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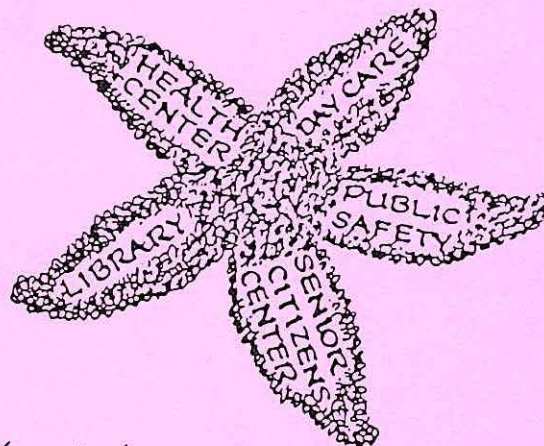
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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

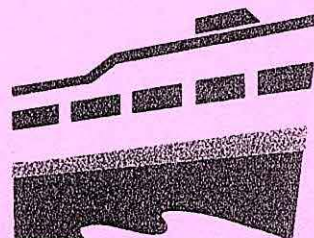
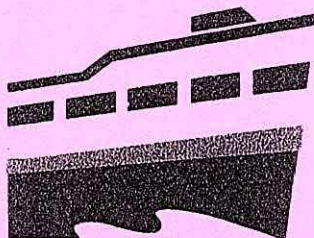
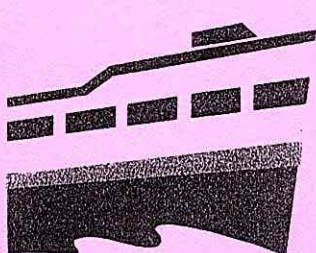
The **Casco Bay Island Transit District** will conduct its annual elections on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, (the same day as Portland City Elections) to fill three vacancies on the Board of Directors. Directors' terms are staggered so that some expire every year. The term of office is three years for the three directorships expiring this year: (1) Peaks Island, (1) Little Diamond Island and (1) Great Diamond Island. Each of these five seats must be filled.

Candidates must be residents or property owners of the island they wish to represent.

Candidates must obtain the signatures of at least twenty (20) currently registered island voters (i.e., registered to vote in any island precinct) on nomination petitions. Candidates are advised to obtain more than twenty signatures, as some must invariably be disregarded because the signer is not a registered island voter at the time. A nomination petition provides spaces for forty (40) signatures.

Petition forms will be available during normal business hours at the CBITD ticket office at the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal, 56 Commercial St., Portland. Forms must be returned to the office, properly fill out and **NOTARIZED**, no later than 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2002. Prospective candidates can pick up the packets around the first of October. Complete information will be posted on each island and flyers placed on the vessels and in the CBL terminal.

This is a significant opportunity to help shape the policies of the District, which affect all of our daily lives, and thus make a significant contribution to our island community. At the very least, be sure to vote.

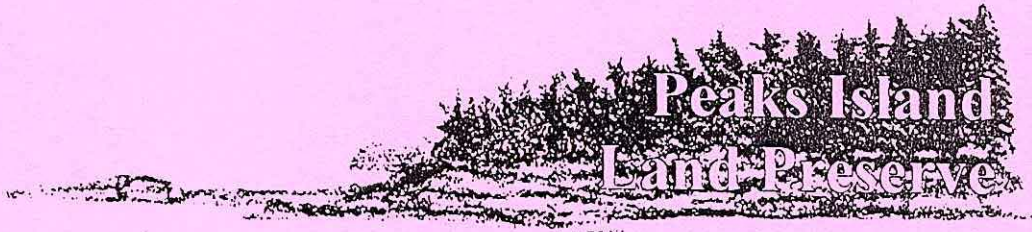


News from Friends of the Peaks Island Library

The next meeting of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library is set for Thursday, October 10, at 7 p.m., at the library. All are welcome.

The Annual Meeting, held in August, featured a presentation by islanders Angela Faeth and Steve Bushey, who own Map Adventures. They provided a fascinating look at the world of cartography and shared the Peaks Island map they are creating.

