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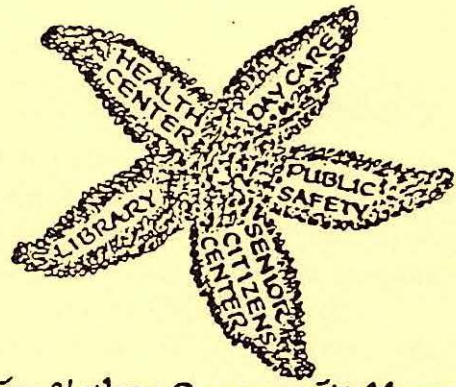
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Peaks Island STAR



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

OCTOBER 1998

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IN MEMORIAM

*In Loving memory of Lionel Raymond Plante, Jr.
who passed away on August 20, 1998
his family has established the
Lionel Raymond Plante, Jr. Memorial Music Fund*

Proceeds of the fund will be used to inspire young people to pursue their musical talents.

*Contributions may be made at any branch of
Fleet Bank of Maine or mailed to:
Lionel Raymond Plante, Jr. Memorial Music Fund
c/o Fleet Bank of Maine
One City Center - P.O. Box 1280
Portland, Maine 04104-5006*

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship

A scholarship fund has been established by the Ladies Auxiliary Unit, Randall Mc Vane Post #142, Peaks Island. This scholarship is available to high school graduates furthering their education; such as college, vocational or trade school, career courses or other programs. Students may apply annually for assistance in continuing their studies.

First consideration will be given to Junior Auxiliary members of the unit, children of active members of the Auxiliary, or any Peaks Island resident who is a high school student or current graduate (June, 1998).

Students interested must let their intentions be known by letter to the Ladies Auxiliary by November 1, 1998, addressed as follows:

Claire Filliettaz
Scholarship Chairman
13 Greenwood Street
Peaks Island, ME 04108

Moneys will be disbursed after completion of the first semester and will be sent directly to the school of the student's choice.

PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL BOX TOPS UPDATE

Are you saving those box tops? Saving box tops from participating General Mills cereals, snacks and Yoplait Yogurt multipacks is a fun and easy way to help our school's fundraising efforts. Box tops are submitted at the end of each month and earn cash to help sponsor school events!

Last year 228 box tops were collected and earned \$50.40 to purchase books for the school library. The books were those recommended by the children. This year, General Mills will give us a bonus of 100 box tops (\$15.00) if we can collect 1000 box tops. Do you think we can do it? *I know* we can! We have until March 31, 1999 to collect!

Through October 1998, Cheerios products will carry double box tops. Two instead of one! So let's all eat a lot of Cheerios in the next month!

Another special incentive General Mills is offering is \$5,000 for a field trip. Sound exciting? To earn this, Peaks Island School would need to be the Maine school which collects the most box tops per student. This means the total number of box tops collected divided by the number of students attending school. General Mills will calculate the average number per student for each school in Maine and award \$5,000 to the school collecting the most! \$5,000! Think of what a great field trip that would sponsor!

Box tops for education has its own web sites. Check out <http://www.boxtops4education.com> and <http://www.youruleschool.com> (the General Mills web site for kids).

You may send your box tops to school with your child (borrow your neighbor's if you don't have your own!), mail them to the school at 4 Church Street or mail them to Roberta Jackson at 67 Pleasant Avenue.

Peaks Island Elementary School

We welcome Susan Carlson as the new Educational Partnership Developer (formerly Volunteer Coordinator). She can be reached at the school at 766-2528 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-12:30. Volunteer opportunities: As always, we are looking for reading mentors to support student learning. If anyone is an AT&T customer, their participation in the AT&T Learning Points Program will help us purchase software. Please contact Susan for more details.

We welcome new students: Andrew Grant to the third grade, Andrew Reid to the fourth grade, Sean Hagan to the fifth grade and Nolan Bateman, Kevin Brown, Maria DeMichelle, Ellis Duchaine, Ian Hawkes, Emily Jackson and Mason Norton to kindergarten.

If anyone noticed the bike parade on September 17, it was due to a bike safety course given by the Portland Police Department. The children had a great time learning many new safety rules.

