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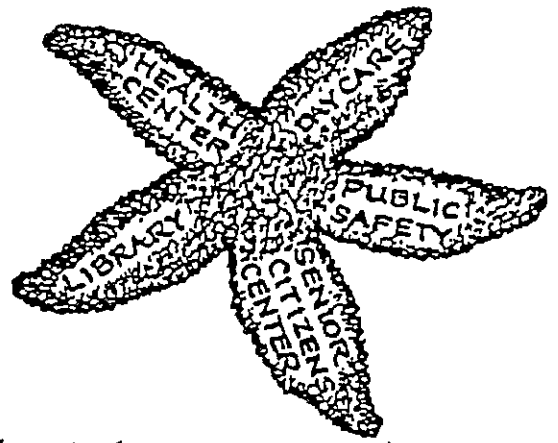
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# Peaks Island STAR



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

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## LORETTA VOYER FUND HAS EXPANDED!

The Loretta Voyer Fund continues as a living memorial to Loretta Voyer. The Fund was originally set up to help Peaks islanders who were receiving chemotherapy and radiation treatment for cancer. We are extending our mission to those of us receiving treatment for other life limiting diseases. Circumstances can be subject to individual review.

We offer ferry tickets for a vehicle with passenger, and if a driver/car is needed, the Board members will find a volunteer. Our goal is to provide a quiet and less taxing boat ride during this stressful time. We do hope islanders will avail themselves of this opportunity. Loretta would want anyone who found themselves in circumstances similar to her own to have this option. It can mitigate the actual medical experience as well as help family members.

The following members of the LVF Board may be contacted for more information, donations and/or tickets: Judy Piawlock, Melissa Conrad, Jerry Garman, Kathy McCarthy, Jan Thomas or Suellen Roberts, (354 Seashore Avenue, 766-2161, sbwatersedge@earthlink.net). We wish to thank all who have donated to Loretta's Fund and we look forward to the island's continued support.

## Portland Adult Education Shakespeare on Peaks

Portland Adult Education is offering "A Brief Introduction to Shakespeare" course on successive Wednesdays from October 15 to November 19. The Plays, Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet, are available in inexpensive Folger Edition paperbacks at Longfellow Books. Meeting times are 1:30P - 3:30P 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.

### **Fifth Maine Museum: *October Events***

On Columbus Day Weekend, please join us for our annual Harvest Supper, Saturday October 11. Our traditional end-of-season celebration: a fabulous meal of roasted meats, fall veggies, breads, home-made desserts, cider, & coffee & tea. Reservations will be taken SOON – so stay tuned for more information (and this meal always sells out!). There will be two seatings (5:30 & 7:00 pm) and live piano music.

Peaks Island Lecture Series has rescheduled “John Bunker: the Johnny Appleseed of Maine,” Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 pm. 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.

Our final event for the season will be a fun family-oriented event, our new Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Bring the kiddies and come celebrate with us; we’ll have a children’s art “Fall Poster” artwork display, bobbing for apples, a children’s craft table, a new Secrets of the Museum Scavenger Hunt (with prizes!), candy, cider, and more. Costumes optional but welcomed!

The Fifth Maine thanks the Peaks Island community for a successful season, and looks forward to seeing you around the neighborhood this winter.

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. October hours of operation: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturdays & Sundays until Columbus Day.

Oct. 11: Harvest Supper: 5:30 & 7:00pm at the Fifth Maine

Oct. 23: John Bunker: The Johnny Appleseed of Maine; 6:30 pm; at the Fifth Maine

Oct. 25: Fall Festival: 3:00 – 5:00pm; at the Fifth Maine

### **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.

Attention all Peaks Islanders: We would like to remind you that there will be a **Flu Shot Clinic** at the Community Room on **Wednesday, October 8, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.**

In cooperation with Maine Medical Center and the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, the Health Center Board is planning a workshop on "Advanced Care Planning" for one's later years. We hope to schedule the presentation early in November. Please stay tuned for details as they develop.

Fall hours and days will begin in November. We will communicate as soon as the schedule has been finalized.

