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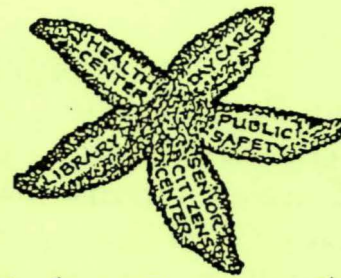
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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the Peaks Island Council invites you to a...

June Election Candidates Night

featuring school board, state house, and district attorney candidates

Wednesday, June 8th @ 6:15pm on Zoom

Zoom information will be sent out in the PIC email list and posted on NextDoor.

Our next monthly PIC meeting will be on June 22nd at 6:15pm. PIC meetings are held every month on the 4th Wednesday (except in November/December, on the 3rd Wednesday).

the 2022 PIC is:

Peter Eckel, chair

Peter McLaughlin, secretary

Natasha Markov-Riss

Scott Mohler

S.E. Rafferty, vice chair

Fred Somers

Jerzy Sylvester

The full council can be reached at pic@portlandmaine.gov. Individual councilor emails can be found at www.portlandmaine.gov/680/Peaks-Island-Council.

Ready To Help in A Disaster

Our Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trains with the Portland Fire Department to help in emergencies and disasters. Help is always available by calling 911. However, CERT does need more volunteers. For more information, please call Jay Desmond at 766-2088.

Peaks Assisted Living (PAL)

The Peaks Assisted Living Committee met at the Faye Garman House May 2nd. We are continuing to look for a mainland sponsor for an assisted living facility on Peaks as discerned by the Island Institute survey before the pandemic.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Seamus Griesbach at 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 8:30 AM. We often have breakfast in the Parish House after Mass. All are welcome. For information about other mainland services, check www.portlandcatholic.org. For information concerning Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage, please contact Father Seamus.

Centennial Pavers We have begun our Centennial Celebration (1923-2023) with a campaign to offer everyone in the Peaks Island community opportunities to purchase commemorative pavers for yourself, friends and loved ones. The deadline for ordering them is July 15th.

+ Friend - Small paver \$125 up to two lines, 11 characters per line. Sized 4.5" X 4.5".

+ Supporter - Medium paver \$250 up to three lines, 11 characters per line. Sized 4.5" X 7".

+ Angel - Larger paver \$500 and up, up to four lines, 11 characters per line, sized 4.5" X 9".

Contact on line <https://bit.ly/CentPaver>.

Blessing of the Fleet We will be blessing boats Sunday June 12th with a Casco Bay parade that will reach the T.E.I.A. Club dock around 2:30 PM. All are welcome to participate.

Church Fair Our Annual Fair will be Saturday, July 2nd from 10 AM to 2 PM. Lots of food, fun, rummage and games. All are welcome!

Borrow Free Medical Equipment

Everyone should know that St. Christopher's and the Peaks Island Health Center have free medical equipment available on loan temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and other supplies are provided on a first come, first served basis. Borrowers are only asked when they think they will return it and also relieve the program of any liability.

For more information, call or text Lisa Penalver at 272-5962 or Chris Hoppin at 232-2908 or choppin@aol.com.



The Peaks Island Community Collaborative



The Peaks Island Community Collaborative is working to build partnerships and raise awareness of events, opportunities, resources, and goals that will enhance our quality of life. And now, we have called together our great island organizations all in one place for a fun little event, complete with burgers & dogs & live music & a bouncy castle & Jonoah juggling & badminton & and Italian Farmer's Market & MORE (including a six-foot chicken)! Come and meet the island influencers, find out what they're doing and how you could maybe get involved. Sign up, join up, chat up, and enjoy yourself – a fun time will be had by all!

Come on down to the LIONS CLUB on Saturday, June 4th from 12–3pm for the Grass Roots Fair!

If you want to get on our email list to get our up-to-date event announcements this summer, drop us a line at PICommunityCollaborative@gmail.com – or call 766-5763, and “LIKE” us on Facebook. And – don't forget to check the community calendar at www.peaksisland.info – new events are being added all the time. Don't miss the fun!



JUNE UPDATE

Yeessss! Summer is almost here folks. Come one, come all as we kick off the fun!

Sat. June 4th 12:00 – 3:00pm: Community Opening & Commemoration

Along with the Peaks Island Community Collaborative Grass Roots Fair, we invite you to come down and enjoy a burger with friends as we unveil the plaque to commemorate the Greenwood Garden Playhouse being placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Tap your feet to the musical delights of **Chandler's Military Band**. Of special note, this Band is the 2nd oldest in the nation and played at the inaugural opening of the Playhouse in 1881!

