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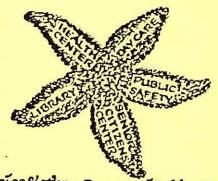
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# Peaks Island STAR



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

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#### THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

P.O. BOX 41, PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE 04108

## We're Having a Birthday Party!

The Fifth Maine is celebrating an important date this year - the 110th anniversary of the Fifth Maine Regiment Memorial Hall! On June 13th and 14th comrades from the 3rd Maine, the 16th Maine, and the 20th Maine will be joining the 5th Maine Infantry for a week-end encampment. Music will be provided by the 3rd Maine Fife and Drum Corps. The party begins on Saturday June 13 at 1:15 pm with Opening Remarks by Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Throughout the week-end there will be a variety of activities including military drills, recruitment of new soldiers, a Sunday morning worship service, and a special presentation about Civil War nursing. The festivities will conclude on Sunday June 14 with birthday cake and ice cream around 3:30 pm. Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating this milestone event!

In conjunction with the birthday party, a bean supper will be held on Saturday June 13. There will be two seatings - 5:30 and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$3 per child. Tickets are limited. Please call Kim at 766-5514 to reserve yours.

CBITD (Casco Bay Lines)

June Board Meeting

Public Welcome - CBFT Conference Room - Coffee & Donnts Served

June 19, 1998 - 7:45 a.m. Friday

## BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Street

Rev. Johanne Dame, Minister

766-5013

Worship and Church School each Sunday at 10:00 am, Coffee Hour at 11:15
Child Care Provided

June 7 is Peace With Justice Sunday. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God" (Matthew 5:9, NRSV). Please support the Peace With Justice Sunday offering to expand the opportunites for creating peace around the world.

June 14 is Children's Day. Join us as we honor our children and Sunday School teachers and celebrate the last day of Sunday School with a potluck luncheon immediately following the worship service.

June 19 and 20 is our annual tag sale. We would love your donations! Call 766-5742 or 766-5013 by the 18th.

June 21 is Father's Day.

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Bouchard, Pastor Central Avenue 774-3276

Masses: Sunday 9:15 am. The annual St. Christopher's Fair will be held on the Fourth of July. Any donations of prizes, toys or rummage sale items will be very much appreciated. Arrangements can be made for pickup of the donated items. For more information, call Betty Cassidy at 766-5067.

Mother of the Good Shepherd
. Monastery by the Sea 235 Pleasant Ave. (phone) 766-2717

Mass Schedule-Sunday 10:30 am, Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday, 8:00 am Saturday 8:30 am, and Wednesday 5:00 pm.

Please note our Summer Schedule beginning on June 20th.
Sunday, (Vigil Mass on Saturday) 5:00 pm, Sunday Morning 9:00 am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 am, Saturday morning
Mass 8:30 am and Wednesday 5:00 pm.

On Thursday June 11, and Sunday June 14 the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass all day until Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm with benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament



## PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

P.O. Box 7 • 71 Herman Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108-0007 Phone: 207-766-2854 • Fax: 207-766-2739

## JUNE 1, 1998

Please join us and

## STAND FOR CHILDREN

Stand For Children was launched on June 1, 1996 when over 300,000 people-of all races, incomes, faiths and political philosophies-gathered on the grounds of the Lincoln memorial in Washington, DC to commit themselves to ensuring that no child is left behind, and to send the message that every child needs a caring adult in their life who will stand up for them. Peaks Island was well represented in Washington! On June 1, 1998, Americans around the nation will once again STAND FOR CHILDREN—this time to rally for quality, safe, affordable child care and after-school activities for children…because nothing matters more than our children! The stronger we Stand for Children today, the better they will be able to stand for themselves tomorrow. Take the time to smile at a child, talk to a child, be a friend to a child..we can make a difference, everyday!

