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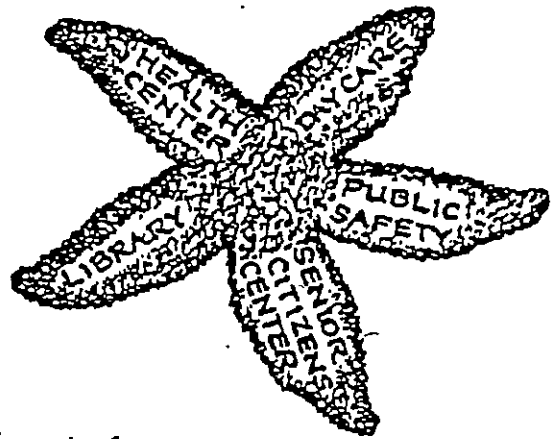
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# Peaks Island STAR



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

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**The Peaks Island Library Friends and the Portland Public Library**

**Invite you to a Community Meeting to discuss**

**Peaks Island Branch Library and Community Center Renovation Plans**

**Wednesday, September 10, at 7 pm in the Community Room**

Over the last 14 months, Library staff have worked with the Friends of the Peaks Island Library leadership and with City staff, particularly the Recreation Department, to develop a new vision for the Library/Community Center to increase and enhance functionality, efficiency, and enjoyment of the services. We have incorporated the great energy and ideas from the Community Forum which we held on Peaks in April 2013, have analyzed the current condition of the building, and have begun developing a plan for the Center. Our vision is to maximize internal space, update necessary systems to meet all codes, resolve ergonomic problems, and most importantly create a comfortable and welcoming space for reading, exploration, and learning. At this point, our plan is to do the renovation in Fall of 2015.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, we have contracted with architect Dick Reed to develop a preliminary design capturing these ideas which we will begin reviewing with the City shortly. In order to get more community input on these plans, we want to invite you to another Community Forum, on Wednesday, September 10 at 7pm. We hope that you can join us.

The Peaks Island Library and Community Center is a special part of island life and we are excited to build its future.  
Library

—Stephen Podgajny, Director, Portland Public Library

## PEAKS ISLAND TAXI NEWS

Most of you may be aware that last February a Peaks Islander donated money to the Taxi to start a new "coupon" program. Seniors on Peaks were given 10 "free ride" coupons each month to use for a ride to the store, post office, library, boat, etc. or just take a ride around the Island. We want to say **Thank You** for her generous donation.

This program has been taken over by the Peaks Island Council with funds or a grant from the City of Portland for the next year. If you know of someone who would benefit from this service, please contact the taxi driver on duty with their name and phone number. You may also contact our Operations Manager, Dennis Rockwell at 766-2421; President, Judy Piawlock at 766-2109; Vice President, Janice Wolkoff at 766-5053; or Bill Oliver at 766-5152. We will then contact that person with the specific details of the program.

You can also purchase a coupon book as a gift--\$30 or \$50, depending on the zone where the person lives.

We would like to thank the Islanders, their guests, and the many visitors to Peaks Island for supporting the Taxi this summer. As fall approaches, let's continue to "Keep the Wheels Rollin"!

## PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

### Lions Club Organization Grants

Organizations that would like to be considered for a Lions Club Grant should contact Lions Club Vice President, Edward Ezzard by telephone, mail or e-mail by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The grants will be awarded at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Lions Club meeting. **Telephone: 756-4713; Address: P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108; e-mail: [TheMaineJack@gmail.com](mailto:TheMaineJack@gmail.com)**

### Lions Club Scholarships

Peaks Island residents and children of Peaks Island Lions members who are currently attending or expect to matriculate in a post graduate career school or college for the fall semester should submit a written scholarship request to the **Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Peaks Island Lions Club, P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108** to be eligible for a Lions Scholarship for the 2013-14 school year.

Your letter must be received by September 15<sup>th</sup> and should state your expected field of study and the school that you will be attending. If you are able to help the community, indicate your intent to volunteer for Peaks Island Lions fundraising events (bakes, rentals), community activities (Halloween Party, Variety Show, Christmas Party, Lions Road Race) and for grounds maintenance and repair.

### Seeking New Lions Club Members

Lend a helping hand to preserve Peaks Island as a helping caring community. Join the Peaks Island Lions Club. Contact Lions Club Vice President, Edward Ezzard by telephone, mail or e-mail: **Telephone: 756-4713; Address: P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108; e-mail: [TheMaineJack@gmail.com](mailto:TheMaineJack@gmail.com)**

## ***Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church***

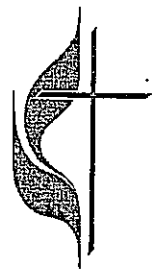
*Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds*

*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](http://www.brackettmumc.org); [brackettmumc@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

Adult Scripture Study Tuesdays, 9-10:30am at Beth Childs' home (845 Seashore Ave.).