Sat., June 21st 5:30 – 7:30pm: Community Burger Night with Music

Mark your calendars for July: 21st: Lobster Roll Dinner Delight with the Portland Conservatory

Come volunteer this summer!

Looking to sprinkle some laughter into your summer? Get a taste (literally and metaphorically) of what it's like to hang with this fun and dedicated den of Lions, come volunteer at a Community Event!

Got a special event to book, such as an anniversary party or company retreat?

Or better yet, ready to grab your bride or groom and get hitched under the starry night sky?

Visit our website: www.greenwoodgardenmaine.com. Or contact: lionsclubrentals@gmail.com.

Need information about an upcoming community event? Reach out to Lions member Margaret Kelsey, our Volunteer Communications & Marketing Maverick (I mean, Coordinator) at lionsclubmarketing@gmail.com.

*Note: The Peaks Island Lions Club, has a 501c4 designation and has formed an associated 501c3 entity that is named **Lions Club of Peaks Island Foundation**. The foundation is able to accept tax-deductible donations of which virtually 100 percent will be distributed in the same year received. This foundation has the same address, membership, BOD, and Officers as the PILC.*

**Peaks Island Taxi
News and Schedule Updates**



(207) 518-0000

June Taxi Hours

Peaks Island Taxi is operating **7 days a week, 7:30am to 8:30pm.**
The Taxi will continue to meet morning and afternoon ferries.

Please call by 6:00pm to schedule a pick-up from the 7:15pm or 8:15pm ferries, departing from CBL: (207) 518-0000.

Any schedule changes or status updates for The Taxi will be posted on Next Door, Carol's List, and on the sign at the Welch Street Taxi Stand.

We're heading in to the busy season, so please do call ahead if you want to schedule a ride, whether it's a pick-up for the ferry or a ride across island: **(207) 518-0000.**



Peaks Island Health Center

The Clamshell Relay and Raffle

We will decide soon if the annual Clamshell Relay Race can be held safely this year. No matter what, we will be selling Clamshell Raffle tickets—which benefit healthcare scholarships for islanders—outside Hannigan's Market on the July 4 weekend. Stop by and support our community health and the next generation of providers!

The Clamshell Relay Race Scholarship

Applications are due June 1. Send your completed application to Dr. Chuck Radis at cradis@maine.rr.com or to Dr. Chuck Radis, 334 Island Avenue, Peaks Island, Maine 04108.

Healthy Conversations Start June 25

Learn about how to prevent, diagnose, and treat lower back and neck pain from spine expert Dr. Peter Leone and neurosurgeon Dr. Rodney Rosario! Bring your questions about these chronic conditions to a lively, interactive event on Saturday, June 25 from 10–11:30 a.m. at the Community Center on Island Avenue. For questions or to request a Zoom invitation, email gpmcenany@gmail.com.

Get the latest news at peaksislandhealthcenter.org

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**87 Central Avenue
Peaks Island, Maine**

**Kitty Gilbert, FNP,
sees patients
Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday from
8:30 a.m –3:00 p.m.**

Call **(207) 874-2466** to
schedule appointments
or join the Health Center



The Fifth Maine Museum

www.fifthmainemuseum.org, 207-766-3330

Welcome to the Fifth Maine Museum for the 2022 season!

As our 2022 season gets underway, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome to our members, friends, and neighbors! If you aren't a member yet, you can sign up on the support tab of our website (www.fifthmainemuseum.org/support) or send us an email (fifthmainemuseum@gmail.com). Members receive free admission (plus one guest), our newsletter, and the wonderful feeling that you are supporting an iconic island institution!

During June, the museum will be open Friday-Sunday. During July and August, we are open every day! Be sure to stop by to drop off your time capsule submission! This is your chance to touch the future!

We have lots of events planned in June, so mark your calendars for:

June 12, 6:30-7:30pm – Renaissance Voices Concert: Folk Song Suite II ; tickets are \$10 at the door

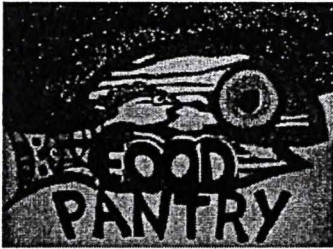
June 17, 6:30-8pm – PeaksFest Schmooze Fest – Party on the Porch island-wide catch up!! Free event

June 19, 11am-3pm – Time Capsule Palooza!! A Peaks Island celebration!! Help us bury history! Free event

June 26, 8-11am – Pancake Breakfast. Join us for our first pancake breakfast of the season!

