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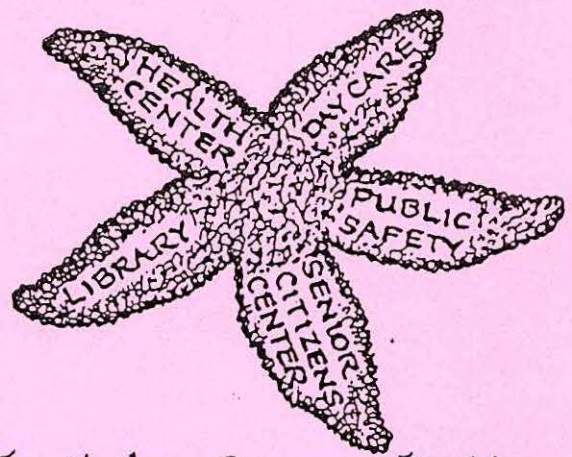
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Peaks Island STAR



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

FEBRUARY 2003

VOLUME 23

ISSUE 2

Randall-MacVane Out-Post 142, American Legion



PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE 04108
(207) 766-2102

THANK YOU, PEAKS ISLANDERS !

On Sunday, January 19, the first of four winter Pancake Breakfasts was held at the Legion Home. A Good Time was had by All !

The next three Breakfasts will be held on the following Sundays listed below from 8 AM til 11 AM. NO SMOKING

February 16	Come take the family up the hill to the Legion Home and beat the cold with a nice
March 9	hearty breakfast of Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee & Juice.
April 16	

DONATIONS TO THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE !

Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 16 for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner !!!

Corned Beef & Cabbage w/all the Fixin's
4 PM til 7 PM

Donations: Adults \$ 10.
Under 12 \$ 6.

Tickets on sale February 20 @ the American Legion Home or contact Bob Willwerth at 766-5636.

CRIBBAGE PLAYERS WANTED

Looking for a Few Good Men (or Women) on Monday & Wednesday from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Peaks Cafe, Bob Willwerth wants to have a CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT. Please call 766-5636.



VALENTINE

POETRY



READ



FEB 12 ~ 7:00 PM

More Info.
in the STAR

MEET WITH YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS

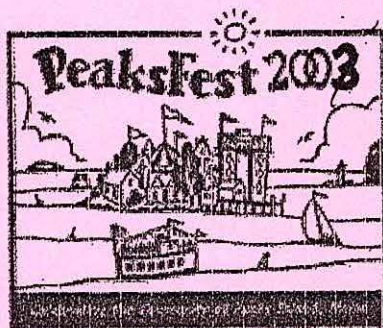
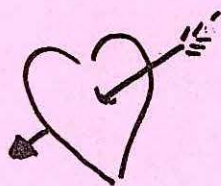
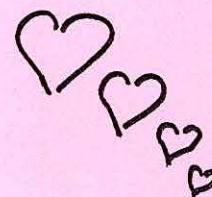
Casco Bay Island Development Association (CBIDA) is sponsoring a reception for newly-elected and returning Legislators from Cumberland County again this year. The Legislature is in session now under a new administration. This is an opportunity for residents of the Islands in Casco Bay to listen to the various legislators' views on how to solve the State budget deficit, cope with high healthcare costs, change the education funding formula, reform of the tax structure and other issues that affect all Maine residents.

It is also a opportunity for Island residents to bring up and explain to our Legislators issues that are unique to Island living. Public transportation by boat, fishing regulation, and distance from healthcare providers may be State government issues that mainland lawmakers have not experienced or thought about. Here's a chance to ask questions and express opinions.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

9:30 A. M.

At Casco Bay Lines Terminal Conference Room



PeaksFest 2003

As you're slogging through the snow and bundled up against the cold, try to think ahead to the first days of summer and the second annual PeaksFest, a weekend of fun celebrating the Peaks Island community. Last year's PeaksFest was such a success, that we've decided to do it again, and **you** are invited to join in and help us plan. Remember the scavenger hunt, the images of Peaks, the beautiful pies and the guest celebrities who judged them, the bike parade, the pie-eating contest, the fireboat tours, the music, the food, the fun!

Come to our meetings and help make this celebration even more fun. We'll meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. So please come and bring your ideas to the table, because this year we hope to have many more events. We're also looking forward to the participation of all the island merchants this year.

