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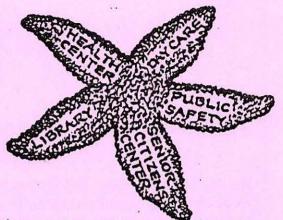
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Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

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Sometimes Annual Poetry Reading

Do you like poetry, write poetry, like to listen to others read or sing poetry? Join us for an adult evening of poetry, on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, at 7 PM in the Community Room. This evening is for you. The theme is love, as it plays out in spoken verse or song.

If you can, bring a poem to read and a dessert to share, or just come and enjoy. Suzanne Parrott will coordinate the program. Please phone her for information or offers of help (2344). It is sponsored by the Peaks Island Library.



Deadline for next month's STAR: Saturday, February 25, by 6PM, please.

Thank you to an anonymous donor for a contribution toward the STAR printing costs.

PINA NEWS

NEXT PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 PM at the Community Center

The JANUARY GENERAL MEETING of PINA featured a description by City of Portland Attorney Gary Wood of the legal requirements for Peaks to secede from the city, with a presentation of the likely calendar of important actions along the way. Island Independence Committee Facilitator Mike Richards commented, as did City Councillor Will Gorham, State Representative Boyd Marley, and several islanders.

The essential steps for secession are:

- 1. A petition requesting a public hearing signed by more than 50% of registered voters in the secession territory (Peaks Island and House Island) is submitted to the City of Portland. This petition was submitted on January 6.
- 2. The City Council holds one or more public hearings chaired by a moderator. It is hoped that the moderator will be chosen by mutual agreement. The petitioners must make a formal presentation including a description of the problems that led to the petition and a written report on the impact of the secession on property taxes in both the secession territory and the rest of the city. It is desirable that a written presentation and a city response be made public before any hearing.
- 3. An advisory referendum is held within the secession territory, hopefully in June. The City Council may also hold a referendum in the rest of the city.
- 4. If the advisory referendum passes, the City Council votes for or against secession.
- 5. If the City Council votes for secession, secession legislation is submitted to the Legislature.
- 6. If the City Council votes against secession, efforts are made to resolve disputed issues. If necessary, a mediator is retained and a mediation report is submitted to the Legislature within six months.
- 7. Unless the secession petition is withdrawn, the secession decision is made by the Legislature.

PINA DOES NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE SECESSION FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND. It sees this issue as of vital importance for Peaks Islanders and therefore is providing a forum in which all positions on the question may be presented.

There are now three levels of PINA membership, basic member for two dollars, friend of PINA for five dollars, and PINA patron for ten dollars. We invite you to visit the new PINA WEBSITE, www.PinaInfo.org, a source of information about past, present, and future activities of PINA as well as other island activities.

The Steering Committee will have its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 7 P.M. at the Community Center.

STAR OF THE SEA STUDIO'S

Our Dancers have started a new season of dance. We hope to have a short program for entertainment at the local Nursing Homes. Peaks Studio on Sunday: 766-2727 Our Spring Show will be "Those Fabulous Years", Great Music – Great Dances. Our Boutique will be open on request. Call 766-2727, Many Knitted Articles, Our new item – Berlin Natural Bakery is well received. All Natural – No Preservatives, Breads, Rolls, Buns, Cookies and a new item, Pumpkin, Zucchini Cranbananapineapple. All breads come fresh from Berlin, Ohio. We are a Non-Profit Company. All proceeds go to The Maine Children's Cancer Programs and St. Jude's Children Hospital. We appreciate your support and many thanks,

Musically Yours

Doreen & Co.

Peaks Island Tax Assistance (PITA)

Are you ready to beat the winter blues by adding some fun to your life? An old fashioned, fun filled Winter Carnival is coming to Peaks Island during February vacation week. Peaks Island Tax Assistance started the ball rolling with other groups and businesses joining in. An Identify Your Neighbor Contest will be posted on the Peaks Cafe wall. Come see just how well you know your fellow islanders by their eyes only. An evening ice skating party followed by hot chocolate will kick off Monday night. Wednesday evening will include a spaghetti supper and Kids' Craft Night at the Baptist Church. There will be two seatings: one from 5pm till 6pm, and the second from 6:30pm till 7:30pm.

