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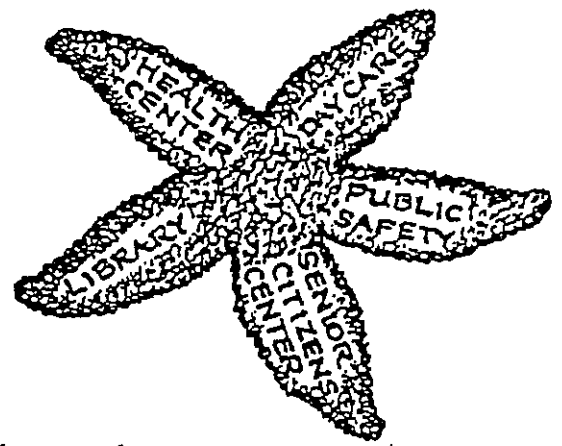
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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News from Peaks Island Elementary School

By Renee Serio, Teacher Leader

We are excited to begin our new school year at Peaks Island Elementary School. We have a variety of exciting upcoming events this fall including Open House for children and their parents on October 1st and the launch of our new **Peaks Island Afterschool Academy** that will begin the second week of September. A special thanks to the Peaks Island Fund, who granted the funds to launch this afterschool enrichment program. This program will partner with our already existing Portland Recreation program and includes three components: child care, homework help, and enrichment. The enrichment component will offer different activities over the course of the year. Our first activity, a lego based robotics program, will be offered to grade 4 and 5 students every Friday after school. It will culminate at the 2nd annual STEM conference at USM on Tuesday, November 10th in which our students will present their creations. Please mark your calendar for a special, private island **Robotics Exposition** at our school on **Friday, October 30th at 4:00**. This event will be open to the entire Peaks Island community. Light refreshments provided.

PORTLAND ADULT EDUCATION SHAKESPEARE ON PEAKS

Portland Adult Education is offering "A Brief Introduction to Shakespeare" course on successive Wednesdays from September 30 to November 4. The plays, Merchant of Venice and Othello, are available in inexpensive Folger Edition paperbacks at Longfellow Books. Meeting times are 1:30PM - 3:30PM in the community room. The cost is \$5.00. Roy Mottla is the instructor. Register through PAE by phone 874-8155, using a credit card, or by mail. Checks should be made payable to PAE and sent to PAE, 14 Locust Street, Portland, ME 04101.

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

www.picw.org



**THE PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

PICW will be starting its regular school year on August 31st. Our first unit will be based on the book *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn. Children will share about their families and start an "All About Me" book of their own.

We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that came to PICW this summer: Gail T. Kelley, Joan Blake, Emma Conrad, Bella Bridgford and Max Eaton. The summer would not have been so successful without you!! Also, we would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Hannah Carlson and The Island Institute intern program. We were lucky to be part of such a wonderful program.

Lastly, The Peaks Island Children's Workshop is looking to increase our substitute teacher list. If interested please call Katie or Celeste at 766 2854 for more information.

PICW is accepting applications for part/full time care on 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, Melissa Conrad mconrad@backshore.net

Peaks Island Health Center

87 Central Ave. P.O. Box 52

**Hours: Monday, Wednesday and 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 would like to thank the **Peaks Island Fund** for their generous grant to purchase a portable Pulse Oximeter and Wrist Blood Pressure Cuff. This equipment will facilitate caring for patients in their homes. In addition we were awarded funds to replace our AED (Automatic External Defibrillator).

Reminders to Health Center Patients:

1. The Health Center on Peaks is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays year round.
2. When you require attention on other days, you may contact Kitty or another provider at the offices of Portland Family Medicine (Same phone numbers) on the corner of Congress St. and India Street. The clinic is located just a short distance from the CBL terminal.

September at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building 766-5540

email peaks@portland.lib.me.us

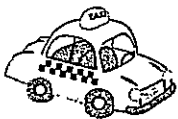
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

Drawing Class for Adults age 55+: an 8-week session on Tuesdays, 10:15am to 12:15pm, in the Community Room, starting September 8. Registration is required. This offering is in response to the surveys Peaks Islanders filled out last fall on Creative Aging. The Portland Public Library received a grant for this FREE class, which is for both absolute beginners and experienced artists and will introduce and review techniques in drawing and sketching. It is co-sponsored with Parks and Recreation, who is managing the registrations and can handle questions about the program as well. Their number is 756-8275; hit 0 to get to the receptionist, Lori, who can help you.

