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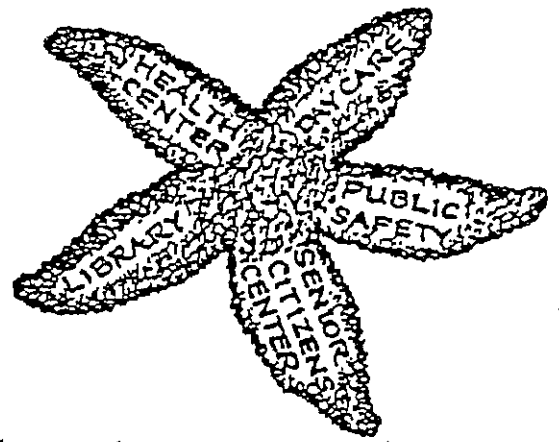
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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American Legion Randall MacVane Post 142

Memorial Day Weekend Celebration & Parade

The American Legion Memorial Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 23rd (Sunday the 24th is rain date). The Parade will step off from Greenwood's Gardens at 11:15 AM and march down Island Ave. and up Central St. to the cemetery for a graveyard service and then to the Legion.

Participating in the Parade will be Peaks Island Legionnaires, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Peaks Island Girl Scouts, Peaks Island Little League. Participating from Portland will be Legionnaires, the Mahoney Middle School band and the US Coast Guard Honor Guard.

Free hot dogs and hamburgers and Strawberry Shortcake at the Legion after the Parade.

Donations for the Handicap Ramp construction are appreciated.

Handicap Ramp

The American Legion has raised \$7,300 to date from fundraisers and donations from generous Islanders. Additional support has been pledged from the Peaks Island Lions Club and over \$1,000 in labor to install the ramp has been pledged from Legionnaires and Island contractors.

The Ramp cost will be \$15,000. We are over 50% there. Your donation would be appreciated.

PeaksFest is coming – Save the Date – PeaksFest is coming – Save the Date

June 19-21 *** June 19-21 *** June 19-21 *** June 19-21***

FRIENDS OF TEIA

2015 SUMMER CAMPERSHIPS

SPRING IS UPON US AND SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

This is the 15th summer the FRIENDS OF TEIA will have offered fully funded “camperships” to all island resident children. The fully funded “camperships” provide your children with the opportunity to learn new skills and make many friends in the sailing, tennis, kid’s camp and preteen programs. Your child must have completed kindergarten for the kid’s camp and tennis programs and be at least eight years old and able to pass a swim test for the sailing program. The preteen afternoon program is for children 10 to 12 years old. Last summer 46 island children participated in the programs offered at TEIA.

Look for the applications to come home with your children from the island school on May 8th. If you have an older child an application may be obtained by emailing Stephanie at sealights99@aol.com or Melissa at mconrad@backshore.net . To receive a “campership” you **MUST** return a completed application to the FRIENDS OF TEIA with your selected activities to PO Box 87, Peaks Island or to Stephanie Castle or Melissa Conrad. Funds are available for every child to attend at least one program.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 31ST. Applications received after this date will be processed only if funds are available.

For further information contact either Stephanie or Melissa.

Peaks Island Bird Blog

Have you gone to the Peaks Island Land Preserve’s website to check out Patty’s Back Shore Bird Blog? The Blog is posted monthly and contains on-site bird photographs along with carefully researched information on the lives of the birds she has photographed. Check it out at <http://www.peaksislandlandpreserve.org>.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Send them to PILP’s volunteer steward coordinator Michelle H. Brown at brownmichh@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH’S STAR: Monday, May 25 by 6 pm. Bring articles copy ready to the library. When the library is closed, you may put them in the Book Return or slip them under the door.

Peaks Island Health Center
87 Central Ave. P.O. Box 52

Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
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.

Please note the change in schedule to three days a week. (Beginning May 4th)

This change will remain in effect throughout the year. We are very grateful to Maine Medical Partners and Portland Family Medicine for extending the clinic hours on Peaks.

