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Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance (PITEA)

Spring is finally here after a cold and stormy winter. The birds are returning and that must mean that the warmer weather is on its way as well. The daffodils are out all over the island and even some tulips are blossoming. More trees and bushes are showing off their beauty every day. Our friends and neighbors are beginning to arrive on the Island. Summer is just around the corner. All this while our Portland City Council is working on the budget that begins on July 1, 2014. The Council is talking about another tax hike, which will impact all of us on Peaks Island. PITEA is well aware that our services will still be needed for tax or energy assistance from July 1 2014- June 30, 2015. But just how much assistance will our friends and neighbors on the island need. This year we received more requests for energy assistance and so we focused on that account. It is most important to note that our ability to assist has not been diminished. Our goal of helping to keep our neighbors on Peaks has been met again this year. And we do intend to keep working – Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Our affiliation with Market America is now waning. PITA received over \$3600 over the last three years but we are now looking for new ways to raise funds. We will be working on other fundraising projects this summer and are looking for new ideas to implement over the next year. The money that we raise goes directly to our accounts to assist Islanders. This summer we will be hosting dinners once a month. On **June 22nd** we will have our Mexican Loaf and Ladle from 5-7 p.m. at the Baptist Church social hall featuring tacos and fixings, beans and rice, Mexican specialties, and those mouthwatering desserts by Charles. On **July 17th** we will be serving chowder and lobster rolls with blueberry cake for dessert at Jones Landing. Please watch for information about reservations, etc., for this wonderful dinner. The exact menu will be published later. Finally, we will be hosting an Old-fashioned Bean Supper on Thursday, **August 14th** at Jones Landing featuring homemade beans, ham, hotdogs, coleslaw, etc.. **Mark these dates on your calendar** and come and enjoy some down home cooking! Our cooks are multitalented and every dinner is truly delicious. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

Monetary contribution should be sent to: PITEA at P O Box 126, Peaks Island, ME 04108, and will be greatly appreciated. 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. So please come and share your ideas and suggestions for PITEA.

Peaks Island Tax Assistance

Fifth Maine Museum & Cultural Center

With a fresh look and the wonderful new “Coney Island Exhibit” – the Fifth Maine Museum and Cultural Center has a lot going on this summer, and we’d love for you to come visit us! We have published a brochure of events – there are MANY! Due to heavy rains on our opening day celebration, we have rescheduled our History Walk to the Future fundraising historical/trivia walk for 9:00 am Saturday, June 28 – so you still have time to participate! We have four historical presentations planned – the Wabanaki People, the Underground Railroad in Casco Bay, Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address, and a program on our Civil War piano, with live period music. We have Beans & Bingo on July 19th, the House Tour on July 26, Art on the Porch on August 10, Pancake breakfasts on the last Sundays of June, July, and August and our Annual Harvest Supper on October 11th. There will be an evening of STORYTELLING by the SEA, which was published incorrectly in our brochure – the correct date is Tuesday, July 8th at 7:30 pm. There are four more PI Lecture Series dates, 11 musical concerts, and many private events scheduled. Please see our newly refreshed website and its handy calendar for information on all of our events, at www.fifthmainemuseum.org or contact us at events@fifthmainemuseum.org or 766-3330 for more information.

June 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

Summer Reading Program for Children: The program will run for 8 weeks, starting the week of **June 1st** and finishing on **July 31st**. The goal is to read (or be read to) 8 books. Each participant ages **5-12** will receive a **reading log** to keep track of his/her reading, an **Adventure Map** and a ticket voucher to a **Portland Sea Dogs** game. **Children under 5** and their parents/caregivers have a special log of early literacy activities. Each time you check out a book at the library, you can get a free ticket to ride a **Greater Portland Metro Bus!** There will be a weekly drawing for a gift certificate to Longfellow Books for progress made on Adventure Maps, starting the week of **June 9th**. After 4 books are read, stop by any library location to pick up a prize! Those reaching their reading goal will receive a certificate, a book, and a voucher from **The Gelato Fiasco**. A system-wide party will be held at Riverton Branch Library.

Adult Summer Reading Program: The program will be 8 weeks long, June 2 through July 26, with weekly drawings at Peaks for \$10 gift certificates to Longfellow Books and a system-wide drawing for two \$50 GC at the conclusion. A **NEW** part of the program this year: local author Monica Wood has chosen two books by Maine authors that she would like to promote. The books are *Inquisitors Diary* by Jeffrey Lewis and *By the Light of the Moon* by Bunny McBride. There will be 3 copies of each of those books to circulate at Peaks for those interested. Monica will do a program on the mainland in August, interviewing the authors.

