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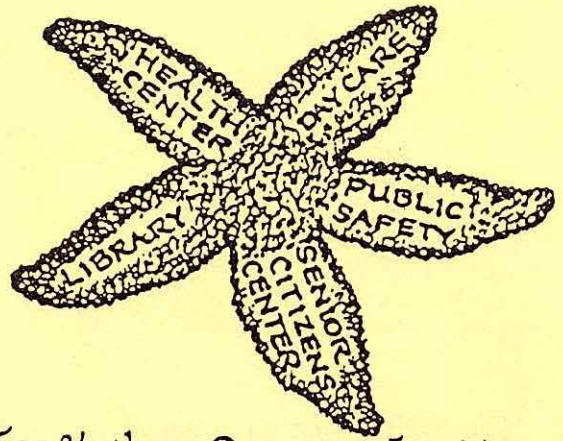
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Peaks Island STAR



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

OCTOBER 2005

VOLUME 25

ISSUE 10

October at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building

766-5540

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

The Library had a wonderful surprise visit in September from the kindergarten class. They walked down with their teacher, Ms. Dubois, and came in very quietly, carrying a large book they had made. Ms. Dubois read the book out loud to us and the children raised their hands when she was reading the page they had written and illustrated. They had done a fine job, and we enjoyed their visit very much. Thank you, Kinders.

A Scary Tradition continues, as the Very Scary Mrs. Crowley-Rockwell once again reads Scary Stories to children, 5-8 years old. This Halloween program will be Tuesday, October 25, at 7 PM *sharp*! Don't be late!

The First Tuesdays Book Discussion will meet Tuesday, October 4, at 7 PM, to discuss *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: an African Childhood* by Alexandra Fuller. If you have read the book or are curious about it, please come. The book for November will be *The Known World* by Edward Jones, winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize. It is set in ante-bellum Virginia, where Henry Townsend is a free Black man who owns his own land and his own slaves.

The Community Pumpkin Carving, under the inspired leadership of expert carver Lynne Richard and sponsored by the Library, will happen again this year on the Sunday before Halloween in the afternoon. Bring your pumpkins to carve on October 30, 3-5 pm, in the Community Room. Children must be with an adult. Questions? Extra pumpkins to donate? Call Lynne Richard (2984) or the library (5540). If you want your pumpkin to be in the Pumpkin Path at the Lions Club, we can arrange transportation.

Children's Programs: Preschool Story Time is at 10:15 each Friday. Nursery Rhymes are at 11 on Wednesdays and Fridays. These programs are open to everyone.

Saturday Night Movies in October

All movies are free and shown in the Community Room. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Oct.	6 PM	Oct.	8 PM
1	<i>Fly Away Home</i> (1996) PG-107 min	1	<i>Man Without a Face</i> (1993) PG-13-114 min
8	<i>Series of Unfortunate Events</i> (2005) PG-107 min	8	No Adult Movie This Week – Still Need a Projectionist for This Showing
15	<i>Time Bandits</i> (1981) PG-115 min	15	<i>Judge at Nuremberg</i> (1961) NR-186 min
22	<i>October Sky</i> (1996) PG-108 min	22	<i>The Aviator</i> (2004) PG13-170 min
29	<i>Scared Stiff</i> (1953) NR-108 min	29	<i>Grapes of Wrath</i> (1940) 128 min



FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM

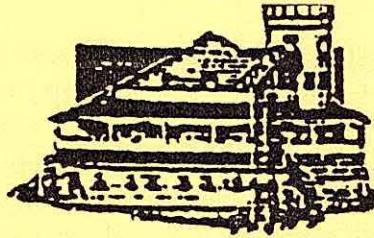
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The Fifth Maine's traditional end of the season **Harvest Supper** will be held on **Saturday October 8** with two seatings: 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The menu will include Stan's famous homemade beans (two kinds including vegetarian), ham, roasted fall vegetables, coleslaw, apple crisp, coffee and lemonade. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$6 per child under age 12. Reservations are suggested as the supper usually sells out. Please call Marianne at 766-0088 to reserve.