If you have questions, ideas, or need more information, call David Cohan at 766-5642.

PeaksFest 2003 will be the weekend of June 20th-23rd. Think summer -- now!

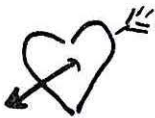
VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

If you'd like to volunteer as a driver, please call Judge Carl Ingraham at 0053.

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Tue. 2/4	George Rosol	0059	Fri. 2/19	Ruth Williamson	5825
Wed. 2/5	Clare Cary	5548	Thur. 2/20	Roxanne Marks	0066
Thur. 2/6	Mitch Bucciarelli	450-7904	Fri. 2/21	Dan Murphy	5849
Fri. 2/7	George Rosol	0059	Tue. 2/25	Jeanne Hayman	2742
Tue. 2/11	Ron Shaw	3394	Wed. 2/26	Deborah Kendall	0034
Wed. 2/12	Carol Warner	0022	Thur. 2/27	Peg Astarita	5997
Thur. 2/13	Roy Mottla	5837	Fri. 2/28	George Rosol	0059
Fri. 2/14	Dan Murphy	5849	Tue. 3/4	Pat Croy	2562
Tue. 2/18	Jeanne Hayman	2742			

Substitute driver for February is Joe Burman at 2565.

If you need a ride on the island, please call the volunteer listed above for the day you need a lift. It's best to call a day or so before, if possible. The drivers may not be at home waiting for your call; they may be out picking up or delivering someone else. Most have answering machines, however, so leave a message or try the substitute driver. We'll do the best we can! If you need to get to the ferry, the health center, the library, the store, or the post office and, for some reason, you can't "hoof it," help is on the way! The usual hours are Tuesday through Friday daytime hours (excluding major holidays), but if you're really in a bind at other times, give any of us a try.



BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9 CHURCH ST., PEAKS ISLAND, ME 04108 **207-766-5013**

Worship Service 10 am Sunday;
 Church School is held during the worship service

Meetings: United Methodist Women Tues. Feb. 4th 11:15 am at the parsonage
 Christian Ed & Mission Committee meets Sun. Feb. 9th after church
 Worship Committee meets Sunday Feb. 16th after church

Blankets & Towels Wanted: We're collecting clean, good condition blankets & towels (but not sheets!) for the Oxford Street Shelter in Portland: Drop in specially marked box in the Fellowship Hall.

Game Night - Back by popular demand----Midwinter Island Potluck and Games Night.....We will be hosting an all-island potluck supper on **Sunday February 9th at 5 pm.** Brackett Memorial will provide drinks and host an evening of fun for everyone. If your last name begins:

- A-F bring a salad or vegetable dish,
- G-M bring a main dish, and
- N-Z a dessert.

Prepare that special dish, pack up a board game and join us for good food, good company, and a good time!!

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue Telephone: 766-2585 Pastor: Father Fred Morse

Mass: Sundays at 12 noon.

Sacraments: Rite of Reconciliation: Ask the priest before or after Mass or call.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please call the office at least six months in advance.

Activities: Weight Watchers – Wednesdays 6:00 PM; AA – Thursdays 6:00 PM;
 Daisy Girl Scouts – Some Saturdays at 9:30 AM; Others as announced.

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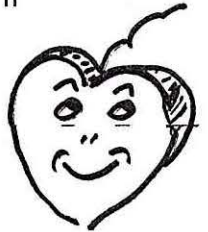
Peaks Island School

Here is some news from our school. All of our students are signed up for an island musical. Faith York is working with students every Monday after school with the help of George and Cevia Rosol who wrote the musical. Some students will be working on scenery while others will be singing and acting. Please mark Friday, April 4th on your calendar so that you will be here for this wonderful evening. Shhh...the theme is a secret so you'll just have to come to find out what's going on.

Bob Auclair, our art teacher, has set Tuesday, March 11th for the Peaks Island School Art Show. This show will be held at the Community room from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and will display the children's art and a piece of writing. If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these projects, please call Sue Carlson 766-2528. What great opportunities for the community to see our talented students in action.

LEAD, a leadership skill program for our 4th and 5th grade students meets once a week to learn about communication, problem solving and community action. The last few weeks the students have been writing to senior citizens who have been unable to hold their monthly luncheon. In the May the students will visit Chewonki, an environmental camp, to put all their learning into action.

