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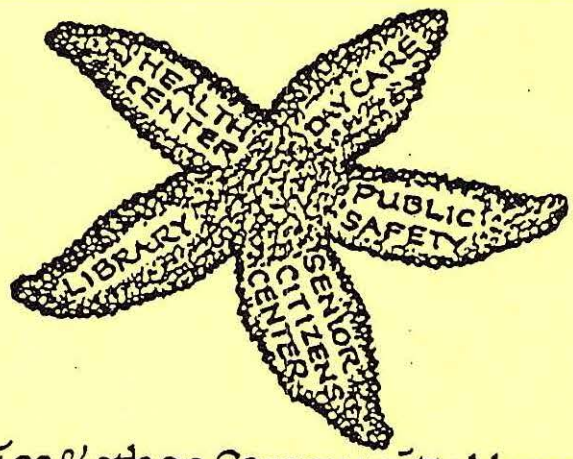
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# Peaks Island STAR



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

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*"... the acquisition, preservation, and stewardship in perpetuity of Peaks Island lands  
for the use and enjoyment of islanders and visitors."*

Peaks Island  
Land Preserve

## Join the Land Preserve for an Evening of Discussions about the History and Stewardship of Battery Steele

The Land Preserve invites islanders to **Brackett Church** from 7 to 9 pm on **Thursday, April 22** for a community discussion of Battery Steele. We are seeking input from the community on two important issues:

- (1) A request that Battery Steele be listed as a National Historic Site, and
- (2) The need for improved stewardship of the Battery Steele property, particularly issues of trash control and environmental degradation in sensitive marsh areas and on steep slopes.

The evening will begin with a presentation on requesting Battery Steele's listing as a National Historic Site and the implications for the island and the Preserve. A number of local historians have helped with the application and will be sharing with the community the interesting information that has been compiled about the Battery.

During the second half of the meeting, board members will discuss steps under consideration for improving the stewardship of Battery Steele and solicit input from members of the community. Among the topics will be our new program of volunteer stewards, signage, and protecting the land from degradation by motor vehicles.

Battery Steele is the most popular of all the conservation areas on Peaks Island and an important part of what makes the island a wonderful place to live and visit. The Battery and surrounding land is protected from development in perpetuity because so many in our community joined in the Land Preserve's efforts to acquire the land almost a decade ago. We encourage all islanders to attend this meeting and contribute to making decisions that will ensure good stewardship of the Battery into the future.

### Can Anyone Help Solve This Puzzle?

A Bible with the name Amelia B. Decker lettered in gold on the front was brought to the Peaks Island Library by someone who found it in her rented house when she was moving. Inside is a photograph of Amelia Ames Decker, and there is an inscription, "Amelia Decker born July 12, 1879. We would like to put it in the hands of its owner or a descendant. Can you help? Come to the library or call (5540) with any leads.





## Peaks Island Children's Workshop

71 Herman Ave. 766-2854 [picw@gwi.net](mailto:picw@gwi.net)



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We are all very excited that the snow is gone and green grass is on its way! We can't wait to see what pops up in our perennial garden this year. Preschool has been busy with jungle animals in the sandbox, practicing letters at the writing table, and making cool collages with pasta and magazine cut outs. School age has been busy focusing on "all things green" with projects around shamrocks and the country of Ireland. They have also constructed an underwater, ocean scene on the wall in the block room and are getting ready for the "Puddle Jumping Olympics" in a few days!

People have been dropping off items for our Children's rummage sale-Thanks! We have a big box on our vestibule porch for anyone to stop in and drop things off. Please make sure that your items are child/kid related: clothing, toys, furniture, games, etc.. More info to come on Date and Time of this event.

Parent/Toddler Community Playgroup: Fridays from 10:15-11:00. Cancelled on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Community Food Pantry is open M-F, 7am-6pm. Stop by or call if you are in need.

