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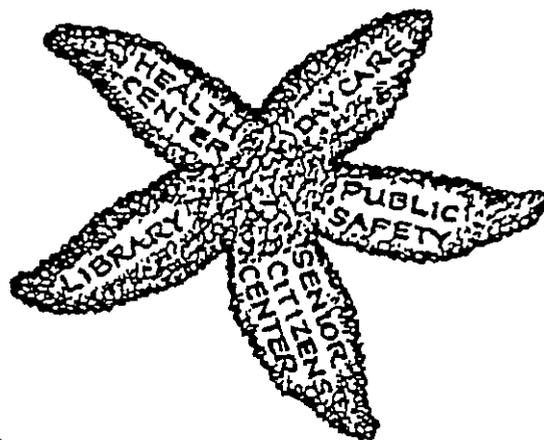
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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February at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building 766-5540 email peaks@portland.lib.me.us
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

Make Your Own Valentines: The Peaks Island Girl Scouts will be hosting and helping at this event on Tuesday, February 11, between 3:30 pm and 5 pm. Stop in at the library and make a valentine or two. All materials will be provided and all ages are welcome.

Valentine Poetry Read: Wednesday, February 12, 7 pm. Bring your own work, a favorite poem or two by someone else or a song. The theme for the evening is love in all its variety. As always, if you would like to come and just listen, you are absolutely welcome. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Suzanne Parrot (766-2344) or Jesse Mantsch (jmantsch@maine.rr.com) or the library. People are needed to help decorate and to bring decadent desserts. This sometimes-annual event will double as the February congress of Stone Boat, a monthly open reading of poems on the island, going strong since this past May.

Reminder To All Middle School Students who have been reading to come in and have your punch cards punched. We need to see you by Saturday, February 15th. Read 6 books and we will host a pizza party just for you! If your books are longer but the equivalent of 6 books, come talk to us.

Peaks Island Author Reading: Nicole d'Entremont will read from her new book, *A Generation of Leaves*, a novel about World War I, on Tuesday, February 25, 7 pm in the Community Room. The novel started out as a short story written in the summer of 2008 in the small French Acadian fishing village of Middle East Pubnico, Nova Scotia, her father's birthplace. Five years and much research, travel and rewrites later, it is now a full novel, in time for the World War I Centennial this year. To read more about the novel, you can go to Nicole's blog: <http://nicole-dentremont.com/blog/> or read interviews with her by Patricia Erikson at peaksislandpress.com. There will be books for sale and refreshments.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: In March, the fourth and fifth graders from Peaks Island School, along with their teachers, Mrs. Nilsen and Mrs. Walden, will join us for a discussion of *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book.

Nursery-Rhyme Time: for infants and toddlers, Wednesdays at 10:15

Preschool Storytime: Fridays at 10:15

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

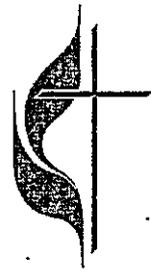
Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, and Reconciling Congregation

9 Church Ave., Peaks Island, ME 04108

Rev. Angela Tarbox, Pastor

207-766-5013; www.brackettmumc.org; brackettmumc@yahoo.com



Anyone is welcome to join any of our worship, fellowship, or mission opportunities.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10am. Followed by an informal time of food and fellowship in the church hall.

After School Bible School – Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30 at Brackett church. A Vacation Bible School style curriculum for kids in grades K-5. We have snacks, games, videos and activities that help us to learn more about God and to experience God's love in our lives. February 5, 12, 26.

Tween Nites – Every other Friday, 6:30-9pm (generously co-sponsored by the Peaks Island Fund). For youth in grades 6-8. February 7.

Adult Scripture Study Tuesdays, 9-10:30am at Beth Childs' home.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm at the parsonage.

Peaks Island Food Pantry at Brackett Church Mondays, 3:30-5p; Thursdays, 9:30-11a. If you would like to donate non-perishable food, there are drop-off locations at the Community Center and Brackett Church.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY:

Sunday, February 9: The PIPS come to Brackett! You are invited to join us at noon for a performance from the Peaks Island Puppets (PIPS). Always a great show for all ages! Tickets are \$5.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 10 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House.

All are invited and details are at www.cluster21portland.org.

For questions concerning Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage, please contact Father Lou.