The museum will remain open on week-ends from 11 am -5 pm through the end of October. Planning is already underway for next season's activities – suggestions for new activities and new volunteers are always welcome. Call Kim anytime at 766-5514.



EIGHTH MAINE NOTES

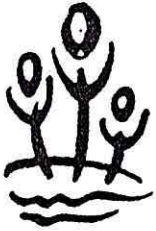
Winners in our raffle, supported by many people, were as follows: first prize of a stay or cash went to Mike Hurley of Glen Ridge NJ, a son of Bob & Connie Hurley on Peaks. Other cash prizes went to Doug Kinney of Sag Harbor NY, son of Richard & Carol Kinney, James Fox of Cape Elizabeth and John Carroll of Peaks Island, who graciously donated his winnings to the 8th Maine. Winners of afghans in a separate raffle were Effie Chalogias of Manchester NH, Joyce Hackett of Kennebunk and George Langa of Clinton Corners NY.

Our Art Show and Sale went well. The Concert and Dance on Labor Day Saturday, featuring Ronda, Jen and Friends, drew a large crowd that enjoyed the great music by numerous islanders and the chance to dance. Some have suggested we hold several similar events next season. Many thanks for all who have helped out and supported our events. We also are grateful for the increase in guests sent to us by islanders. This has helped offset rentals lost by the reduction in kayaking. We are now closed until Memorial Day. Our winter phone is 814-237-3165. Check our website at www.8thmaine.com

Need Help Using a Computer?

On Wednesdays, Dick Norris offers free, individual help at the Peaks Island Branch Library. Phone ahead to put your name on the schedule – 766-5540.

DEADLINE For Next Month's STAR: Tuesday, October 25, by 6 PM. Bring your articles to the library, copy ready. Articles should be no longer than a half page. When the library is closed, you may put your submissions in the Book Return or under the library door.



Peaks Island Children's Workshop
71 Herman Ave. 766-2854

The school year has started and we are looking forward to a fun and exciting fall! We picked some huge apples and will be making apple crisp and we have also found a few leaves that have changed color....where did summer go? Our 05-06 Board of Directors just finished their fall orientation and are looking for community volunteers interested in becoming a member of one of our 5 committees: Program, Finance, Fundraising and Development, Facilities and Human Resource. If you are interested, please contact the Board President, Melissa Conrad at 766-9736. Welcome to our two new Board Members- Elizabeth Buchsbaum and Cynthia Pedlikin! Playgroup is around the corner! The Community Parent/Toddler playgroup will be starting Friday, October 7th. It will meet on Fridays from 10:15-11:00- come join us for a morning of fun at PICW and tell a neighbor! Thank you again to the Peaks Endowment Fund for supporting our Volunteer Coordinator for another year! If you have a talent to share or some time to spare with children, please contact Susan Hanley (766-2735) to set up a fun volunteer opportunity at the PICW!

- **Community Food Pantry: Our shelves are low!** We are currently accepting donations of non-perishable items to restock our food pantry. Please drop off donation at PICW or call if you need them picked up. The Food Pantry is open Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm to anyone in need. Call or stop in!
- **We are currently accepting applications for Preschool and School Age programs.** We offer part or full time preschool care, before and after school care, snow day care and school age care doing most vacation weeks and teacher in-service days. We also offer subsidies to families that qualify. Contact Colleen Mitchell for an application or more information.