We have lots of THANK YOU's we'd like to share. The first goes to Karen St. Clair of Creative Design & Marketing, Inc. .as part of the Ad Club of Greater Portland's "HEART OF ADVERTISING DAY", Karen spent an afternoon washing all the windows here..just in time for lots of sunshine! More thanks to the Parrot Head Club of Maine and Jones Landing for donating the proceeds of the group's May 30 Social at the Landing to our center. This is a non profit group of individuals that share a common interest in the music of Jimmy Buffet and hold several events a year to benefit other local non profit groups. Their "3 can cover" will help stock the Peaks Island Food Pantry. This Food Pantry is available for any resident in need of extra food supplies...iust give a call or come over to use it. Thanks to the Peaks Island LIONS for their help with this; to friends of Kathy Hornby who donated items to the Food Pantry in her memory; and to Hannigan's Market and all of you who put your Bottle Return slips in the BIG JAR. this helps us provide breakfast and snacks to children. May 21 marked United Way of Greater Portland's Sixth Annual DAY OF CARING.. when volunteers from businesses throughout Greater Portland spent a day at non profits doing various projects. We were able to have a giant spring cleanup, spread some fresh coats of paint, rejuvenate our sand box among other chores. These types of volunteer activities are a vital part of our efforts to provide a quality child care environment to our community. A number of us attended the FOSTER GRANDPARENT BANQUET on May 20 to honor Peggy Butkus and Virginia Horn, two Foster Grandparents in our community. Join us in thanking all these individuals/groups for their commitment and caring to the children in our community and for taking a STAND FOR CHILDREN. And mark your calendars for SUNDAY, AUGUST 16..the 18th ANNUAL PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN's FESTIVAL ... a celebration of the child in all of us.





Our Wednesday Community Playgroup will end on June 10 for the summer months..it will be back in September!

#### STAR OF THE SEA STUDIO'S

OUR JUNE RECITALS TILL BE ON WED. JUNE 10th. AT THE RIVERTON SCHOOL 1600 FOREST AVE. PORTLAND AT 6:45 pm.

ON SUN. JUNE 14th. AT 7.pm. IN GREENWOOD GARDEN . PLAYHOUSE PEAKS ISLAND. DONATIONS: ADULTS \$2. CHILD \$1.

OUR THEME: "STARDANCE" HONORING ST. FRANCES, VHO LOVED THE SUN, THE FLOWERS, MOON AND THE STARS. BUT MOST OF ALL HE LOVED GOD, AND HIS CREATION OF ANIMALS AND THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

WE HOPE TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS HOUR OF SONG AND DANCE. ALSO SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

OUR MOTTO: SMILE, GOD LOVES YOU.

DOREEN AND CO.



#### 766-5606/766-5742

The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be on Tuesday, June 16, 1998, at 7 p.m., at the Community Center. All are welcome.

If you need financial assistance to have a cat or dog neutered, please call us—we can help.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Well, we had our May meeting and Pot-Luck Lunch at the Fifth Maine and celebrated the arrival of summer at that beautiful location. Something we always anticipate with great pleasure.

Our nest meeting will be on June 8 - noon - when we will have lunch at Jones Landing on Peaks. Tickets can be obtained from Grace Wright at the Senior Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. June 1,2,3 at 10 a.m. and annual dues may be paid at the same time.

If these dates and times are not possible, please call Grace at 766-2635. So - things and happy happenings go bubbling along!

Price for luncheon is \$6.00 which includes tax and tip. A real bargain!

## **UMBRELLA COVER MUSEUM NEWS**

After an incredible year of international recognition, the world's only Umbrella Cover Museum right here on Peaks Island will reopen for its third season on Saturday, June 13th from 12 noon - 4:45 p.m. Reeling from the stories run on National Public Radio and BBC Radio, director and curator, Nancy 3. and her board are trying to live up to the fame and good fortune of the museum. "People from all over the country have called their relatives and friends on Peaks after hearing the NPR story to ask about the museum. I suppose the British could be expected to be interested, they always carry umbrellas."

The Umbrella Cover Museum is at Tower View, 105 Brackett Ave. Refreshments will be served and music provided. Admission is still by foreign currency. The UCM will also be open this summer on Saturdays, July 11 and August 8, or by appointment. Call 766-4496.

## \* Library News \*

129 Island Ave. "In the Community Building" 766-5540

OPEN: Tues. 2-8 Wed. 10-4 Fri. 10-2 Sat. 8-12 noon

Change in Hours Coming in June: Beginning Saturday, June 6, our Saturday hours will be 8 AM to Noon. If you have a bookmark on your refrigerator, please correct it.

Adult Book Discussion: will meet Tuesday, June 3, at 7 PM on the library balcony to discuss <u>Ellen Foster</u> by Kay Gibbons. Please bring suggestions for next year's selections. This will be our last meeting until September.

Children's Programs: Wednesdays: 10:15: Pre-school Story Time; Saturdays: 10:00:Lap-sit & Toddler Time

You Are Invited: to come see the puppets made by third graders at Peaks Island School and play their game, Who Am I, to see how much you know about these famous people. This exhibit is on loan to the library from now until near the end of June.

