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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Islands Service Agencies & other Community News

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School Opens September 7th With New Staff Members

Continuing a tradition of excellence that dates from 1832, several new staff members will greet island youngsters when Peaks Island Elementary School opens its doors September 7th.

Island resident Barbara Hoppin was named principal in July. She and her family have been visiting Peaks for twenty years for vacations and bought a home on the Island in 1992.

Barbara comes to the position with teaching experience in all grade levels, with special emphasis on gifted and talented programs and a strong background in curriculum and staff development in Ramsey, New Jersey.

She said she is delighted with the interesting history of the school and the enthusiasm of all the staff and parents as well as the support from Portland Public Schools.

"I am really looking forward to meeting all the students for a great year," she remarked.

Another new faculty member moving to Peaks is Maureen O'Neill Fox, who was named learning specialist. This former Portland teacher has a rich background in environmental education, English as a second language and special education.

Staff member Heidi Farr is also moving to Peaks and will return to the School as kindergarten teacher and reading recovery specialist.

Roberta Dean, after taking a week-long math seminar, will pilot a new math program which includes higher level thinking skills in math.

Wendy Litchfield is returning from a wonderful seven-week teaching exchange in Japan and will share these experiences with us throughout the year.

Martha Gross took a graduate course in English as a second language at the University of Southern Maine and taught literature to junior high school students in California.

Caralen MacKenzie Hicks took a Web page design workshop this summer and will be organizing a group of students to create the Peaks Island Elementary School website.

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THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Got a few moments to spare? The Fifth Maine has begun planning for next summer's programs and activities and is looking for ideas for new programs as well as people to coordinate them. Our 1999 season has been so successful due to the volunteer efforts of many people who do everything from building maintenance to flipping pancakes and hamburgers to organizing the fair and Wednesday evening programs. Additionally, our museum guides (docents) greet an ever-increasing number of visitors who stop by during museum hours to view our Civil War and Peaks Island history exhibits. We want to continue these activities next year and also add some new ones. You, too, can contribute to our community by giving of your time and talents to the Fifth Maine. For more information about volunteer opportunities at the Fifth Maine, please call Sharon at 766-2385 or Kim at 766-5514.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

766-2585

Thank you Peaks Island for all the support you gave the St. Christopher's Church "Yard Sale" Saturday August 14th! Our Open House was held Sunday August 29th, hope you all had a chance to see our lovely Parish Center. Sunday Mass is held at 9:00 am and there is also Mass Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am. Communion Service is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday also at 9:00 am. We continue to pray that all have a happy and healthy summer!

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

9 Church Street — Peaks Island, Maine

telephone: 766-5013 e-mail: RevDame@maine.rr.com

Rev. Johanne Dame Roberta Deane, Lay Leader

Worship Service — Sundays, 10 a.m.

Seasons are changing, kids are going back to school, and our summer residents and visitors are returning to their year round homes. We'll miss you all and look forward to seeing you again!

Church School begins Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. Classes are provided for children ages 5 through 12 and child care is available for children under 5. Please consider volunteering your time as a Sunday School teacher. You will find it a rewarding experience. Please call Johanne at 766-5013 or Nancy English at 766-2341 for more information.

Peaks Island School News (continued from front page)

Kathy Newell and Jeanne Goodson have worked hard all summer to get our school ready for the new year.

The PTA, under the leadership of Kim Norton, has had its first fund raiser at Greenwood Gardens.

All staff members agree that the Peaks Island Elementary School is poised for a terrific school year to start the new millennium!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE
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

As this goes to press, we are preparing for our concerts with Tina DeVaron..THANK YOU TINA for sharing your vacation and songs with us and thanks to Robin Walden for coordinating this Event! Also thanks to Shop n Save for donating the food and to Melissa Hall for turning it into wonderful refreshments!

Another BIG THANKS to Ann Frabetti for her volunteer help in organizing our Food Pantry..this is available for any family in need of extra food at any time..just give a call or stop in.