Thank You

Under Key Bank's nationwide "Neighbors Make a Difference" program, 16 Key Bank employees spent the day September 22 doing projects for two island organizations, the Peaks Island Health Center and the Fifth Maine. At the health center, they laid tile and painted, and at the Fifth Maine they did some painting and cleared brush for the historical garden planned there. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

*** Library News ***

129 Island Ave.

"In the Community Building"

766-5540

OPEN: Tues. 2-8 Wed. 10-4 Fri. 10-2 Sat. 8-12 noon

Adult Book Discussion: Tuesday, October 6, at 7 PM in the Community Room.

Rhonda Berg will facilitate a discussion of The Unbearable Lightness of Being by Czech author Milan Kundera. Please join us.

Some of the New Books:

<u>Fiction:</u>	Nicholas Evans	<u>The Loop</u>
	Allan Folsom	<u>Day of Confession</u>
	Dick Francis	<u>Field of Thirteen</u>
	Elizabeth Lowell	<u>Jade Island</u>
	Howard Norman	<u>Museum Guard</u>
	Richard Patterson	<u>No Safe Place</u>
	Sidney Sheldon	<u>Tell Me Your Dreams</u>
	William Weld	<u>Mackerel by Moonlight</u>

There is a complete list of new books posted in the library.

Children's Programs: Wednesdays: 10:15 - Pre-school Story Time

Saturdays: 10:00 - Lap-sit & Toddler Time

Halloween Story and Craft by the Very Scary Patricia Crowley-Rockwell, Tuesday, October 27, 7 to 7:45 pm. The program will be geared toward children between 5 and 8 years old.

Congratulations to the Reverend Johanna Dame, loyal library patron and Methodist minister, on her coronation as Peaks Island's new "Trash Queen." Could she have gotten her inspiration from any of the library books she has read?

**** Mark Your Calendars ****

Day Light Saving Time Ends Sunday, October 25. Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday night. "Spring ahead; Fall back." Sunday is also the deadline for next month's Star. Please turn articles in at the library, single-spaced, please.

Thank you

Thank you to Betty McCaslin and to Dorothy Wyld for their contributions toward the printing of the STAR.

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P. I. E. S.

Peaks Island Elementary School

Peaks Island's Parent/Teacher Organization is now officially a "PTA"! We are joining with families, teachers and communities throughout Maine and the whole country in support of children and education. We invite the greater Peaks Island community - parents, grandparents, friends, businesses - to join the Peaks Island PTA. Please fill in the following registration form and drop it off or mail it to the school (Church St).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Dues are \$3 per member/\$6 per couple. One vote per member. Please enclose dues with registration. Checks can be made out to "Peaks Island PTA". Thank you!

It Takes A Whole Island To Raise A Child

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Bouchard, Pastor Central Avenue 774-3276

Sunday: Mass at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.
Mass at 12 noon.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Street

Rev. Johanne Dame, Minister 766-5013

Worship and Church School each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Coffee Hour at 11:15
Childcare Provided

Church school is in session once again. Classes are held during the worship service for children ages 5 to 12 and childcare is provided for younger children. Please join us.

All church retreat will be held Saturday October 3. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend! All input and ideas are valuable! Please call Johanne at 5013 for more details.

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. Please join us in this special offering as we celebrate communion with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

A Memorial Service for Gretchen Hall will be held on October 10. All islanders are welcome.

A Fall Flea Market will be held on Saturday October 24. Tables are available for \$10.00. Come sell your crafts, your second-hand items or what have you. Call 5013 for more information or to register.

STAR OF THE SEA

STUDIO'S

TO START OUR NEW SEASON (1998-1999) WE MADE SOME CHANGES TO HELP SOME OF OUR STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER ACTIVITIES.

OUR STUDIO ON THE ISLAND IS AT 4 GREENWOOD ST. (MY HOME), THIS WAY WE HAVE ALL WEEK DAYS (EXCEPT WED.) FOR MAKE UP CLASSES. CALL 766-2727.

NEW TIMES AS FOLLOWS. 1st. CLASS 4yrs.-6yrs. 3.45pm.-4.15pm.

2nd. CLASS 7yrs- 11yrs. 4.15pm.-5. pm.

A NEW BEGINNERS TEEN AND ADULT CLASS HAS JUST STARTED 3pm.-3.40pm. ITS NEVER TOO LATE TO START, WE WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS, STEPHANIE, COLETTE, CALA AND MATTHEW.