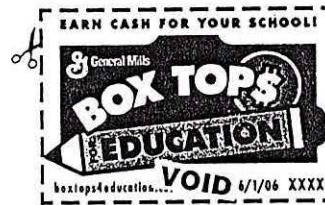
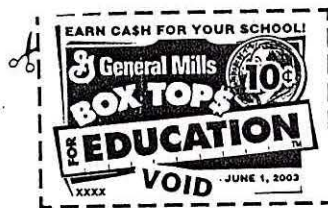
Finally, our PTO made the suggestion that it would be nice to have additional island artists come to school on the days that Bob Auclair, our art teacher, is at Cliff Island. The days are February 13th, March 13th and April 10th. If any island artist would like to volunteer, please call Sue Carlson at 766-2528. Many thanks to those who have already worked with our students.



PEAKS ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **PTO**

Please don't forget to bring in your pennies for our Penny Drive as it nears its conclusion on Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12th.

Designs for the new playground are almost complete! We are hoping to use the Box Tops fundraising program to support the playground renovation effort. Please look for these coupons on your grocery products. Lists of products and collection boxes are available at the School and the Library. Coupons can also be brought to Hannigan's and the monthly Senior Luncheon. Also please take a look at the Box Tops Marketplace at boxtops4education.com before shopping online. Using this site as a gateway to sites such as Amazon.com can bring funds into our school as well. We appreciate the effort.



Representative Needed: The recent state budget deficit in Augusta could mean the potential loss of millions of dollars for Portland Schools. The Portland School District is exploring the option of organizing a major grassroots presence in Augusta. We are looking for a key contact person to represent our school. The contact would work with staff, parents and students to determine what approach works best for our school and would coordinate efforts with key contacts in other schools. Please call Kathryn Moxhay 766-2756 or Sue Carlson 766-2528 if interested.

Peaks Island Youth Initiative

The Peaks Island Youth Initiative is planning some great activities for the island youth (teens) during February and March. If you are interested in any or all of the following please contact us: Diane Ricciotti 5183-Lynne Richards 2984-Rose Ann Walsh 4453

This is open to all youth in grades 6-12.

Interested in learning to **knit** or increase your **knitting** skills? What about **video graphing** or **photography**? Would you like to learn **CPR** or take a **Red Cross Babysitting Course**? We need at least 8 people for the babysitting course. Would you like to go **rock climbing** or to the **new Bath Skate Park**?

The date is set for the next **Chinese Food Nite** Wednesday, February 19th at 6:15 pm in the Community Room. The cost this time is \$8.00 and it must be **paid in advance**. **Happy Cooking** is inviting all young artists ages 12-18 to participate in their **Island Youth Art Exhibit** to be held in March. Diane Wiencke will be at the Chinese Food Nite to speak to everyone and then on Thursday February 27th she will be in the Community Room to help in preparing artwork to exhibit. All artwork must be labeled name, age, phone number and price (if you wish to sell). If you have questions about the exhibit please call Diane Wiencke at 766-2264.



Peaks Island Children's Workshop
71 Herman Ave. 766-2854



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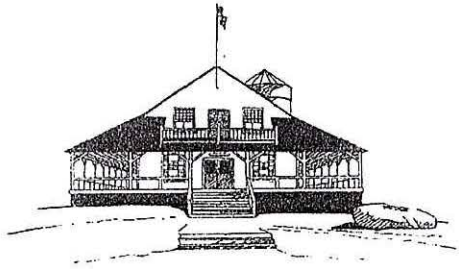
Brrrrr, it's cold! That won't stop us from having a good time. The wonderful deep snow has been great for sledding on our playground and for designing cool forts. We have been using the abundant snow in our water table and with our watercolor liquid paints; we have been creating colorful snow structures. We are currently learning more about the Wholly Mammoth and how it survived some very harsh weather. With our very chilly weather, we could find one frozen somewhere on our island!

The Alliance for Child Care Education and Supporting Services (ACCESS) Development Committee came out to visit and video taped our center for a video that will help market quality child care in the State of Maine. We were all very excited and the film crew learned a lot about our programs with the help of some very talkative children! Keep your calendars open, we may have the video in time for our Spring Open House!