Check out our new website: [www.peakschildrensworkshop.org](http://www.peakschildrensworkshop.org) We are very excited to have this up and running...we are still in the process of organizing it, so bear with us as we work out

### News From the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building 766-5540 [www.portlandlibrary.com](http://www.portlandlibrary.com)  
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

**Weekly Programs:** Wednesdays and Fridays @ 11, Nursery-Rhyme Time - for infants and toddlers  
Fridays @ 10:15 Story Time for Preschoolers

**Adult Book Discussion:** the first Tuesday of the Month @ 7 PM. *The Human Stain* by Philip Roth is the book for April 6, and *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi for May 4. Anyone is welcome at any meeting. You do not have to be a "regular" to attend.

**What's New at the Library?** You could be. If you do not have a library card or have not visited the Peaks Island Library in a long time, consider coming in the month of April. There are new books, magazines, CDs, audiobooks, large print books, videos, and DVDs arriving all the time for you to borrow, as well as high-speed internet access and access to databases with which you may not be familiar. We also have "Great Courses on Tape," in both audio and video, and other special collections. April 18-24 is National Library Week. What would your life be like without access to a library? What's here that you might enjoy? We hope you'll come in and have a look around this month. If you do not see what you want, please ask. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

### Saturday Night Movies for April

4/3 6 PM Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat (2003) PG-73 min. 8 PM One Hour Photo (2002)R-96 min  
4/10 6 PM Sword in the Stone (1963) G-79 min 8 PM Hunt for Red October (1990) PG-134  
4/17 6 PM Stone Fox (1987) NR-96 min 8 PM Manon of the Spring (1986) PG-113  
4/24 6 PM Thief and the Cobbler (1996) G-72 min 8 PM Tom Jones (1987) NR-121 min.

All movies are FREE, projected onto a BIG MOVIE SCREEN, and brought to you by the volunteers of the Peaks Island Film Academy, in the Community Room.

**STAR DEADLINE** for next month's issue: Sunday, April 25, by 6 PM. Thank you for your cooperation in limiting your submissions to a half page. There are many organizations sharing the space.



## PEAKS ISLAND YOUTH INITIATIVE

The next Chinese Food Dinner will be held on Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the Community Room. This is open to all teens, grades 6-12. The cost is \$8.00. At our last dinner 2 names were chosen to eat free this time, Congratulations to Haylee Hasson and Jake Schuitt.

On Friday, April 23,<sup>rd</sup> April Vacation Week, we will hold a dinner for teens and the Peaks Island Youth Initiative will pick up the tab. As with both dinners, you need to let us know if you plan to attend so we can order enough food.

Interested in Outdoor Recreation on Peaks Island? There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 – 4:30 pm in the Community Room. This could be skate park, basketball courts, etc. Interested kids and adults are encouraged to attend with their ideas and commitment.

Mike Barter will be conducting an American Heart Association 6 hour class on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Peaks Island Children's Workshop. If you are an interested teen please let us know. This is a free class to become CPR certified.

Did you just turn 18? Are you registered to VOTE? You may do so on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 pm at Bull Moose Music on Middle Street. (Next to Videoport & Anthony's)

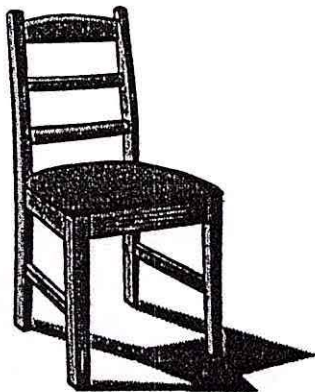
They are participating in the national organization **ROCK THE VOTE.** [✓]

Contact & Questions: Diane Ricciotti 5183 Lynne Richard 2984 Rose Ann Walsh 4453

## Peaks Island School

We have just finished our second trimester school conferences and the students have explained their learning and set learning goals for the rest of the year. It sure will be busy with art projects sponsored by our "chair auction" funding, a music concert with drumming and playground projects. Intermediate classes will present their learning about the States on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and in May the primary students will demonstrate their knowledge of different cultures.