Memoir Writing Workshop: Writer Elizabeth Peavey will lead the group for 7 weeks, on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 pm, starting September 21. Registration is required. The first meeting will start with a getting-to-know-you period, then a talk about memoir, what it is, how it differs from autobiography, as well as the fun and foibles of telling our life stories. No materials are required aside from notebooks, pens and/or laptops. If a person has vision or dexterity issues or other problems writing, accommodations will be made. After the six meetings, each participant will be asked to participate in an open reading for the island community. Meetings will be at St. Christopher's Parish House. Registration is at the Peaks Island Branch Library. This grant-funded FREE program is intended for seniors.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: For the meeting on October 6, the group will read *The Great Gatsby*. To reserve a library copy, come in, call or email the library. Meetings begin at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome at any meeting. If you have ever read *The Great Gatsby*, consider coming. Moderator will be Caron Chess. (Book for November is *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent.)

Middle School Book Club: Are you a 6th grader starting Middle School this fall or a 7th or 8th grader who hasn't yet come to the Middle School Book Club? We meet the third Tuesday of each month to talk about books, anything to do with books, but not any particular book. In August we exchanged great book suggestions with summer resident middle schoolers who attended – as well as having first dibs on the new TEEN books at the library. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 15, at 5:45 pm in the community room across from the library. Books, conversation and food! What could be more fun?



207-518-0000 (Call for reservations)

***Peaks Island Transportation System* (aka The TAXI)**

Hours of Operation: 8:15 AM – 8:15 PM: Seven days a week.

Rates: \$3.00 Zone 1: Plus \$1.00 for each additional person at the same address.

\$5.00 Zone 2: Plus \$1.00 for each additional person at the same address.

Where to Find Us: *Down Front at the CBL Ferry Dock*

8th Maine News
8thmainepeaksisland.com
207-329-3530

The 8th Maine Regiment Memorial Association is very pleased to announce that its Peaks Island Fund application for a \$5000 grant has been accepted and awarded. The award will support the 8th Maine's effort to address the needed care of its historical collection. The award will assist the 8th Maine in the hiring of a professional archivist who will assist it in the development of a collections policy and associated planning. The award will also help the 8th Maine acquire the services of a professional appraiser who would catalogue and value all the items held in the Association collection.

The 8th Maine wants to thank the Peaks Island Fund for its generous support.

The replacement of all the exterior rails continues well on the veranda porch. This will be a two-year project because the 8th Maine has almost 250 feet of porch railings. The new rails hopefully will last as long as the originals, which are 124 years old.

The 8th Maine is in the preliminary planning for its 125th birthday party next year. Stay tuned for future announcements.

The Artists were back, for the 27th consecutive year. They had a very successful show of their work on the 8th Maine porch. They want to thank all you supported their work.

Please check out our new website; 8thmainepeaksisland.com for more information about the Museum and Lodge. You may also call 207-329-3530 for more information.

New Vision Campaign Report

Thanks to all of you who have supported the New Vision Campaign for the Library/Community Center with your pledges. You will see that there is now a poster in front of the Library to show our progress.

We now are asking for a different kind of help...your signature on a letter of support which we will present to the City when they are ready to discuss the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) in the late fall. While your pledges are needed and welcome, it is important that we show the city that not only will we support this project financially, but also that the renovation has the support of the whole Island. Please sign the letter to help us show the city how important this renovation is to us all. The letter will be available at the Library, and will be circulated by your neighbors on the Campaign Committee. And your continued pledges are always welcome. Let's make this happen!

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Michael Seavey at 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 10 AM each week followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are welcome. Details for other Masses in Portland are at <http://www.portlandcatholic.org/>

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

Rosary: The Scripture Studies Group invites all to pray the Rosary for special intentions and world peace at 9:30 AM before Mass each Sunday.

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

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

Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, September 15th in the Parish House.