Thank you to Bunny Clark for all her hours of volunteering these past months, and especially for stitching our new awning over the children's section in preparation for our summer reading program. The theme: To Market, To Market, To Read a Good Book, celebrates the opening of the new Portland Market on Elm Street in town. Down here, our awning makes us think of Hannigan's.

Summer Reading: "To Market, To Market, To Read a Good Book, "is this year's theme, and we hope children will come in under our new green awning and find lots of good books. Rose Ann and I are working up lists of suggested reading for those who like to have suggestions, and each week we hope to have "specials," maybe "double stamps," even "coupons," to develop the market theme. I doubt we'll give Hannigan's any competition, but we plan to have fun. Sign-up begins June 29, and the program will run 5 weeks, starting July 7 and ending August 8. We are fortunate that Pat Crowley-Rockwell is again eager to read stories and do a craft with 5 - 8 year-olds on five Tuesday evenings, beginning July 7, 7 - 7:45 PM in the community Room. A party is planned for Tuesday, August 11.

## Some of the New Books:

Fiction:	Elizabeth Berg	What We Keep
	Judy Blume	Summer Sisters
	Stephen Coonts	Fortunes of War
	Sue Grafton	N is for Noose
	Jack Higgins	Flight of Eagles

John Irving A Widow for One Year

John Sandford Secret Prey

Nonfiction Cokie Roberts We Are Our Mothers' Daughters
Gail Sheehy Understanding Men's Passages

## THIRD ANNUAL PEAKS ISLAND BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive will take place again at Greenwood Gardens on the 31st of July. If you would like to donate blood, or would like to help organize this community blood drive, please call Ellen Russell or Kristi Hall at the Red Cross at 775-2367. Look for more details in the July issue of the STAR.

## ANNOUNCING THE PEAKS ISLAND LAND PRESERVE ANNUAL MEETING & ART AUCTION

DATE:

Friday, July 17, 1998

TIME:

7:30-10:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Fifth Maine Regiment Hall

The Annual Meeting and election of Board of Director members of the *Peaks Island Land Preserve* will be from 7:30-8:30. An art auction featuring select works by island artists will be held from 8:30-10. Forty percent (40%) of the purchase price of each work sold with go to the *Land Preserve*. Refreshments will be served. COME ONE COME ALL to support two worthy causes!

Island artists are invited to submit works for consideration for the auction to Board Member Irene Church. Please phone her at 766-2533 for more information.

The Land Preserve thanks everyone from whom it has received donations of time, money, or land over the past year. This includes the Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center which each year provides the site for the Land Preserve's Annual Meeting. Peaks Island is lucky to have all of you!

## MUSIC ASSOCIATION BRINGS BACK P.O.R.T.

The Portland Opera Repertory Theatre's "apprentice program" brought such rave reviews last year that they are coming back to start the 1998 music season at the Fifth Maine. No apprentices - these are seasoned performers with fabulous voices doing staged scenes from many of your favorite operas. The concert will be on Wednesday, July 1st at 7:30 p.m. Donation of \$3.00 requested at the door. Mark your calendar for other concerts sponsored by the Peaks Island Music Association this summer on Wednesdays, July 22, August 5th and 19th. 766-4496 for information.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Thursday, June 25. Bring articles to the Library, copy ready, single-spaced, please. You may put them in the bookdrop when the library is not open. Please limit articles to no more than half a page if at all possible. In July and August we will have a calendar listing on the front page. Please be sure to include your name and phone number as a reference in case the person typing the calendar needs to reach you. Thank you for your help.

## June at Peaks Island's Health Center 26 Sterling Street 766-2166

To further the commitment to provide high quality primary and acute care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, the State of Maine Medicaid and Mercy Financial Assistance forms are now available at the Health Center. Mercy offers both a sliding fee scale and free care option. If you or your loved ones are uninsured or underinsured, or if you are reluctant to seek health care because of the cost, or if you have received a written denial letter from Medicaid already, please make an appointment with Chris for FREE HELP in completing these forms and discussing financial arrangements to assist you in receiving needed care.

26 Sterling Street 766-2929

Also, several pharmaceutical companies have financial support for many prescription drugs on the market. These programs are separate from the samples programs in which Chris already participates. If you are having difficulty paying for your prescription drugs, please call the Health Center to see whether Chris has free samples of your medication and to see whether the drug company sponsors a program to help patients receive their medicines for free or through a low-cost program.

## Mercy-Maritime Family Practice - Christina Mahoney, CNP

Summer Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - 8:30 - 4: 30

Wednesday, 12 noon - 8PM

Center for Community Dental Health: Hygienist: Wednesday, June 24; Dentist: Thursday, June 25. Call Robin at 874-1025 for an appointment.