Looking ahead to next year- **Kindergarten registration is set for the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. Families registering a student should provide proof of residency, a birth certificate and an immunization record for their child.** An Open House will be held for parents and next year's kindergarteners from 9:00 to 10:00am on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the school.



## Chair Auction 2004

Last year's chair auction was a big success and people are asking for more chairs! We will once again have small wooden school chairs to decorate, in whatever medium you choose. The chairs will be sold in a Silent Auction during PeaksFest, on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Money raised will benefit our school art programs. If you are interested in adding your name to a list of those who wish to decorate a chair, please call the school at 766-2528. Please apply early.

**PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER**  
**Nancy Wright, RNC, FNP - Jeffrey Martin, M.D.**  
**766-2929**

**HAPPY SPRING!** Hopefully the weather will begin cooperating soon!

**SPRING HOURS: Mondays and Thursdays, 8am – 3pm.** The clinic will be closed **Thursday, April 22, and open Friday, April 23 for Dr. Martin's monthly visit.**

**For acute illness outside of clinic hours, page Nancy at 741-1371.** If she doesn't answer within 15 minutes, contact the on-call provider by calling **Dr. Martin's office at 892-7055.**

**For Dental and hygienist appointments** please call **Yvonne** directly at **874-1025 x.3017.** As of this printing, Yvonne did not have dates available for April, due to staff illness. You can contact her for scheduling and for more information.

**Dr. White, the podiatrist, will not have office hours on Peaks in April.** Please contact his office at **761-3889** to schedule or for more information.

The website for the Health Center is: **[www.peakshealth.org](http://www.peakshealth.org).**

## **SPRING BREAKFAST**

**The Ladies Auxiliary Unit #142 will be serving BREAKFAST at the Legion Hall on Sunday, April 25th beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 12 noon.** The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs & hashbrowns. No one goes away hungry. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends and join us on the 25th. Suggested donation - \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children (under 10 years old). Proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund.

For breakfast information and advance tickets please contact:

Eileen Anderson at 766-5754

Judi Baldi at 766-9720

Janice Wolkoff at 766-5053

Advance tickets also available at Peaks Cafe' and the Legion Hall.

### Senior News

A small but lively group of seniors met for a pot luck luncheon in March. Hopefully now that **SPRING** is here more seniors will attend the April Pot Luck Luncheon to be held on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Brackett Church Hall.



**SPRING AHEAD!**

Daylight Savings Time Starts 2:00 AM  
Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>





**PEAKSFEST IS COMING  
JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>!**

Get ready for another full schedule of over 40 events with old favorites like the kick-off party, pie-eating and pie-baking contests, dog show, parade, kid's activities, nature walks, skateboarding exhibitions, barbecues, scavenger hunt, and closing cabaret performance.

There will even be another Peaks Painted Chair Silent

Auction to benefit our elementary school's arts programs.

And we're planning a bunch of new events for PeaksFest 2004!

This year there'll be a big crafts fair sponsored by Brackett Memorial Church; a "PeaksWalk" charity community walk; a games night with bingo and elimination tournament style "Peaks Poker"; campfire storytelling; and maybe even a wine tasting event and art show.

As in past years PeaksFest is being organized by a sort of ad-hoc committee. Our planning meetings are fun and have become one of the best parts of the whole PeaksFest thing.

PeaksFest planning meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the months leading up to PeaksFest. Meetings are open to everyone and are held at the Peaks Community Center starting at 7:30 p.m.