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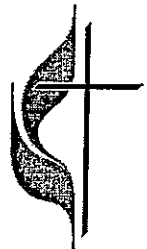
Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

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.

Adult Scripture Study Tuesdays, 10-11:30am at Claire Dahl's home (13 Sunset Rd.).

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fridays, 10:00am – 12:00pm at Wally Fischer's house (238 Brackett 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 SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

September 13, 10am: Blessing of the Backpacks. All students and teachers are invited to come and bring their backpacks to worship as we bless those who profoundly enrich our community through education.

September 20, 10am: Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry, feathered, scaly, and hairy friends for a fun outdoor service. We will remember those precious pets who have left us this year and celebrate those that impact our lives with loyalty and love.

Peaks Island Skateboard Park

Our website: www.peaksiskatepark.org includes plans for the new Peaks Island Skateboard Park to be created in the far right corner of Trott-Littlejohn Park.

We're continuing to raise funds with tax deductible donations to build the park for all to enjoy!

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PEAKS ISLAND COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 23rd, 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center

The next Peaks Island Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd. All our welcome and encouraged to attend. The agenda for the meeting will also be posted before the September 23rd meeting.

NEEDS BASED CBL TICKETS

The Peaks Island Council has allocated transportation money for ferry tickets for year round Peaks Island residents in "financial need" (i.e. buying tickets creates a financial hardship for them). The tickets should be used for emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances, that would justify receipt of a free ferry ticket. That decision will be made by the organizations listed below to the best of their judgement. THESE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

The four organizations that have "need based" tickets for distribution are: FOOD PANTRY, PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP, HEALTH CENTER, and ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH (Susan Hanley 332-2443).

PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE (PITEA)

Portland property tax bills were mailed to Peaks Island households last week, and payment is due on Friday, September 11. Once again PITEA is offering tax assistance to households whose island resident is their permanent residence. Applications for assistance must be given to a member of the clergy by September 9th so that PITEA will be able to pay the agreed upon portion on time.

We have two members of the Clergy who will be accepting applications:

Ruth Williamson	Retired Methodist Minister
Angela Tarbox	Pastor of the Brackett Memorial Methodist Church

Please make sure that you give them plenty of lead time.

Over the summer we raised about \$8600. This is just a small portion of the funding that we will need to meet the needs of Islanders. We hope to hold two more Loaf and Ladle Dinners, and another Clam Chowder and Lobster Roll Dinner. Donations are gladly received and should be made out to:

PITEA, PO Box 126, Peaks Island,, Maine 04108.

PITEA is a 501(c)3 charitable foundation so your donation would be tax deductible.

Applications for assistance from the Sam McCain Fund may be found on the library bulletin board. Please call 766-0067 if you have any questions about the fund or the applications. We will try to award \$900 for tax assistance and \$300 for each request for energy assistance.

We hope to have news about our fundraising efforts in September. Our dinners in July and August were so successful but donations were not significant enough to get us through the next tax and energy cycles. We do want to thank all of the islanders who attended our dinners and have shown their support

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mary Arnold, Ralph Ashmore, Linda Capone Newton, Heathler Kanniainen, Linda Murphy, John O'Brien, Howard Pedlikin, Cynthia Pedlikin and Val Simoneau

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

The August barbeque at the Fay Garman House was a success. The weather was perfect for us to dine on the patio with lots of delicious picnic food. Hot dogs, hamburgers, summer salads, and even hot fudge sundaes were there to enjoy.

Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, September 14th at noon. Invite your senior friends and neighbors to the Fay Garman House. Please bring a dish to share and tell us about your summer on Peaks Island. **All Seniors are welcome!**



PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB



LIONS CLUB ORGANIZATION GRANTS

Organizations that would like to be considered for a Lions Club Grant should contact Lions Club President, Edward Ezzard by telephone, mail or e-mail by October 15th. The grants will be awarded at the October 26th Lions Club meeting. **Telephone: 756-4713; Address: P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108; e-mail: TheMaineJack@gmail.com**

LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

To be eligible for a Lions Scholarship for the 2014-15 school year, 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:

**Chairman of the Scholarship Committee
Peaks Island Lions Club, P.O. Box 102
Peaks Island, ME 04108**

Your letter must be received by September 15th and should state your expected field of study and the school that you will be attending.