At that meeting the 2002-2003 Board of the Friends was also elected: Carol Eisenberg (president), Ronda Berg (vice president), Roberta Deane (treasurer), Dick Norris (membership secretary), Kathryn Moxhay (recording secretary), Marty Braun, Stan Brooks, Elinor ("Bunny") Clark, Claire Dahl, Karen Friedman, Jean Hoffman, Mary Mayo, Sharon Mokeme, Kim Norton, Sandi Radis, Kay Taylor, Joyce Woodbury, Patty Zimmerman. Members *ex officio* are Rose Ann Walsh (Librarian), Priscilla Webster (Librarian), and Karen Valley (Branch Manager).



Many islanders attended the Land Preserve's annual meeting on July 26. New and old members signed in. Donations were made; and many people volunteered to help with future cleanups and data collections on the Peaks lands under conservation easement. Two new board members were elected. And everyone enjoyed the sociability, the piano playing of Peter Donnelly, and the refreshments.

On August 7, the Skillings family, along with Oceanside Conservation Trust and PILP board members, dedicated a plaque on Reed Avenue in honor of the Skillings brothers' and sister's parents. Robert Skillings and his siblings have given their Echo Pond property for conservation easement, in order to preserve its unspoiled beauty for the island.

Cleanup projects for Battery Steele and other land parcels are being planned for early Fall. When the time comes: Volunteers Ahoy!

The next PILP board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, at 6 pm. The place of meeting will be posted in advance on the Community Center bulletin board and at the store.

SENIOR HOUSING/HEALTH CENTER NEWS

On Tuesday, August 13, the Portland Planning Board unanimously APPROVED rezoning the Central Avenue parcel for the VOA Peaks Island Affordable Senior Housing and Health Center project. Next step in the process: the project will go before City Council for approval on Monday, September 16.

Peaks Island School

Peaks Island School opens for its 170th year on Thursday, September 5th when students attend an all-school morning meeting.

Teachers report officially on the 3rd for staff development and entry conferences with all students and their parents. But our teachers have been preparing early by arranging their rooms and getting organized for the new school year.

Teachers include Martha Gross in Kindergarten with nine students and Tonya LaChance with sixteen students in first and second grade. Wendy Litchfield will have thirteen third graders and Roberta Deane will have twelve students in fourth and fifth grade. Robin Walden will be teaching Reading Recovery and Gayl Vail will be the librarian and Educational Technician. Marie Watson returns as Lunchroom Aide.

Thanks to the special efforts of Kathy Newell and Jean Goodson, our custodians, and secretary Diane Price, the school is ready for a wonderful year.

We welcome community members as volunteers in our classrooms. If you could contribute in any way, please call Sue Carlson, Partnership Developer or Barbara Hoppin, School Principal at 766-2528.

School bells are ringing!

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Peaks Island Health Center

26 Sterling Street PO Box 52 766-2929 (892-7055, Dr. Martin's Windham office)

Fall Hours

Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 – 12 pm; Wednesdays 4 – 7 pm
Other hours by appointment

Nancy Wright RN, Family Nurse Practitioner, will continue working with Dr. Jeffrey Martin to provide health care services to Peaks Islanders. Because Nancy lives on Peaks Island, she will be available by appointment for times beyond those listed above in order to meet islanders' needs and schedules. All appointments should be made by calling the Health Center: 766-2929.

With a strong belief in the benefit of community and family-based health care, Nancy looks forward to providing both acute and primary care to adults and children. She is available for routine examinations, including school and sports physicals, diagnosis and treatment of episodic and chronic health problems, immunizations, home visits when needed, and for lab tests requested by other physicians. Dr. Martin, who will continue to visit the island monthly, is available for consultation and provides an after-hours on-call provider (892-7055).

Dental Services: the hygienist will be here on Wednesday, September 18. Call the Center for Community Dental Health for information or an appointment, 874-1025, ext. 3017.

A **Podiatrist** from the Ankle and Foot Center comes regularly to the island. For information or an appointment, call 761-3889.

Fall Hours at the Health Center begin September 3rd.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue Telephone: 766-2585 Pastor: Father Fred Morse

Mass: Labor Day Weekend Sunday at 8:15 and 10:00 AM.

Noon Mass for all other September Sundays and the winter schedule.

Activities: AA – Thursdays 6:00 PM. Others as announced.

Sacraments: Rite of Reconciliation: Ask the priest before or after Mass or call.

Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please call the office at least six months in advance.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9 CHURCH ST., PEAKS ISLAND, ME 04108 207-766-5013
THE REV. JOHANNE DAME, PASTOR, ROBERTA DEANE, LAY LEADER

Worship Service 10 am Sunday. Child care is available. Coffee hour follows our worship service.

Mission Statement: Called to be a caring, Christian community: worshipping, praying, witnessing, reaching out to those on the island and beyond; daring to grow and change as God calls us.

Sunday Sept 8th Finance Committee Meeting after worship 11:15 am

Sunday Sept. 15th Church School begins!

Tuesday Sept. 10th: Lura Lane will be received as a novice in the Episcopal Community of St. John Baptist at 10:30 am! Prayers welcome, congratulations and best wishes can be sent to her c/o Convent of St. John Baptist, PO Box 240, Mendham, NJ 07945.

Sunday Sept. 22nd - Open House at the Parsonage (postponed from August) 2-5 pm

STAR OF THE SEA THEATRE AND DANCE COMPANY

TAP JAZZ BALLET

Director: **Doreen McCann**

For Information on classes call: **766-2727**

PRICE WILL BE \$18.00 PER STUDENT. FAMILY PRICE FOR TWO STUDENTS IN THE SAME FAMILY \$30. PER MONTH. TUITION MUST BE PAID ON THE FIRST

Fall classes will start on Monday September 9th in the Peaks Island Community Center. Times as follows:

2:15 p.m. Boys class; age 9 – teenage

2:45 p.m. girls class; age 9 – teenage

3:30 p.m. 1st class; boys & girls age 4yrs – 8yrs

4:15 p.m. NEW PROGRAM; FREE 7yrs – teenage for a Children's Chorus (no dancing required). This is for our Christmas Show; "Snoopy's Christmas" a fun filled show in Music & Dance, with a Christmas message. Must be committed to rehearsals.

A NEW ADULT CLASS will start on Sunday September 8th 2:30 at the Community Center.

Riverton class starts on Wednesday September 11th. Riverton Studio-874-8455

Sincerely, **Doreen + Co.**

PINA NEWS

Because of low turnout at the August meeting of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association (it was at the same time as the talent show at the Lions Club) it was voted at that meeting to put off the scheduled election of Steering Committee members and vote on by-laws changes until the next general meeting, to be held October 8. The terms of the two Steering Committee members with expiring terms (Bill Hall and Don Perry) were extended until October. In effect, they were re-elected with the understanding that they would resign in October, thus permitting elections for all the vacancies present in August. The proposed by-laws changes are available in the library, as is a report by President Bill Hall on PINA accomplishments in the past year.

Again, we remind everyone that PINA is the primary vehicle for Island views to be communicated to the City of Portland, and that it behooves all of us to monitor trends and events that affect us. PINA accepts that responsibility. **WE WANT YOUR INPUT, AND YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY VOICE IT AS A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. IF YOU WISH TO RUN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE YOU SHOULD CALL JUDY PIAWLOCK AT 766-2109 OR PRESIDENT BILL HALL AT 766-2514.**

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 ON OCTOBER 8 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. There will be a meeting of the Steering Committee at 7:30 on September 10 at the Community Center.

PEAKS ISLAND MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Thanks to all of the islanders and summer visitors who made our Wednesday-night concert series so successful this year. Our thanks, as well, to the **Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center** for once again graciously making their beautiful museum available for our programs.

At the August 7th concert, we were pleased to introduce the recipient of the **Barbara Goelman Music Scholarship**, which is open to any Peaks Island music student who can demonstrate significant ability and a real commitment to pursuing and working towards musical excellence. The award of \$250 went to **Oceana Star Schiff Buxton**, a 16-year-old sophomore at Portland High School and daughter of Leslie Schiff. She has been studying voice since the fourth grade and has also studied piano and violin for five years. A member of Portland's *Musica de Filia* choir and the Portland High School Chamber Choir, Oceana attended a week-long choral camp at USM this summer. She plans to use her scholarship to help pay for these and for her continuing musical studies. A special "Encouragement Award" of \$100 was presented to **Aurimas Bukauskas**. The 10-year-old son of Arunas and Laima Bukauskas has been playing violin for three years. He began his musical studies at Peaks Island School and is now studying Suzuki violin with Margaret Hopkins.