The warmer weather is awakening the ticks, and it's time to pay attention. Dogs and cats need their protection, and so do you and your children. Tick-borne diseases, including Lyme, are on the rise in the Northeast, including Maine, and yes, on our island. Among suggestions of things you can do to avoid a tick bite are: tuck long pants into socks when in the woods and check yourself and your family members daily for ticks. The Health Center has bookmarks with tick facts including tick identification, and tick removal. Stop by and pick one up.

PEAT NEWS

Peaks Environmental Action Team

Thank you to all who participated in Earth Day and the annual Peaks Island Clean-up! There will be a city wide clean-up on Saturday, May 2nd followed by a barbecue in town, at the Clarion Hotel. A team of us from PEAT will be going over to work on the wharf and areas around the ferry terminal. If you would like to join us, please call Mary Anne Mitchell or Timmi Sellers.

Our next meeting will be May 11th, 6:30 pm at the Community Center; all are welcome.

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

The May Potluck Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 11th. Many Islanders should be returning from their sunny retreats. Please invite them to join us at noon at the Fay Garman House. Bring a dish to share and let's catch up with our friends and neighbors after this long, cold winter. All Seniors are welcome!

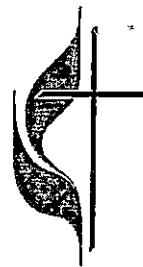
Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

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.

Adult Scripture Study Thursdays, 10-11:30am at the parsonage (9 Church Ave.). Join our study of Christianity's Family Tree

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm at the parsonage (9 Church Ave.). *No Prayer Shawl meeting on May 8.*

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

After School Bible School Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30pm. Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us for some fun, snacks, and games as we learn through the Bible how to recognize God in the world and to treat one another with love and compassion.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY:

Friday, May 15, 5:30pm and 6:30pm: Community Supper and Family Movie Night. Join us for a free community supper at 5:30 and stay to watch a family oriented movie in our renovated and cozy Church Family Room. Bring your family for a fun, free, community night at Brackett Church. This month, we'll be watching **Exodus: Gods and Kings** (Rated PG-13). "Using state-of-the-art visual effects, this spectacular adventure brings new life to the story of Moses (Christian Bale) as he defies the Pharaoh Ramses (Joel Edgerton)..." All children must be accompanied by an adult. CVLI LICENSE# 503894391

Saturday, May 30, 10am – 2pm: Rummage Sale. Spring is here! You are welcome to continue to bring donations until Sunday, May 24 so that we have time to sort and organize the sale. If you would like to help us get set up or if you have items to drop off, please call Tookie: 518-9532 or Emily: 766-5545. We can't wait to see you at the sale and are grateful for your donations which help us to help others on our beautiful island and beyond.

PEAKS ISLAND COUNCIL MAY MEETING WITH REP. KEVIN DONOGHUE

May 6th, 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center

This month's Peaks Island Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6th (instead of the usual 4th Wednesday of the month) and will have Representative Kevin Donoghue in attendance. All our welcome and encouraged to attend. Suggested questions for Rep. Donoghue can be emailed to one of the PIC Board Members at the email addresses below:

Mary Anne Mitchell, Chair/President: papouchemitchell@yahoo.com

Lisa Penalver, Vice-President: penart1@gmail.com

Kathleen W. Hayward, Treasurer: kwaldron04108@gmail.com

Timmi Sellers: timmi@thesellersplace.com,

Timothy Wyant: tw@deciph.com

Howard Pedlikin: howardpe@maine.rr.com

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Michael Seavey at 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 10 AM each week followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are welcome. Details for other Masses in Portland are at <http://www.portlandcatholic.org/>

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

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

Rosary: The Scripture Studies Group invites all to pray the Rosary for special intentions and world peace at 9:30 AM before Mass each Sunday.

Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, May 19th in the Parish House.

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

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Vacation Bible School

Jesse Tree Journey Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will take place at St. Christopher's from 9 AM to noon July 13th - July 17th.

Sponsored by both St. Christopher's and the Brackett Memorial Methodist Churches, it is recommended for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall. Group leaders will be middle school students and they will help supervise children's groups.