**Our next few meetings are scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.**

If you'd like to be on our email list, please drop a note to [david@peaksisland.com](mailto:david@peaksisland.com). We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Also, check our website for announcements and to see pictures from past years' PeaksFests:  
[www.peaksfest.com](http://www.peaksfest.com)

**VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION**

**We always need drivers! To volunteer, please call Judge Carl Ingraham at 0053.**

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Thur. 4/1	Chris Hoppin	2593	Tue. 4/20	Carol Warner	0022
Fri. 4/2	Nancy Hall	2514	Wed. 4/21	Joe Burman	2565
Tue. 4/6	Jamie & Marty Braun	9726	Thur. 4/22	Larry Blake	2360
Wed. 4/7	Dan Murphy	5849	Fri. 4/23	Marjorie Phyfe	2307
Thur. 4/8	Chris Hoppin	2593	Tue. 4/27	Judy Piawlock	2109
Fri. 4/9	Pat Croy	2562	Wed. 4/28	Dan Murphy	5849
Tue. 4/13	Marianne Jaffe	0088	Thur. 4/29	Robin Carr	712-6307
Wed. 4/14	Clare Cary	5548	Fri. 4/30	Dan Murphy	5849
Thur. 4/15	Ron Shaw	3394	Tue. 5/4	Dan Murphy	5849
Fri. 4/16	Ruth Williamson	5825	Wed. 5/5	Roy Mottla	5837

**Substitute driver for April is George Rosol at 0059.**

Need a ride to the polls, 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! For a ride anywhere 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! The usual hours are Tuesday through Friday daytime hours (excluding major holidays).



## **PINA NEWS**

**FORTHCOMING PINA MEETINGS: THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION will be held on TUESDAY, MAY 18, at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. The topics for this meeting have not yet been determined. As usual at PINA meetings, there will be updates on island issues and opportunities for islanders to express their concerns. PLEASE WATCH ISLAND BULLETIN BOARDS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. There will be a Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 7 PM at the Community Center to plan the May meeting and discuss other matters.**

**PINA MARCH MEETING: WILL GORHAM, our district City Councillor, discussed taxation. He said that he was not able to say what the mil rate would be after revaluation. Dick Springer did a quick mental calculation of the mil rate assuming that there is no change in the size of the budget and assuming that the present total valuation for the City is 72% of the actual total property value, as has been reported. The mil rate would be about 20. The current mil rate is 26.8. Councillor Gorham said that all City Councillors support obtaining the ability to levy a local sales tax. Councillor Nick Mavodones said that the Portland state delegation strongly supports tax reform, including local sales tax authority. Councillor Gorham said that the state legislature will consider authorizing the local homestead exemption program. He also said that the Palesky proposal to cap property taxes at 1% of valuation would be crushing and that the City Council has not yet discussed how it would respond to passage of this referendum. PINA members indicated a desire for a future meeting to discuss tax reform issues.**

**Gene Taylor and Elena Murdock of the Casco Bay Lines Board described the budget process, which predicted a shortfall of \$100,000 for this fiscal year without changes in fares. The changes adopted are effective on April 17. In response to a question about special fares for residents, Elena said that the fare adjustments adopted were structured to help residents and that she believes that special fares for residents would be illegal. She said that handling, not distance, was the primary factor in freight costs and therefore that it was reasonable to have the same freight rates for all islands.**

**CBL Operations Manager Nick Mavodones described new security regulations for CBL to the extent that he was legally permitted to. He said that the Peaks terminal, unlike all other CBL island terminals, was denied "public access facility" status, resulting in stricter security requirements. CBL is appealing this decision. He said that the working relationship with the Coast Guard is good and that security measures now in effect are generally not noticeable to the public. CBL Board member Chuck Radis noted that there is no requirement for public input on security regulations. He said that on Cape Cod the identity of ferry passengers may be checked, luggage may be searched, and passengers may not occupy their vehicles on boats. Coast Guard Captain Mark O'Malley makes security regulations for Casco Bay. He is considering identity checks and security gates. Chuck said that it is hard to change rules after they have been put into effect. The estimated annual cost of full implementation of rules could be \$200,000.**