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

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

### **SPECIAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER:**

**Sunday, September 14:** 10am Outdoor Worship service followed by the annual All Church Picnic at the Childs' home (845 Seashore Ave.). Bring your readiness to worship in the beauty of God's creation on the backshore and a dish to share at the picnic following the service.

#### **Thursday, September 18:**

5:30-7pm Community Supper. All are welcome to join us for some fellowship at this free community supper. And if you'd like dinner and a movie, stay for...

7pm, Faith and Films. Bring your snacks, maybe a comfy cushion and your family for a fun, free, community movie night at Brackett Church. This month, we'll be watching **Noah** (starring Russell Crowe; rated PG-13). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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### **St. Christopher's Catholic Church**

**Rector: Father Michael Seavey at 773-7746**

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

**All are welcomed. Saturday Masses for the Summer ended Labor Day weekend. More details for other Masses are at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).**

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

**Father Seavey will be installed officially as Rector by Bishop Robert Deeley at the Cathedral during a special ceremony at 6:30 PM September 16th and all are welcome.**

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

**Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, September 16th in the Parish House.**

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

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## Peaks Island Tax Assistance

September is here and this a busy time of year for all of us as adults and children return to school, our summer friends begin to close up their cottages, and computers will be our source of communicating with our friends from away who are so important to our island community. The island will quiet down as once again our thoughts turn to the seasons ahead and what that will mean. Our taxes have increased once again and some of our neighbors and friends will not be able to pay their full property tax bill. PEAKS ISLAND TAX and ENERGY ASSISTANCE( PITEA) is gearing up to assist Islanders who are permanent island residences and whose applications have been approved by the clergy applications to pay their September property taxes. Applications for Tax Assistance may be found on the Library Bulletin Board, or the Clergy. Applications are due by September 8<sup>th</sup> so taxes can be paid by their due date of September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are approved, a portion of your property taxes will be paid to the City of Portland or to your escrow account. Please contact: Pastor Beau Boyle, Pastor Angela Tarbox, or Ruth Williamson, retired Methodist minister (our clergy panel members).

Applications for energy assistance are on the Library bulletin board as well. Once you fill out the application you must return the application to one of the Island Clergy for their approval. The process moves ahead and we will pay up to \$300 to the energy provider. Applicants may apply up to three times if necessary.

*Our Fiesta Time Loaf and Ladle Dinner will be held in September. In October we will feature comfort foods. The dates for both dinners will be published around the first week in September. The menu will be posted as well. Those in the know will tell you how wonderful our cooks are. Members of the Board of PITEA donate both the cooking and the supplies for each menu item. These members are not only wonderful cooks but they are extremely generous. . The food is always delicious and Charles Burr, our talented dessert maker provides two or three desserts every month. Those who attend, anxiously await Charles' arrival with the yummy desserts. Dinner is served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Peaks Island Baptist Church on Pleasant Avenue on Peaks. Adults - \$7, children - \$2.50. 100% of the proceeds go to Energy Assistance.. For more information, call Cynthia at 766-0067*

*Everyone is predicting that we will have another very cold winter and it appears that Energy Assistance will have another busy year. Our two summertime fundraisers, the Clam Chowder and Lobster Roll Dinner and our Old-Fashioned Bean Supper were very successful. All of the funds were raised to pay for Energy Assistance. The Peaks Island Council very kindly requested \$3000 for Energy Assistance from the City of Portland. Our Island Liaison Mike Murray did help to get the money sent to us in August. The check has been deposited into the energy account. All of the donations this summer plus the check from the City and our receipts from the dinners will only cover part of the winter requests. We know that we must continue to do fundraising to have the funds for tax and energy assistance for 2014-2015. If you wish to donate, please mail your donation to:*

*PITEA, P.O. Box 126, Peaks Island, Maine 041208*

Thank you all for your support and help. You are the key to the success of our fundraising.

PITEA: Mary Anderson, Ralph Ashmore, Linda Capone Newton, Aviva Golan, Kathleen Hayward, Heather Kannianen, Sandy Lucas, Linda Murphy, John O'Brien, Cynthia Pedlikin, Howard Pedlikin, Judy Piawlock and Val Siomoneau

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR:** Thursday, September 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.  
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**Peaks Island Health Center**  
87 Central Ave.

**Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner, provides care for all ages.  
Please call either **766-2929** or **874-2466** for an appointment.

The Health Center Board is pleased to inform the community that the **Peaks Island Fund** has awarded funds to the Health Center for the purchase of an audiometer, a diagnostic tool for identifying hearing loss in children and adults.

Also, the Health Center and Maine Medical Partners are excited to be in the final planning stages for a new, flat-screen monitor for our waiting room. It is an educational tool which will provide office updates to patients, share wellness and health messages, and highlight videos featuring MMC's skilled providers. This new service should be online and on-screen, starting in October. Stop by the practice and take a look!

**A Reminder to Health Center patients:** When you need care and the Health Center is closed, you may contact Kitty or another provider at the offices of Portland Family Medicine (at 874-2466) on Congress St., just a short distance from Casco Bay Lines.

## **SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS**

The Seniors would like to thank the Peaks Island Ukes and the Injurement Agency (Nancy 3 & Rhonda D) for joining us at the July & August Luncheons. Great food and great entertainment-what a wonderful combination!

Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. Invite your senior friends and neighbors to the Fay Garman House at noon. Please bring a dish to share and join us for an afternoon of sharing. **All Seniors are welcome!**

**Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**  
Although there has been some progress, many houses still do not have numbers, which help save lives in an emergency.  
And remember: **We still need more volunteers!**  
For more information, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

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## Fifth Maine Museum

After a very busy and successful summer, the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum is winding down for the season. We would like to thank the Peaks Island community for its wonderful support and participation – we've had a great time! AND – we STILL have some great events happening this month (and next month...but it IS true – there's a hint of fall already in the air).

At 6:30 pm on September 25<sup>th</sup> the Peaks Island Lecture Series presents John Bunker –the Johnny Appleseed of Maine. Mr. Bunker will speak about his efforts towards the preservation of heirloom apple trees, as well as conduct a tour of some of Peaks Island's most significant trees and former orchards.

And THEN on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, get ready for an oceanside BLOCK PARTY! The amazing 19-piece brass band, What Cheer? Brigade, from Providence, RI, will take the Fifth Maine by storm (also as part of the Peaks Island Lecture Series). So, bring your lawn chairs, your beverage of choice, and your picnic lunch for a modern-day, highly energetic afternoon block party, complete with great music.

Please refer to our website for more details and a full schedule of events:  
[www.fifthmainemuseum.org](http://www.fifthmainemuseum.org), or FMI: email [events@fifthmainemuseum.org](mailto:events@fifthmainemuseum.org) or call 766-3330.  
September hours of operation: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturdays & Sundays.

## Peaks Island Elementary School

Every September, we have to face the fact that some of our staff won't be with us for the upcoming year. We always accept this with some sadness, however this September we are experiencing a significant loss. We will be opening our school without one of the most dedicated and giving teachers, Robin Walden. She was our employee and our dear friend for more than fifteen years, and in fact held the record for longevity in our school's recent history. The void created by her leaving will be difficult to fill.

When challenges arise, we often rely upon this mantra:  
*What Would Robin Walden Do?*

Fortunately we have the answer. She would:

Smile and always be kind; be diplomatic and non-judgmental; be creative and flexible; be a critical intelligent thinker; be a worker who is reliable; be focused and responsible; be a decision-maker.

Robin, we will miss you so much!

## **September at the Peaks Island Branch Library**

in the Community Building 766-5540

email [peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)

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

**Whew! We made it.** After the busy summer, it's time for children to be back in school and time for you, parents, to be sure your kids have library cards. First children usually do, but if you have more than one child, did the rest of your children get cards on their fifth birthdays? Reading and learning go hand in hand, and what better way to make sure your children are strong readers than to make reading an integral part of their lives. It's a great gift to give your child, and it's free.

**Middle School Book Club's next meeting: Tuesday, September 16, at 5:45 pm** in the community room. During the summer we met and had friends from away join us too. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. What do we do? Enjoy a little food and talk about books. Come and join in on the conversation or just come and listen. If you have a favorite book, bring it along. Open to all who are in middle school!

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion:** meets at 7 pm in the Community Room. This month, because of Labor Day, the meeting is on the second Tuesday, September 9. The book is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. For the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the book will be *The Sandcastle Girls*, parallel stories of a woman who falls in love with an Armenian soldier during the Armenian Genocide and a modern-day New Yorker prompted to rediscover her Armenian past, by Chris Bohjalian. Books are available through the library. All are welcome.

