division passed out draft changes to the city's building code that would prohibit filling in and regrading a housing site so as to evade height restrictions. The changes would apply the 35-foot height limit using the average of the predevelopment grade and would limit the stockpiling of fill dirt. Discussion brought to light concerns that the allowance of fill dirt was too large; that the residential setback rule on the backshore was insufficient; that not only new construction on the few remaining empty lots but also teardown of existing cottages and replacement with large structures would hurt the character of the island. Mike Nugent invited those with concerns to come to the city Planning Office to air them.

Concerning residential structures in the island business zones, options included making such houses conform to residential rules; changing areas of the business zones; or leaving as is. Mike suggested that the islanders should first have a vision of what their community ought to look like before they proposed zoning changes. Peaks could have its own zoning codes, and Mike said he would work with island residents to develop them. PINA's planning and land use committee volunteered to serve as spokesman, as well as a comprehensive plan committee recently started by Jenny Yasi.

The next general meeting will be at 7:30 PM Tuesday, March 13, in the Community Center.

News for PINA members:

Discount car rentals with Enterprise Car Rentals are now available to PINA members. Membership cards will be mailed to PINA members and upon presentation to Enterprise, discounts will apply. Watch for details in the next STAR and in Harbor Voices. For questions, please call Marianne Jaffe 766-0088 or email (mjaffe1@maine.rr.com).

MEET THE LEGISLATORS

CBIDA is hosting its annual reception for State Representatives and Senators from York and Cumberland Counties at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, February 3, 2001. Gather for coffee and conversation in the conference room at Casco Bay Lines. Residents of all Casco Bay Islands are welcome. Interested in State education funding for Portland schools, tax reduction or increased services as part of this year's State budget, or an operating subsidy for Casco Bay Lines? Here's an opportunity to give your views to our representatives in Augusta.

Peaks Island School...

Connections

One of the best parts of the day on Peaks Island is the comings and goings of people to and from the ferry. Walking is probably the most enjoyable because you meet up with lots of folks one way or the other. We all exchange happenings that are personal, Island, Portland, national and world related. We make connections.

I'd like to invite community members to attend a **Connections Council Meeting** at the Peaks Island School on **Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at 7PM**. At the meeting we will explore information on the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.

This federally funded program could be the source of grant money (starting at \$125,000) for our Island community providing programming for preschoolers, parents, adolescents and seniors. What are the needs of our community and how can they be met are the topics that will drive our discussion.

Come and attend the meeting and make those connections that make us the vibrant community that we are.

Peaks Island's Health Center News

26 Sterling Street PO Box 52 766-2929

The Health Center Board would like to express appreciation for the many gifts in memory of Mary Dennison and Dot Flynn and to extend our sympathy to the families of these cherished islanders who have left a rich legacy of kindness and outreach to others.

This month, Marshall Woodward, a licensed acupuncturist living on the island, will begin offering her services at the Health Center on Wednesdays, between 3 PM and 8 PM. For information or an appointment, phone her at 766-2083.

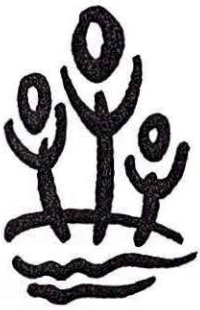
February hours for medical services: Mary Libby, RN, FNP, will see patients on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 4:30. Dr. Martin will be on the island every other Thursday afternoon. For an appointment, call 766-2929 or Dr. Martin's Windham office at 892-7055. The Health Center will be CLOSED Monday, February 26.

Acupuncture: Wednesdays, between 3 and 8 PM. Phone Marshall Woodward, 766-2083, for an appointment.

Dental Services: The dentist will be here Friday, February 16. The hygienist, on Wednesday, February 21. For an appointment, phone the Center for Community Dental Health, 874-1025, ext. 3005. Leave a message for Wanda on her voice mail and she will return your call as promptly as possible.

Podiatrist: Dr. Gregory will be on Peaks Island, Wednesday, March 7. For an appointment, call Dr. Dorsey's office, 761-3889.