PEAKS ISLAND LAND PRESERVE

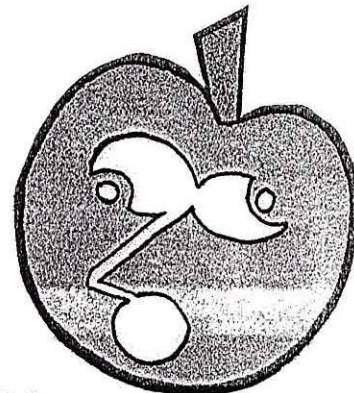
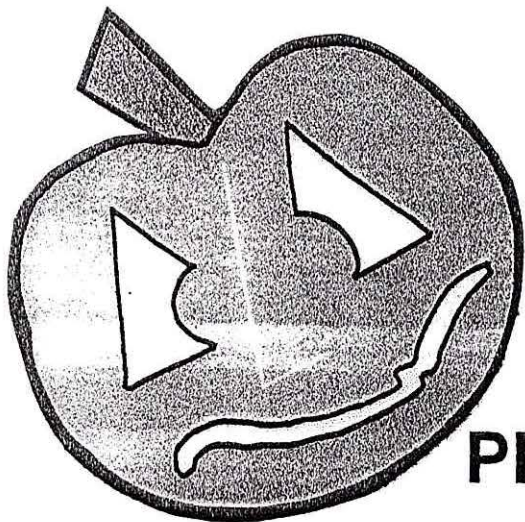
The Peaks Island Land Preserve purchased the last piece of the Ballfield Woods at the end of July. We kicked off a \$50,000 capital campaign to pay for the property. To date, about \$26,000 has been raised.

On September 21, the Oceanside Conservation Trust, the sister land trust of the Land Preserve, voted to give a matching grant of \$10,000 for the Ballfield Woods Fund, leaving another \$14,000 to be raised.

A festive fundraising event will take place on **Sunday, October 9**, starting at **2:30**, at the **Ballfield**. There will be games and food. All are welcome. Bring your own baseball team or come as a free agent. Flexible or wacky rules may apply. Signup sheets will be posted at Hannigan's, the Café, and on the Bulletin Board. Entry fee for adults is \$10 and \$5 for a child. Prize donations are welcome. The Sons of the American Legion will have a concession stand with lots of good food, and have generously pledged the profits to the Ballfield Woods Fund.

Call Lynne Richard, 2984, Brenda Buchanan, 4403, or Sue Mellow for more information.

Please come, join in in the fun, and help the Peaks Island Land Preserve raise the remaining \$14,000.



**PINA
SPONSORS OUR 9th
PEAKS PUMPKIN PATH**

**HALLOWEEN NIGHT---MONDAY OCT.31
PLEASE Bring carved pumpkins to Lions
Club Path before party----I'll keep them lit
until the party is over. The Sur-Prizes will be
awarded again this year!!!!!!!!!!!!**

4 P.M.

The Pumpkin Lady

PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB NEWS

Peaks Island Lions will offer its last Sunday morning breakfast of the season October 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. By popular demand, the menu has been expanded to include home-style hash-brown potatoes in addition to the traditional scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, orange juice, coffee and tea.

The stage of the Lions Music Hall will again be the scene of scary fun this Halloween. There will be spooks and games and treats and, for all who enter the costume contest, there will be cash prizes.

STAR OF THE SEA STUDIO'S

Our Dancers are in our New Season, 2005 – 2006. They are off to a great start! The Christmas Show this year is: Peaks Island Sunday December 4th 3:15pm. Riverton School, December 7th (tentative date). The Dance Theme "Alice In Topsy Turvy Land". A fun show in song and dance. We also have a new program for the coming year, "Swinging on a Star". A show in song and dance for our Nursing Homes and Special Events, Entertainment Visits. New students should sign up now if you wish to join us. Closing Date for the Fall Season is first week of October. Our Boutique will be open each day, 10:00am to 3:30pm each day except Wednesday. All Proceeds from the Dance Studio and Boutique to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Programs and St. Jude Children's Hospital. We appreciate all your support.

*Musically Yours,
Doreen and Co.*

Community Lecture Series

The History of Peaks Island, by Kim MacIsaac

October's Community Lecture will be on Thursday, October 13th at 7 PM at the Peaks Island Community Center. It will be led by Peaks Island resident Kim MacIsaac. MacIsaac is the Curator for the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum. She will speak about the history of Peaks Island, from the 1700s to World War II. Have you ever wondered what those towers in the middle of the island were used for? Where did the phrase "the Coney Island of Maine" come from? What did Peaks look like 150 years ago? Find out answers to these and other questions at what promises to be an interesting and educational evening.

There is still one opening for the 2005 season. Contact Sarah Hennesey at 766-3014 for more information.