Summer farewells to Myles Courtney and Steve Kazarian who were part of our staff for the summer. Many thanks to them.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**KITCHEN AIDE 8AM-10AM MONDAY-FRIDAY
ON CALL CLASSROOM SUBSTITUTES
\$7.50/HOUR**

Call Program Director or stop by for an application

A new component has been added to our programs:

HEAD START SERVICES for children 3-5 years old.

If you have a child between 3-5 and your income falls within the following guidelines, you may be eligible to participate in a HEADSTART experience within our existing age integrated child care setting.

| IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS THIS MANY MEMBERS: | AND YOUR ANNUAL INCOME IS NOT MORE THAN: |
|---|---|
| 2 | \$11,060 |
| 3 | \$13,880 |
| 4 | \$16,700 |
| 5 | \$19,520 |
| 6 | \$22,340 |

For each additional family member add +2820

Head Start is a Federal program for families with children ages 3-5 years of age. Head Start offers your child the same daily developmental activities offered other children within our hands on, play oriented environment. It also offers family supports such as vision & hearing screenings; developmental screenings; nutrition assessment; and the services of a social worker to assist families to access additional services such as Fuel Assistance/ Housing and Energy Services, WIC Food and Nutrition Program, and education and training opportunities. Please call Janine Blatt, Program Director for more information.

If you have a child care need for children between 3-10 years of age. We offer part and full time enrollment schedules and before/after school care for elementary aged children. All programs are offered on a sliding fee scale based upon family size/income.

PLAYGROUPO will be starting back up in mid October. HAPPY FALL!

THE CITY PAGE

Thomas Fortier, Island Administrator

756-8288

CHANGING OF THE GUARDS

Larry Mead has been promoted to Assistant City Manager. Larry has been dedicated to improved communication and responsiveness between City Government and Island residents for the past two and a half years. Larry's new phone number is 874-8688. Thanks Larry for all your dedication and hard work!

Tom Fortier is the new Island Administrator and he can be reached at 756-8288. Tom has been employed by the City of Portland for ten years in the Health and Human Services Department. He can be reached by e-mail at TAF@ci.portland.me.us. Tom will be making his way around the community and will have office hours at the public safety building on TUESDAYS 10:00-4:00pm. Please stop by and introduce yourself.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Public information meetings were held on August 17 and 19 in regards to the Ryfield/Seashore ave. wastewater project and the deer management plan respectively. Approximately 90 residents attended each meeting. If you need any of the handouts or literature that was given out at these meetings, call Tom Fortier. Otherwise, please plan on attending future meetings with your thoughts and ideas!

UPDATE ON DEER SHARPSHOOTING AND MANAGEMENT

The City Council is scheduled to consider the next step in implementing the sharpshooter program at its regular meeting on September 20th. At that meeting the Council will vote on whether to allow the sharpshooting program to go forward this fall/winter. This step is necessary because the current ordinance does not allow for the discharge of firearms on Peaks Island. The Council will also consider at that meeting a management plan for maintaining the deer herd at the reduced level once the sharpshooting program is concluded. The State Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife estimates that somewhere between 7 and 11 deer would need to be eliminated annually on Peaks assuming normal birth rates within the remaining deer herd. Options which are possible include: periodic removal by a professional sharpshooter, a structured and strictly regulated removal by bow or gun using non-professionals, a research program using fertility control agents to prevent reproduction by does. For more information on the pros and cons of management options, contact Larry Mead or Tom Fortier at Portland City Hall.

Assistant City Manager Larry Mead will be present on Peaks Island once per week prior to the September 20 Council meeting to speak with interested residents about the sharpshooting program and deer management proposals. In September he will be at the Community Building on September 9th from 6-8pm and on September 14th in the evening. This schedule will be posted on island bulletin boards.

News From the Peaks Island Branch Library

129 Island Avenue " in the community building" 766-5540

Library Hours: Tues: 2-8 Wed: 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12 noon

Adult Book Discussion will begin again on Tuesday, September 7, at 7 PM in the Community Room. The book for discussion is Nine Tailors by Dorothy Sayres, Joyce Woodbury, moderator. Next month, October 5, Mary Evelyn Hults will moderate a discussion of Hotel Paradise by Martha Grimes. Please join us.