For more information, please contact Mary Anderson at maryparkeranderson@yahoo.com.

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Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Peaks Island CERT will hold its annual disaster training exercise Saturday, May 9th from 8 AM 'til noon. For more information, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

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PICW will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day

Spring has sprung! We have been enjoying the warmer weather with more outdoor time. We would like to thank Pricilla Webster for letting us take a field trip to her house to observe mourning doves in a nest.

PICW received a grant from Casco Bay Island Development Association for raised beds where we and families of PICW will be able to grow our own food. As participants of the 5 2 1 0 program we at PICW look forward to teaching our children how to grow and care for vegetables as well as set them up for healthy eating habits. If anyone has tomato plants or vegetable seeds they would like to donate to this project please contact Michelle at michelle@picw.org.

Tacos y Bingo Event: Jones Landing- Thursday, May 7th @ 5pm. Bingo to start by 5:45pm.

PICW is accepting applications for part/full time care on 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, Melissa Conrad mconrad@backshore.net

Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance

The lovely month of May is here. Friends and neighbors will begin returning to the Island. The trees and bushes should start showing their finery and the Island is (slowly) returning to Spring/Summer mode.. The Portland City Council is working on the budget for 2015-2016. The legislature and the Portland City Council are working on budgets that will impact us all. Some will definitely result in a rise in property taxes. PITEA will need to rev up our fundraising goals. Our goal of helping to keep our neighbors on Peaks is one of our missions. And we do intend to keep working – Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

We are still receiving requests for energy assistance. The winter of 2014-2015 will be remembered for the cold and snow and the resulting effect on our fuel bills. We are hanging on by a wing and a prayer. Thank you to those who donated to Energy and allowed us to finish out the year. We still need donations because more bills will come in before the summer begins.

Our May Loaf and Ladle will feature hot dogs, turkey burgers, and hamburgers with side dishes appropriate for this backyard cookout. Come and enjoy some down home cooking! Join us Sunday evening, May 17th at the Peaks Island Baptist Church Hall from 5-7 p.m. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! Adults - \$7 and children \$2.50.

If you wish to make a monetary contribution you may do so by mailing it to: PITEA % Diane Clark, P O Box 126 , Peaks Island, ME 04108.

If you would like to join PITEA, please call Cynthia Pedlikin at 766-0067. We meet once a month for one hour only. We need you! Our mission is so worthwhile but we do need more people to join our initiative. Come and share your ideas and suggestions for PITEA.

Fifth Maine Museum - 2015 Season

The Fifth Maine is ready for a new season! Please join us for our Opening Day Celebration on Saturday, May 16.

At 11:00 am, all are invited for a Museum Open House, and we will offer a free guided museum tour "For Islanders, by Islanders."

At 12:30 there will be a children's craft table and home-baked goodies and lemonade, followed by a period-music sing-along with the Peaks Island Ukes at 1:15.

At 4:00, come for our first historic presentation of the season: *The Night the Sky Turned Red: The Great Portland Fire*, by Allan Levinsky. This program is free admission.

On Memorial Day Weekend, we will open at our regular schedule, and many exciting and fun events are planned for the season. Our spring newsletter will be out soon, containing a brochure of all our summer events, but there are more ways to find out what we are doing! Check out the local bulletin boards, Carol Eisenburg's list, the community calendar at www.peaksisland.info, NextDoor, and of course, our website – which is always your BEST source of information.

For hours of operation, more details and a full schedule of events: www.fifthmainemuseum.org, or FMI: email events@fifthmainemuseum.org or call 766-3330.

May 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

Many of you have asked about where the library renovation stands. By now most people should have received a letter from the Portland Public Library outlining the budget for the renovation. This letter reiterates the Library's firm commitment to the project and explains that while the City was not able to commit funding to the project this year because of Police and Fire communications updates needed, we believe the project is in a strong position when we reapply next year. The letter and budget are reprinted in full in this STAR, for those who have not seen it.