WE STARTED OUR 11th. YR. AT RIVERTON ON WED. WITH A NEW PRE-SCHOOL CLASS AT 3pm.

SINCERE THANKS TO DENISE AND THE PEAKS ISL. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

A CHRISTMAS SHOW IS PLANNED FOR SUN. DEC. 6th.

HAPPY FALL
DOREEN AND CO.

October at Peaks Island's Health Center
26 Sterling Street PO Box 52 766-2929

Center for Community Dental Health: Dentist: Friday, October 16 in the morning; Hygienist: Wednesday, October 28. Call Robin at 874-1025 for an appointment.

Podiatrist: Dr. Dorsey will be here the morning of Wednesday, December 9. Call 761-3889 for information or an appointment.

Mercy-Maritime Family Practice - Christina Mahoney, CNP
Fall Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 - 4:30
Wednesday, 12 noon - 8PM

CLOSED Columbus Day, October 12, and at 2 PM on October 22 for the Flu-Shot Clinic (see below).

New Services:

Dr. DeGrinney will see adult patients Wednesday, October 14, between noon and 4 pm. If your health concerns are complex or if you prefer to be examined by a physician or by a male provider, you may phone the center (2929) to schedule an appointment with him.

Due to the need for convenient Dermatological care, Dr. J. Michael Taylor and his staff have been invited to come to Peaks on a quarterly basis - much as Dr. Dorsey's podiatry staff currently does. Michelle Crotty, PA-C, will see patients with dermatology concerns on Thursday, October 15, between 10 am and 4:30 pm. Appointments may be booked through the Health Center (2929).

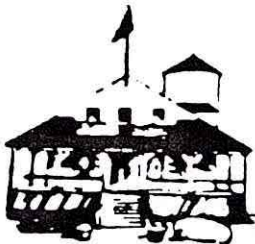
*****Special Events:*****

*****Active Parenting Classes***** for parents of children, newborn to 4 years old will be offered on three Tuesday nights: October 20, 27, and November 3 at 7 pm. Chris Mahoney and Kathryn Langdon-Malone will facilitate the classes. Details are being finalized, so watch the bulletin boards or call the Health Center (2929) to indicate your interest. Registration will be in advance through the Health Center.

*****Flu and Pneumonia Shot Clinic***** will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2 pm to 9 pm in the Community Room. Appointments are not necessary. If you cannot attend, vaccines may be obtained through the office. Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments, to assist with paperwork, and to give vaccines (RNs, LPNs, MAs). Please call Chris if you are interested.



26 Sterling Street
766-2929



THE FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

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

The Fifth Maine will be celebrating the end of a very successful season with a **Harvest Supper** on **Saturday October 10**. There will be two seatings: **5:30 pm** and **7 pm**. The menu will include cheese & crackers, cider, pot roast, fall vegetables, rolls & butter, apple crisp and coffee. Tickets are **\$8 for adults** and **\$4 for children**. Tickets are limited. For reservations, call Kim at 766-5514.

On another note, we are now planning for the 1999 season. If you have ideas for programs and activities or would like to help, please call Sharon at 766-2385.

THE CITY PAGE

Larry Mead, Island Services Administrator: 756-8288. Island Office Hours: Wed, 8:30-2:30

DEER SURVEY MAILED OUT BY CITY

A survey regarding the deer population was mailed out the week of September 28th to all Peaks Island property owners and registered voters. As with many public debates a few people are very vocal on both sides of the issue, while the vast majority remain on the sideline. A survey is one way to get a broader cross-section of opinion from Island residents and property owners. The questions in this survey are mostly subjective in nature because they are intended to sample the individual opinions of island residents and property owners about the island's deer herd. Are people generally positive, negative, or indifferent about the presence of deer on the island? Put another way, do people see the deer as a problem or not.

The results of the survey can serve as a guide to what the next steps should be in managing the deer herd on Peaks. Some people have suggested that the City should just make a decision on how to manage deer on the island and act on it. That is simply not going to happen. Decisions regarding how to live with deer on the island must come from islanders themselves.

If you are a registered voter or property owner and did not receive a survey in the mail as of October 7th, notify Larry Mead at 756-8288. Some 300 names on the registered voter list did not include a street address, but were listed only as Peaks Island. Surveys were not mailed to those individuals because the policy of the postal service is not to deliver without a street address.