Share Scripture with Islanders each Thursday in the Parish House from 9:30 to 11 AM.

Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, February 18th in the Parish House.

AA meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish House.

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Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Our Portland Fire Department continues to work with the Island CERT but we still need more volunteers!

Learn about how you can help Islanders during a disaster.

For more information, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

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PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854
www.picw.org



**The PICW will be closed
Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents day.**

Literary event – February 5th at 6pm @ PICW a collaboration with The Friends of the Library

"Mirrors and Lenses: Why Diverse Books Matter"

Annie O'Brien will share some of the latest findings from neuroscience and social psychology about how children develop racial identities, and we'll have a conversation about how picture books play a significant role in our children's socialization, and how books can be used to spark conversations about race.

The PICW is accepting applications for our WAIT-LIST.
Contact Celeste at celeste@picw.org for applications

The Board of the PICW is always open to suggestions and communication from the community. Please contact us through Board Chair, Gerry Ney at gerryney3@gmail.com

Peaks Island Health Center
87 Central Ave.

Hours: Monday and Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner, provides care for all ages.
Please call either **766-2929** or **874-2466** for an appointment.

A reminder to Health Center patients: When the Health Center is not open, you may contact Kitty or another provider, and receive care at the offices of Portland Family Medicine on Congress St., located just a short distance from Casco Bay Lines. Call one of the above numbers to make an appointment.

A reminder to all Peaks Islanders: Anyone needing blood work can have it done on the Island. Please call the Health Center for an appointment, and bring (or have faxed) a written order from your primary care physician. Health Center Fax: **207-766-5073**

Are you considering using the Health Center (Portland Family Medicine) as your primary healthcare provider? Among the comments heard from new Health Center users:

- * "Kitty Gilbert, the Center's Family Nurse Practitioner, is like an old-fashioned doc, caring and competent, with up-to-date information at her fingertips. When necessary, she makes referrals to top specialists, and, just as important, she makes sure I get in to see them."
- * "I can get an appointment when I need it, sometimes the same day that I call."
- * "The Health Center saves me time and worry by taking blood samples and emailing me the results."

Peaks Island Elementary School

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Food Drive and the community potluck dinner facilitated by Maggie Small were wonderfully successful! We raised money and brought in food donations for the Peaks Island Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated and contributed!

On Friday, February 14th, P.I.E.S. students will participate in the inaugural run of the new *Wabanaki* ferry. As a thank you for participating in the naming contest for the *Wabanaki*, Casco Bay Lines has invited the school to join the other island schools for a tour of the boat and a ride down the bay to Cliff Island. The *Wabanaki* will be put into regular service later in the day.

Students and staff will present an "Exhibition of Learning" evening on Thursday, February 27th. Families and community members are invited to come view student work on Native American studies, Westward Expansion, persuasive writing, and information writing.

Please help us welcome three new staff members at P.I.E.S.:
Rich Boscherini is our Monday/Friday Special Education Educational Technician.
Stephenie Castranelli is our new evening custodian. Caron Morse is our new social worker. We are thrilled to have them with us.



PEAKS ISLAND COUNCIL (PIC)

Peaks Island Council Workshop – February 5, 2014, 6:00 PM at the Community Center.

This is a special workshop for the councilors to start the budget preparation for FY 2015
The public is invited; however, there will be no input from the public at this meeting.

Scheduled PIC meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Community Center.

Next scheduled meeting is February 26 at 6:30 PM. For more information please contact any of the council members: Cheryl Miner Chair, Marjorie Phyfe Co Chair, Mary Anne Mitchel, Jean Martens, Lisa Penalver or Tim Wyant.

Need Based Ferry Tickets

Tickets available through the Baptist Church 956-3072, Brackett Church 766-5013, Food Pantry, Peaks Island Health Center, Peaks Island Children's Workshop, St. Christopher's Church 332-2443 and the Peaks Island Senior Center.

AJ Alves Memorial Resolution

The Peaks Island Council voted unanimously at the January 22, 2014 meeting to recommend to the Portland City Council that the Peaks Island Public Services Facilities be renamed the

AJ Alves Island Services Facility



Peaks Island Land Preserve
FOREVER WILD

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The island's response to the opportunity to purchase and protect the Ice Pond has been overwhelming. Spurred by several very generous lead donors and backed by stunning support from the island community, your donations, pledges, and offers to help fundraise have catapulted us toward our goal. Even Jonah's donuts contributed 10% of his new-years-day profits. We are hopeful as we prepare applications for several grants.