A note to parents: As school begins, it is a good time to be sure that your children have library cards, especially if they turned five during the summer.

Weekly Children's Programs: Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays at 10:15
Lapsit and Toddler Time, Saturdays at 10:00

The Friends of the Peaks Island Library elected the following people to the board at their annual meeting in August: Carol Eisenberg, President; Rhonda Berg, Vice President;; Roberta Deane, Treasurer; Sandi Radis, Membership Secretary; Robin Walden, Recording Secretary; and Board Members at Large Pat Crowley-Rockwell, Kay Taylor, Carla Hults, Kim Norton, Ann Whitman, Elena Murdock, Tonia Medd, Bunny Clark, Kathryn Moxhay, and Todd Smith.

From Public Safety

The bicycle helmet program put over 50 helmets on people on Peaks Island, this was more than we expected. A reminder to parents, please be sure that your child is wearing their helmet. We will try to have this program again in the spring.

The Fire Department finally got our new fire truck. This truck is a combination Ladder and Pumper, and was put into service on 8/20/99. The older truck will be retired from service. Please feel free to come by and see the new truck.

As we say good-by to our "summer residents" we would like to remind you to be sure that there is a contact number left in your home. This helps the Police when we have to contact someone about any emergency during the winter. Leave your winter telephone number by your telephone, as well as someone in the Island that we could contact if needed, Have a good winter.

Mike Barter

News From the Peaks Island Star (:

Thank you Ellin and Francis Gallant for your donation for the printing of this month's STAR.

Reminder to those who want the STAR mailed to them, Sept.-June, send your name and mailing address with \$5 to the Peaks Island Star c/o Peaks Island Library 129 Island Avenue Peaks Island ME 04108.

Deadline for next month's STAR is Saturday, September 25. Please bring articles copy-ready to the library. Also, please observe the request that articles be no more than half a page so that all organizations may have the space they need. Thank you.

September at Peaks Island's Health Center

26 Sterling Street PO Box 52 766-2929

Thank you to the person who donated a hospital bed for the Health Center to lend out. It is a wonderful gift, and we hope that any islander who needs to use a hospital bed will call Chris or Kathi to arrange to borrow it. There also are canes, wheel chairs and other equipment in the attic that may be borrowed.

From Chris About Lyme Disease: In August, I spoke with the three major research units in the state that test ticks for Lyme Disease (Maine Medical Center, Public Health, and State of Maine). As of the beginning of August, none of these agencies had received any ticks from Peaks that tested positive for Lyme. I continue to follow up on various reports that Lyme has been "found" on the island. Until definitive confirmation is obtained, I would urge residents and visitors to continue measures to prevent tick bite (long pants, socks, sleeves, insect repellent) and to bring any tick found on a person or pet to the Health Center for forwarding and testing.

The Center will be closed for Labor Day Weekend, Friday, September 3 through Monday, September 6, after which the Center will be open on the Winter Schedule, Monday through Friday, closed Saturday.

Mercy-Maritime Family Practice : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 - 4: 30
Wednesday, 11:30 to 5:00 AND 5:00 to 7:30 by appointment*

*Please note that on Wednesdays, anyone wanting an appointment in the evening must phone by 5 PM; otherwise the staff will leave in time to take the 6 PM boat.

Other Services at the Health Center

Dental: Hygienist: Wednesday, September 22; Dentist, Monday September 27. Call Robin at Center for Community Dental Health, 874-1025, for an appointment. **Dr. DeGrinney** will have island office hours one Wednesday each month, noon to 5 PM. Phone the Health Center (2929) for an appointment. **Podiatrist:** Dr. Dorsey will be here Wednesday, December 1. Phone 761-3889 for an appointment.

Activities for Health

Low-Impact Aerobics, using videos, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 to 12:30, in the Community Room. **Weight Watchers:** Wednesdays, 6 PM, at Brackett Memorial Church. Please phone Grace Wright (2635) for information.