Special PeaksFest Library Program: Saturday, June 21, 10:30. Singer and instrumentalist Rob Duquette will perform an interactive musical program for kids and families in the Community Room, across the hall from the library. Rob's Children's Music features many original fun songs which carry messages ranging from teeth brushing to being kind. Rob sings and performs on Ukelele, guitar, xylophone and many percussion instruments from around the globe. Come join the fun!

Middle School Book Club's next meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 5:45 pm. The Middle School Book Club is an enthusiastic group of kids. During the month they read, some more than others, then we meet over pizza and chat about books. At their last meeting they talked about setting their own goals of how many books they will read. So if you are in middle school, reading between now and Tuesday June 17th, keep track of those books or come get a punch card from us at the library. Then you too can join us on Tuesday, June 17th at 5:45pm. These readers would like to continue through the summer and maybe change the menu from time to time. It is open to all middle schoolers and they can come when it best fits their schedule. Mike Sylvester joins in on the discussion and he just might be cooking too.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: next meeting is June 3, at 7pm in the Community Room to discuss *Life Saving Lessons* by Linda Greenlaw.

In July and August, the group will meet at the TEIA club house, overlooking the bay. Books for the summer months are

July 1 – *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride

August 5 – *The Water Is Wide: a Memoir* by Pat Conroy

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Wednesday, June 25, by 6 pm. Bring articles copy-ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door when the library is closed.

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

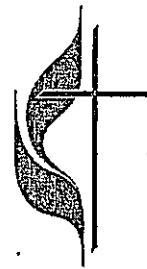
Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, and Reconciling Congregation

9 Church Ave., Peaks Island, ME 04108

Rev. Angela Tarbox, Pastor

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



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

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

After School Bible School – Thank you for an amazing first year! 12 children and 14 adults participated in the program, so you will definitely see it again in the fall!

Twene Nites – Every other Friday, 6:30-9pm (generously co-sponsored by the Peaks Island Fund). For youth in grades 6-8. As the school year draws to a close, keep an eye out for the date of our annual blow out!

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm at the parsonage (9 Church Ave, across from school).

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

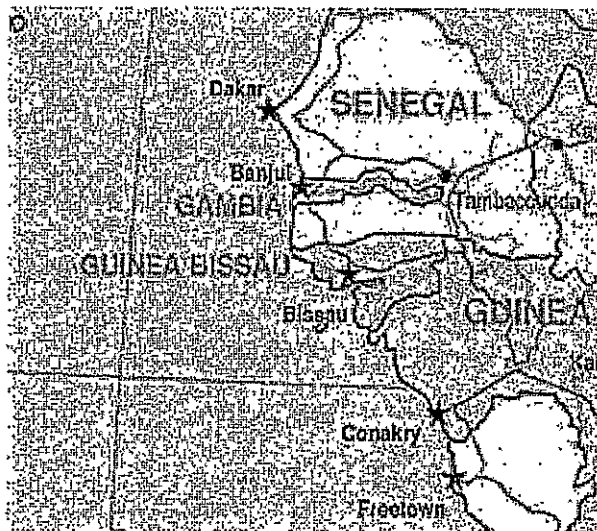
SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE:

Sunday, June 22 – 6pm at Brackett Church. Help us to close out another successful PeaksFest with our 2nd Annual Ferry Home Companion Radio Show! New talent, new songs, new ads, and another fresh look at this place we call home. Another year of amazing treats available for sale during intermission AND half of all the donations you make will go to the Peaks Island Academy. Watch for more details to come!

Saturday, June 14 – Friends of Mind Fundraiser for Midwives in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa. At the Brackett church from 4-7pm, there will be an evening of music, dancing, dinner, silent auction, and a brief talk on the work being done in Africa (including a few words from our very own Dr. Chuck Radis). The library is also displaying three paintings of Domingos Luisa which will be featured during the silent auction, so please stop by for a preview!

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students and children. They will be available at the door, or you can purchase them ahead of time as well as get more information from either Maria Cushing (207-210-8270, mariacushing5@yahoo.com) or Chuck Radis (207-766-5915, cradis@maine.rr.com).

Hope to see you there!



The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry

The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry is truly a community effort, with donations and support provided by many different individuals and organizations from Peaks Island. As part of the Peaks Island Council initiative to provide boat tickets to year-round residents in need, the Food Pantry now has a few senior, child and adult boat tickets available for distribution.

