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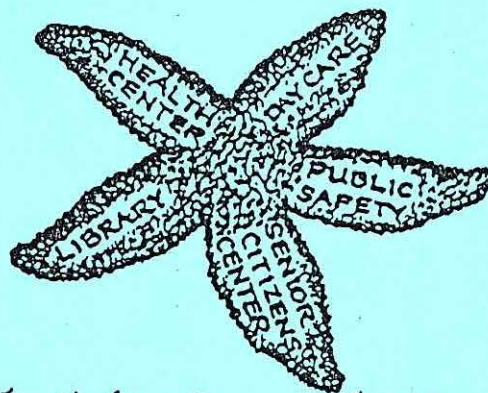
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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PeaksFest 2007 is almost here! June 22, 23 & 24 will be the island's sixth annual PeaksFest weekend. PeaksFest is a fun "celebration of the community of Peaks Island" that gives us a chance come together as a "community" and embrace our neighbors and guests!

The weekend's celebration kicks off once again with our annual "Community Schmoozefest" at 6:00 p.m. at the T.E.I.A. Clubhouse and everyone is welcome! We'll provide some starter refreshments and we invite you to join in the community spirit by bringing additional snacks, hors d'oeuvres or even a bottle of wine! It's a

BYOB event and we're hoping to discover some new vintages that are your personal favorites. Then stick around for the 2nd annual Peaks Island Idol competition and a special performance by our very own (and world famous!) Avner the Eccentric!

Many of our favorite PeaksFest events will be returning this year including the 24-hour island-wide scavenger hunt! As a matter of fact, there are already over 45 PeaksFest events planned throughout the weekend, from the pie contests to the dog show to cookouts and dances, the crazy parade, softball and volleyball games, pancake breakfasts, tide pool tours, nature walks, concerts, art studio walks, community waterfight, schooner trips, chili cookoff, arts & crafts workshops, storytelling, craft fairs, kayak races, book sales, poetry readings, face painting, bake sales, and much more! (*Whew!*) The full schedule will be available to read (or download) on the PeaksFest website: www.peaksfest.com. And we'll have copies of the final event schedule to distribute in the usual places around the island a week or two before PeaksFest starts.

By the way, this year's PeaksFest t-shirt has been designed once again by island artist Marty Braun and it's awesome! And, for the first time, they'll be available before PeaksFest, around June 1st. So watch for signs and folks selling them around the island. We can only produce a limited number of t-shirts each year and they always sell out, so you may want to get yours early!

For more information, feel free to contact David Cohan: 766-5642 or send an email to info@peaksfest.com.

Remember that you can look for updates on our website: www.peaksfest.com

CLAMSHELL RACE

The 14th Peaks Island July 4th Clamshell Relay Race will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 4th. This quirky relay race has been run barefoot, and in clogs. It has been run quite quickly and walked so slowly, time stood still.

Contestants have carried clamshells, stuffed animals, and even a small hibachi. Entire families have run this race. Some runners have worn amazing hats. A select few, John Whitman for instance, have run in each and every one of the 13 previous clamshell runs. Why not pick up a partner and join us on July 4th for a whacky rerunning of this storied race? Buy a Clamshell t-shirt, purchase a raffle ticket, join in the fun. This fund-raiser supports our local Island Health Center. For more information, call Chuck or Sandi Radis at 766-5915.



PINA NEWS

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

The two groups wishing to develop the Maine State Pier, The Olympia Companies and Ocean Properties, described their proposals and plans at the PINA General Meeting on Tuesday, May 8, rescheduled from its original date because of the blackout in April. Peaks Islanders commented and asked questions of the two groups. The Portland City Council is expected to choose one of the proposals as the basis for the future of the pier and adjoining areas.

The Steering Committee will meet next on Tuesday, June 19, at 7 PM at the Community Center to plan the July general meeting and discuss other PINA issues. Although it is not a meeting of the general PINA membership, anyone interested may attend. We invite you to visit the PINA website, www.Pinainfo.org, a source of information about past, present, and future activities of PINA as well as other island activities.