**The audience expressed much displeasure with the lack of public knowledge of security plans and the fact that negotiations with the Coast Guard are conducted by the CBL staff without control by the Board, which is elected by islanders. Whether security requirements are affected by Ocean Gateway plans was also asked but not answered. Elena Murdock said that usually the Board has no more knowledge than the general public. PINA adopted a resolution authorizing President Charles Enders to speak for PINA with the media and with Senator Collins, who has oversight of homeland security, and a resolution that the CBL Board be directly involved in making policy on security issues and be fully cognizant of CBL staff security plans and procedures.**



**The City Page**  
**Thomas Fortier, Islands/Neighborhood Administrator**  
**Tel. 756-8288 e-mail: [TAF@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:TAF@portlandmaine.gov)**

The City of Portland will complete its property valuation analysis (Revaluation) and mail out these values to all property owners this month. It is important to note that this new valuation does not have immediate impact on your property tax bill-not until the FY06 fiscal year (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006). Check the following city web sites for up to date information [portlandassessor.com](http://portlandassessor.com) and [portlandmaine.gov](http://portlandmaine.gov)

**Trefetheren** Avenue will be receiving attention from the Public Works crew this spring. The drainage will be improved and the road repaired.

The **Senior Housing** project is set to break ground at the end of this month. These 12 units of affordable housing will be located on Central and Herman Avenues at the site of the old city public works barn, which was recently dismantled.

**Public bathrooms**, located "down front" are currently in the design phase. Whitten Architects will host a public meeting on this project on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the community center, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts and hear about some initial design possibilities.

The **community center** has received a **new generator** that can generate enough power to serve the entire building in the event of a power outage. This generator was obtained through a grant thanks to the persistent efforts of the Police and Fire Department staff.

A brand **new**, hot off the assembly line, **fire truck** is scheduled for delivery to Peaks Island this month. I'll let you know when and where!

**Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D** (Police Officers Striving To Create and Reinforce Dreams) is seeking applications for summer camp. The camp is designed to benefit fifth and sixth graders through direct involvement and mentoring with a variety of law enforcement and criminal justice professionals (who serve as camp counselors). The camp is located in Casco, Maine and will be June 11-18<sup>th</sup>. The camp is free to those children selected, and transportation is provided. Contact me if you are interested.

There will be a continued emphasis on the removal and **towing of unregistered vehicles**. Many unregistered vehicles are in the public right of way. Three (3) vehicles were towed from the parking lot last month, and several were removed from other various locations. The owners of these vehicles will be responsible for the removal costs. Please be a responsible motor vehicle owner. Register your vehicle, get liability insurance, and obey the parking and traffic ordinances. The community will appreciate your efforts.

As always, feel free to contact me –communication is the key to solutions!

Readers take note:

Book discussion selection for Tues. June 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00pm at the library: the DaVinci Code by Dan Brown.  
Everyone welcome!



## PEAKS PATROL

This past month we were alerted to a sexual offender on a neighboring island. Jeffrey L. Mitchell was on the island's playground talking to children when an alert parent notified the local police officer. When the officer arrived, Mr. Mitchell ran from the playground and was located a short time later. Seven years ago, Mr. Mitchell was convicted of aggravated criminal sexual assault on a 7-year old female in Illinois. He served his prison term and was released with conditions. Mr. Mitchell apparently violated those conditions and a felony warrant for his arrest was issued in Illinois. Illinois refused his extradition back to their state after this incident. Mr. Mitchell was issued a criminal trespass notice for Chebeague Island and escorted off the island.