PLANNING BOARD APPROVES TRANSFER STATION

The Planning Board gave its approval to the site plan for the transfer station and Public Works facility at the corner of Florida Avenue and Brackett Avenue. The vote was 5-1 (Carroll). The site plan as approved included a trash compactor and container building as part of the facility. The Board added some conditions to the approval, including the requirement to have the landscaping plan further reviewed by the City Arborist and the stipulation that the City property to the west and north of the intersection of Upper A Street and Brackett Avenue be maintained permanently as open space in order to provide a visual buffer for adjacent residences. The next step for the City is to obtain a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection. The City hopes to begin construction of the facility in 1999.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The City will conduct a public meeting on Peaks Island to solicit resident comments on the City's HCD program. The meeting will be held on October 29th at 7:30 at the Community Building. The HCD program is a federally funded program which supports social service programs and construction projects in low and moderate income neighborhoods. In Portland, Peaks Island and the mainland peninsula are eligible neighborhoods. HCD funds have been used in the past on Peaks Island for streets, sidewalks, school playgrounds and day care support.

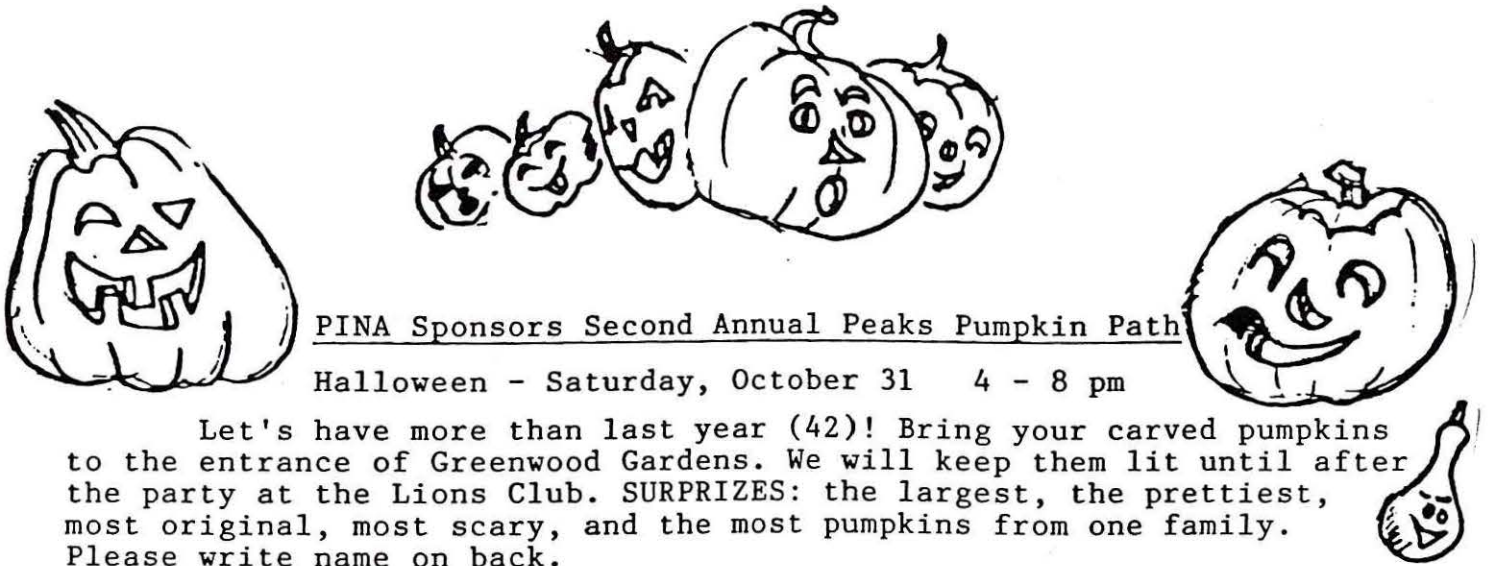
PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

The Lions ended their 1998 Summer season on Monday, September 28th with their annual Fish Chowder Night, hosting Lions and wives from all over District 41, Maine.

Lobster Bakes are over and with few exceptions such as monthly meetings, the Club will be inactive until May, 1999.