Peaks Island Tax Assistance Committee

As the beautiful weather arrives, Peaks Island Tax Assistance has fundraising plans under way. During March, Peaks Island Tax Assistance was able to assist a number of homeowners on Peaks with their property taxes thanks to the generosity of so many islanders and non-Islanders alike. The fundraising we have done has proven to be worthwhile with a very satisfactory outcome. We are prepared to assist Islander homeowners when the new increased tax bills arrive in August.

On Friday night, June 22, come to TEIA to schmooze and watch the PeaksFest Idol contest. As part of the festivities PITA will be hosting the Second Annual Cookie Contest. Hope you will enter your favorite cookie into the contest. We will be selling these cookies after the judging by Casey Collins and Matt Barnes. Hope you will enter your favorite cookie into the contest. The Peaks Island Baptist Church is sponsoring a Chilifest on Saturday, June 23 on behalf of PITA. The chilis will be delicious and we can greet old and new friends. We will also be selling PeaksFest balloons Down Front Saturday and Sunday. Say hello and find out more about PITA. We are always looking for new committee members and ideas. Feel free to speak to any committee members to share your ideas or get questions answered.

Cynthia Pedlikin 766-0067

Peaks Island Tax Assistance Chairperson

Ralph Ashmore, Beth Childs, Diane Clark, Jane Gerard, Betty Heller, Judith McAllister, Dorothy Morris, Roy Mottla, Carla Robbins, Cathy Shaw, Doug Smith, Helene Swartz

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Monday, June 25, by 6 PM. In July, as in previous years, there will be a calendar listing of events on the front page. Please put items for that listing on a SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER with DATE, TIME, TICKET PRICE, SPONSORING GROUP, and what the EVENT is. On that piece of paper, please put your name and contact information, in case we need to reach you. Having the calendar items on a separate piece of paper is essential to having it in the calendar of events. Thank you for your help.

PEAKS PATROL

Our summer friends are now starting to return to the island in larger numbers. This means that traffic, both pedestrian and vehicle traffic, will be heavier. Please allow yourself more time to get to the ferry. Bikes are a big part of Peaks Island and so should be helmets! A helmet may save your life. Please use it. We should all by now realize that being prepared for power outages is very important. Some on the island lost power for almost a week, and some were not ready for that. Water and food for everyone in the household should be kept at all times. A second source of heat should be available along with a generator and sump pump if your home needs one. Please if you know your home will flood with heavy rain, be prepared. Last is a reminder that a risk of fires will be higher this summer because of all the downed trees all over the island. Please no fires without checking with your police officers.

Please be nice to each other!

Danny Rose
danielr@portlandmaine.gov

Summer Traffic and Parking Rules in Ferry Area on Peaks

Starting Memorial Day weekend, and on all subsequent Saturdays, Sundays and holidays through Labor Day, between 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., spaces on Island Ave. will be reserved for vehicles waiting to board the ferry. These spaces are on the west side of Island Ave. from Welch St. to near the Post Office.

Signs on lower Welch indicate the parking spaces reserved exclusively for waiting vehicles. Be aware that double parking while waiting for the ferry is prohibited and drivers of waiting vehicles should be prepared to move their vehicles when the line shifts.

Traffic and Parking Changes already in effect:

There is a 72 hour parking limit on vehicles in the parking lot and on Island Ave. south of Welch Street (towards the Lions Club). Violators, with state or island registration, will be ticketed and, if necessary, towed.

Except for the entrance/exit to the parking lot, the turnaround is clockwise, short term use only. Drivers must stay near their vehicles to avoid blocking and should depart this area only when pedestrian traffic on the street clears. Do not park in the entrance/exit of the parking lot.