But we still need your help. Beyond the purchase price, we still have the acquisition costs of legal and survey work and the major challenge of repairing the 100+-year-old dam, which is severely compromised by invasive tree roots. Every donation counts, measured not only in dollars but also in your support of this effort for the island community.

Be on the lookout for an upcoming community meeting and a possible comedy fundraiser, both dates to be determined. And please talk about this project with friends, family, and neighbors. We need the widest possible support. To the overwhelming generosity of those who have already contributed, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Updates, dates, and more information will continue to be posted at www.peaksislandlandpreserve.org.

Donations can be made online or at P.O. Box 99, Peaks Island, ME 04108

Peaks Island Girl Scouts Troop 1977

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

The Peaks Island Brownie and Junior Troop Cookie Sale has begun. The scouts are now taking cookie orders for everyone's favorite Girl Scout cookies. Cookies will be delivered to the Island on March 1st and will be available at the Peaks Cafe that day.

For more info, please contact Diane Ricciotti 766-5183

Karen Peterson 766-2226

PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Farmer's Almanac predicted a cold and snowy winter but did those who predict the weather really mean it would be this cold! The extreme temperatures are raising havoc with energy bills. All budgets are out of whack and PITEA has received more requests so far this year. Since July we have paid out more than \$8000 for fuel. The price of fuel has not gone down and families are using much more energy just to keep their home temperatures in the 60's. In January we raised the amount of energy specified on each application to \$400 to meet the rising cost of energy. \$300 just did not buy enough oil, propane or diesel fuel.

Our friends at LPA surprised us with a large donations for energy assistance and we have received some wonderful donations and matching grants from year-round and summer residents. However, we will need more money to meet future requests because the predictions are for more extremely cold weather. Any and all donations will help.

Our next Loaf and Ladle Dinner will be Sunday, February 23rd, the last day of February school vacation. We will be serving comfort foods -- meatloaf, mashed potatoes, etc. As always the food will be delicious, the desserts decadent, and there will be some special treats because it is February.

For planning purposes we will be serving corned beef and cabbage in March and Chicken in April. May will be a total surprise for us all! Watch for the dates and full menus. Remember all of the receipts for each dinner and all of our fundraising go to energy or tax assistance.

Tax bills will be sent out in February. We anticipate a few more requests because of the budget busting costs of energy. We do not think anyone budgeted for the amount of energy we are using.

As always, neighbors or friends may fill out energy or tax forms if they believe that families are in need. Once the clergy member receives an application he/she will know what to do. Our clergy have taken on the responsibility of approving requests for assistance. We will never be able to thank them enough for taking on this added responsibility each month. The police officers and firemen are more than willing to do wellness checks. Thank you for all of your help. It takes all of our villagers to make Peaks such a great place to live.

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

One cure for cabin fever is the February Potluck Luncheon. Come on out on Monday, the 10th, to the Fay Garman House. Please bring a dish to share and join us at noon. All Seniors are welcome! If you don't consider yourself a Senior, come anyway!!



HOME START

Affordable Housing

- Committees – please join us!

Please consider joining a Home Start committee (board membership NOT necessary). If interested, contact the committee chair directly:

- New Projects – development. Chair: Dick Reed (dreed@reedarchitecture.com)
- Property Management – maintenance and upgrades. Chair: Chris Roberts (croberts2222@yahoo.com)
- Publicity and Fundraising – help tell our story and raise funds. Chair: Suzy Kane (suzykane@myfairpoint.net)
- Outreach and Affordability – linking Peaks Island community affordability resources. Chair: Elizabeth Capone-Henriquez (Elizabeth.capone.henriquez@gmail.com)

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and equipment in the Community Building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. Contact Denise at DLM@portlandmaine.gov. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please check bulletin board on Denise’s door for her schedule (not on island on holidays). Check facility availability on-line (<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp>) but you still need to contact Denise to reserve space.

WEEKLY THURSDAY GET-TOGETHERS: KNIT/CROCHET, CHAT and LUNCH (com. rm.)