Peaks Island Land Preserve is working on an outdoor event. The city road crew is leaving Linden Avenue (off Tolman Heights) for a great tobogganing run. A snow sculpture contest will be a work in progress all week. On Friday evening the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will be hosting a dinner. The culmination will be Saturday night with a dance at Jones Landing. Hors d'oeuvres and music appealing to everyone will be on tap. Line up a baby sitter early 'cause you don't want to miss this one. Tickets will be for sale at the Peaks Cafe with the proceeds benefiting the Peaks Island Tax Assistance. All events throughout the week will either be free or reasonably priced so everybody can join in.

Look for posters in the usual spots for weekly updates.

On a more serious note, City of Portland Property Tax Bills will be coming out this month, and once again, Peaks Island Tax Assistance is prepared to assist homeowners with tax payments. If you need tax assistance or know of someone on the island who may need tax assistance, please pick up a form at the Peaks Island Library, Health Center, or Peaks island Cafe.. You will also find an application as an insert in the **February Island Times**. All applications must be received on or before February 24, so that taxes may be paid to the City of Portland on time.

Shep Johnson, retired Methodist Minister; Casey Collins, Minister of Brackett Church; Ruth Williamson, retired United Methodist Minister; Lincoln Stelk, retired Episcopal Minister, and Sam McCain, retired Episcopal Minister are helping with the application process. You may contact one of them to file the request. The Clergy will determine eligibility based only on need, and all homeowners will be given equal consideration and treatment. Only the clergy will know the names of the applicants. Complete confidentiality is maintained throughout the process. All payments for tax assistance will be made directly to the City of Portland. Cynthia Pedlikin (766-0067) for The Peaks Island Tax Assistance Committee

PEAKS ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

235 PLEASANT AVENUE PEAKS IŞLAND, ME 04108

766-3037 PASTOR: REV. BEAU BOYLE

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 am

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY PRAYER 7:00 pm

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue

Father Fred Morse, Pastor

766-2585

Sunday Mass - 10 AM

Please join us for Mass and afterwards for lunch, refreshments and fellowship.

Sacraments

Baptism, Rite of Reconciliation and Marriage: Call/ask Father Fred after Mass.

Ministry to Shut-Ins

We have formed a group of parishioners to visit islanders who are unable to come to Church. Please contact any parishioner or call Toni Muro at 766-2639 to learn more about his new program.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins March 1st with Mass and the distribution of ashes at 6 PM.
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BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9 Church St., Peaks Island, Maine 207-766-5013 The Rev. Casey Collins brackettmumc@yahoo.com "The white church at the top of the hill."

Worship with us at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, a community church open to all.

ADULT Sunday School will begin again on February 5 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Would love to have you part of this group.

Spiritual Journeys meets the second Sunday of the month. The next meeting is on February 12 at 7 p.m. Join this group of diverse thinking!

Our next Soiree (open mike night!) is February 10 at 7:30 p.m. It's open mike night and a great opportunity to visit with friends, make new ones and share talents. Come be entertained or entertain.



Peaks Island Children's Workshop 71 Herman Avenue P.O. Box 80 766-2854

Thanks are in order to all the PICW Board members who have filled in the vital management areas until a new director is hired and thanks to those who were involved with the hiring process in choosing a new director. Your time and commitment is immeasurable!

Before the mid-winter blues start getting you down, the Workshop is offering yet more fun activities to families, children and community. As mentioned in the last STAR, all island knitters are invited to donate knitted items to benefit the Workshop. These items will be on sale shortly before Valentine's Day at the Gem Gallery on Feb. 11 from 12pm-3pm. Come and enjoy some treats and pick up something made by some of the island's most talented knitters to keep your sweetie warm for the rest of the winter! There's still plenty of time to donate. Call 766-5756 for more info. Next Parents Night Out is scheduled for Feb. 25th from 3:30-7:45pm. Call the Workshop for details.

A Family Dance and Beach Party is being planned for March 10th from 6-9pm at the Community Center. Come and enjoy sand, surf and 80's music by D.J. "MCEC"! More details in the next STAR.

Food Pantry-open Mon-Fri 7am-6pm

Playgroup-every Fri 10:15-11am free—join us! (No playgroup when public school is closed)

VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

The volunteer island taxi service is available for all islanders. If you need to go anywhere on the island, please call the volunteer for the day you need a lift. It's best to call a day before, if possible. Most drivers have answering machines so you can leave a message if they're not in. We usually operate Tuesday through Friday during the day.