Passenger pickup and drop-off below the turnaround at the parking lot is prohibited except as follows:

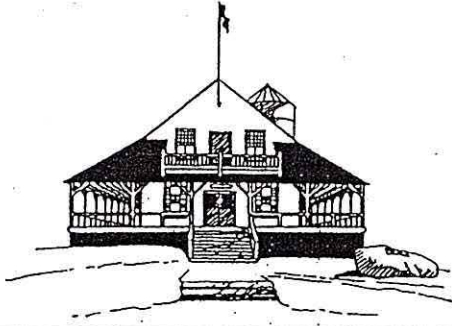
Spaces in front of Jones Landing are clearly designated for the volunteer taxi, for dropping off or picking up passengers who are disabled, frail, elderly, or have a medical need, and for the police.

Only pick-up/delivery vehicles specifically permitted by police may go below the white line (just below the turnaround) on Welch St.. They are asked to arrive before the ferry docks and to depart only after pedestrian traffic on the street clears.

Pedestrians descending Welch St. should use the sidewalks and keep clear of the freight loading area. Help avoid congestion when passengers arrive on Peaks. Please use the sidewalks as much as possible and avoid lingering in the street.

These rules were formulated by Peaks Island residents and are being enforced by the Portland/Peaks Island police. Drivers are asked to exercise care, patience and moderation everywhere on Peaks Island. Remember, the speed limit everywhere in Peaks is 20 mph! Please help us keep Peaks Island safe.

Thank you, the Peaks Island Transportation Committee



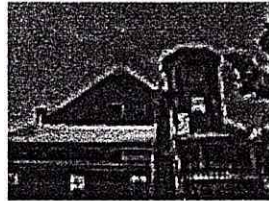
FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM
P.O. Box 41
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

The Fifth Maine has opened for the season! Hours until July 1 are Saturday and Sunday 11 am – 5 pm except for June 23 when we will host a wedding reception. During July and August we will be open daily: 1-5 on weekdays and 11-5 on weekends.

Our first Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday June 24 from 8-11 am. Come and enjoy two kinds of pancakes, eggs, Canadian bacon, juice, fruit, coffee and more. Tickets are \$7 adult and \$4 child under 12. Why cook when you can experience delicious food, great conversation, and a fabulous view?

Island cooks are invited to enter a crockpot of your best chili in our first Chili Cook-Off on Saturday July 7. Everyone is invited to come, taste, and vote for his/her favorite in three categories: meat, vegetarian, and hot. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. There is no entry fee but those coming to taste will be asked for a donation of \$7. Cornbread, corn chips, and beverages are included. Please call 766-3330 or email fifthmaine@juno.com to enter. Proceeds benefit the Fifth Maine Kitchen Fund.



THE 8th MAINE
A Living Museum & Lodge
766-5086

Open for stays until mid-September

Guided tours from 10:00-4:00 p.m. daily

To visit us, turn down Lower Ryefield just after The Fifth Maine. Enjoy a stay, an event, or just one of the most spectacular views on Peaks

This season opens with a brief program to celebrate our listing on the National Register of Historic Places! The public is cordially invited on June 22nd from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to hear a talk by Earl Shuttleworth of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and to join us afterward for refreshments and socializing.

On Sunday July 1st from 2:00-5:00 we will hold an afternoon CONCERT & DANCE, featuring the popular Ronda Dale & Friends with a variety of great music for listening and dancing. Donations are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

We are grateful to The Inn On Peaks for including us in their Saturday Breakfast program, benefiting island non-profits. Many thanks as well to all the hotel guests and islanders who participated.

For further information and events, be sure to check our web site at www.8thmaine.com
We also urge you look at the community calendar at www.peaksislandinfo.org



Peaks Island Children's Workshop

P.O. Box 80
71 Herman Avenue
Peaks Island, ME 04108-0080

Telephone: 207-766-2854
Fax: 207-766-2739

It feels as if summer may actually be on the way. We are all looking forward to warm weather and sandy beaches! We want to say thank you to the 8 volunteers who came out to the Workshop on the United Way Day of Caring. Some did yard work (ex: winter clean up, weeding, spreading compost, hauling woodchips), while others painted "cubbies". Everything looks great! In May, Jon, Angie and Virginia Horne attended the annual Foster Grandparent Banquet at the Holiday Inn by the Sea. This is an annual event held to honor the many wonderful grandparents around the state who help out each day. Grammy Horne has been with us here at the Workshop for many years; we are very lucky to have her!