If you are reapplying for this scholarship, the reapplying applicant or family is expected to help the community with a minimum of eight (8) hours of service in the Lions or another Lions approved Peaks Island organization. The Peaks Island Club service activities include our good weather fundraising events (bakes, rentals from May - August), our community activities - Halloween Party (Oct 31st), Variety Show (Aug 3rd & 4th), Christmas Party (Dec at the school), our sponsored Peaks Island Road Race (July 25th) and for grounds maintenance (May - Oct). We will send you our events calendar for you to sign up by emailing lionsclubrentals@gmail.com

Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Peaks Island CERT reminds all Islanders to post your house number signs. They're needed in emergencies.

Also CERT needs more volunteers to work in times of a disaster or emergency. For more info, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The front doors to the community building will be locked on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 due to maintenance. There will be no access to the public restrooms and the community room.

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. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island - Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; check Denise's bulletin board (what faces you as you enter the bldg) for her schedule as she will be taking some time off. **ATTENTION:** Be sure to check out pages 12-13 in the new Fall/Winter brochure for Peaks Island activities. The brochure is also filled with many "in-town" activities.

THURSDAYS are for KNITTING & CHATTING

Thurs., Sept. 10, 17 and 24 10:45-11:45 am (com. rm)
Join us as we continue to knit/crochet for charity. Hats and scarves can be bought for \$7 each; dishcloths are \$2. Proceeds go to buy gloves/socks and toiletry items for charity.

THURSDAYS at the GARDEN – BYO PICNIC

Thurs., September 10, 17 & 24 12 noon – 1:00 pm
The summer BYO picnics at Trott-Littlejohn Park were a huge success. Extend the good times by joining us at the community garden, as weather permits. Share recipes and garden tips.

WALKING GROUP – MONDAY MORNINGS

Mon., September 14, 21 & 28 Meet at 8:30 am – com rm
Start your week off right with a morning walk. We will walk for 45 minutes to enjoy island gardens, historic places and scenic views. This is not a speed walk. All are welcome.

“CLUTTER CLUB”

Monday, September 21 10:45-11:45 am (com. rm)
Start your fall cleaning by de-cluttering your life! Everyone is invited to attend this initial meeting to see how we can help each other live without clutter.

“MYSTERY” TEA

Monday, September 21 1:00 pm - meet at com. bldg.
Enjoy an hour of social time, fun and refreshments with friends both new and old. Pre-registration required. Drivers needed.

ATTENTION ADULT BASKETBALL PLAYERS:
Adult basketball starts on Tuesday, September 22 at the Peaks Island School gym. Join your friends from 6 – 8 pm.
Fee: \$2 res/\$3 non-res

TRIP TO MAINE JEWISH MUSEUM

Monday, September 28 12:45 pm boat/ return TBA
View the new exhibit called “Welcoming the Stranger: The History (and Mystery) of House Island”. Please note – we will either take the Metro bus or walk to the museum, which is located approximately ½ mile from CBL. Admission is free.

**“IN-TOWN” SHOPPING TRIP - FREEPORT
Friday, October 2**

Browse the many outlets and stores in Freeport – including LL Bean. There are many choices for lunch or sweets. Deadline to register and pay is Monday, September 28. Transportation fee is \$5. Minimum is 6.

On-going exercise program/Community Room

**Mondays and Thursdays: Low-Impact Exercise Program -
9:30 to 10:30 am**

September Movies – Saturday Nights – FREE			
6PM 5	<i>Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb</i> , 2014, PG, 98 min	8PM 5	<i>Captain Abu Raed</i> , 2010, NR, 102 min
12	<i>BUILDING CLOSED for maintenance this weekend - No Movies- See you next Saturday!</i>		
19	<i>Big Hero 6</i> , 2015, PG, 102 min	19	<i>The Theory of Everything</i> , 2014, PG-13, 121 min
26	<i>Flying Home</i> , 1996, PG, 107 min	26	<i>Queen to Play</i> , 2011, NR, 97 min
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.			

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Friday, September 25, by 6 pm. Bring your articles copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or slip them under the door when the library is closed. Thank you to Joyce Wolkoff for typing up the calendar for the July and August editions.