One big exception is the annual **Halloween Party** for Peaks Island children scheduled for **Saturday, October 31st. BOO!**

As for now, the Peaks Island Lions wish all Islanders a Happy Winter. Stay warm!



PINA Sponsors Second Annual Peaks Pumpkin Path

Halloween - Saturday, October 31 4 - 8 pm

Let's have more than last year (42)! Bring your carved pumpkins to the entrance of Greenwood Gardens. We will keep them lit until after the party at the Lions Club. SURPRIZES: the largest, the prettiest, most original, most scary, and the most pumpkins from one family. Please write name on back.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

At the September Steering Committee meeting of the Peaks Island Neighborhood Association, new officers were elected. Perry Sutherland is President, Laurie Cox is Vice-President, Dick Springer is Secretary, and Judy Piawlock is Treasurer.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. St. Christopher's Church has placed its parish hall on the market, and the City of Portland may purchase it. At the meeting there will be a "workshop brainstorming session" discussing Island needs and whether purchasing this building for community use is or is not the best use of available funds.

We are saddened by the news that vigorous community activist and longtime PINA member and officer Ellen Tripp has died. We send our condolences to her family and are grateful for her many years of service to Peaks Island.

The Best of Times - by Zola Jenness, Peaks Island School Alumni Essay Winner

Some people say an island is the worse place to grow up. But to a child like me I have spent some of my best years on Peaks Island. The children welcomed me with open arms, and taught me the games they have cherished all their lives. They showed me the best hills to sled on and where to swim. I have spent many nights with my friends playing tag, kick the can, and bounty hunter. They let me hide with them and showed me who was fast or slow.

They took me swimming and shared their candy with me. We would run up and down the beach splashing and laughing. Going fishing, but only seeming to catch mackerel. We would jump off the docks and jungle run. I was always the first to be pushed off the docks, but it gave me a delightful feeling.

In the spring I would wake up to the fresh smell of the dew on the flowers; a smell which I fancy. The days became longer and my friends and I walk dogs, help plant gardens, and collect bottles. After we made money we would walk to the shore and watch the island life go by. People gave us friendly smiles. Sea gulls yelped over head. The sun shone over the bay. Even the policemen smiled. On Peaks everybody knows everybody, people are always there to make sure you're okay.

But life all changes when you cross the bay to Portland. The hustle-bustle of the city makes you change. People feel glad to step onto the boat. Their body has a wonderful feeling when they see the waves splash on the boat the sea gulls flying overhead. The fishermen's boats chug a familiar sound as they go home from a long day at sea. The sun starts to cast a shadow on the bay. The water shimmers and sparkles. The boat slows down, children skip off, parents clutch their bags, and there is a warmth in the air. The smell of the sea drifts through the air - and we know we're home.

CASCO BAY GARAGE 54 Commercial Street P.O. Box 7525 Portland, Maine 04112 (207) 761-9591

September 23, 1998

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

The garage will be starting it's winter-only parking program again in November. If you would like more information please call 761-9591. We also have a new e-mail address for anyone interested in contacting our office by computer: ruthd@maine.rr.com.

Currently, the garage has no year round monthly spaces available. We have many people on waiting lists--call for more information. If you have questions about your account please call on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 8:00 and 4:00, or you can leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ruth Demers
Casco Bay Garage



Sunday, October 18 - Saturday, October 24 is **A WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE...MONDAY, October 19 is designated as "Protecting our Children."** We'd like to share this story with you.....

PEACE ROCK

When I was about twenty years old, I met an old pastor's wife who told me that when she was young and had her first child, she didn't believe in striking children, although spanking kids with a switch pulled from a tree was standard punishment at the time. But one day when her son was four or five, he did something that she felt warranted a spanking-the first of his life. And she told him that he would have to go outside and find a switch for her to hit him with. The boy was gone a long time. When he came back in, he was crying. He said to her, "Mama, I couldn't find a switch, but here's a rock you can throw at me."

All of a sudden the mother understood how the situation felt from the child's point of view: if my mother wants to hurt me, then it makes no difference what she does it with. She might as well do it with a stone. And the mother took the boy onto her lap and they both cried. Then she laid the rock on a shelf in the kitchen to remind herself forever-never violence, And that is something I think everyone should keep in mind-because violence begins in the nursery..... *Astrid Lindgren. Author (Reprinted with permission from the Institute for Peace & Justice)*

We will be painting peace rocks on Monday, October 19, and invite you to come by and paint one of your own.