Peaks Island Children's Workshop News



Peaks Island Children's Workshop

P.O. Box 80
71 Herman Avenue
Peaks Island, ME 04108-0080

Telephone: 207-766-2854
Fax: 207-766-2739

Mother Nature's generous gift of snow this past month has given the children great outdoor fun! The sledding within our playground is a popular activity with some of the older children practicing their snowboarding skills (on sleds) on our snowy slopes. A snow cave was designed in our sand table one day when we brought the snow indoors and icebergs were formed in our water table when chunks of ice fell from our roof.

The Workshop now has a new logo designed by Kim Traina and Marty Braun that more clearly portrays our work with children and families and we thank them for their time and skill.

We would also like to thank those people in the community who support us in small but important ways---from donating their bottle return slips to the center to bringing us interesting recyclables to use in our art area as well as those who remember us when their children outgrow quality used toys and books. Thank you!

We hosted a Parent Workshop about "Developmentally Appropriate Practice" with Sue Reed from The Maine Roads To Quality Accreditation Project, Edmund S. Muskie Institute, as part of our "self study" towards national accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, D.C.

Playgroup for February takes place on Wednesday mornings for infants/toddlers and their parent/caregivers from 10:15-11a.m. There will be no playgroup on February 17 due to public school vacation.

The Food Pantry, located in our building, is available to anyone in the community. Just give us a call or stop by during our operational hours of 7a.m. to 6p.m. to use this service.

Until next month---hug your child often!

Author Visit

Mary Cerullo, local author of children's books on the ocean, will visit the Peaks Island School on **Monday, February 12 from 7-8 PM**. She will incorporate readings, anecdotes, costumes, video and role-playing to immerse her audience in the ocean worlds. The following books will be available for sale and signing by Mary: *Sea Soup: Phytoplankton*; *The Truth About the Great White Sharks*; *Lobsters: Gangsters of the Sea*; *Dolphins: What They Can Teach Us*. The presentation is open to the public; bring the whole family! Sponsored by the Peaks Island PTA.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue Telephone: 766-2585

Pastor: Father Fred Morse

Parish Council: Pastoral - Jean O'Toole and Marie Watson

Financial - Ed Daranyi and Chris Hoppin

Bookkeeper: Louise Cattivelli

Mass: Sundays at 12 noon. Check island bulletin boards for updates.

Sacraments/Faith Formation:

Rite of Reconciliation: Ask the priest before and/or after Mass or call Father Fred for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please call Father Fred at least six months in advance.

First Communion/Confirmation: Call Janet Dye at 766-2395.

Journey is the theme for our Parish Retreat. Scheduled for March 3rd, the first Saturday in the 2001 Lenten Season, the retreat begins at 10 am in the Parish Center. Bring a brown bag lunch and soup will be provided. The retreat will conclude with Mass at 3:45 pm. To register, please call Patricia at 772-6182.

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church?

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults answers questions and begins the process. For information, please call Claire and Monique at 766-2220.

Parish Center Activities: Weight Watchers - Mondays, 6:00 PM; Blood Pressure Screening - Thursdays, 10 AM; AA - Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Thank You...

The family of Doris (Dot) Flynn would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness to us all, during her illness and with her passing.



Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

9 Church St, Peaks Island 766-5013

e-mail: PeaksIsleRev@aol.com

Rev. Johanne Dame Roberta Deane, Lay Leader

Worship Service - Sundays, 10 a.m.

Coffee Hour follows our Worship Service on Sunday mornings. Church school is held during the worship service for children ages 5 to 12 and childcare is provided for younger children. All are welcome to join us.

Mission Statement: called to be a caring, Christian community worshipping, praying, witnessing, reaching out to those on the island and beyond; daring to grow and change as God calls us.

Peaks Island Branch Library News
OPEN: Tues. 2-8; Wed. 10-4; Fri. 10-2; Sat. 8-12noon
Pre-School Story Time, Wed. 10:15
766-5540

A Book of Poetry by York 8 students at King Middle School has been given to the Peaks Island Library by the students' teacher, Luisa Martinez. "In their geology expedition, "Rock the House," York 8 students studied the history and formation of our planet." Their studies inspired the poems, including two by Peaks Islanders Neil Kinner and Becky Lynch. Check it out.

Understanding the Universe: An Introduction to Astronomy is available on video at the Peaks Island Library. This is part of the Great Courses on Tape series and may be of interest to those taking the astronomy class through Adult Education at Peaks Island School.