Peaks Island School

October is a very exciting month for all of us at Peaks Island School! On Monday, October 3rd we will play host to the students and teachers from Cliff Island, Long Island, and Chebeague Island Schools when children's author Joanna Cole spends the day with us. We are thrilled to have Joanna visit us. She has authored close to 100 books and is most famous for her *Magic School Bus* series that features her adventurous character Ms. Frizzle. We have been busy reading her books and doing activities that enhance the children's understanding and appreciation for Joanna's work. Joanna Cole's visit, along with this wonderful Casco Bay Island schools partnership in learning, was made possible through a grant from the Peaks Island Fund.

Another learning experience provided through a PIF grant is featured this month. From October 17th to 19th the 4th and 5th graders from both Peaks and Cliff Island Schools will spend three days and two nights at Camp Kieve on beautiful Lake Damariscotta in Nobleboro accompanied by teachers Wendy Litchfield, Judy MacVane, and me. The students will take part in Kieve's Leadership Decisions Institute, which works to empower students to raise their aspirations, improve their ability to work collaboratively, and increase their self-confidence through a variety of outdoor adventure and teambuilding experiences.

Finally, get a jump-start on seasonal shopping and support the arts in our school! The Peaks Island School Arts Committee is sponsoring a Craft Fair at the Inn on Peaks Island on Saturday, October 8th. Local crafters will donate items to be raffled, and proceeds will go toward arts enrichment for our students. Many thanks to Fred Forsley and Patrick Rollins for providing us with great space at the Inn on Columbus Day weekend. Summer friends and relatives can shop before turning off those water spigots, and hardy year-round residents can store up on beautiful gifts that will last well beyond the long winter!

Kelly Hasson, Principal

PTO Penny Drive

The PTO will once again be collecting pennies. This year's drive will run only through October and in keeping with our yearly efforts to encourage the kids to help those in need, we will be giving all money collected to Hurricane relief organizations. Please bring or send pennies to the collection jars at school. If you would like pennies to be picked up at your home, call Kathryn Moxhay at 766-2756. Many thanks for your help.

Peaks Island Relief Fund **HURRICANE KATRINA FUNDRAISER**

On Sunday, September 11, the Peaks Island community gathered for a spontaneous outpouring of spirit and compassion, to raise money for those in need as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Masterminded by George Blood, Paul Brahms and Lisa Lynch, the event drew more than 200 people for a raffle and silent auction, food, music, horseback rides, face painting, t-shirt decorating, a kissing booth, a dunking booth, charcoal portraits, toilet flushing, dancing in the streets, and other forms of merriment. The event generated **\$15,365.67!!**

From the funds raised, \$4166 went to the Red Cross. The remaining \$11,000+ will be disbursed to organizations providing direct aid to or by friends and family of Peaks Island residents. \$6000 went with Pam Richards, who traveled to Slidell, Louisiana on September 26 to be with family members affected by the hurricane. Pam will volunteer with FBC Relief, a group organized through the local Baptist Church, which has been feeding and caring for thousands of people. Several other disbursements are pending. Any Peaks Islander who would like to request aid for family or friends in need as a result of the hurricane should bring it to the attention of Lisa Lynch. Donations to the Peaks Island Relief Fund can continue to be made at the Peaks Cafe.

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED THEIR TIME, EFFORTS, TALENTS, SPACE, ITEMS AND SERVICES, MONEY, AND ENTHUSIASM!!

VOLUNTEER ISLAND TRANSPORTATION

The volunteer island taxi service is available for all islanders. If you need to go anywhere on the island, please call the volunteer for the day you need a lift. It's best to call a day or so before, if possible. Most volunteers have answering machines so you can leave a message if they're not in. The usual hours are Tuesday through Friday daytime hours.

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Tue 10/4	Marjorie Phyfe	2307	Wed 10/19	Marty Braun	9726
Wed 10/5	Stephanie Castle	2254	Thur 10/20	Judy Piawlock	2109
Thur 10/6	Ron Shaw	3394	Fri 10/21	Howard Pedlikin	0067
Fri 10/7	Larry Blake	2360	Tue 10/25	Peg Astarita	5997
Tue 10/11	Dick Swarts	2608	Wed 10/26	Marcie Appel	5071
Wed 10/12	The Elofsons	5192	Thur 10/27	Marianne Jaffe	0088
Thur 10/13	Carol Warner	0022	Fri 10/28	Dan Murphy	5849
Fri 10/14	The Carys	5548	Tue 11/1	Nancy Hall	2514
Tue 10/18	Bill Zimmerman	0061			

If you'd be willing to volunteer as a driver, please call Cevia Rosol at 0059 or Nancy Hall at 2514.