Date		Driver(s)	Phone	Date		Driver(s)	Phone
Wed Thu Fri Tue Wed Thu	2/1 2/2 2/3 2/7 2/8 2/9	Marty Braun Chris Hoppin Larry Blake Marjorie Phyfe The Carys Marianne Jaffe	9726 2593 2360 2307 5548	Thu Fri Tue Wed Thu	2/16 2/17 2/21 2/22 2/23	Carol Warner George Rosol Jeanne Hayman Roy Mottla Dan Murphy	0022 0059 2742 5837 5849
Fri Tue Wed	2/10 2/14 2/15	The Pedlikins Tony Muro Mere Roberts	0088 0067 2639 5819	Fri Tue Wed	2/24 2/28 3/1	Nancy Hall Monica Stevenson Jackie Clifford	2514 2010 0022

To volunteer as a driver, please call Cevia Rosol at 0059 or Nancy Hall at 2514. We always need more drivers, and it's a great way to give something to the island.

Peaks Island Health Center 87 Central Avenue 766-2929

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8-12:30. Nancy can see patients later on a case-by-case basis, with prior arrangements.

Same-day appointments are available for acute illness, however it is always best to call ahead to provide for better patient care, and to avoid waiting.

To page Nancy outside of office hours for acute care, her pager # is 741-1371.

We have received pnumovaccine supplies, which can help reduce the risk of pneumonia for those over 6 months of age. Call to schedule an appointment.

Drs. Dorsey and Pingatore, from Foot and Ankle Associates, will be at the Peaks Island Health Center on April 19th. Call their office directly for an appointment #761-3889.

The Dental Hygenist will not be here in February, due to staffing problems. Call their direct number for more information. #874-1025

The Peaks Island Health Center is committed to maintaining patient confidentiality, in compliance with the Federal Health Information Patient Privacy Act.

KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY! EXERCISE, EAT RIGHT, AND SEE YOUR HEALTH
PROVIDER REGULARLY!!!





Volunteers of America

Northern New England



PEAKS ISLAND VOA ELDERLY HOUSING/SENIOR CENTER at the

Fay Garman House 89 Central Avenue Peaks Island, ME 04108 Tel: 766-2173 Fax: 766-2097

WE STILL HAVE TWO APARTMENTS AVAILABLE CALL 766-2173 TODAY!

- Applicant (head of household) must be 62 years or older
- Rent is based on 30% of adjusted income
- Incomes cannot exceed \$22,550 (singles) or \$25,750 (for two people)

TO ACCESS THE SENIOR CENTER for an event or your community group please contact us at 766-2173 to reserve the space. Appletree Answering Service provides 24-hour messaging services. All non emergency calls are returned within 48-hours/two business days.

VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in facilitating an activity or providing entertainment for our residents, please call us to discuss your special interest or talent that you would like to share.

SENIOR NEWS

The Peaks Island Seniors have been invited to lunch at the Peaks Island School on Monday February 13th at 11.30 a.m.

It will be great to interact with the children and perhaps they will have a program to present. Plan to attend it should be fun!!

This will be our regular monthly luncheon. Bring a friend or for those seniors who haven't attended before, what a great time to start. The luncheons are open to all island seniors. It is sure to be warm inside and the company will be enjoyable. Hope to see you there.

Peaks Island School

There is much mid-winter news to share from our wonderful school as we approach February! As a culmination of their multicultural studies, our primary students have been celebrating the Chinese New Year. With the guidance of parent Jean Hoffman, our kindergartners learned and painted beautiful Chinese characters representing numbers and months as one of their many fun and educational experiences. Along with other cross-curricula activities, grades K-2 created spectacular Chinese zodiac booklets with parent Kathy Hanley. Walking into their classrooms feels like one is on a trip to far away lands with colorful displays of art, writing, and the sounds of music from cultures around the world.

Understanding the importance of energy consumption, conservation, and alternative sources has been the focus of our intermediate grades' science studies. Following much preparation by their classroom teachers, grades 3-5 worked with outreach leaders from the Maine Energy Education Program (MEEP) at our school on January 19. Beginning with a lively debate on comparing types of energy sources, the students spent an amazing day constructing apple generators to test the conductivity of various metals, used wind turbines to illuminate LED lights, and powered fans through solar power. The hands-on day ended with all students competing in teams during a game of Jeopardy that included the categories of fossil fuels, renewable energy sources, and electricity. Their understanding and transfer of knowledge was extraordinary and, I, for one, was relieved not to be competing! MEEP will return shortly to work with our students on collective ways to make our school more energy efficient.