We are pleased to act as host for the Health Center's Active Parenting Class which begins on October 20. Check for details under Health Center news.

PLAYGROUP Many of you have been wondering when this will start up again. We have been busy welcoming new children into our programs and interviewing to fill an open teaching position here. We will post signs just as soon as we are ready to resume this activity..thanks for your patience. For those wondering, PLAYGROUP is a time each Wednesday morning for Infants/Toddlers/Parents/Caregivers to come and enjoy our playspace.

We continue to look for individuals comfortable with young children who have time to sub in the center. Please stop by for an application or give a call to Jon Kelso or Janine Blatt.

SENIORS NEWS

SENIOR CITIZENS They had a large group enjoying the pot luck lunch at the Fifth Maine September meeting, including their guests...Sister Consuella, Sister Ellen Turner and Chris Mahoney, Our island doctor.

She told us about the remarkable growth and support of the Health Center. We do appreciate all that is done for Peaks Islanders.

Sister Ellen Turner gave us a wonderful tale of the history of the Sisters of Mercy and how much Catherine McCauley accomplished in the growth of Mercy Hospital.

Tom Quigg reminded us of the need for volunteers to help in the service of Meals on Wheels. Please try and give at least one day a week!

We are famous! Thanks to Bob Willwerth we now have our own Sandwich Board. Keep your eyes open outside the Senior Center for notices regarding our specials.....

Our next meeting will be a catered lunch at the Fifth Maine on October 12, Columbus Day. Members be sure to sign up with Grace Wright for further details.

OCTOBER 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 at 766-2970.

ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

TRAVELOGUE: SCOTLAND

Guest Speaker: Mary Ann Sanford

Monday, October 5

2:00 pm in the Community Center

Everyone welcome!

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS starts OCT. 14

"Leaders": Chris Mahoney & Denise Macaronas

Wednesdays (11:30-12:30 pm) **and/or** Fridays (3-4:00 pm)

Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and non-skid shoes. Bring a mat or a fluffy blanket.

ATTENTION BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS:

Open games will begin in October. Please check community bulletin boards for start date.

Deadline to register is Monday, October 5. Sign-up sheets are on the brown door in the Community Center. Cost is \$15 for a 10-week session. We must have 10 paid members by October 5 in order for sessions to begin.

* OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS *

Pre-registrations required. Sign-up sheets on the brown door in the Community Center.

JONES MUSEUM of GLASS and CERAMICS

Wednesday, October 7

8:15 am boat/no later than 5:30 pm return

Cost: \$22.50 which includes bus transportation, admission, tour with Miss Jones and light refreshments.

We will return to Portland with a stop in Cornish for lunch and browsing.

Deadline to register: Monday, October 5

APPLE PICKING at APPLE ACRES IN CORNISH

(with a stop at the BIG SKY BAKERY for early morning muffins/bread)

Friday, October 9

8:15 am boat/12:15 pm return

Cost: \$2.00 for transportation

Deadline to register: Monday, October 5. Phone registrations only after that date

"MYSTERY" TRIP

Monday, October 19

11:15 am boat/no later than 4:30 pm return

Cost: That's a "mystery" too! No more than \$7.00 plus transportation

Deadline to register: Wednesday, October 14

ANNUAL "POT LUCK" LUNCHEON with FALMOUTH SENIORS

(sponsored by Falmouth Community Programs)

Monday, October 26

11:15 am boat/2:15 pm return

Cost: \$1.00 for transportation. Deadline to register: Friday, October 23, but don't delay as this is very popular!

A SPECIAL FALL ACTIVITY for PRE-SCHOOLERS (parents and grandparents invited!) is being planned for Friday morning, October 30. Please check Denise's door and the community bulletin boards for details after 10/21.

Important note regarding future notification of activities:

Beginning in November, the monthly schedule will be posted on the public bulletin boards on Peaks Island a few days before *The Star* comes out. Walk-in registrations (sign-up sheets on Denise's door) will begin as soon as these notices are up. Phone registrations will begin on the first of each month.

For further information, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.