- The Food Pantry continues to be stocked. Please call or stop by if you are a family in need. We are open M-F, 7am-6pm.
- Our Friday Playgroup has been very popular. We love seeing new faces and the regulars! Don't forget to check out our parent/community board for information on workshops, trainings, resources, craft ideas, and much more! Playgroup is from 10:15-11:00am every Friday. Playgroup will be cancelled on Friday, February 21st.
- We have some new faces coming into our program and we are all very excited. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our program, please call or stop in for more information.

Valentine Poetry
Feb. 12th
7pm
Community Room
Read...
More info. on
another page...





FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM

P.O. Box 41
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207)766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

The Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center is pleased to announce that it has adopted a new name. As of December 1, 2002 the organization shall be known as the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum. During the past several years it had become increasingly clear to the Fifth Maine's Board of Directors that the name of the organization did not adequately describe the Fifth Maine's origins and present status as an historical/cultural institution. After much discussion the Board and membership approved the new name which reflects its mission "to foster a sense of history for residents and visitors by interpreting Maine's Civil War role and Peaks Island history, and by hosting educational, cultural and civic events."

The organization itself will not change. We will continue to preserve the Fifth Maine Regiment Memorial Hall and offer the same kinds of programs and services to the community as we have for the past 48 years. These include historical exhibitions, walking tours, lectures, Civil War encampments, concerts, art shows, and school programs as well as space for community-wide activities. Membership remains open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Fifth Maine at fifthmaine@juno.com or (207)766-3330.

PEAKS ISLAND LAND PRESERVE



The snow, cold and sun have produced great skiing and snowshoeing in and around our island. The trails through the PILP lands in the center of the island at Battery Steele and the old gravel pit are magical in the way they wind through the woods and access areas that are inaccessible during the rest of the year. This land is all of ours now and we hope that many people are experiencing the beauty of winter here.

One of the main focus points for PILP presently is designing ways to encourage these safe, healthy and fun activities on our land and discouraging behaviors that are not. Battery Steele is important to all of us for it's cultural, historical and environmental values but it is also the site of unsafe and destructive behaviors such as fires and driving motor vehicles, and dumping.

The main goal for preserving the Battery Steele property was to ensure its future as an open space to be enjoyed by all. Dumping presents environmental hazards and destroys the beauty of the place. Motor vehicles cause serious damage to both the natural area and the structure of the Battery. Over time, the weight of the vehicles will cause the roof of the Battery to cave in. And fires could easily spread from a small to a large area in a short time because of the dry undergrowth in the forest. For these reasons all motor vehicles, fires and dumping are prohibited from Battery Steele.

PILP is in the midst of brainstorming ideas for educating and publicizing these restrictions. We welcome any and all suggestions.

And lastly, thank you to all of our members and supporters who helped us finish off the year with a very successful annual appeal. Your support enables us to continue in our work to protect the island's character and environment! Happy New Year.



PINA NEWS

AT ITS GENERAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, (7:30 PM at the Community Center) the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association will present AN OVERVIEW OF PROPOSALS TO REFORM THE STATE TAX STRUCTURE. We plan to have speakers who will discuss objectively the various suggested reforms. At this time we are not inviting advocates of specific proposals and we do not plan to have a debate. Speakers will answer questions. Also, literature on various tax reform proposals will be available on our resource table. Strong political will to address taxation problems seems finally to exist, and Peaks Islanders should do everything possible to insure that changes are fair and meet our concerns. PLEASE LOOK FOR POSTED NOTICES WITH MORE INFORMATION. Also, PINA is forming a committee to study and report on tax proposals. If you are interested in being on this committee, please call Charles Enders at 766-2022.

There are presently two vacancies on the PINA Steering Committee. We have at least one candidate and we shall have an election to fill any vacancy for which we have a candidate. If you wish to be a candidate, please call Charles Enders at 766-2022.

The Waterfront and Transportation Committee will have a meeting at 7:30 PM on February 13 at the Community Center. The possibility of resuming taxi or similar service on the Island will be discussed, as well as other topics.