Peaks Fest: 2007

We will be hosting children's activities at the Workshop, face painting and a Bake Sale on Saturday of Peaks Fest. Times for all events will be listed in the Peaks Fest flyer. If you are willing to donate food for the Bake Sale please call Celeste at 766-5857.

- There is still room in several of the Rover theme mornings, as well as childcare time in the afternoons this summer. This year we are accepting school "agers" for the afternoon only at the close of other Island Camps. Please call for more information, if you are interested.
- We are still cleaning up from the Patriots Day "flood", but the Community Food Pantry is open to the public M-F, 7am-6pm. Please stop in or call if you are in need.
- Don't forget, the Parent/Toddler community playgroup (10:15-11am) will be ending for summer break on Friday, June 15th. We hope to see you over the next couple weeks and if not, we'll see you in the fall!

Peaks Island School

We have had a wonderful year of learning and friendship at Peaks Island School and would like to thank all islanders who have donated their time, resources, and support to us throughout the year. To thank the many folks who volunteer at the school, a tea was held in their honor on May 30. Students sang, read poetry, and refreshments were served. We are grateful for all of their support.

Many thanks to Jamie Hogan, Kim McIsaac, and Kara St. Germain for helping to restore a partnership between the school and the Fifth Maine Regiment. Fourth and fifth grade students spent part of the day on May 30th becoming acclimated with historical collections and artifacts through a scavenger hunt throughout the museum. Our plan is to enhance our connection to this spectacular on-island historical treasure.

Our seven 5th graders will be graduating from Peaks Island School before heading off to King Middle School in the fall. All islanders are invited to join families, staff, students, and friends on Thursday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the gym to honor Hallie Alex, Jack Carroll, Nathaniel Chalfant, Liam Fox, Obi Mokeme, Ruby Murdock, and Rini West. Please join us for a special program that will include student readings and performances. We are so proud of our 5th graders' accomplishments and wish them well! Our graduating class also holds a special place in school history. Peaks Island School, incorporated as the City's first elementary school in 1832, celebrates its 175th anniversary this year. A special tribute commemorating the school's 175th year will take place during graduation so please join us to honor our wonderful students and our beloved island school.

Kelly Hasson, Principal

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9 Church St., Peaks Island, Maine 207-766-5013 brackettmumc@yahoo.com The Rev. Casey Collins
Worship 10 a.m. every Sunday. Childcare and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Coming up in June:

Brackett Church will once again be hosting the ever popular ALL-ISLAND CRAFT extravaganza on Saturday during Peaks Fest (June 23). Tables rent for \$20.00. Interested crafters please call Cathy Shaw at 766-3394 to reserve your space. It's a win win situation for crafters and buyers alike!

The Gorham High School band and chorus led by Peaks own Liz Rollins, will be in concert at Brackett on Tuesday, June 12 at noon time. Free and delightful!

Open Mike Night in June will be on Friday, June 15th at 7:30 p.m. rather than the 2nd Friday of the month due to schedule conflicts. Join us then for great entertainment and island talent as well as pie and other wonderful desserts all for just showing up! Share your talents or just come and be inspired.

Rumor has it that there will be a special bon voyage for Casey on Sunday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the Brackett Church social hall. Come to church at 10:00 a.m. for her last service with us or just come and say goodbye at 11:00. Call Cathy Shaw for more information (766-3394).