Friends of Peaks Island Animals • 5 boulder rd. • peaks island • me. • 04108



766-5606/766-5742

The next meeting of the Friends of Peaks Island Animals will be on Tuesday, September 21, 1999, at 7 p.m., in the Community Center. All are welcome.

Star of the Sea Studio

Happy summer to all! "Yours truly" has been busy working on a new season of programs. The Christmas show will take a trip down "memory lane" for "Those Fabulous Years" (1900-1999).

To start the millenium, I would like to go back to my roots in the English Theatre world of entertainment. A Pantomime in England (my native country) was a musical fantasy performed in song, dance and drama, not mime. Cinderella, Red Riding Hood and Puss and Boots were the most popular at Christmas time. The shows ran for weeks, 2 shows a day, 7 days a week during the holiday season. It was a great family holiday time for everyone!

Dance classes are \$15 per month per student. Special family prices are available...\$25 for two children in the same family. The classes for Riverton School will begin Wednesday, September 8, and classes for Peaks Island will begin Monday, September 13. Please tell all your friends!

Our non-profit company supports the Maine Children's Cancer Programs, Catholic Relief Services, C.F.C.A. and the Peaks Island Lions Club. We sincerely appreciate your support. Hope you're enjoying a great summer in God's care.
Musically yours, Doreen

Lions Club News

We would like to thank everybody on the Island for making the 50th Peaks Island Variety Show the best one ever! Once again Doreen McCann and all of her helpers did a fantastic job. Congratulations to Jimmy Brown this year's winner of the "True Grit" award for his many years of community service.

A reminder to all of the community organizations that received funding from the Lions Club last year that your requests for next year must be sent back to Clark Smith by October. Also anyone who sees a community need that they believe deserves some support should phone Clark Smith 766-5537.

Congratulations to our new member Twain Branden.

SENIORS NEWS

Senior Citizens enjoyed a nice bake at Greenwood Gardens in August. There were 140 people having a wonderful time there!

Our next get-together will be on Septempber 13, when we will have our Pot-luck Lunch at the Fifth Maine. Maryanne Sanford will show her slides of Russia at that time.

Another nice event for us!

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbors for their cards and their expressions of sympathy after the loss of my brother Nicholas Mehos. They were greatly appreciated.

Bless you all,
Amy Brown.

SEPTEMBER 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 leave a message at 874-8793 during regular business hours. If you would like to put a display up in the Community Building, please leave a message for Denise (2970).

** ON-ISLAND ACTIVITIES: OPEN TO ALL **

WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS:

Low impact aerobics (with videos) at the Community Center from 11:30 – 12:30 pm. These programs are free and open to ALL adults! For more information, please call Chris (2929) or Denise (2970).

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Do you want to connect with others on a regular basis to express your thoughts, concerns and feelings? Let's set up some time to listen to each other.

Planning Meeting: Wednesday, September 8 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center

Discussion to include the need for such a group, establish ground rules and format.

Let Denise know if you are interested (766-2970 – answering machine)

** OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS **

Pre-registration required. Sign-up sheets are on the brown door in the Community Center. Walk-in registrations begin immediately. Phone registrations begin on Monday, September 6.

Please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.

DELORME MAP STORE (to see Eartha – the revolving globe) and SHOPPING IN FREEPORT

Friday, September 10 10:00 am boat/4:30 pm return

Cost: \$1 transportation fee

OGUNQUIT MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART

Monday, September 27 11:15 am boat/ 5:30 pm return

Cost: \$5

Please register as soon as possible. This is always a popular trip.

CUMBERLAND FAIR (with horse races starting at 2:00 pm)

Wednesday, September 29 12:45 pm boat/5:30 pm return

Cost: \$5

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

At its annual meeting on August 3 the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association elected three new members to its steering committee, Jennie Drago, Marianne Jaffe, and Don Perry. Departing members are President Perry Sutherland, Treasurer Judy Piawlock, and Brad Burkholder. All have worked diligently for both PINA and the Peaks Island community and we are very grateful for their contributions to both.

At the next steering committee meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 14, 1999, the committee will elect new officers. PINA expects to address the question of how better to encourage all Island opinions to be expressed at PINA meetings and to influence organization policies and activities.