## **October 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**

**Renovation Plans:** Thank you to all who came out to the Public Forum on September 10. It was heartwarming to see so many people there (over 75) and of all ages.

**To see the plans and notes from the meeting and to give feedback go to**

<http://www.portlandlibrary.com/locations/peaks-island-branch> (or Google Peaks Island Branch Library). You will find a live link: **Renovation Plans 2015** to the plans and the notes and a way to provide your input. Plans are also posted on the wall in the Community Building hallway. If you have any questions or need help finding the plans or providing feedback, contact the library.

**While you are on the Peaks page of the Library web site,** please admire the photo at the top of the page taken by islander Dave Stankowicz. Thanks, Dave for doing that for us!

**New Magazine:** launched this past June, *Old Port*, is a quarterly magazine from the publishers of *Maine* magazine, focused on the offerings of the Portland peninsula. The Summer and Fall issues are available at the library. It's gotten enthusiastic reviews from those who have checked it out so far.

**Need more money?** We have seeds for money plant a patron brought in to share, along with some planting instructions. Come 'n get 'em. Not sure what the plant looks like? We have some in a vase.

**Halloween Stories and Craft** for children 5 to 8 on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:30 pm so children can be home by bedtime. Back by popular demand is *The Very Scary Mrs. Crowley-Rockwell*. And by the way....don't be late!

**Middle School Book** will be meeting on Tuesday October 21st at 5:45 pm. Conversations about books and eating are two of our favorite things. Join us to learn what it's all about, come with a favorite book or author you read or just eat and listen. We welcome all middle schoolers and if you are on the 5:35pm boat drop in too. We always meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion:** meets at 7 pm in the Community Room. For the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the book will be *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian. 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. Books are available through the library. All are welcome.

### **Peaks Island Land Preserve News**

The Peaks Island Land Preserve board has been very busy preparing for the closing on its acquisition of the Ice Pond property, scheduled to take place in October.

On an unrelated note, PILP has received reports of persons removing rocks from the back shore beach, even loading up car trunks with rocks for personal landscaping projects. This must stop. The back shore is owned by the City and is subject to a conservation easement owned by PILP. Removal of rocks is a crime and will be prosecuted.

## ***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 Claire Dahl's home (13 Sunset Rd.).

**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 OCTOBER:**

**Sunday, October 5:** Special worship service including a memorial for Sylvia Peterson. All are welcome to join us for worship and share your stories and memories of Sylvia.

**Saturday, October 11:** 10am – 2pm Rummage Sale. Great deals on clothes, books, vinyl records, and tons of miscellaneous cast-off treasures. We are still gratefully accepting donated items (no TV's, computers, or large heavy furniture, please). Call Tookie at 518-9532 or Emily at 766-5545 to arrange time to either drop off donations at Brackett or have picked up. We hope to see everyone at the sale!

### **Thursday, October 23:**

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 **National Treasure** (starring Nicolas Cage; rated PG). 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. Details for other Masses at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).**

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

**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, October 21st in the Parish House.**

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

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## Peaks Island Elementary School

We are looking forward to a positive and exciting year as we prepare to tackle challenging curriculum and welcome several new staff members to our team.

Our Kindergarten/First Grade class has Zoë Ryan Humphrey leading our youngest students into their academic careers. Zoë studied art at UC Santa Cruz and recently finished initial teaching certification coursework through USM. Zoë's favorite pastimes include knitting, sewing and/or gallivanting around the greater Portland area with her dog family!

Nicola Donatelli is our new teacher in Grades 4 and 5. Nicola has several years of teaching experience over a span of grade levels. She lives in Portland with her daughter Greta, who is a student at Lyman Moore Middle School. Nicola is an avid bicyclist and runner.

We also are welcoming new Specialists in Physical Education and Music. Phil Skillings (not totally new to us) has returned to Peaks and Cliff Island Schools to help us maintain our fitness levels. Bridget Kazukiewicz is our Music teacher and already has our students smiling and dancing on Thursday mornings! Faith York will soon have our School Chorus group practicing early on Friday mornings.