We are located at the Brackett Memorial Church and our opening hours are:

Mondays — 3:30 — 5pm

Thursdays — 9:30 — 11am

The Peaks Island Food Pantry would like to thank all of our very generous community members who helped us throughout this past winter. With the extra long heating season, budgets were stretched and we had a very significant uptick in usage. We could not have met the additional need without the donations we received during the winter. Thank you!!

We are extremely grateful for any donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items (no out of date food items, please). We have a collection box located in the Douglas MacVane Community Center – aka the library—or bring donations directly to the food pantry during opening hours. **Our current needs are: canned ham or chicken breast, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, grape jelly, canned ravioli or beef stew, toilet paper.**

Cash donations are especially helpful as it allows us to provide clients with \$20 Hannigan's vouchers for fresh fruit, vegetables, bakery, dairy and meat items. **You can now make checks out directly to: Peaks Island Food Pantry.** People who wish to make tax-deductible donations should make checks out to Brackett Memorial Church and write "FOOD PANTRY" in the memo line. Please call Susan Hanley, 766-2735, for more information, to request food drop off, or to arrange donation pick up.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

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

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

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

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

Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, May 20th in the Parish House.

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

Summer Arts & Craft Fair Sunday, June 29th from 12:30 to 4:30 PM featuring loads of unique items from island craftspeople.

St. Christopher's Annual Fair Saturday July 5th, 10AM-2PM with Rummage, Raffle, Silent Auction, Bake Table, Kids Games, Grill and our famous Lobster Rolls.

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TEIA Scholarship News

Congratulations are in order for Ruby Murdock who received the 2014 \$1000 TEIA Scholarship.

Ruby is graduating from Portland High School after a very successful academic career and participation in a variety of extra curricular activities including athletics. In 2011 Ruby took an interesting class called Anatomy of Leadership that also included students from Deering High School. She worked other students in groups to help a local business solve key issues that the business faced.

Receiving high praise from her teachers for her goal-oriented hard work and quiet leadership, Ruby plans to attend USMCC and major in criminal justice.

Best wishes to Ruby and all the Peaks Island Seniors as they graduate and continue along the path of life-long learning.

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Peaks Island Elementary School

P.I.E.S is winding up the school year with a flurry of activities. The 4th & 5th graders traveled to Boothbay to participate in a weather symposium at Bigelow Lab. A warm thank you goes out to the Island Institute for sponsoring this trip. On May 29th, the whole school will go on a field trip to Bryant Pond Conservation Camp. The 5th graders will camp overnight and participate in additional activities the next day. Saturday, May 31st brings "Family Work Day" at the school playground. All are invited to help us clear out invasive plants on our campus. Grades K-3 will visit the 9th Maine Wildlife Park in Gray on June 3rd, and the Portland Museum of Art on June 9th. On June 11th, the whole school travels down the bay to Chebeague Island to participate in a Casco Bay Island schools field day. The Island Institute is also sponsoring this event. Finally, the whole community is invited to attend the following events at the school: a Celebration of Learning on June 12th at 6:15 PM; the Spring Concert on June 19th at 6:15 PM; and 5th Grade Farewell on June 20th at 10:00 AM. The last day of school for students is Friday, June 20th! Then our students are off to a well-deserved break over the summer weeks!

Note to STAR Contacts for Each Organization:

EVENTS LISTING IN JULY and AUGUST STARS

If you are the STAR contact for your organization, please list your programs or events, date, time, title of program, cost, on a separate piece of paper from your regular article. On that sheet, please include your name and contact info (phone and/or email) in case the calendar editor has any questions. Thanks!

PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 71 Herman Avenue, 766-2854

www.picw.org



PICW will be closed Friday, June 20th for a staff in-service day

Our Pre-Kindergarten class has been learning how to be Authors and Illustrators this spring. Their books will be on display at the library until June 20th. Please stop by and check out the work of our youngest island authors.

PeaksFest weekend is June 20th to 22nd, look for our Bake Sale table down front Saturday morning and pie eating contest in the afternoon. (Time and place TBA)

SAVE THE DATE: Summer soiree is August 17th at TEIA. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvre dinner on the porch, followed by musical entertainment! \$40 per person (or \$50 after August 1st). Cash bar.

Purchase tickets by calling Gail at 756-9000 or email gtkot@hotmail.com

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

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

13th Annual PeaksFest Celebration June 20 – 22, 2014

Plans for this year's fun-filled celebration of our unique community are well underway, and the T-shirt design by master designer Marty Braun is simply smokin'! Block off your calendars now, and come party with your island neighbors before the summer crowds make us all disappear! From the opening Schmoozefest at the wicked cool EIGHTH MAINE, to a dunk tank at DownFront, to a whole-weekend long scavenger hunt, a sing-along "Sound of Music" at the movies (with costume contest), a howling good-time at the Common Hound Fair, and the fun and funny Ferry Home Companion Show, we know you'll have a blast. Watch for notices about where the schedules can be picked up, and we'll see YOU there! For more information contact Faith York at 766-5763 or FYonPI@aol.com.