July 2, 10am-3pm – July ART WALK – Check out what the island artists have been up to all winter! Free event

Thank you for being part of the History, Legacy, and Community of Peaks Island!



Peaks Island Community Food Pantry

The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry is located in the Brackett Memorial Church and is open on Mondays at 3:30–5pm. Our mission is to provide food assistance to our island neighbors in need, supported by many different individuals and organizations from Peaks Island.

Thank you to the many generous donations from the members of the Peaks Island community (and beyond)!! We are proud to say that **100% of your donations go directly to providing food assistance to our clients.**

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, our needs this month are: *Progresso soups (that are not clam chowder), pasta sauce, spaghetti, Saltine and Ritz crackers, canned pineapple, canned peaches, canned pears, apple sauce, chili (no beans) peanut butter (not crunchy), granola bars, 1 pound bags of sugar, coffee, chicken ramen, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, boxed cereal, vegan meals.*

A reminder that you can make cash donations via check. Please make check out to “Peaks Island Food Pantry” – send to Susan Hanley, 108 Brackett Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108.

If you have any questions about the food pantry, or you would like to arrange a food drop off or a donation pick up, please

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

www.picw.org



THE PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY MAY 30TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY and MONDAY JUNE 20TH IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH

Spring has arrived at PICW! Kids and staff are enjoying the fresh air, sun, and warmer weather. Our garden prep has begun, with community members sharing veg plants, experimenting with bean seeds in our windows, and weekly visits to Jim's for local garden exploration. While every day of every season has us out and about, summer is when we can really stretch our legs to discover the beauty of our home – rock climbing at the beach, dipping our toes in the ocean, collecting dandelions, and waving to neighbors are a few of our favorite warm weather activities!

We celebrated mothers this May with hand painted flower pots, pansies, and fun facts about our own moms. We look forward to next month when we get to celebrate the dads!

This month we welcome Clio, a summer assistant teacher, to our program! Studying early education at the University of Mississippi, Clio will be a welcome addition to our teaching staff.

We are happy to open our program to volunteers, and would love to engage with our community in new ways. If you are interested in volunteering with a fabulous bunch of children, please contact Arria at office@picw.org.

PICW is accepting applications for part/full time care on our WAIT-LIST. Contact Arria at office@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, Heather Thompson, at heather@juniperdesignbuild.com.

PEAKS ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PIES students and staff are in the home stretch to ending a very successful school year! We have three departing 5th graders - Austin, Iris, and Kami - who will be headed to middle school in the fall. To honor and support our 5th graders, members of the New Brackett Church hosted a delicious picnic lunch on the lawn for them, their teacher Betsy Thompson, their 4th grade classmates, and me last week. We are so grateful for how much our students are supported and loved by this community.

Fifth Maine Regiment Museum President and PIES staff member Susan Hanley has been immersing our students in learning about the role of the 5th Maine Regiment in the Civil War and the history of Peaks Island to build background information and curiosity for our walking field trip visits to the museum. Students have participated in scavenger hunts to locate museum artifacts, as well as completed observational drawings inside the museum. Other recent walking field trips have included visiting Lausier Family Gardens, doing tide pool explorations at low tide, taking sensory walks for painting inspiration along "Lilac Lane," and hiking on our many island trails.

We were thrilled to have all of our families and so many islanders attend students' physical theater performances - our first in-person community event in over two years! In celebration of the end of the school year our music teacher Faith York, strings teacher Ashley Terison, and woodwinds/brass teacher Dan Nogar will be leading students in our PIES Music Concert on Thursday, June 9th at 6:15 p.m. We have had a pretty joyful, musical school year and our young singers and musicians are looking forward to performing for families and islanders!

Have a safe, healthy, and happy summer, Peaks Islanders!

With gratitude for your tremendous support throughout the school year~

Kelly Hasson and the PIES Staff



P.O. Box 21
Peaks Island, Maine 04108
peakshistory@gmail.com

The Peaks Island Historical Society presents two fun activities in June !!