The next scheduled PIMA event is the **16th Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-Along** scheduled for Sunday, **December 8th**. So circle your calendars now, and look for further information in *The Star*.

VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

We would like to expand the service to include Mondays, especially during hours that the Health Center is open. However, more drivers are needed, so please call Judge Carl Ingraham, at 0053, to volunteer. You'll find it takes very little time and is quite gratifying.

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Tue. 9/3	Roy Mottla	5837	Wed. 9/18	Judy Piawlock	2109
Wed. 9/4	Monique Levesque	2220	Thur. 9/19	Ron Shaw	3394
Thur. 9/5	Clare Cary	5548	Fri. 9/20	Dan Murphy	5849
Fri. 9/6	Pat Croy	2562	Tue. 9/24	Peg Astarita	5997
Tue. 9/10	George Rosol	0059	Wed. 9/25	Jeanne Hayman	2742
Wed. 9/11	Jeanne Hayman	2742	Thur. 9/26	Marjorie Phyfe	2307
Thur. 9/12	Clare Cary	5548	Fri. 9/27	Nancy Hall	2514
Fri. 9/13	Peg Astarita	5997	Tue. 10/1	Judy Piawlock	2109
Tue. 9/17	Nancy Hall	2514			

Substitute drivers for September are Marty Braun & Jamie Hogan at 9726.

If you need a ride on the island, please call the volunteer listed above for the day you need a lift. It's best to call a day or so before, if possible. The drivers may not be at home waiting for your call; they may be out picking up or delivering someone else. Most have answering machines, however, so leave a message or try the substitute driver. We'll do the best we can! If you need to get to the ferry, the Health Center, the library, the store, or the post office and, for some reason, you can't "hoof it," help is on the way! The usual hours are Tuesday through Friday daytime hours, but if you're really in a bind at other times, give any of us a try.

Islanders Participate in Planning Workshop

More than 150 Peaks Islanders planned their future August 4th at a four-hour, Neighborhood-Based Plan Workshop arranged by volunteer community members.

Attendees discussed findings by a dozen volunteer Planning Task Teams that have been researching topics ranging from population and housing to water and other natural resources, marine resources, historic and architectural resources, land use patterns, transportation, recreation, public facilities, the economy, and relations with the City of Portland.

Task teams also presented data compiled with the Island-wide Community Survey conducted earlier this year. More than 550 full-time and part-time Islanders completed the six-page survey that offers insight into virtually all aspects of life on the island.

Workshop attendees provided information for a draft Neighborhood-Based Plan that will be submitted to the City of Portland's Planning Department later this year.

Among islanders who led the Workshop are Island Institute Fellow Nate Gray, Bill and Nancy Hall, Cynthia Cole, Barbara and Chris Hoppin, Art Astarita, Lynne Richard, Dick Springer, Don Stein, M.J. Burnette, Charles Enders, Keith Hults, Marjorie Phyfe, Curtis Rindlaub, and Barbara Strout.

STAR News

Thank you Sophia Kavalis, Marion Hughes and Anonymous I and II for contributions toward the printing costs of the Peaks Island STAR.

Deadline for next month's STAR is Wednesday, September 25, by 6 PM. Please remember that if your articles run long, they may have to be cut, so put the most important information first. When possible, submit no more than half a page.

News From the Peaks Island Branch Library

766-5540

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

Whew! We made it through another summer. Thanks to everyone for your patience and helpfulness during the July and August crunch. It does strain our space and staff resources. Thank you especially to Peter Siegenthaler, who volunteered here two mornings a week, and to our regular volunteers, Al Baldi, Bunny Clark, and Virginia Horne, without whom we really could not have managed. Also, welcome to Lincoln Stelk, who took on the extra shelving hours and who will be continuing as our shelver when Kate Herbert begins college this month. Kate has been our shelver for just over two years, and we wish her all the best.

And no thank yous would be complete without mentioning Patricia Crowley-Rockwell, who has done our summer evening story and craft programs for so many years. Vacationers especially enjoy her programs so much. They have become a part of the authentic "Peaks experience."

This month the Children's Programs suspended for the summer will resume: PreSchool Story Time on Fridays at 10:15 and Nursery Rhyme Time for infants and toddlers on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11.