June Movies – Saturday Nights – FREE			
A Program of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library. Movies shown by volunteers. Children must be accompanied by adults.			
6PM 7	<i>Stuart Little</i> , 1999, PG, 84 min	8PM 7	<i>Julia</i> , 1977, PG, 117 min
14	<i>Standing Up</i> , 2013, PG, 96 min	14	<i>The Whistleblower</i> , 2011, R, 112 min
June 21 *** Special PeaksFest Showings *** June 21			
6 pm: <i>The Three Brothers</i> , 2014, NR 22 min+			
Ellis Ducharme will present this film based on a wizard myth from the final Harry Potter film, <i>Deathly Hallows</i> , and created with Warner Brothers rights/permissions by New England School of Communications. Short Q & A follows			
7 pm: <i>The Sound of Music (Sing-Along)</i> , 1965, NR, 175 minutes			
Come dressed as your favorite character, and then sing and dance along to your favorite tunes from this musical hit with our fun and talented MC! Free admission to those in costume (and for all others, too!). Snacks and bags of props provided. Prizes for best costume.			
28	<i>Godzilla</i> , 1954, NR, 96 min	28	<i>Cider House Rules</i> , 1999, PG-13, 125 min



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Ladies & Gentlemen, the Peaks Island Lions Club is actively seeking to augment our membership. Both year-round and summer residents are welcome.

Note: Almost all of our fundraising is done during our season from April through September.

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

What do we do?

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

How do we raise funds?

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

How much do we give?

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

What do our members do?

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

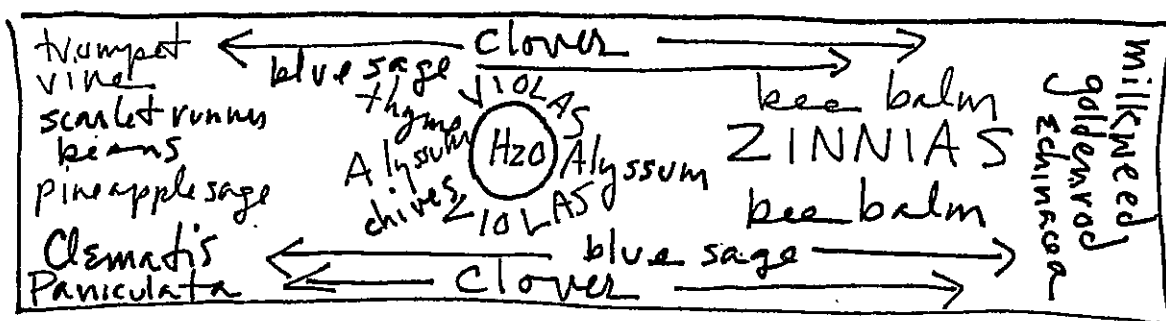
Please be aware that we know that our members have private lives too and cannot always attend every event or meeting. This is to be expected; however we do especially appreciate those members who make an effort to be helpful when they can.

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

PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

June 23 – 29 is National Pollinators Week. At the Community Garden we'll celebrate by planting an entire plot dedicated to bees and butterflies. You could do a similar project by filling a corner of your yard with nectar-rich flowers spanning the months from early spring through fall. For a great list of suggested plant material, we recommend

<http://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/EasternBroadleaf.Oceanic.rx18.pdf>



The Peaks Island Library has a plentiful assortment of books about pollinators, especially in the children's section, which is always the best place to start for simple, richly illustrated information. In case you missed it, here are some of the books mentioned at our last PEAT meeting:

Butterflies in the Garden by Carol Lerner

An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly by Laurence Pringle

Monarchs by Kathryn Lasky

The Case of the Vanishing Honeybee by Sandra Markle

Two adult titles of interest are

Flight Behavior, a novel by Barbara Kingsolver about the effects of global warming as they relate to monarch butterflies

Oil and Honey, a memoir by Bill McKibben, which is only tangentially related to bees, but gives a short, fascinating account of the foundation and activities of 350.org

In addition, PEAT is donating the video we showed that evening to the library: *More Than Honey*, an elegantly photographed documentary about the interrelationship of bees and humans throughout the world

Peaks Island Music Association

Our concert series at the Fifth Maine begins July 9th and welcomes Tom & Dexter Morse and friends for an evening of smooth jazz. The Annual Island Musicians concert will be on July 23; August 6 will be a classical music evening (originally scheduled were the principals of Opera Roanoke, but due to an award they are receiving, they have rescheduled for next year, so stay tuned for their replacements!)