Thursday June 16: Summer of Sea Serpents: The Very Odd Year of 1818

Maine historian Herb Adams will discuss legends and lore of sea serpents said to have inhabited the Casco Bay during the early 1800s. on May 20

7 pm at the Community Center - \$10 suggested donation

Saturday June 25: Plant and Bake Sale

Lots of plants, cuttings, gardening books, and pots for your shopping pleasure as well as an array of baked goods. Donations of plants, plant accessories, and baked goods may be dropped off the day before.

10 am – 2 pm at 155 Island Avenue (next door to Duffy's Hardware.)

The Society is partnering with the Friends of Brackett Cemetery to restore and maintain this very old cemetery. Many thanks to Rick Ashton and the Friends - the spring clean-up on May 20 was a success. The Friends received a small grant from the Casco Bay Islands Alliance in support of this project. The Society is about to embark on a similar clean-up of Ye Olde Trott Burying Ground on Upper A Street. Volunteers are needed to help with the clean-up. Please contact us at peakshistory@gmail.com to offer your help. These two cemeteries are the final resting places of many of the earliest settlers on Peaks Island, dating to the late 1700s. To learn more about the Society visit our table at the Grass Roots Fair on June 4th at Greenwood Garden.

Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association (TEIA)

June News Update (teiaclub.org)

Registration Is Open

This summer, TEIA will be offering tennis, sailing, youth programs, teen activities, boating, entertainment events and too much fun to list it all here! New for 2022 are additional pickleball activities for members (and a revamped court), more live music, additional tennis tournaments, one- and two-week memberships and more.

Joining is easy. Simply visit www.teiaclub.org to view full program descriptions and to sign up online using the Membership Registration page. Here are June events open to the whole community at TEIA:

- Sunday, June 12, 2:30 p.m. **Blessing of the Fleet** on the dock, co-sponsored by St. Christopher's Church
- Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. **Old Movie Night: *Singing in the Rain***
- **Mahjongg** lessons are available this month, with game playing starting July 7. FMI, Marcy Jefferson, 612-670-4364, or marcy.jefferson@gmail.com
- Starting June 29, **yoga** classes will be happening on Wednesdays (8:30 a.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 a.m.). \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Look for posters with sign-up information shortly.

And in July and August, there will be music and dancing, the TEIA Fair, lectures, movies and theater, as well as all of the sports activities. Check teiaclub.org for details.

Order your tickets now for **Schooner Fare's** return to Peaks Island, Saturday, July 16, at the new time of 7:00 p.m. Jeff Marks is the ticket master. 207-766-0066 or jeffamarks@comcast.net.

TEIA is looking for a back-up driver for our launch on weekends. It's a paid position as an occasional substitute. Must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved launch driver's license or better. Contact Richard Whaley at rickwhaley147@gmail.com.



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JUNE Events

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
Saturday June 4, 7pm	Jones Landing	Keith Stockless and Que Vida
Saturday June 25, 7pm	Jones Landing	Global Beatles Day, hosted by Chris Broadhurst and feat. Sean Mencher & Jack Barrett

JUNE Weekly Programs

Sundays	6 pm	Music with Friends	Margo Mallar and Will Green interview local islanders
	7 pm	Live Music Sundays	Live music recorded on Peaks: Concerts, jam sessions, events
Mondays	7 pm	Hedgehog Hour	Dan and Sarah Cuetara explore roots of the British Invasion
Tuesdays	7 pm	Islander Hour	Ashton's "Swinging the Blues" / Broadhurst's "Backshore Beat"
Wednesdays	7 pm	Chris & Bridget	Topical talk and music, by Chris Marot and Bridget Joyce
Thursdays	7 pm	Chris & Bridget	Topical talk and music, by Chris Marot and Bridget Joyce
Fridays	7 pm	Hedgehog Hour	Dan and Sarah Cuetara explore roots of the British Invasion
Saturdays	6 pm	Music with Friends	Margo Mallar and Will Green interview local islanders
	7 pm	Islander Hour	"Swinging the Blues" alternates with "Backshore Beat"
	8 pm	Solid Gold Saturday Night	Chris Marot plays solid gold music from the late 1950s through the early 1980s, plus your requests and dedications. Call or text 536-8997.
Every day, throughout the day			Eclectic music, news, weather, community updates, "Bookmarks" (bi-monthly library updates and events)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: SATURDAY, JUNE 25. Articles should be copy ready and may be placed in the Library Book Return or brought into the Library during our opening hours.

Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library

The Friends of Peaks Island Library will hold its Annual Meeting this year on July 7 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center. Our speaker will be Islander Dr. Chuck Radis who will read from his new book *Island Medicine* and share tales about his time as an island doctor. There will be books for sale and refreshments. Please join us!