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Island Community Invited for Read Across America Evening

In celebration of Read Across America Day (better known as Dr. Seuss Day), Peaks Island School will hold a mid-winter night's read on Thursday, March 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school. Students, families, and community members are invited to bring favorite books, flashlights, pillows, and stuffed animals as we turn the lights down low and read around the school. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be served. Don't forget to wear your PJ's!

February at 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

Peaks Islander Doug Smith is highlighted in the <u>Portland Magazine Winter Guide 2006</u>. Doug is the illustrator of <u>Wicked</u> and <u>Son of a Witch</u>, books by Gregory Maguire that tell of continuing adventures in the Land of Oz. The library has both books and we subscribe to Portland Magazine. Come check them out!

The first and second graders from Peaks Island School were here in January for their monthly visit. As part of the program we planned for them, which related to the book we read, Mike the Mailman arrived with a letter for each child. Then they each read their letter aloud to the group and had to find a book that was mentioned in their letter. First, thank you to Mike for delivering the letters. His timing was perfect and the kids enjoyed seeing him. We also want everyone to know what good readers the kids are. Their poise, their vocabulary, their sounding out skills, and their comprehension amazed us. When we wrote the letters, we wondered whether we were shooting to far over their heads. Not a chance!

First Tuesdays Book Discussion will meet February 7 at 7 PM to discuss When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka. For March 7, there are two books: *Truth and Beauty*, a novel by Ann Patchett, and *Autobiography of a Face*, the true story on which the novel is based, by Lucy Grealy. Everyone is welcome. The library has copies of the books. Give us a call if you would like to reserve one.

Home Delivery: the library will try to arrange home delivery for parents of sick children, anyone who is sick, and those who cannot or should not come out under icy conditions. Just give us a ring, tell us what you want, and we usually can work it out. We can select books, movies, or magazines for those who want us to.

E-mail: It has come to our attention recently that there are people who would appreciate being able to send us an e-mail, requesting us to get books for them or to place reserves on popular titles. The address for that is peaks@portland.lib.me.us

Children's Programs continue with PreSchool Story Time on Fridays at 10:15 and Nursery Rhyme Time for Infants and Toddlers on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:15.

Saturday Night Movies in February

All movies are free and shown in the Community Room. An adult should accompany children.

Feb.	6 PM	Feb.	8 PM
4	Black Stallion, Rated G, 117 min	4	Beaches (1988) PG-13, 123 min
11	Roxanne (1987) PG, 107	11	Closer (2004) R, 104 min
18	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954) G, 127 min	18	Down by Law (1986) R, 107
25	Because of Winn Dixie (2005) PG, 106 min	25	Manchurian Candidate (1962) PG-13, 126 min

Peaks Island Land Preserve

PILP invites you to enjoy the winter wonderland found on trails throughout Peaks Island's many conserved propertieswatch for announcements of guided excursions!

ISLAND INDEPENDENCE COMMITTEE NEWS

The City Clerk has verified the signatures on the Petition for Public Hearing and will schedule the hearing, probably in March, to discuss the need for secession, pros and cons of self-governance, other possible solutions, and the tax impact on the island and city.

The Island Independence Committee (IIC) continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the discussions and decisions regarding Peaks Island governing itself.

January 5th meeting: The IIC discussed participation of Peaks Islanders in submitting the Petitions for Public Hearing to the City Clerk, preparing for the upcoming Education Forum, participating in the PINA forum on secession process, finalizing the IIC Newsletter, and improving the IIC website.

January 6^{th:} A delegation of islanders brought the signed petitions to City Hall and turned them over to the Clerk for verification.

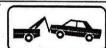
January 12th Education Forum: Mike Langella and Lynne Richard presented a detailed financial analysis of what it will cost the Town of Peaks Island to educate its children. Attendees discussed the issues and asked to expand the inquiry to school improvements.

January 19th meeting: The IIC discussed feedback on the Education Forum, improving future forums, improving communications among islanders regarding self-government, joining PI Tax Assistance group with Winter Carnival fundraisers, drafting by-laws for the IIC, and preparing for the public hearing before the Portland City Council.