Peaks Island Baptist Church

Phone 207-766-3037
web: pibc.info

235 Pleasant Ave
Peaks Island, Me 04108

Service Schedule:

Sunday:	Bible Study:	10:00 AM
	Worship:	11:00 AM
Wednesday:	Prayer Meeting:	7:00 PM

Summer is nearly here. We look forward to warm weather and the familiar faces of summer residents back on the island once again.

We have a couple events planned for June. On **Sunday, June 17th**, at 10 am, author Carolyn Antonis and her pastor/husband Bernard Antonis will be visiting us and teaching during our Bible Study and Worship services. We are excited to have these guests with us (we love guests!)

On **Saturday, June 23rd**, we will be hosting the second annual **PeaksFest Chili Cook-off**. This was a grand success during last year's Peaks Fest. Dinner starts at **5pm** and goes until the chili is gone. We promise to make more chili than last year, but we need your help! *Anyone and everyone* is invited to cook up a pot of their favorite chili and enter it in the cook-off. Prizes will be awarded based on votes from the chili samplers. Everyone who attends will be able to try any and all chilis and vote for their favorite. Categories are Best Vegetarian Chili, Best Meat Chili, and Best Hot and Spicy Chili. Cost is \$2, will all money going to benefit Peaks Island Tax Assistance.

As always, all our services and events are open to anyone and everyone who wishes to attend. We love visitors and would love to meet you.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue

Father Fred Morse, Pastor

766-2585

Sunday Mass: 10 AM throughout the month of June

Our Summer Schedule begins July 1st with Mass then at 8:15 AM and 10 AM.

Daily Mass: Most Wednesdays at 6 PM

Parish Fair: Please join us for our Annual Parish Fair
on Saturday, June 30th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

White Elephant Sale, Raffle, Silent Auction, Baked Goods, Pony Rides,
Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Lobster Rolls, Kids Games and Much, Much More!

Sacraments

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

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FRIENDS OF TEIA

Does your child want to learn to sail or play tennis this summer or attend the TEIA day camp program? If so, the Friends of TEIA offers scholarships to year round island children. Contact Stephanie Castle at 766-2254 or email at sealights99@aol.com for further information and application.

The Friends of TEIA is sponsoring a Red Cross Baby Sitting course July 1 from 9 to 4 at the clubhouse. Enrollment is limited so sign up now by calling Stephanie @2254 for details. Open to all island children and members children on a first come basis.

NOTICE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit, Randall Mc Vane Post #142, Peaks Island, has established a Past President's Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is available to high school graduates furthering their education; such as college, vocational or trades school, career courses or other programs. Students may apply annually for assistance in continuing their studies.

First consideration will be given to Junior Auxiliary members of the unit, children of active members of the Auxiliary, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or any Peaks Island full-time resident who is a high school graduate.

Students interested must let their intentions be known by letter to the Ladies Auxiliary by June 30, 2007, addressed as follows:

Marcia Willwerth
Scholarship Chairman
102 New Island Avenue
Peaks Island, ME 04108

Moneys will be disbursed after completion of the first semester.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



FAY GARMAN HOUSE

89 Central Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108



CALL 766-2173 TODAY!

*Applicant (head of household) must be 62 years or older

*Incomes cannot exceed \$23,850 (individual) or \$27,300 (for two people)

*Income is based on 30% of adjusted income

HOMESTART News

HOMESTART, an island organization dedicated to establishing affordable housing on Peaks Island, is interested in pre-qualifying potential buyers for current and future projects. If you would like to explore opportunities to own your own home on Peaks, please contact Barbara Hoppin (766-2593) or Ellen Mahoney (766-2543) to learn about the process.

The HOMESTART committee meets at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of every month in the Community Room at the Fay Garman House (Senior Residence) on Central Avenue. The next meeting is June 20. All are welcome. Please join us.



CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

Creates an Island Resource Directory and Phone Fact Sheet

Do you think you might want to help neighbors in case of an emergency? The Peaks Island CERT team is developing an Island Resource Directory that will include names and contact information for volunteers who can help with a range of needs in an emergency: medical, communications, transportation, clearing obstacles, heat, water, power and lodging.