New to the Island? Every fall there are people who move here, and we hope you will want to use the library. To get a library card, bring ID and something with your current address.

Parents: Has your child turned 5 over the summer? Along with other preparations for beginning school, do bring them in to get a library card. That way, when their classes visit, they will be able to check out books.

Because of changing needs and space constraints, the library will be discarding the large collection of National Geographics, which date to 1960, keeping only those from recent years. I know there are many teachers, artists and illustrators out there who might have a use for some of these. They will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Just come to the library when we are open and take what you want.

Adult Book Discussion: will be held Tuesday, September 3, at 7 PM. Bring your suggestions and help choose the books for the coming months. If you cannot make it that night, call Kay Taylor (2811) with your ideas. Book Discussion meets the first Tuesday of the month, at 7 PM.

Friends of the Library's "Saturday Nights at the Movies"

FREE

In the Community Room

9/7 6 PM *Princess Bride* PG (98 min)

8 PM *Local Hero* PG (111 min)

9/14 6 PM *Fox and Hound* G (83 min)

8 PM *I Am Sam* PG-13 (134 min)

9/21 6 PM *Charlotte's Web* G (94 min)

8 PM *Gosford Park* R-13 (138 min)

9/28 6 PM *Return to Neverland* G (73 min)

8 PM *Casablanca* PG (103 min)

SENIOR NEWS

Twenty seniors were inattentive for the pot luck luncheon on August 5th.

The next pot luncheon will be held at the 5th Maine Regiment Building September 9th at noon.

All seniors are encouraged to attend. Bring a favorite dish. Come and socialize, you will have a good time.

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. A written request must be filled out before the room can be scheduled (forms available from Denise). Please plan ahead as Denise is only on the island on a part-time basis. Please note: Denise will be out of the office from September 1 to September 11 and will not be checking messages during that time.

** ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL **

ATTENTION ADULT BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND TEEN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: LOOK FOR START DATES ON ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD

Memberships available through Denise at the Community Center beginning September 16.
Basketball memberships will be \$25 for each 10 week session (or drop-in fee of \$3 per night) and
Teen Program memberships will be \$7 for each 5-week session (or drop-in fee of \$1 per night).

FREE MOVIES ON PEAKS ISLAND: *Carousel*

starring Gordan MacRae and Shirley Jones

Thursday, September 26 1:00 pm at the Community Center
(Pre-registration not required. Bring your own cushion for the chairs)

FREE LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM (Motto is "do what is comfortable")

A combination of stretching, weights, and low-impact aerobics (videos are used)
This ongoing program meets on Monday and Thursday mornings
9:30 - 10:30 am in the Community Room

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

Pre-registration required. Sign-up sheets are on Denise's bulletin board in the Community Center. Phone registrations begin on Wednesday, September 11 (leave message at 766-2970). Each van trip has a small transportation fee. Minimum for each off-island van trip is 8. Everyone invited to sign up. **Please note:** A calendar of events (and registration forms) scheduled through Portland Parks and Recreation (in-town) is posted on Denise's door in the Community Center.

WADSWORTH-LONGFELLOW HOUSE, CENTER for MAINE HISTORY and LUNCH at the PORTLAND PUBLIC MARKET

Friday, September 13 10:00 am boat/2:15 * pm return
Cost: \$4 for admission fee Deadline to register is September 12
* with option to stay on your own to view 87 minute video of *Evangeline*
(phone registrations will be confirmed on Thursday, September 12)

FREEPORT SHOPPING

Monday, September 16 12:45 pm boat/no later than 5:30 pm return
Deadline to register is September 12

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP and GOODWILL and \$.50 CARD SHOP

(lunch on you own with choice of Chinese Restaurant, Subway or pizza)
Friday, September 20 10:00 am boat/ 2:15 pm return
Deadline to register is September 19

OGUNQUIT MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART

Monday, September 23 10:00 am boat/5:30 pm return
Cost: \$6 per person for van transportation and admission fee/tour
Deadline to register/pay is Thursday, September 19

BUS TRIP TO OWL'S HEAD TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

Friday, September 27 8:15 am boat/ 5:30 pm return
Cost: \$20 for bus & admission fee Deadline to register is September 20
Minimum is 30