House Bound? If the winter weather or illness keeps you at home, the Friends of the Peaks Island Library will treat you to a book delivery by taxi. Just phone the library (766-5540), tell us what book or what type of book (or video or magazine) you would like, and we will see that it gets to you. Don't be shy. Use this service when needed.

Adult Book Discussion is the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. For the March 6th discussion, read Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger. Carol LeBlanc will moderate the discussion of this book, which she picked because of the publicity surrounding a book, published recently, by Salinger's daughter. Everyone is welcome.

February Movies

Regular showings will be on Saturdays in the Community Room. Family Flicks, 6 PM, Feature Films, 8 PM. Admission FREE.

2/3 6 PM: "Otis and Milo" G-76 min; 8 PM: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" 108 min.

2/10 6 PM: "Our Friend Martin" G-60 min; 8 PM "Manchurian Candidate" PG-13-126m.

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL!! Wed, February 14, 8 PM, "Moonstruck" PG 102 min.

2/17 6 PM: "My Dog Skip" PG-90 min; 8 PM: "The Hurricane" R-155 min.

2/24 6 PM: "Curly Top" G-75 min; 8 PM: "The Piano" R-121 min.

Bookmarks with movie descriptions and dates are available at the library. If you would like to receive the schedule by e-mail each month, sign up at the library. Suggestions for future movies also may be left there. Film showings are sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library.

Friends of the Peaks Island Library Board : meeting planned for Thursday, February 15, at 7 PM at the library. The meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Questions? Phone Carol Eisenberg, president, 2332.

American Legion Post 142

The American Legion and the Skateboard Park Committee would like to thank city representatives Tom Fourtier, the Island Liaison, and Nancy Geer of Parks and Recreation for their cooperation and support with the Skateboard Park Project. The efforts of committees and donors are greatly appreciated!

Members and guests are invited to kick out cabin fever at a reunion of blues band *Ed Vadas and the Fabulous Heavyweights* on February 10. Our own Chris Tuttle, bass player, organized this event. Red beans, rice, and buffalo wings will be served at intermission. The doors open at 7:00. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance at the Legion (or call 766-0079) and \$6.00 at the door.

On February 20 there will be a chili contest to benefit the fundraiser. Bring your own to enter, or sample absolutely everything for \$5.00! The contest begins at 7:00 and a prize will be announced at 8:00.

We have enough people to get the Sons of the American Legion active again. If you are interested, please call Jennifer at 6-0079. We hope to have everything put into place within a few weeks.

Ladies Auxiliary Unit #142 News

Thanks to all who came out for the January Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed socializing with their Island neighbors that they may not see during these cold months. We saw a few new faces and no one went away hungry that morning.

Thanks, again to the members and friends that helped made this event a success. Future events will be posted in the "Star".

STAR OF THE SEA STUDIO'S

OUR DANCERS ARE BUSY WITH ANEW SEASON. IT WILL BE A BUSY ONE.

STARTING IN FEBRUARY WE WILL BE ENTERTAINING AT THE LOCAL NURSING HOMES. ITS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO PERFORM FOR THE RESIDENTS ,THEY ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF OUR VISITS.

OUR SPRING SHOW THEME IS,"THE LEGEND OF TUMBLEWEED COUNTY" A TALE OF THE OLD WEST IN SONG AND DANCE. FOR YOUR CALENDER, THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE: RIVERTON SHOW IN PORTLAND, WED. MAY 16th 6.45pm. THE PEAKS ISL. SHOW SUN. MAY 20th . 3. pm. IN THE GREENWOOD GARDENS PLAYHOUSE. THANKS TO THE PEAKS ISL. LIONS CLUB FOR THEIR SUPPORT. ON MON. JULY 9th. FOR SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHON CONVENTION, 1pm.(approx).ON MON. AND TUES. AUGUST 13th FOR THE LIONS ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW.

INBETWEEN OUR SHOWS WE WILL BE BUSY WORKING FOR NEW PROGRAMS IN ADVANCING OUR STUDENTS IN DANCE AND THEATRE WORKSHOPS.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING US FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND NURSING HOME VISITS. JUST CALL ME (DOREEN),WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT.

GOD BLESS-STAY HEALTHY.