Property Tax and Rent Rebate Forms Available at the Library

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER

Nancy Wright, FNP

87 Central Ave, Peaks Island, ME 04108

Phone 766-2929, Fax 766-5073

HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am to 12:30 pm. For acute illness outside of regular office hours, page Nancy at 741-1371. If she doesn't answer, call Dr. Martin's on-call provider at 892-7055.

Dental Services: Though Mimi and Yvonne, who served the island for many years, have retired, **Community Dental staff continues to provide monthly dental services. They will be here on Wednesday, 10/19/05. For an appointment with our new hygienist, Carrie Curtis, call PJ at 874-1025 X 3017.**

Podiatrist Services: Dr. Dorsey or Dr. Pingitore, will see patients on the Island on **Wednesday, October 19.** For an appointment, call **761-3889, Ext 10**

FLU CLINIC: Those at high risk with heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetes, asthma, anemia, pregnancy or weakened immune systems or those with a condition making it hard to breathe or swallow should get a flu shot. Children age 6-23 months should also be immunized. **The flu clinic this year will be on Wednesday, 10/27/05 at the Library/Community Center. Portland VNA staff will be here from 8:15 am to 12 noon. Home Health VNS will be here from 1:15-4:30. The Health Center will have a limited amount of flu vaccine for our regular patients who are at high risk. The charge for flu shots is \$20 or, for people covered by Medicare Part B, free if you bring your Medicare card.**

Loretta Voyer Fund

The Loretta Voyer Fund was created to transport individuals who are undergoing cancer treatment. Island volunteers provide a door-to-door service, via car ferry, to and from the treatment facility. Anyone who needs this service should contact Claire Filliettaz (2220) or Judy Piawlock (2109).

The program has been endorsed by the Casco Bay Health Center and the Casco Bay Lines. The following islanders are committed to carrying out this project: Judy Baldi, Claire Filliettaz, Patty Gardner, Jerry Garman, Rita Johnson, Deborah Kendall, Monique Levesque, Kathleen McCarthy, Judy Piawlock, and Suellen Roberts.

All islanders are invited to participate in this endeavor, be it with vehicle, as driver, companion, or with tax-deductible monetary gifts to help defray expenses. Please Call Claire or Monique (766-2220) or write to: The Loretta Voyer Fund, 13 Greenwood Street, Peaks Island ME 04108. Peaks Islanders have always been a generous and supportive group. We look to one and all to make this needed service a success.

Free Museum Pass

The Peaks Island Branch Library has a free pass to the Portland Museum of Art that can be "checked out" by library cardholders. The pass is good for a specific day and may be reserved ahead of time. It will admit 2 adults and up to 6 children. Many people have used it recently for the Rockwell Kent Exhibit, which runs through October 16. Questions? Come into the library or phone us, 5540.

Peaks Island Baptist Church

235 Pleasant Ave.
Peaks Island, Me 04108
USA

Phone 207-766-3037
web: pibc.info

Service Schedule:

Sunday: Bible Study:	10:00 AM	Wednesday: Youth Group:	6:00 PM
Worship:	11:00 AM	Prayer Meeting:	8:00 PM

Summer has come and gone and fall is upon us, praise The Lord! Every third Friday of the month, the Maine Baptist Bible Fellowship has a Youth Rally. Teens from all over the state gather and eat, play games, fellowship and worship. This month's rally is in Houlton, Maine. Call our church for more info. You're invited to our **Stewardship Conference**, Sunday, October 9th thru Tuesday, October 11th. Dr. Alvis Edmonson will be teaching the following lessons: Biblical Principals of Personal Finances, Biblical Principals of Church Finances and Biblical Principals of Worldwide Evangelism. Each night will begin with a pot-luck dinner at 5 PM, during dinner we will feature a missionary report via video, followed by a teaching service at 6 PM. If you have not visited us yet, we encourage you to do so. We are a Bible believing, God-centered, family church.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9 Church St., Peaks Island, Maine 207-766-5013 brackettmumc@yahoo.com
The Rev. Casey Collins "The white church at the top of the hill." **Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.**
An island church open to all.