Podiatrist: Dr. Dorsey plans to be here Tuesday, July 21. Call 761-3889 for information

or an appointment.

Thank you: to the donors of a wheel chair and a commode to the Health Center's store of donated equipment that is available for borrowing. We also have crutches, canes and more, so if you need something, please ask. If you have something you no longer need, please check with Kay Taylor (2811) before you dispose of it.

And Don't Forget - Island Cookin' on the Rocks, Casco Bay Recipes of the Finest Kind, is still available for purchase at several Island stores. Makes a great gift and it benefits the

Health Center.

Peaks Island Yoga

Soon, it will be time to say good-bye to our instructor, Rebecca Stephans, who will be moving to the Kripalu Center in Lenox, Massachusetts, to engage in further Yoga study. The present session continues on Wednesdays in the Community Room, ending June 17. Rebecca believes she has found several teachers who will be willing to come to Peaks Island. See bulletin boards or phone Rebecca Stephans (775-0031) for information.

Rebecca was Peaks Island Yoga's first instructor, and the students when she began teaching here four years ago were her first class, following the completion of her certification at Kripalu. One hundred and sixteen people have participated in yoga during these 4 years. Thank you Rebecca, for coming out through thick and thin times, through balmy weather and icy storms. And thank you also to Jon and Angie Kelso and Robin Walden, who initiated the idea of having yoga offered on the island and searched until they found a willing teacher.

Peaks Island on the Web

Peaks Island Online - Know someone living away but interested in what's happening on Peaks Island? Find the latest Peaks Island news and information on the Peaks Island web site: <a href="http://www.cascobay.com/peaks">http://www.cascobay.com/peaks</a> If you have comments, information or pictures to contribute you may contact Caralen MacKenzie-Hicks at 766-2808 or by e-mail AuntieMac@worldnet.att.net.

#### PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

In August there will be four openings on Steering Committee: three 3-year terms and one 1-year term. Perhaps this is the year for YOU to get involved! Please consider serving your community. Judy Piawlock has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Give her a call (766-2109) to offer your name or to talk about the possibility.

There has been a minor change in our meeting schedule for the summer: a Steering Committee meeting wil be held June 9, at 7:30 PM at the Senior Center and General Membership meetings will be held in both July and August (dates to be posted) in an effort to include our summer residents.

The Planning and Land Use Committee has been working with Peaks backshore residents in an effort to preserve the wetland adjacent to Battery Steele. A PINA subcommittee has been working with the City on plans for the new transfer station at the Florida Ave./Brackett Ave. site selected by the community. A public hearing on the zoning change needed for the transfer station is scheduled to be held before the Planning Board at City Hall on June 9. The next Planning/Land Use Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, at 1:00 PM at the Senior Center. This meeting and all PINA meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

Other issues discussed at recent meetings are: Coastal Cleanup, mosquito control (for more information on this, call Perry Sutherland at 766-5809), curbside recycling, deer, browntail moths, brush pickup, crosswalk painting, sidewalk construction, Island auto registration, the Centennial St. ramp and a by-laws change. Find out more and let us know your concerns; join Steering Committee or at least come to the next meeting!

#### PIONEER FAMILIES REUNION

ALBEE, BRACKETT, GEO. CLEEVE, DAVIS, HUMPHREY, LITTLEJOHN, PIERCE, PREBLE, RANDALL, REED, SKILLIN/SKILLINGS, STARLING/STERLING, THOMPSON, TREFETHEN, TROTT and more

PLAN THEIR 4th REUNION

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1998 PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE

Information & reservation slips (for meal) available. Contact:

Editha H. Nelson 111 S. Fleming Road Woodstock, Illinois 60098 815-338-4199

#### THE CITY PAGE

Larry Mead, Island Services Administrator: 756-8288. Island Office Hours: Wed, 8:30-2:30

#### TRANSFER STATION AND OPERATIONS FACILITY PLANNING CONTINUES

Planning for the new transfer station and Public Works operations facility continues with a round of formal approvals and regulatory steps. The Planning Board must take the first step by authorizing a conditional zoning change for the old dump site at Florida Avenue and Brackett Ave. The zoning must be changed from ROS (Recreation/Open Space) to ITS (Island Transfer Station). A public hearing is scheduled in this regard for June 9th, probably at the 7:30 pm meeting. Once the Planning Board acts the City Council must give its blessing to the zoning change, perhaps in July. At that point the specific plan for the proposed facility needs to be approved by the Planning Board. This step, called site plan review, should occur in September or October. While the municipal approvals are going forth the City must submit its proposal to the State Department of Environmental Protection for its review and approval. This is a 3-6 month process. This daunting lineup of approvals and reviews insures that no construction will begin this year on the facility. The City hopes to be under contract this coming winter for a Spring 1999 start on construction.