Working with the Portland Fire Department, the CERT team is also developing a Phone Fact Sheet that can be used by year round and seasonal folks to help emergency response. Pick up the fact sheet at the CERT stand during PeaksFest, complete it and keep it in a prominent but visible place at home.

CERT meets at 6 PM on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center. Please join with us! Call Tom Fieldsend at 766-2503 for more information or to add your name to the list of emergency volunteers.

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Peaks Island Health Center
Nancy Wright, FNP
87 Central Avenue PO Box 52 207-766-2929

HAPPY SUMMER!

Office Hours are 9:00 – 2:30, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Are you going to be a college freshman this fall? We can perform your college physical and provide the vaccines required by most colleges.

In addition to acting as primary care provider for our existing patients, we also offer acute care visits for Island residents and visitors. The Health Center can work in conjunction with your doctor to provide you with short-or-long-term care while you're away from home visiting Peaks. Call or stop by to arrange for medical records to be sent here ahead of time, to assure the best quality of care.

We also offer phlebotomy services for those needing to have blood drawn. Please call ahead to make an appointment for any of these services, if at all possible.

The Health Center participates with all major insurance companies. We also offer a cash discount for those without insurance.

The Casco Bay Health Center Board would like to welcome two new members: Lois Tiedeken and Jon Kelso, whose experience in the fields of health care and child development will be a valuable addition. Thank you both for being willing to serve.

Celebrate July 4th by supporting the Health Center with our annual Clamshell Relay Race which will start this year at 1:00 PM. We will have an exciting new Clamshell Race T-shirt for sale, designed by Peaks Island's and Colorado's own Sean Tiffany, along with our usual great raffle. Watch for our table outside Hannigan's the weekend before the Fourth.

VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

The volunteer island taxi service is available for all islanders. If you need a ride anywhere on the island, please call the volunteer listed for the day you need a lift. The drivers may not be at home when you call. Most have answering machines, however, so you can leave a message. We do the best we can! The usual hours are Monday through Friday daytime hours (excluding major holidays). **Please call the day before if at all possible!**

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Fri. 6/1	Peg Astarita	5997	Mon. 6/18	Clem & Mary Voyer	2523
Mon. 6/4	Jamie & Marty Braun	9726		(or 232-6878)	
Tue. 6/5	Stephanie Castle	2254	Tue. 6/19	Gene & Kay Taylor	2811
Wed. 6/6	Ron & Cathy Shaw	3394	Wed. 6/20	George Rosol	0059
Thur. 6/7	Marcy Appel	5071	Thur. 6/21	Toni Muro	2639
Fri. 6/8	Larry Blake	2360	Fri. 6/22	Claire Dahl	2630
Mon. 6/11	Chris Hoppin	2593	Mon. 6/25	Marjorie Phyfe	2307
Tue. 6/12	Bob & Clare Cary	5548	Tue. 6/26	Ann Karlsen	2188
Wed. 6/13	Dan Murphy	5849	Wed. 6/27	Mere Roberts	5819
Thur. 6/14	Ruth Williamson	5825	Thur. 6/28	The Hurleys	899-2101
Fri. 6/15	Bill Zimmerman	0061	Fri. 6/29	Harris Kennedy	0966
	(or 712-1713)		Mon. 7/2	Stephanie Castle	2254

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

Peaks Island Land Preserve

PILP would like to thank the Peaks Island School 4th and 5th graders for all their hard work this spring repairing erosion damage on trails in the Ballfield Woods property! They did a great job!! And a big thank-you also to volunteer land steward Bob Villforth and 4th and 5th grade teacher Kara St. Germain for helping to make such a great project happen!

Also, PILP is still in the midst of cleaning up the fallen and leaning trees on our properties from the recent storm. There are still many trees that could potentially be a hazard. Please be careful when you are out in the woods!