I'm writing this on Sunday, Sept. 25 just after service, social time and a Trustee Meeting. The Trustees expressed their thanks to Gunnar Elofson and all of his hard work in the process of painting the church building and thanks to all of you who donated to have the work done! After estimates this committee set the goal for funding the painting and necessary repairs of the stairs at \$15,000. We received \$15,655 in donations. The total bill at the end of the work was \$15,600. God is good.

One of the other topics of conversation today at that same meeting was the rising cost of heating oil. We're fortunate to be able to offer community meeting space but worry about soaring prices. If you benefit from one of the groups that meet there or want to help keep it open through out the winter months, please consider a donation toward the fuel fund. Your donation is tax deductible; just mark the memo "fuel fund" and we'll be certain it goes toward that end.

At our next Spirituality meeting on October 23 from 7-8 p.m. Ellie Springer, a Reiki Master Therapist will offer a presentation on Reiki which is a form of gentle hands-on healing that was rediscovered from ancient Buddhist texts by a Japanese monk in the early 20th century. The word "Reiki" means spiritually guided life energy. We will talk about how this healing works on the physical, psychological and spiritual levels of the body. All are invited to this group which now meets monthly at the church. Ideas for future topics are always appreciated.

PINA NEWS

**NEXT PEAKS ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING:
Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 PM at the Community Center**

The **SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING** of PINA had a short discussion by City Island/Neighborhood Administrator Tom Fortier of tax issues in which he talked about the expanded state circuit breaker program, for which many more Peaks Islanders are eligible than previously, and the plans of City Councillor Jim Cloutier to create a City circuit breaker and/or homestead program to address the problems resulting from the enormous increases in valuation of most properties here. He urged Peaks Islanders to complete applications for the existing circuit breaker program. A guest, mortgage broker Brendan Hickey, described mortgage products now available with reduced monthly payments such as interest-only loans and reverse mortgages. In each instance the homeowner would have no reduction in principal debt.

Mike Richards, the Moderator of the Peaks Island Independence Committee, described its activities and conclusions. The Committee is now studying financing and governance options for an independent Town of Peaks Island. Its figures indicate that when taxes are based on the new valuations Peaks will pay about \$5,000,000 a year and will receive about \$3,000,000 in services. Peaks, of course, benefits from some expenditures affecting the City as a whole.

The Committee has been collecting signatures of island voters on a petition to initiate the process that may eventually lead to secession from the City of Portland and now has about 550 signatures, more than the required 50% of Peaks Island voters. Once the City validates the signatures a public hearing before the City Council will be held. After the hearing a lengthy procedure must be followed. The City must hold an advisory referendum on Peaks and the City Council may decide to hold a referendum in the remainder of the City as well. After the referenda the State Legislature will make a final decision on secession for Peaks. Mike said that the Legislature would want evidence of good planning before voting approval.

Mike discussed some consequences of independence. Decisions now made by the City would be made here; we would be our own masters, but with power goes responsibility and holding neighbors responsible for decisions unpopular with some people could be divisive. The potentially most unpopular decisions, those of the tax assessor and the code officer, would probably be made by nonresident professionals. It was noted that Long Island, with fewer residents, requires about fifty people, some paid and some volunteer, to run the town.

PINA DOES NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE SECESSION. It sees that this issue is of vital importance for Peaks Islanders and therefore is providing a forum in which all positions on the question may be presented. Mike Richards, who represents a group generally supportive of secession, presented his views at this meeting. We hope and expect that other views will be presented at future meetings.

Cynthia Pedlikin described the operations of the Peaks Island Tax Assistance Committee, designed to provide confidential financial assistance to residents having difficulty meeting the increased property tax burden. The Committee has raised more than \$10,000. Contributions are tax deductible.