MUSICALLY YOURS, DOREEN

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Written request forms must be filled out before the room can be scheduled. These forms are available from Denise. If Denise is not available, please leave a message for Keith Hansen at 874-8870 during regular business hours. Denise checks her messages on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

** ISLAND HAPPENINGS **

If you have any suggestions for winter activities, especially activities we can do right here on Peaks Island, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.

TEEN PROGRAM (ages 12 – 18)

Monday evenings 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Community Center
Wednesday evenings 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the P.I. School Gym (Open Gym)
Cost: \$.50 per night

ADULT BASKETBALL at Peaks Island School Gym **Tuesday evenings**
6:30 – 8:30 pm \$2 drop-in fee current session ends on 2/27

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM (using videos) **OPEN to ALL!**

This free on-going program meets on Monday & Thursday mornings
9:30 to 10:30 am Peaks Island Community Room

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE MOVIES (right here on Peaks Island)

1:00 pm in the Community Center

Thursday, February 8: *The Trip to Bountiful* starring Geraldine Page
Thursday, February 15: *Adam's Rib* starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn

SLIDE SHOW: MOROCCO with Renee Bouchard and David Emery

Thursday, February 22 11:00 am at the Community Center FREE!
Sunday, February 25 4:00 pm at the Community Center FREE!

** OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS **

Pre-registration required. Sign-up sheets are on Denise's bulletin board in the Community Center. Phone registrations begin on February 5 (leave message at 766-2970). Each trip has a small van fee. Trips canceled due to inclement weather may not be able to be rescheduled.

EXPLORING "DOWN SOUTH": SHOPPING AND EATING IN BIDDEFORD

Spend time at the Bargain Barn & the Goodwill Store (and more!). Lunch will be at Governor's.

Friday, February 9 10:00 am boat/ 3:15 pm return
Deadline to register is Thursday, February 8 Transportation fee: \$2.00

AREA EXHIBITS: USM GALLERY and the RIVERTON TROLLEY PARK DISPLAY

See James Walsh's unique exhibit called "Walks" at USM. Step back into time and view images of the historic Riverton Trolley Park at the Parks and Recreation office. See images from glass negatives taken over 100 years ago of the Casino, Trout Pond, Amphitheatre, Boathouses and more.

Friday, February 16 11:15 am boat/3:15 pm return
Deadline to register is Thursday, February 15 Transportation fee: \$1.00

BUS TRIP TO BETHEL: REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER

Thursday, March 1 8:15 am boat/5:35 pm return
Deadline to register and pay is Thursday, Feb. 22 Cost: \$19

See the unusual wall murals at the Moses Mason House, one of the finest house museums of its era (1813) in northern New England. The O'Neil Robinson House was the most expensive house in Bethel in its day (1821). Price includes motorcoach transportation, guided tours and on site demonstration of crafts. Lunch (not included in fee) will be at the Sunday River Brewing Company. No refunds after February 22.

HAVE YOU WALKED THE TRAIL?



Begin to look for the Indian Trail on the right after you have crested the hill on Brackett Avenue.

Before there were horse-and-buggy roads, and traditionally, before there were white people, this was the way anyone walked across the island from "down front" to the back shore most directly.

The course of the original Indian trail is followed through pine woods as far as the remains of the WW II Battery Steele Control Bunker on Alderbrook Road.

A short distance off-and-on Alderbrook Road brings the trail to Whaleback Road, then past Battery Steele. The trail then bears left behind Battery Craven, and on to Hussey Road, leading directly to Whaleback.

Whaleback is still the most spectacular of the fingers of ledge jutting out into the open Atlantic on the outer side of Peaks Island. Until the great February storm of 1987, one could see where the ledge got its name. That great winter storm loosened fragments of rock two feet square and fifteen feet long, then flung them like jackstraws onto the beach below. Every winter since, Whaleback has lost more of its identity as great surges off the Atlantic have added to its fragmentation.

The Trail continues on asphalt Seashore Avenue, past Big Cat Daddy, a WW 2 mine encasement, turning off inland on an old trail opposite Wharf Cove.

Sometimes on old roads, and sometimes following the line of old trails, the last leg of the Indian Trail passes the remains of WW I (1916) bunkers, with WW II observation towers in sight; and returns to Brackett Avenue, less than half a mile from where it took off.

Thanks to —
The Casco Bay Island Development Assn.
The Peaks Island Neighborhood Assn.
The Appalachian Mountain Club
They had a hand in developing this Trail.