CALENDAR: February 2 @ 7 p.m. – IIC Steering Committee Meeting February 16 @ 7 p.m. – IIC General Meeting



Winter Snow Reminder



rev. 11/05

During winter months, the City of Portland implements <u>City wide parking bans</u> for snow plowing and or snow removal. <u>Also when necessary</u> a limited parking ban in the YELLOW ZONE, in the Portland Downtown District, may go into effect for snow hauling*. The bans go into effect at 10:00 p.m. and continue in effect until 6:00 a.m. the following morning. However, under extreme conditions, the hours may be changed or extended.

All vehicles left on the streets during a snow parking ban will be towed at the owners expense.

TO FIND OUT IF A SNOW BAN IS IN EFFECT YOU CAN:

- 1. Call the winter parking ban telephone number, 879-0300.
- 2. <u>Listen</u> to radio & watch television broadcast.
- 3. Check the City Web Site at: www.portlandmaine.gov You can also sign up for automatic E-mail or pager notification at this web site.
- 4. Look at the "Time & Temperature Sign" which will flash "Park Ban."
- 5. <u>View</u> several illuminated "Parking Ban In Effect" signs located at several intersections leading into the City.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. * See other side

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. **Note:** Denise will be out ofthe office from February 18 until March 2. Messages will be checked on Friday, February 17 and then not again until Friday, March 3. Please plan ahead to reserve the Community Room as no reservations will be accommodated while Denise is out. Written requests must be filled out before the room can be scheduled (forms are available from Denise). Until February 18, messages will be checked on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Please see Denise's schedule in on her bulletin board.

** ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL **

MONTHLY MADNESS: "FUN-TASTIC" FEBRUARY

Join us in the Peaks Island Community Center for some fun, laughter and games - with "fun-tastic" prizes!

Monday, February 6

Bingo - and bring your favorite joke

10:30 am and 1:00 pm

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Thursday, February 16

Card Games (anyone play Hearts?)

10:30 am and 1:00 pm

Please note: Ground Hog Fun Day, scheduled for Thursday, February 2, has been canceled

FREE MOVIE ON PEAKS ISLAND: COOL RUNNINGS

Based on an improbable but true story, *Cool Runnings* concerns the Jamaican bobsled team that competed in the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. The athletes on the team had never even seen snow before, but their desire to compete and win never left them. In the freezing weather, the team is only laughed at, but team spirit and a healthy self-confidence lead to a few surprises. Bring your own cushion.

Friday, February 10

1:00 pm in the PI Community Room

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN GREATER PORTLAND

Please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970 if you are interested in volunteering for RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by the Southern Maine Agency on Aging). There are opportunities to volunteer without leaving Peaks Island.

WALKING PROGRAM CONTINUES (as long as there are walkers to brave the weather)

Monday and Thursday mornings

8:15 am - Meet at the PI Community Center

No program on Monday, February 20

FREE LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM - Open to ALL!

Monday and Thursday mornings

9:30 to 10:30 am in the Community Room

This on-going program includes stretching, weights (provided), low impact aerobics and relaxation exercises. Emphasis is on doing what is comfortable for you. Limited space available - call 766-2970

ADULT BASKETBALL (18 yrs and over): TUESDAY EVENINGS, FEBRUARY 7, 14, and 28

** 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 9 (leave message at 766-2970). Minimum for each off-island trip is 8. A transportation fee (minimum of \$3) is charged for each program. Programs canceled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled during this month. Please check the "in-town" calendar on the Bulletin Board outside the Community Room. Register directly with Norma (registration forms available from Denise). If you are interested in being on a "spur of the moment" list, please sign up. Sometimes, last minute openings are available for the in-town events.

A TASTE OF SPRING FLOWERS - A BIT OF SHOPPING - AND LUNCH TOO

A visit to Skillin's in Falmouth is like a breath of springtime. We will have time to shop at Wal-Mart and Shaw's.

Lunch will be on your own - Falmouth House of Pizza or Lotus Chinese and Japanese Cuisine.

Friday, February 17

10:00 am boat/3:15 pm return

Cost: \$3 (van fee)

ATTENTION ALL PEAKS ISLANDERS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR "MARCH INTO MAY 2006"

GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 6 KICK OFF PARADE - MONDAY, MARCH 13 1:00 pm at the PI Community Center 8:05 am, walk from boat to the PI Com. Ctr.