The Steering Committee will have its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at 7 P.M. at the Community Center.

Peaks Island VOA Elderly Housing/Senior Center
at the
Fay Garman House
89 Central Avenue Peaks Island, ME 04108

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE
CALL 766-2173 TODAY!

- Applicant (head of household) must be 62 years or older
- Incomes cannot exceed \$22,550 (singles) or \$25,750 (for two people)
- Rent is based on 30% of adjusted income

TO ACCESS THE SENIOR CENTER for an event or your community group please contact us at 766-2173 to reserve the space. We have a 24-hour answering service. All non emergency calls are returned within 48-hours/two business days.

Now accepting **SNOW PLOWING BIDS** for the front and back driveways of the facility. Please submit your bid in writing to Volunteers of America 89 Central Avenue Peaks Island, ME 04108 no later than 5:00 p.m. October 28, 2005.

We are also in need of a **HOUSEKEEPER** for 2-3 hours per week to do light housekeeping. Please inquire using the number above and leave us your contact information. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteers of America is an equal opportunity employer.

PEAKS ISLAND SENIOR NEWS

Twenty one seniors attended the September pot luck luncheon. Many kinds of casseroles, salads, and desserts graced the tables.

After lunch a short meeting was held with some discussion about the community room at the senior housing. A committee was formed to find out if the seniors would be able to use the room for the luncheons especially during the winter months as the attendance is low,

When the discussion was over, Denise Macaronis showed videos on some of the Island activities.

Autumn is in the air and our last pot luck luncheon of the year at the 5th Maine Regiment Building will be held on Monday October 10th at noon.

All seniors are welcome!! Come, you will be glad you did.

15 Central Avenue

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
Father Fred Morse, Pastor

766-2585

Sunday Mass – 10 AM

Please join us for Mass and afterwards for lunch and refreshments.

Sacraments

Rite of Reconciliation: Call/ask Father Fred after Mass.

For Baptism, please call the office to make arrangements.

For Marriage, please call at least six months in advance.

Casco Bay Islands Transit District Elections

Casco Bay Island Transit District elections will be held on Tuesday, November 8, at the regular elections for City and State issues. Peaks Islanders can vote at the Community Building between 7 AM and 8 PM. Absentee ballots are available at City Hall in Portland. Absentee ballots are NOT available at Casco Bay Lines. Only those who are registered to vote in the municipalities in the area comprising Casco Bay Island District will be able to vote for Board members.

Those running for the board are: Peaks Island, Patrick Flynn; Little Diamond Island, Arlen Davis; Great Diamond Island, (2 candidates) Richard Frantz and Robert Laughlin.

FRIENDS OF TEIA

The FRIENDS of TEIA wish to thank the Peaks Island Endowment Fund for recognizing us with a gift of a grant. In 2005, twenty island school children received full scholarships to participate in the sailing, tennis or the kids camp program. The Peaks Island grant will go towards another successful summer in 2006 for the children of Peaks.

Peaks island Tax Assistance

On August 27th Island residents joined together at TEIA for "A Slice of Peaks," sponsored by Peaks Island Tax Assistance. We had wonderfully delicious desserts provided by 28 island bakers plus the Cock-Eyed Gull, Inn at Peaks Island, Peaks Island House and Peaks Cafe. Besides all of this delectable food we were entertained by island artists who donated their talents: Ronda Dale, Peaks Island Chorale, Annie O'Brien, The Uncalled Four, The Crusty Minstrels, Faith York, Nancy Hoffman, Phil Daligan, Dave Gagne and Tori Morrill and Molly Radis. George Rosol, the Island's Master of Ceremonies kept us all entertained. Chris Hoppin was the master mind of 50-50 raffles, which added \$365 to our total. At the end of the evening we had raised \$2400. This evening was so successful and so much fun that we will have to do it again! We thank all of our participants, and Jim Lausier, who supplied centerpieces for the evening, and TEIA for their generous support and assistance..