Please note that the membership voted that henceforth PINA meetings will normally be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Neighborhood-Based Plan Draft #2 Available

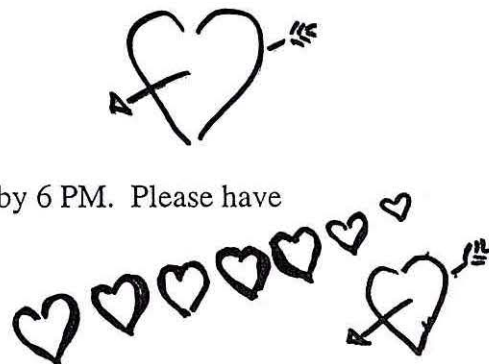
The Peaks Island Neighborhood-Based Plan committee will place copies of its second draft, revised with more community input, in the Peaks Island Library and on line at the Web Site for PINA, the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association (www.geocities.com/netpina/pinaplan).

Islanders are asked to read and react to the plan by the end of February so a final draft can be prepared for submission to the City of Portland's planners.

For additional information, contact Chris Hoppin at 766-2593, Nate Gray at 766 2022, or Cynthia Cole at 766-5550.

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DEADLINE FOR MARCH STAR: Tuesday, February 25, by 6 PM. Please have articles typed and ready for print.



Senior News

There will **not** be a senior luncheon in February. I'm sure the cold weather and snow is the reason. Hope you are all well and snug in your homes. We will inform you about the March meeting in the next STAR.

News From the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building 766-5540 www.portlandlibrary.com
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

" Saturday Nights at the Movies"

Children's movies at 6 pm Adult movies at 8 pm

Stop in the library for the listings of February Movies.....start popping the popcorn!!!!

Brought to you by the Peaks Island Film Academy, a committee of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library. FREE. In the Community Room

Book Discussion: Tuesday, February 4, *Servants of the Map* by Andrea Barrett; March 4, *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett, and April 1, *Lovely Bones* and *Lucky*, both by Alice Sebold. Please feel free to attend any or all of these. Book discussions are on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM on the library balcony. Give us a call and we can set aside a copy of the book for you. Anyone is welcome at any discussion.

Parents and Caregivers: Pre School Story Time is at 10:15 on Fridays. Nursery Rhyme Time for infants and toddlers is at 11 on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Also on Wednesdays, there is a Play Group, organized by mothers, at 10 AM in the Community Room. Nursery Rhyme Time at 11 could make an enjoyable end to your outing.

Housebound? Don't let that keep you from using the library. Call us and we will try to arrange to get books, magazines, tapes, or videos to you. If it is icy out or if you or your family are ill and cannot get in please call us.

Children's Museum and Portland Art Museum passes: The library has passes available to each of these museums. Give us a call or stop in, then plan an afternoon or day in Portland.

What to do on a cold winter's day? We have a great collection of cookbooks. You could discover a new recipe and warm your home with the smells of something wonderful. We'll even point out a few of our favorites.....

Valentine Poetry Read: The Sometimes Annual Valentine Poetry Read will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Community Room. Please join us for an adult evening of poetry, prose, song and multiple forms of the spoken word, all with the theme of **LOVE**. Romantics and skeptics alike, bring your words or those of your favorite writer. Rich and decadent **Desserts** also welcome! The library is pleased to sponsor this event. For more information, phone Suzanne Parrott at 766-2344 or email her at islandpainter@earthlink.net



Peaks Island Film Academy Seeks More Volunteers



The Friends of the Library Film Committee is recruiting projectionists for the Saturday Night Movies. If you like to see movies, this is a great opportunity to help out and enjoy yourself all at the same time. If you would like to find out what is involved, talk to current projectionists Todd Smith (2490), Charles Enders (2022), Marty Braun (9726), Fred Bradgon (5534), Sam Eliot (5787), or Jamie Carlson (2977), or you can speak to us at the library. Each projectionist shows movies once a month.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
WINTER HOURS
Tuesdays and Fridays 8am-3pm and Wednesdays 4pm-7pm
766-2929

Thanks for your help in calling ahead to make an appointment. We remain committed to meeting islanders' health care needs but may close early if no one is scheduled. This helps us to more responsibly manage our operating expenses.

Nancy Wright, our Nurse Practitioner, is available **if you are acutely ill** (but not in need of 911) **and need care outside our regularly scheduled hours. Page her at 741-1371.** At the voice prompt, key in the number where you can be reached. **If she doesn't respond** (being off island or away from a phone), **call Dr. Martin's on-call provider at 892-7055.**

NEW: To prevent disease and promote early detection, we will be holding **Blood Pressure Screenings – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (2/11 & 25) 1-2pm** at the Health Center.