We are pleased to be holding our **Book Sale** this year! **Drop off** the many books you've read these past two years on **Friday July 14, 10:00am - 6:00pm** and come back **Saturday, July 15, 8:00am - 2:30pm** to replenish your supply! We look forward to helping Islanders refill their bookshelves. And while you are at the sale, please don't forget to **renew your membership** to the Friends. A robust Friends group helps promote and support our great library.

Please bring your **own bags**.

If you need **help getting books to the library**, please call **766-2756**

June at the Peaks Island Branch Library

129 Island Avenue * 207.766.5540 * peaks@portlib.org

Tuesday: 1-7 pm Wednesday: 9 - 12 Friday: 10 - 4 pm Saturday: 9 - 12

Face masks are required in the library.

Our June Art Exhibit

"seeking the inner and outer home"

An exhibit of paintings and photographs by kat farrin.

Stop in the library during open hours to view.

Summer Reading June 13 - August 8

Sign up for children birth to age 12 begins the week of June 13. Read or listen to 8 books, play our Bingo Board, to receive a new book of your choice when the program ends in August.

Teens 12 - 19 yrs old, receive a book of their choice when they sign up.

We'll have Take & Make Bags for children with all the materials needed for completing the activity at home. Stop by, email or call us for more info!

Tuesdays Adult Book Discussion Group meets on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm in the Community Room to discuss *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. The group will not be meeting during the summer and returns in September.

Creative Writing for kids in grades 3, 4, & 5, meets Fridays at 3:15 pm in the library through June. A new session will begin in July, more details on day and time coming soon. If you're Interested or have questions, contact us at the library.

Middle School Book Group meets Tuesday, June 28 at 5:45 in the Community Room. Join us for literary games, chats about books, authors, illustrators, and to have fun. If you will be attending middle school in the fall, please join us!



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JUNE 2022 PEAKS ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER CITY OF PORTLAND

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY – *Oxbow Island Gang: Winter Crows*

June 4th from 12:45 pm to 3:30 pm at the Peaks Island Community Center !!!

Meet Peaks Island author Rae Chalmers and illustrator Jamie Hogan at the Peaks Island Book Launch Party of the third book in the Oxbow Island Gang. This exciting environmental mystery series book is for readers ages 8 to 88. Join us in hearing about the “howling winds and sideways snow knockout the power on Oxbow Island when Bear is at his grandmother’s house. Shoveling snow and stacking firewood, snow angels and sledding are set aside when Bear and his island friend, Olivia, discover dead crows in the woods. Who is killing the island’s birds?

- **12:45 pm** Rae Chalmers and Jamie Hogan will talk and answer questions about their recent book collaboration
- **1:30 – 2:30 pm** - Children’s activities, games, raffle, book signing and food

SILVER SNEAKERS PROGRAM - Every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9:30 am -10:30 am

The Silver Sneakers program focuses on improving balance and strengthening. Regular physical activity helps to keep our heart, brain, bones, muscles and joints healthy. Our goal is to stay strong in body, mind and spirit. The Silver Sneakers sessions provide a lot of laughs while we are working to improve and maintain our fitness. **Free & open to all!!**

Weekly Thursday Knitting, Craft & Chat Group from 10:45 am-11:45 am

Join us in sharing creative projects and interests. Knitters, painters, crafters are welcome. **Free**

The Peaks Island Community Center is open and available for scheduling events, functions and educational programs. If you would like to schedule the Community Center room or have ideas for programming, contact us at 207- 766-2970 or dianer@portlandmaine.gov



Peaks Island Music Association



Summer 2022

We’re BACK! We WILL have our concert series at the Fifth Maine this summer – and we are SO excited. Music is THE BEST medicine!

COME and join us – alternating Wednesday evenings after the 4th of July, 8:00 pm at the prettiest spot on Peaks. Suggested donations \$15-20, or whatever – but help us stay alive! We all need music!

- Wed. July 6: The Portland Piano Trio (Annie Antonacos, Piano; Tracey Jasas-Hardel, Violin; Wayne Smith, Cello)
- Wed. July 20: Annual Island Musicians Scholarship Fundraiser
- Wed. August 3: Sean Mencher & His Rhythm Kings
- Wed. August 17: The Peaks Island Chorale in Concert: "Coming Home"

Save the dates and come join us! For more information: Faith York, fyonpi@aol.com or 766-5763