Middle School Book Club: Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19th at 5:45 pm. If you are coming from the 5:35 pm boat just stop in and join us. At our last meeting we met Kelley Blue, the teen librarian with the Portland Public Library. Our conversations around books was great. She listened to us and told us about books and authors we might also enjoy. The good news is she wants to come back! Look for new teen audiobooks, DVDs, and books that will soon be on the shelves in our library.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: On May 5th, the Peaks Island School fourth and fifth graders will join the group for a discussion of *The Boy on the Wooden Box, a Memoir* by Leon Leyson. If you are a parent who has a child in those classes, you may want to attend. For the meeting on June 2, the book will be *Norwegian Night* by Derek Miller. Books for July and August, when meetings will be at TEIA, are *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr and *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown, both highly recommended by all who have read them. To reserve a library copy of either of any books, come in, call or email the library. Meetings begin at 7 pm in the Community Room.

Nursery Rhyme Time: for infants and toddlers at 10:15 on Wednesdays.

PreSchool Story Time: Fridays at 10:15. All island children and visitors are welcome.



ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY, EXPANDING OUR WORLD.

April 2015

Dear Peaks Island community members,

Many of you attended the public forum last fall to offer input on the plan for the renovation of the Peaks Island Branch Library and community room, and it was inspiring to see so many people come together and express their dedication to these shared spaces. We all came away from the forum energized by how this project might serve the current and future needs of all Peaks Islanders.

We are writing to update you on the status of the project, to reaffirm the Library's commitment to this endeavor, and to describe some of the next steps we will be taking.

Since the forum, a committee of islanders, PPL staff, and City Recreation Division staff has continued to refine a renovation plan that is both creative in its vision and practical in its scope. (Those plans are still posted for comment in the Library lobby.) The proposed plan will improve energy efficiency and make all spaces – untouched since 1979 – more functional.

The budget for this project is on the reverse of this letter. During the City's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) process, we requested \$500,000 of support, planning to raise the remainder through gifts and grants. This year, the City must grapple with a critical and costly upgrade to emergency communications systems, so most other projects, including the Peaks renovation, will have to wait until next year for consideration.

While disappointing, we believe this delay will allow us to build additional support for the project that will help us in the competitive CIP process. We are encouraged by the broad support the project has from Peaks residents, individual City Councilors, and our partners in the Recreation Division. The Library's Board and staff remain committed to this undertaking, and City has already been notified that the Library intends to resubmit the project for CIP consideration this fall. We have also shared with the City that the Library and our committee will spend the next eight months engaging proactively with the Peaks Island community to deepen commitment to the renovation.

You will hear more from us in the coming months about how to help support and advocate for this exciting project. We look forward to working with all of you to realize the vision of an "island living room" where all Peaks Island residents can come together and feel welcomed, engaged, and informed.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Podgajny, Executive Director
Portland Public Library

Kathryn Moxhay, President
Friends of Peaks Island Library

See Renovation Budget on Next Page

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207-797-2915

Library Renovation Budget -- (See Letter on Previous Page)

The projected project budget for the Peaks Renovation appears below. Reflected in the budget is the Library's intent to submit the project for consideration in fall 2015 for funding under the City's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process.

Projected expenses	
Construction	\$500,000
Library furnishings, fixtures, equipment	\$85,000
Project administration (permitting, moving, contingency, etc.)	\$65,000
TOTAL projected expenses	\$650,000
Projected funding	
City of Portland CIP request	\$500,000
Pledged gifts and grants	\$150,000
TOTAL projected funding	\$650,000

Upcoming Events of the Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library

Thursday, May 21st at 6:00 pm, Artist's Talk at 6:30

From Maine to Russia: "Endangered Blue" an Art/Science study for butterfly conservation

Peaks Island artist mp Warming will present her prints which are currently on display at the Vladimir Nabokov Museum Library in St. Petersburg, Russia. This artwork was created in collaboration with the American Museum of Natural History, the Essig Museum of Entomology at UC Berkeley and the US Department of Fish and Game.

The artist will also speak about "Moth Possible", her traveling installation project for libraries internationally. The talk will include images of Warming's installation at the library Foster + Partners designed in Berlin, Germany and her prospective project with the beautiful New York Public Library in midtown Manhattan.