We sometimes view Peaks Island as being immune from the evils of the world and our children will always be safe as long as they are on the island. CBL personnel have noticed Mr. Mitchell boarding Peaks Island ferries within past few months. There are currently no restrictions preventing Mr. Mitchell from having contact with children or where he chooses to spend his time. He lives in the local shelters and works on the waterfront. It is extremely important that parents instruct their children to avoid talking to strangers and to let the parent know if a stranger approaches them. If a questionable contact is made, we ask you to do what the Chebeague Island parent did, immediately contact us through the 911 number. Peaks Island School officials were notified and are monitoring the school grounds during operating hours. CBL captains, deckhands, and office workers are aware of Mr. Mitchell and will notify the officers on the island if he boards a ferry.

The officers on the island have been told to increase their efforts on identifying unregistered vehicles operating on the island public ways. It will be their discretion on whether to summons or give warnings to violators during April and May. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, only summonses will be issued to the operators of unregistered vehicles. This will hopefully bring those operators who do not have car insurance into compliance with the current law. It can be very frustrating to be involved in an accident with an uninsured vehicle.

We are continuing to alleviate the island of abandoned or unregistered vehicles which take up spaces in the parking lot or left on the street. We have several vehicles on our list to be towed during this month. If you have an unregistered vehicle in the parking lot or on the street, remove it to your property, or it will be removed from the island.

John Clement

### **Help Preble Street Kitchen**

**Peaks Islanders are invited to help the Preble Street Kitchen feed the homeless and other folks when there's a fifth Thursday in the month, like this month of April! Mark your calendar: On April 29<sup>th</sup>, we need dessert makers to bring their desserts to the 3:45 PM Ferry and others who are willing to prepare and serve food at the Kitchen from 5 to 7 PM. Please help us help others!**



## CASCO BAY LINES

At a special meeting of the Transit District Board on March 11, the President of the Board and General Manager were authorized to sign a contract with Steiner Shipyard, Inc. of Bayou LaBatre, Alabama, to construct a 110 foot passenger vessel to replace the Island Holiday. This action followed a comprehensive Request for Proposals and evaluation process, conducted in accordance with Federal Transit Administration procurement regulations. Steiner's combined technical and cost proposal was ranked the highest by the District's evaluation committee. Immediately following the evaluation process, contract negotiations between the District and Steiner began. Subsequent to the Board meeting, a final construction contract was signed. Steiner has agreed to use Maine vendors for any parts and materials if their prices are equal to or lower than other suppliers.

SUMMER RATES START ON APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> THIS YEAR.

In mid-March there were newspaper reports that fare prices might be raised 15% on the Maine State Ferry Service in Penobscot Bay, as they move to conform with Homeland Security regulations. Casco Bay Lines does not expect to be affected similarly. Pursuant to Coast Guard regulations, Casco Bay Lines' (CBL) submitted in December of 2003 security plans for the Portland Terminal and its vessels. These plans were preliminarily reviewed by the Coast Guard locally, and are now undergoing review and further approval in Washington. Surveillance cameras have been installed at the Portland Terminal and onboard the vessels, and procedures for inspecting freight, identifying passengers unknown to the crew, etc., must be in place to be used in case of a heightened alert.

The Coast Guard has determined that all docks, except the one on Peaks, used by CBL, are "public access facilities" and therefore more detailed, written facility security plans are not required for these landings. CBL is appealing the decision for Peaks, making the case that it should be classified the same as the other docks on the Casco Bay islands. Residents should write to Senator Susan M. Collins, One City Center, Suite 100, Portland me. 04101, to persuade the Coast Guard that our dock on Peaks is also a "public access facility".

## STAR OF THE SEA STUDIO'S

Our Dancers entertained at two nursing homes this last month of March. The Seaside Manor and the Barron Center. They are looking forward to our return with our Spring Show. Our Irish Show in March, we hope to perform on the Island in the summer. After our Summer Dance Workshop. A 7-week program. Our Spring Show "High On America" will be in early June. Peaks Island and Riverton School classes are open on the Island for Students young and old to participate in the Spring Show. Registration is open until the second week of April. To enroll for lessons and times call 766-2727. Nights and Weekends are available, children through Teens and Adults. We appreciate your support.