## **Phasing Expected**

Preliminary cost estimates indicate that it will be necessary for the project to be carried out in two phases. The initial phase will certainly include the transfer station component since the temporary operating permit from State DEP expires this October. Phase I will likely also include clearing and leveling the site for the garage and for most of the planned materials storage. However, it is likely that the garage and daily operations facility will not be constructed until a Phase 2 is authorized and funded by the City Council. Such funding would not be appropriated until next year at the earliest. This means relocating the garage from Central Ave probably won't occur until at least 2000 or later depending on funding availability.

#### **Materials Storage**

A critical public works need on the island is storage of large quantities of material; dirt, gravel, stone and similar materials. Storing such materials saves a great deal of money and facilitates carrying out public works activities on the island. Just this past month for example the reconstruction of City Point Road was accomplished using material left over from the Torrington Point sewer project. Having a location for materials storage saved the cost of removing excavation spoils from the island as well as the cost of purchasing and transporting gravel to the island for the City Point Rd project, approximately \$15,000! Another current example is the repair of an erosion problem on Island Avenue near Evergreen Landing at Brook Ave. The City will use large stone material recycled from previous jobs and stored at the gravel pit as rip/rap to repair this significant erosion problem. This will save thousands of dollars in material and transportation costs.

For many years the City has used the gravel pit at the end of Upper A Street for this purpose. The February Island vote was a clear endorsement for using the old dump site for public works operations. As construction of the new facility proceeds, the City will transfer materials from the gravel pit area to Florida Avenue. The City intends to remove materials first from the upper portion of the gravel pit closest to the trail locations. Removing stored material from all parts of the Upper A Street site will hinge on project approvals by DEP, the Planning Board and the City Council, and the successful completion of the Florida Avenue project. Stay tuned!

## **JUNE 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. If Denise is not available, please call 874-8793 during regular business hours. Denise will be out of the office from June 4 - June 16. Please note: If you would like to put a display up in the Community Building, please call Denise at 766-2970.

#### \*\* ON-ISLAND ACTIVITIES \*\*

## **BREAKFAST @ PEAKS ISLAND HOUSE**

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Meet at the Peaks Island House at 8:15 am Deadline to register is June 24. Pre-registration required. Open to all adults.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

FAMILY & FRIENDS LOBSTERBAKE - MONDAY, JULY 13 Music by THE MAINE SQUEEZE - an accordion group with P.I. ties.

Cost: \$16 for Lobster or Steak/\$13 for Chicken/\$6 for hamburg and hot dog \$2.00 per person for concert and ice cream cup

Pre-registration required for meal or concert. We must have 75 people for the lobsterbake in order to hold this event. Deadline to register is July 1.

Call Denise at 766-2970 to reserve your ticket. Payment due by July 1 with no refunds after this date unless a replacement can be found.

## \*\* OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES for ADULTS \*\*

Pre-registration required for all off-island activities. Sign-up sheets are on the brown door of the Community Building. Registrations left on the answering machine CANNOT be guaranteed. Space is limited. A minimum of 8 people is required, unless otherwise stated. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 766-2970.

#### GARDEN TOUR OF PORTLAND

Wednesday, June 17

11:15 am boat/no later than 4:30 pm return

Cost: \$7.00 (includes transportation by Custom Coach school bus & guided tour) Deadline to register is June 3. Please call Denise (2970) to get registration form.

Join City Arborist Jeff Tarling on a tour of city gardens. Among the gardens we will visit will be the Rose Garden at Deering Oaks, Post Office Park, and Eastern Prom. Those who want to walk the 1/2 mile trail at the Prom may do so.

#### LUNCH AT THE INN-BY-THE-SEA

Friday, June 26

11:15 am boat/no later than 3:15 pm return Cost: \$1.00 for transportation/lunch extra Deadline to register is June 24

#### STRAWBERRY BANKE

Wednesday, July 1

8:15 am boat/no later than 5:30 pm return Cost: \$22 for bus transportation & admission Deadline to register is June 24

ATTENTION EVERYONE: If you are interested in picking strawberries (not at Strawberry Banke!), please leave a message at 766-2970. Every effort will be made to schedule this once the strawberries are ready. Families welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.