DENTAL CARE
874-1025 Ext. 3017

Island dental services are open to everyone. Regular exams, x-rays and cleanings can be done right here on the island. The charge for the hygienist is \$59 due at the time of service. Dental care charges depend on what's needed. We encourage islanders to use this service. If there are not 7 people scheduled, the dentist and hygienist may need to cancel their scheduled visits to the island.

The, **hygienist will be here on Wednesday, February 26.** The **dentist will be here on Wednesday, March 3.** Call Yvonne at the Center for Community Dental Health for an appointment.

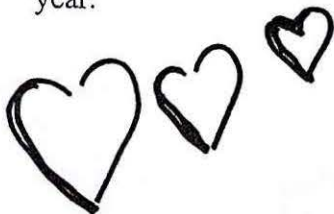
FOOT CARE
761-3889

Dr. Dorsey or Pingitore will be on the island to attend to your podiatry needs on **Wednesday, February 5.** Call them at the Ankle and Foot Center for an appointment.

HEALTH TIPS: Though we've seen many of you this winter with stomach and respiratory infections, the state authorities tell us **the "flu" has yet to hit.** They continue to **recommend a flu shot** for everyone. We have flu vaccine available if you need.

MANY THANKS: to **Gene Taylor, Joe Kane, AJ Alves, and Rick Ivers** for keeping our entry paths and parking clear through this very snowy and cold season; to **Melissa Conrad** for her help and expertise in developing ways to let people know what's happening and available through the Health Center; to **Jim Lausier** for the beautiful Christmas Wreath that remains up as a winter's promise of green to come; and, to **all of you** who have so generously contributed to the Health Center Annual Fund and to the Health Center and Senior Housing campaign.

Wishing you health, warmth and sure footing through this quiet and beautiful time of year.



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 requests must be filled out before the room can be scheduled (forms are available from Denise). Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time (Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays).

** ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL **

BINGO and BIRTHDAY PARTY - EVERYONE INVITED!

(those celebrating February birthdays will be honored - as well as those who have had birthdays since October but missed their party)
Monday, February 10 1:00-2:00 pm at the Community Center

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION at PEAKS CAFE

Enjoy muffins, coffee, friends and maybe even some songs!
Pre-registration appreciated so we can let Lisa know.
Friday, February 14 8:30 am - Meet at the Cafe

FREE MOVIES ON PEAKS ISLAND: *Cactus Flower* (103 minutes)

Starring Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergman and Goldie Hawn
Thursday, February 20 1:00 pm Community Room

FREE LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM - OPEN to ALL!

This on-going program includes stretching, weights (provided), low impact aerobics & relaxation. Emphasis is on doing what is comfortable for you.
Monday and Thursday mornings 9:30-10:30 am Com. Rm.

** 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 6 (leave message at 766-2970). Each trip has a small transportation fee, in addition to fee listed. Minimum for each off-island trip is 8. Programs canceled due to inclement weather may not be able to be rescheduled. **Please note:** Check out the Senior Calendar for activities with the in-town Senior Program. All senior adults are welcome to participate. Calendar and registration forms are displayed outside Denise's door. Be sure to register directly with them.

LATE LUNCH at the MAINE SUPER BUFFET

(with some time to shop at Pine Tree Shopping Center)
Thursday, February 13 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return
Deadline to register is Monday, February 10

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP

Monday, Feb. 24 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return
Deadline to register is Thursday, February 20

SPRING FLOWER SHOW - NEW LOCATION AT SCARBOROUGH DOWNS

Enjoy a breath of Spring! Food vendors on site for those who want late lunch
Thursday, March 6 12:45pm boat/no later than 5:30pm return
Cost: \$8 for seniors (non-seniors will be an additional charge)
Deadline to register and pay is Monday, March 3

ATTENTION TEENS (GR. 6-12): OPEN GYM AT PI SCHOOL 6:15-8:15pm

Wednesday, February 12 and February 26 Other dates/activities TBA
Registration forms and behavior contracts must be signed and returned prior to participating. Please leave a message at 318-7685 if you need forms.