PEAKS ISLAND SENIORS

On a beautiful day in May the Peaks Island seniors met for their potluck luncheon. It was wonderful to meet at the 5th Maine Regiment Building with its glorious view.

After lunch a business meeting was conducted. New officers were elected. Ruth Williamson was seated as president and Judith McAllister as vice president. As a group we joyfully welcome both Ruth and Judith as our leaders.

The June potluck luncheon will be held on Monday, June 11th at 12 noon at the 5th Maine Regiment Building.

All new comers to the Island are welcome and old timers as well!!

CALLING ALL READERS AND BOOK LOVERS

The *Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library* is having its annual **BOOK SALE** on Saturday, July 21, from 9am to 3pm.

For now, please **save** the gently read books you no longer need or want. Hold onto them until Friday, July 20, when you can bring them to the Community Room anytime between 9am and 6pm. You could even help us sort if you have the time. Then come back to buy great, new-to-you books on every subject from fiction or history to fabulous coffee table editions and everything in between.

Don't forget to renew your membership at the library or the book sale. If you'd like to help, there is a sign-up sheet at the library. Or call Judith at 899-9096, for more information. Thanks and we'll see you there!

STAR Subscribers

Reminder to those who have the STAR mailed each month. This is the last issue you will receive, as we do not mail during the months of July and August.

If you would like the STAR mailed to you beginning in September 2007, please drop off or send to the library, your name, address and \$7.00 to cover the cost of postage.

Peaks Island STAR
c/o Peaks Island Branch Library
129 Island Avenue
Peaks Island ME 04108

June at the Peaks Island Branch Library
in the Community Building 766-5540 www.portlandlibrary.com
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

Please join us for a Neighborhood Meeting with Portland Public Library's executive director, Stephen J. Podgajny, on Saturday, June 9, from 10 am - 11:30am in the Community Room. Steve will discuss the vision for the Portland Public Library system, discuss the proposal for the former Public Market space, and answer questions from the audience.

Summer Reading Sign-up will begin here on Tuesday, June 19. Get a Clue @ Your Library is the theme for this year's program, which will run for 6 weeks. There is a special sign-up time for students who will be in Middle or High School in the fall, on the 19th between 6 and 7 PM. The program will be similar but different for the older kids. We look forward to another fun summer with those from preschool through high school, reading and being read to, enjoying all the clues to good reading they can find at the library.

Special PeaksFest-Summer Reading Program for families on Saturday, June 23, in the Community Room at 10:30 am. Janet Denison, a professional ventriloquist, will be here with her furry, feathery friends. You will not want to miss this Monkey Business program.

Summer Story and Craft Program for ages 5-8 begins Tuesday, June 26.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion will meet at the Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association (TEIA) clubhouse at 7 PM in July and August. Books will be *Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson on July 3 and *My Life in France* by Julia Child on August 7. On Tuesday, June 5, the discussion of *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls will be in the Community Room at 7 PM.

Some New Books and Music CDs

Music CDs: Tori Amos, *American Doll Posse*; Diana Krall, *The Look of Love*

Fiction: Robert Barnard, *Fall From Grace*; Elizabeth Berg, *Dream When You're Feeling Blue*; Michael Chabon, *Yiddish Policemen's Union*; Harlen Coben, *The Woods*; Michael Connelly, *The Overlook*; James Grippando, *Lying With Strangers*; Khaled Hosseini, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*; James Patterson, *6th Target*; Susan Vreeland, *Luncheon of the Boating Party*

NonFiction: William Geist, *Way Off the Road, Discovering the Peculiar Charms of Small-Town America*; Elmer Kelton, *Sandhills Boy*; Janine Latus, *If I Am Missing or Dead*; Robert Kurson, *Crashing Through, a True Story of Risk, Adventure and the Man Who Dared to See*; Stephanie Nolen, *28, Stories of AIDS in Africa*; Jean Smith, *FDR*; George Tenet, *At the Center of the Storm*; David Zinczenko, *The Abs Diet for Women*

A New Gardening Book, *Seascape Gardening From New England to the Carolinas* by Anne Halpin, is nicely arranged so that if you are looking for either inspiration or information, you will not be disappointed. The photography is a real treat, and the information is solid. This book was purchased with a memorial gift.