*Musically Yours,  
Doreen and Co.*



## APRIL 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, and Fridays)

### \*\* ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL \*

#### **SENIOR "DROP-IN" at the COMMUNITY CENTER: TUESDAYS BETWEEN 1:00 – 2:00 pm**

A great opportunity to socialize with your friends. Jon Call, Recreation staff, will have cards, board games and videos of island happenings available. No program on April 20.

#### **SAVE THIS DATE (and your blood!): Thursday, July 8 (11:30 am – 4:00 pm)**

Peaks Island Annual "Jump and Pump for your Good Health"

If you are a regular blood donor, please note that you are allowed to give blood every 56 days. Plan ahead to give blood on Peaks Island on July 8. Also, start training for jump-roping or hula hooping too!

**CELEBRATE HUMOR MONTH** - Immediately following the Senior Luncheon at Brackett Memorial Church  
Monday, April 12 12:45 pm Bring funny story/cartoon to share as "Laughter is the best medicine"!

#### **CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES (at the Com. Center)**

Thursday, April 22 10:30-11:00 am Preschoolers (must be accompanied by adult)  
Thursday, April 22 12:30-1:30 pm School-age children (adults too!)

#### **FREE DAYTIME MOVIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER: "Seabiscuit" (2 hrs. & 21 min)**

Thursday, April 29 12:30 pm BYO lunch if you wish

#### **FREE LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM - Limited space available**

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

Monday & Thursday mornings 9:30 to 10:15 am in the Community Room

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

Pre-registration required (minimum is 8). Sign-up sheets are on Denise's bulletin board in the Community Center. Phone registrations begin on April 5 (leave message at 766-2970). Each trip has a small transportation fee.

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP AND SHAW'S SUPERMARKET**

Wednesday, April 7 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return

#### **CELEBRATE "NO HOUSEWORK DAY" AT WESTBROOK REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**

Enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by the students at WRVS (and no cleanup afterwards!) Choice of chicken or fish. Please indicate when registering. Lunch is at 11:00 am. A "mystery ride" will follow the lunch.

Wednesday, April 14 10:00 am boat/2:15 pm return

Cost: \$12 includes transportation, full meal and gratuity

#### **CONCERT IN FALMOUTH: "EDITH JONES PROJECT"**

This all-women band will certainly get you swinging as they play sounds of Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, and others. Concert is from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. This event is co-sponsored with Falmouth Community Programs

Friday, April 16 6:00 pm boat/9:15 pm return

Deadline to register is Monday, April 12 Cost: \$8 (Tickets only). Limited transportation available (\$10).

#### **SPECIAL SENIOR ACTIVITIES AT THE CUMMINGS CENTER (in-town Portland)**

Please check Denise's bulletin board for monthly Travelogue and Craft afternoons (12:45 pm boat/ 3:15 pm return)



**BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** 9 Church St. Peaks Island  
207-766-5013 E-Mail: [Brackettmumc@yahoo.com](mailto:Brackettmumc@yahoo.com) Sundays: Choir rehearsal 9:00 a.m. Sunday  
School 9:00-9:45 Worship 10:00 a.m. Consistent Childcare available Handicap accessible  
Rev. Casey Collins

Is Spring really here???? Must be since we're already making Easter plans. Please join us in celebrating this most holy of holy days:

- Palm Sunday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. – a very moving service journeying with Christ each day through Holy Week;
- Maundy Thursday, April 8 beginning at 6:30 - Seder meal. Learn about Passover and experience a bit of a Seder meal. Call 766-5013 so we know how much food to prepare;
- Sunrise (6:00 a.m. really) service Easter morning, April 11 at Whaleback. Then come to the church for breakfast.
- 10:00 a.m. worship to praise Christ's resurrection! And welcome 11 new members to Brackett Church!

Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 – “Foreign Landscapes” presents “Tree of Passage”. A professional marionette puppet show directed by Julie Goell. Performance with dessert on Friday, April 2 beginning at 6:30. Tickets \$5.00, under 10 years \$3.00. Saturday, April 3 enjoy a traditional Saturday night New England beans and franks (with coleslaw) dinner (meatless available) at 5:30 and the show at 6:30. Tickets with dinner are \$10.00, \$5.00 for under 10 and \$25.00 for a family. This is a show for everyone! Not just kids, not just adults! Call 766-5687 or 0966 for ticket information.

And on April 14 come talk about the movie, Passion of Christ at the church parsonage, 7:00 p.m.

Brackett is a community church serving all of the Peaks Island community.

### St. Christopher's Catholic Church

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

Sunday Mass: 10 AM

Fellowship: Join us after Mass for brunch each Sunday in the Parish House.

Holy Week and Happy Easter

Special Lenten Mass: Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 AM.

Holy Week Observed: Please make plans to join us for a full schedule of Holy Week services beginning with daily Mass at 9 AM on April 5th, 6th and 7th.

The Holy Week Triduum includes a series of special services in the church.

They are scheduled on Holy Thursday at 7 PM and Good Friday at 3 PM with the Easter Vigil at 8 PM on Holy Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM.

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### Peaks Emergency Planning Committee

This Committee planned to meet Tuesday evening, March 30, at the Brackett Church. Tom Fortier and representatives from the Police and Fire Departments were invited to provide information for the Committee. Major issues to be discussed included: 1) Public shelter needs for the Island; 2) Communication systems; and 3) Staffing levels and training of Police and Fire Department officers on the Island. Anyone interested in helping the Committee please call Cynthia Cole, 5550.





## FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM

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The Fifth Maine has launched the first ever architectural survey of all buildings on Peaks Island! Our survey team is gathering information that includes Chart/Block/Lot number, street address, whether or not the street number is visible (very important in an emergency) building name, and a description of the exterior architectural elements of each building. We're also looking for historical data about each building - for example, past uses, past occupants, significant events that may have occurred there. Each survey form will contain a current photograph of the building taken by our intrepid photographer, Don Perry, as well as an historical photograph (if we can find one).

The purpose of the survey is three-fold: [1] to document the community's architectural heritage, a heritage that is the most visible link to the island's past; [2] to raise public awareness of the benefits of historic preservation and its direct link to the preservation of the community's character, economic well-being and quality of life; and [3] to provide a basis for creating guidelines for future preservation efforts on the island - any guidelines will be educational in nature intended to help people make decisions as they build or renovate their homes. We expect that, as in other communities that have undertaken an architectural survey, the completed survey will be used by researchers, preservationists, municipal officials, and others wanting to learn more about Peaks Island history. Copies of the survey will be available at the Fifth Maine and the Peaks library.

The survey team is composed of John Erdman, Kim MacIsaac, Don Perry, and Joyce and Hugh Woodbury. We are also coordinating with the Peaks Island Information Exchange (PIE) so that their mapping project will be tied in to the survey. Together these two projects will document and further our understanding of our community and its past.

The survey is funded, in part, by grants from MBNA and the Edward H. Daves Benevolent Fund. The generosity of these foundations has allowed the Fifth Maine to engage a consultant, Anne Ball, to assist the survey team. Anne is an historic preservation consultant who has conducted architectural surveys in a number of communities and has many years of experience working in museums/historical societies. She is certified by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to conduct architectural surveys.

We invite everyone on the island to participate in this project. How you ask? Tell us what you know about your house. When was it built? Who was the builder? Was it moved to its present location from elsewhere on the island? Who lived there in the past? Any information you can provide will contribute greatly to the success of the project. We urge you to contact any member of the survey team to offer information about your house. With your help, this can be a real community project!

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### Civil War Buffs Take Note:

The Civil War series produced by Ken Burns and shown on PBS is available on video at the Peaks Island Library. There are nine videos in the series. They may be checked out for one week.

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