Books for the next five months are November 4, *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd; December 2, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou; January 6, *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion; February 3, *Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff; and March 3, *Mr. Emerson's Wife* by Amy Brown.

### **FREE PASSES**

The library has free passes to the following Museums, each with its own specifics:

**Tate House Museum:** home of George Tate, mast agent for the king of England, June through October, up to 4 people. It is in the Stroudwater section of Portland.

**Portland Museum of Art:** admits 2 adults and up to 6 children. Available all year.

**Portland Observatory:** admits 1 person, but 2 passes may be given out. Memorial Day through Columbus Day.

**Maine State Museum:** admits 4 people. It is in Augusta.

**Southworth Planetarium:** admits 6 people. It is located on the USM Portland campus.

### **TEIA GRANTS**

**TEIA annually awards Grants for special projects but not for maintenance, to religious, social, neighborhood, service and special needs island organizations. Applications must be received by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

**Please either mail or e-mail to:**

**Jerry Garman**

**88 Trefethen Ave.**

**Peaks Island, Me. 04108**

**[afunnything@myfairpoint.net](mailto:afunnything@myfairpoint.net)**



**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND**  
Sponsored by the Portland Recreation and Facilities Management Department

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise ([djm@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:djm@portlandmaine.gov) or 766-2970) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island - Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please check Denise's bulletin board for her vacation schedule. If you do not get a return phone call, please call again as sometimes messages are lost.

**LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM (com. rm.)**

Mondays & Thursdays (no program on holidays) 9:30 am  
All are invited to this fun, low-impact aerobics program with weights. All exercises are done either sitting or standing. This is an on-going program throughout the year.

**THURSDAYS are for KNITTING & CHATTING**

Thurs., Sept. 4, 11, 18, & 25 10:45-11:45am (com. rm.)  
Join us as we continue to knit/crochet for charity. Stop by the com. rm. on Thursdays to see the variety of dish/wash cloths we have for sale for \$2. Proceeds go to buy gloves for charity.

**THURSDAYS at the GARDEN – BYO PICNIC**

Thurs., September 4, 11, 18, and 25 12 noon – 1:00 pm  
The summer BYO picnics (with lots of sharing) have been very successful. Extend the summer by joining us at the garden. Share recipes and some of your garden tips with others. Meet at the community garden (Trott-Littlejohn Park). All welcome!

**“MYSTERY” TEA**

Monday, September 15 1:00 pm – meet at com. rm.  
Enjoy an hour of socializing as we share friendship and light refreshments at “mystery location. Deadline to register is 9/12.

**TRAVELOGUE – SOUTHERN FRANCE**

Thursday, September 18 2:00 pm (com. rm.)  
Guest Speaker/PI resident Maryfrances MacFadyen shares photos & adventures of a recent trip to So. France. All welcome.

**SHOPPING in SO. PORTLAND/SCARBOROUGH**

Friday, September 19 10:00 am boat/3:15 pm return  
We will go to Dollar Tree & Christmas Tree Shops - & more. Lunch TBD. Deadline to register is Sept. 18. Van fee is \$5.

**FALL CLEANING BINGO: BRING TREASURES**

Friday, September 26 10:30am-12 noon (drop-in anytime)  
As you do your Fall cleaning, look for perfect BINGO prizes! Join us for laughter and fun! BYO lunch if you'd like.

**AFTERNOON MOVIE starring GREER GARSON**

Monday, September 29 11:00 am (com. rm.)  
Celebrate Greer Garson's birthday; make a suggestion to Denise as to what movie to show. BYO lunch to enjoy after

**ATTENTION ADULT BASKETBALL PLAYERS:**

Adult basketball starts on Tuesday, September 23 at the Peaks Island School gym. Join your friends from 6 – 8 pm.  
Fee: \$2 res/\$3 non-res

September Movies – Saturday Nights – FREE			
<u>6PM</u> 6	<i>Pirates: Band of Misfits</i> , 2012, PG, 88 min	<u>8PM</u> 6	<i>Never Let Me Go</i> , 2010, R, 104 min
13	<i>Muppets Most Wanted</i> , 2014, PG, 107 min	13	<i>Gates of Heaven</i> , 1978, NR, 83 min
20	<i>The Iron Giant</i> , 1999, PG, 86 min	20	<i>The Way</i> , 2010, PG-13, 121 min
27	<i>Ernest and Celestine</i> , 2014, G, 80 min	27	<i>Grand Budapest Hotel</i> , 2014, R, 100min
Saturday Night Movies are a program of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library and are shown on a large screen in the Community Room by volunteers. Children must be accompanied by adults.			