The Portland Public Library Annual Fund runs through June 30. How will increasing the Annual Fund benefit you? A larger Annual Fund means the library can purchase more books and resources for the entire system, including the Peaks Island Branch. Should you wish to support this effort, you may mail your donation to: Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland, ME 04101; drop it off at the branch or the main library; or call 871-1700 ext. 759 to use a credit card. Thank you for your support.

JUNE ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve space and/or equipment in the Community Building, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise will be on vacation from Friday, June 15 until Monday, June 25. Messages will be checked on Thursday morning, June 14 and then again on Tuesday, June 26. Check Denise's calendar on her door for her complete schedule.

ATTENTION ALL BLOOD DONORS: ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE – THURSDAY, JULY 5

The American Red Cross will be holding its annual Blood Drive on Peaks Island on Thursday, July 5 at Greenwood Gardens – 12:00 – 5:30 pm. Volunteers needed to promote the blood drive as well as on July 5. Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. The need is crucial – especially after the July 4th holiday. Sign-up sheets on Denise's door

ISLAND HAPPENINGS – ALL ARE WELCOME!

MONDAY/THURSDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

Walking Program – for all levels of walkers

8:15 am - Meet at PI Community Center

Low-Impact Exercise Program (with weights)

9:30 – 10:30 am at PI Community Center

GET-TOGETHER with “IN-TOWN” SENIORS

Monday, June 4 Fifth Maine

Slide presentation by Kim MacIsaac (meet at 12:45 pm)

AFTERNOON TEA: “MYSTERY” LOCATION

Thursday, June 7 12:30 pm – meet at the Com. Ctr.
“Mystery” teas have begun. Enjoy an hour of relaxation and socialization. We do “Mystery” teas regularly during the summer months. If you would like to host such an event, please let Denise know (766-2970).

ADVANCED NOTICE: MOSAIC WORKSHOP (adults)

Friday, July 27 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Guest instructor: Jo Israelson Fee: \$20

Save your cracked pottery and unwanted pieces of old china or seek them out at summer yard and rummage sales.

Check the American Red Cross website (www.newenglandblood.org) for additional information or to register on-line for the Peaks Island blood drive on July 5

OFF-ISLAND TRIPS – OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

Pre-registration required – minimum for each trip is 8. Phone registrations begin on Thursday, June 7. Please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970. There is a transportation fee for all off-island trips.

FREEPORT SHOPPING

Friday, June 29 10:00 am boat/3:15 pm return
Enjoy browsing/shopping in the many stores on Main Street. Lunch will be on your own – with a variety of restaurants to choose from – or you may eat with me at The Corsican.

STRAWBERRY PICKING & ICE CREAM STOP

Monday, July 2 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return
PYO fresh strawberries-either from the fields or at the farm market at Maxwell's. We'll stop for ice cream at Kettle Cove Dairy Bar and enjoy the beauty of Kettle Cove



Saturday Night Movies in June

FREE

In the Community Room

Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library

June	6 PM	June	8 PM
2	<i>Friday Night at the Museum</i> (2006) PG, 108m	2	<i>Billy Elliot</i> (2000) R, 110 min
9	<i>Great Muppet Caper</i> (1981) PG, 95 min	9	No 8 PM Movie
16	<i>My Neighbor Totoro</i> (1988) PG, 86 min	16	<i>DaVinci Code</i> (2006) PG-13, 149 min
23	<i>Porco Rosso</i> (1992) PG, 90 min	23	<i>Jane Eyre</i> (1944) NR, 97 min
30	<i>Dr. Dolittle II</i> (2001) PG, 87 min	30	<i>Blood Diamond</i> (2006) R, 120 min