Thursday, June 25, 7 pm -- Save the Date

Former Peaks Islander Brenda Buchanan will talk about her newly released novel, *Quick Pivot, a Joe Gale Mystery*. This is an e-book published by CarinaPress.

Saturday, July 18, Book Sale and Membership Drive

Save those books and bring them down to the library on July 17. And while you're thinking about it, please volunteer to help this year's chairperson, Jennifer Weiser.

MAY ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (766-2970 or DLM@portlandmaine.gov) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island, on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please check Denise's calendar on her bulletin board for her schedule as she will be off island a few days during the month. Room reservations should be made by May 21 for events through June 5. If you leave a phone message but don't receive a call back, please call again as phone messages may get lost. Best way to contact Denise is via email at DLM@portlandmaine.gov

I AM LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HOST OUR "MYSTERY TEAS" DURING THE SUMMER. THANKS!

LAUGHTER YOGA CLUB – OPEN TO ALL

Monday, May 4 AND Monday, June 1

In community room from 10:45 -11:30 am

Laugh at nothing at all, get all the health benefits of laughing and feel great afterwards! Yoga portion includes deep and short breaths. All exercises are done either standing or sitting. (also at Eastern Prom on May 21 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm)

WEEKLY KNIT/CROCHET, CHAT and LUNCH

Thursdays, May 14 and 21 10:45am-12:00 pm (com. rm)

Everyone is welcome to join us as we continue making hats, scarves and dishcloths for charity. Items are for sale (hat and scarves are \$7 each; dish cloths are \$2). Socks & gloves will be bought with proceeds. BYO lunch (optional)

BRAIN TEASERS/PUZZLES and GAMES

Thursday, May 14 1:00 – 2:00 pm (community room)

Exercise your brain and have fun at the same time! All are welcome – games will include Boggle & Guestures (Charades)

SPECIAL IN-TOWN TRIP: PLANTS, FOOD & MORE!

Friday, May 15 8:15amboat/12:15 pm return

Enjoy our annual trip to the Morrison Development Ctr for their plant sale. We'll also stop at Highland Avenue Greenhouse & Farm Market to enjoy their spring displays. Register by May 11. Transportation fee is \$5. Min. is 7

MORNING MOVIE: *Calendar Girls* (com. room)

Monday, May 18 11:00 am (BYO lunch)

This heart-warming/uplifting movie (and true story) is about a group of English women who create a calendar featuring themselves "au natural" – all done in good taste using props.

BINGO: FUN PRIZES & LOTS of LAUGHTER

Thursday, May 21 1:00 – 2:00 pm (com. rm.)

Join the fun as we play BINGO. If you have any "spring-cleaning" or "re-gifts" to be used as prizes, please bring them.

ANNUAL LUNCH w/ "IN-TOWN" SENIORS

Friday, June 5 11:45am – 2:30 pm Lunch & social time

Once again, the "in-town" seniors will be on Peaks Island for their annual luncheon and social gathering. Details will be on Denise's bulletin board in com. bldg. (as you enter building). Pre-registration required; deadline is May 22.

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
 \$2 res and \$3 non-res

May Movies – Saturday Nights – FREE			
6PM 2	This movie STARTS @ 5:30: <i>Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch and Wardrobe</i> , 2006, PG, 2 hrs, 15 min	8PM 2	<i>Before I Go to Sleep</i> , 2014, R, 92 min
9	<i>Beetlejuice</i> , 1988, PG, 92 min	9	<i>Mad Max</i> , 1979, R, 94 min
16	<i>High School Musical</i> , 2006, G, 98 min.	16	<i>Junebug</i> , 2006, R, 106 min
23	<i>Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium</i> , 2007, G, 93 min	23	<i>Shutter Island</i> , 2010, R, 137 min
30	<i>Mr. Peabody and Sherman</i> , 2014, PG, 92 min.	30	<i>Interstellar</i> , 2015, PG-13, 168 min
Saturday Night Movies are a program of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library and are shown on a large screen in the Community Room by volunteers. Children must be accompanied by adults.			