The Peaks Island Chorale will wrap up the season on August 20. All concerts are 8:00 pm with a suggested donation of \$5 per person. The fabulous Maryland State Boychoir will also be joining us this year, August 2nd at Brackett Memorial Church. We'll need some help lodging and feeding all these boys – so please let us know if you can help. For more information, contact Faith York at 766-5763 or

FYoPI@aol.com.

JUNE 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 (d1m@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2970) at least two days in advance. Early June reservations must be made by June 2 as Denise will be out of the office from June 6 – 11, returning to the island on Thursday, June 12. Denise works part-time on the island: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please call back if you don't get a return phone call as sometimes messages get lost. Thanks!

ONE HOUR WALKING TOUR of OLD PEAKS ISLAND
Monday, June 2 11:00 am - Tour starts at Greenwood Garden
Guides: Reta Morrill & Joyce O'Brien. Share your memories in community room afterward. Pre-registration appreciated. Fee is \$2 pp. Next session is

THURSDAYS KNIT/CROCHET CHAT CLUB

Thursdays, June 12, 19, & 26 10:45-11:45 am, in com. rm.
We continue to make hats, scarves, dishcloths for charity. Stop by if you'd like to buy hand-made dish cloths (\$2); hats/scarves (\$7 each). Proceeds buy much needed gloves/socks for charity.

THURSDAYS at the GARDEN – BYO PICNIC

June 5, 12, 19, & 26 (from approx. 12:00 – 1:00pm)
BYO picnic lunch and enjoy the beauty of the community garden. Everyone welcome - meet at Trott-Littlejohn Park. Attention community/home gardeners: if you have any extra produce, we can help you share it with island seniors. Contact Denise at DLM@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2970

LUCKY FRIDAY the 13th: BINGO and SUPERSTITIONS

Friday, June 13 10-12 noon (drop-in anytime)
Share your favorite superstitions as we laugh and play BINGO. This could be your lucky day to win "prizes"! BYO lunch if you'd like. Pre-registration not required. All are welcome.

WALKING TOUR of BRACKETT MEM. CEMETERY

Sunday, June 15 3:00 – 4:00 pm; meet at entrance to cemetery
Guide Matthew Barnes, guide, stonemason and caretaker, will lead you through this historic cemetery. Pre-registration not required. Fee is \$5 pp – paid on day of tour. Next tour is 7/6

LUNCH at the INN w/ "IN-TOWN" SENIORS

Monday, June 16 Time to be announced
Join the annual lunch with the "in-town" seniors. Pre-registration required – deadline to register is Monday, June 9. Sign-up sheet on Denise's door. Cost: \$11 - Meal includes stuffed chicken breast or pasta, salad, rolls, beverage, dessert

MOVIE: CASABLANCA (PG; 102 minutes)

Thursday, June 19 2:00 pm in community room
Enjoy this classic 1942 film starring Humphrey Bogart .

SPECIAL IN-TOWN TRIP – ME AUDUBON

Monday, June 23 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return
Visit Maine Audubon to see their lovely peony gardens in bloom (w/ Mother Nature's help!), walk some of the trails and browse through the Nature Store. Pre-registration required – deadline to register is Thursday, June 19. Fee is \$5 pp

MOVIE: SAVING MR. BANKS (PG-13; 125 minutes)

Monday, June 30 2:00 pm in community room
Learn of the connection between Walt Disney & Mary Poppins

MONDAYS and THURSDAYS:

Morning Walking Group – meet at com. rm. at 8:30 am
All are welcome to walk (stretch indoors if too wet outside)
Low-Impact Aerobics w/ Weights - 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm.)

PARENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS:!

WIGGLE, JIGGLE, DANCE & SING with Faith York
(for infants-5 years old) Next session begins on Tues., July 8.
Fee: \$72 for 6 weeks / \$90 for two children in same family
FMI: check Denise's bulletin boards or at fyonpi@aol.com

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

The Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, June 9th. Invite your senior friends and neighbors to join us at noon at the Fay Garman House. Come and enjoy the beautiful gardens that are blooming outside the community room. Bring a dish to share and join in the camaraderie.

Your annual dues of \$5.00 are now due and will be collected at the June and July luncheons. All Seniors are welcome!