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 10:45am-12:30pm
Join us as we enter our 4th year of knitting for charity. In 2013, over 300 hand-made items were donated along with gloves and socks. Materials available; donations accepted.

SEND A CARD TO A FRIEND DAY

Friday, February 7 anytime from 11am- 2:00 pm (com. rm)
Bring your own cards or choose from Denise’s stash of “old-fashioned” notes. Keeping in touch keeps cabin blues away!

AFTERNOON MOVIE:

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

Thursday, February 13 1:00 – 3:00 pm (com. rm.)
A couple fall in love and agree to meet in six months at the Empire State Building – but will it happen? This 1957 drama romance stars Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr.

LAUGH FOR YOUR HEART’S SAKE!

Friday, February 14 10:30am – 12:00 noon (com. rm)
Stop by the com. rm. and laugh at jokes, riddles or watch segments from old classic TV episodes. BYO jokes!

BINGO – SHORT MONTH/SHORT PRIZES (whatever that means!)

Monday, February 24 10:45 – 11:45am (com. rm.)
BYO lunch if you’d like to eat it after playing

Wii SPORTS – TRY SOMETHING FUN/NEW

Thursday, February 27 1:00pm at Fay Garman House
Beat the winter blues – come get some exercise and have some fun! Try your hand at bowling, tennis or golf – or just come to see what it is all about. Pre-registration appreciated.

SHOPPING TRIP – PINE TREE SHOPPING CENTER

Monday, March 3 12:45 pm boat/ 4:30 pm return
Look for bargains at Lowe’s, Joanne Fabrics, Big Lots, CVS and Dollar Tree Store. Van fee from CBL is \$4. Minimum is 6. Pre-register and pay by February 27.

On-going exercise programs for Adults
FMI, please leave a message for Denise (766-2970)
Low-Impact Aerobics w/ Weights:
Mondays and Thursdays – 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm.)
Adult Basketball (\$2 pp/per night):
Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 8:00 pm at PI School Gym



Saturday Night Movies in February



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Feb	6 PM	Feb	8 PM
1	<i>Peter Pan</i> (1953) G, 77 min.	1	<i>Once Upon a Time in Anatolia</i> (2011) NR, 150 min
8	<i>Groundhog Day</i> (1993) PG, 101 min	8	<i>Color Me Kubrick</i> (2005) NR, 86 min
15	<i>Freaky Friday</i> (1976) G, 95 min	15	<i>The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus</i> (2009) PG-13, 122 min
22	<i>Nanny McPhee</i> (2006) PG, 99 min	22	<i>Exit Through the Gift Shop</i> (2010) R, 86 min

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH’S STAR: Tuesday, February 25, by 6 pm. Please bring articles copy-ready to the library. If you come when the library is closed, you may put your article in the Book Return or slip it under the door.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ladies & Gentlemen, the Peaks Island Lions Club is actively seeking to augment our membership. Both year-round and summer residents are welcome.
Note: Almost all of our fundraising is done during our season from April through September.

We are a non-political & non-religious 501c (3) charitable organization. All members are volunteers; there are no paid positions whatsoever.

What do we do?

- Grant annual scholarships to all P.I. college students who apply
- Grants to various P.I. organizations, churches etc.
- Grants to various District 41 Projects (Maine) & to the Lions Club International
- Host the annual P.I. Road Race
- Host the annual P.I. Variety Show
- Host the annual Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving baskets
- Christmas Party & Gifts for all PI grade school & younger children

How do we raise funds?

- Lobster Bakes at our facility at Greenwood Gardens
- Rentals of our facility for all types of events
- Monetary gifts from the public

How much do we give?

- \$592,000 Since our inception in 1954
- \$351,000 In the last 10 years
- \$ 35,000 Last year alone

What do our members do?

- Help set-up / cook / serve & cleanup at our lobster bakes & rentals.
- Attend club meetings once a month during our season.
- Many other duties involving ordering / scheduling / maintenance etc.

Please be aware that we know that our members have private lives too and cannot always attend every event or meeting. This is to be expected; however we do especially appreciate those members who make an effort to be helpful when they can.

For more information or to set up an interview: Contact: Ed Ezzard, President PI Lions Club
Cell: 207 756-4713 Email: TheMaineJack@Gmail.com
Already know members? Talk with them.