Through the generous support of islanders, renters, homeowners and summer guests we went over our goal of raising \$7000 this summer. In addition we were able to meet our mission of assisting homeowners with their new property taxes. As the year goes by we will continue our work and will attempt to become a permanent fixture on Peaks, doing what we do best. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed and helped us to achieve our goals. "Islanders Helping Islanders".

Watch the Star for our upcoming planned activities. If you know someone who still needs assistance, please contact one of the committee members to get an application. We want to help our friends and neighbors stay on the island and in their homes.

Dorothy Morris, Catherine Shaw, Jane Gerard, Beth Childs, Sam McCain, Ralph Ashmore, Roy Mottla, Doug Smith, Betty Heller, Helene Swarts, Toni Muro, and Cynthia Pedlikin,

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. Written requests must be filled out before the room can be scheduled. Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time (Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays). **Please note:** Denise will be out of the office from October 8 – 12 and from vacation from October 18 – 23. All reservations must be made prior to October 8 or between October 13 and October 17. There will be no new room reservations made while Denise is away. Thank you for your cooperation.

**** ISLAND HAPPENINGS - OPEN TO ALL ****

ETHNIC TRADITIONS – GERMAN-STYLE: OKTOBERFEST

Enjoy pretzels, (root) beer, German “oompah” music and a surprise or two!
Friday, October 7 1:00 pm in the PI Community Room

OPEN HOUSE and AFTERNOON TEA at the new SENIOR CENTER (at the Fay Garman Senior Housing)

Monday, October 17 1:00 pm – meet at the new Senior Housing Center

Join us for an afternoon of socializing and brainstorming ideas on how to best use the new Senior Center. All senior are invited to attend. Open House is sponsored by the Volunteers of America and the Afternoon Tea is co-hosted with the PI Sr. Citizens Association. Please leave a message for Denise (766-2970) if you need a ride to the new Sr. Center.

MOVIES FOR AN AFTERNOON: *Fever Pitch*

No matter how the Red Sox fare this year, we all have fond memories of the excitement of last year’s World Series. This contemporary romantic comedy involves a love triangle: a man, a woman and the man’s first true love and obsession - the Boston Red Sox! Bring your own cushions. Red Sox and/or other Halloween costumes optional!

Monday, October 31 1:00 pm in the PI Community Room

WALKING PROGRAM CONTINUES on MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS

Join us at 8:15 am on Monday and Thursday mornings as we take short, 30-minute walks to explore the island. Those who want to go further may continue on their own. All are welcome!

Monday and Thursday mornings 8:15 am – Meet at the Community Center

FREE LOW IMPACT EXERCISE PROGRAM - OPEN TO ALL ADULTS!

Monday and Thursday mornings 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Community Room

This on-going program includes stretching, weights (provided), low impact aerobics and relaxation exercises. Emphasis is on doing what is comfortable for you. Please call Denise at 766-2970 for availability.

PEAKS ISLAND CHESS CLUB—OPEN TO ALL ADULTS (children too if accompanied by an adult)

Monday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Community Room

Some instruction is available if needed (no program 10/10) For more information, please leave a message at 766-2970.

ADULT BASKETBALL (18 yrs and over)	Tuesday evenings	6:30 – 8:20 pm,	PI School Gym
TEEN PROGRAM OPEN GYM (Gr. 6 +)	Wednesday, Oct. 5 and 19,	5:30 – 7:20 pm	PI Gym
Fees collected at the door. For more information, please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970.			

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

Pre-registration required for all off-island trips. Sign-up sheets are on Denise’s bulletin board in the Community Center. Phone registrations begin on October 6 (leave message at 766-2970). Each trip has an additional transportation fee. Please check the “in-town” senior calendar, located on the bulletin board outside the Community Room, for activities sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation. Space may be limited, but waiting lists are maintained.

LUNCH at LOBSTER SHACK and MAXWELL’S FARM

Friday, October 14 10:00 am boat/ 2:15 pm return

SACO MUSEUM AND LUNCH at GOLDEN ROOSTER (SACO DINER)

See a special exhibit called: “Simple Gifts – The Alfred Shakers”. Cost for admission \$3 (plus transportation)

Friday, November 4 10:00 am boat/no later than 3:15 pm return