Diane Ricciotti is our second shift custodian, though she is really second to none!

Returning regular staff shall not be ignored here: Charlie Marengi leads our Grade Two and Three classes, Donna Holden provides individualized student services, Ljubica Forkapic and Kathryn Smith provide extra supports, Sally Mitchell is here for Art instruction, Rebecca Lynch Nichols delivers Spanish instruction, Pamela Richards runs our office, and watch for Angela Volger in her various roles as our Head Custodian, Food Services person, and our Van Driver providing transportation for students, staff, and those impressive new white coolers carrying our temperature controlled lunch items!  
Cindy Nilsen, Administrator, Literacy/Mathematics Support Teacher

## *PEALS ISLAND LIONS CLUB*

### Lions Club Organization Grants

Organizations that would like to be considered for a Lions Club Grant should contact Lions Club President, Ed Ezzard by telephone, mail or e-mail by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The grants will be awarded at the October 27<sup>th</sup> Lions Club meeting. **Telephone: 756-4713;**  
**Address: P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108; e-mail: TheMaineJack@gmail.com**

### Halloween Party

Games, candy, haunted house, best costume contest returns again to Greenwood Gardens and the Lions Club Theater and hall on Halloween after 6 PM. Be there and we will give a scare.



PO Box 22, Peaks Island, Me 04108

## PEAKS ISLAND COUNCIL (PIC)

Scheduled PIC meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Community Center. Next scheduled meeting is **October 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM**. For more information please contact any of the council members: *Cheryl Miner Chair, Marjorie Phyfe Co Chair, Chris Alves, Mary Anne Mitchel, Jean Martens, Lisa Penaälver or Tim Wyant.*

### Need Based Ferry Tickets

Tickets are available through the Baptist Church, Brackett Church, Food Pantry, Peaks Island Health Center, St. Christopher's Church and the Peaks Island Senior Center.



### Bike Tickets for Island Residents

Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall! Bike tickets are still available at the Peaks Island Library for *island residents* at no cost. During regular library hours, island residents may request tickets for up to two (2) people.

This program is funded through the **Peaks Island Council** budget as part of the budget of the City of Portland. This program is intended to give island residents recreational access to the bike trails of greater Portland. **Enjoy!**

## SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

Fall is in the air! The Seniors will have their next potluck luncheon on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Invite your senior friends and neighbors to join us at noon at the Fay Garman House Community Room. Please bring your favorite comfort food to share. All Seniors are welcome!

**FLU CLINIC sponsored by City of Portland Public Health Division**

Wednesday, October 8 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm (in community room)

Cost: \$15 cash or private insurance card OR Free with Medicare Part B & supplemental ID card

FMI: 756-8064

## PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Those pesky political ads just keep playing over and over again on the television. We will all need a chance to spend a month or so without these ads before they will start up again for 2016. Of course, we are extraordinarily fortunate to live in a country where freedom abounds. We also live in a country where some of our neighbors and friends still need a little assistance to keep their homes warm, to provide food for their tables and to provide a roof over their heads. For the last ten years PITEA has been assisting families with heat and property taxes. We are prepared to do so again this year.

Once we get past these elections we can really begin to look at the news articles which give us information about the heating season, taxes, health care, etc. The news about energy prices is most important to us. PITEA is always hoping that the cost of energy will go down. As we prepare for another busy winter and an increased number of requests for assistance. Expenditures for energy assistance are the largest part of our budget. We will be holding Loaf and Ladle Dinners, applying for some funding, requesting assistance from islanders and looking for ways to raise money over the next year. Applications for energy assistance are on the Library bulletin board. Our Clergy, Pastor Beau Boyle, Pastor Angela Tarbox and retired Methodist Minister Ruth Williamson are accepting applications and making the final decisions about Energy Assistance.

In October we will hold our Comfort Food Loaf and Ladle Dinner.. Each of the PITEA members brings along a new dish to share and those who attend are treated to a wonderful array of foods.. WE hope you will join us on Sunday, October 21st, from 5-7 p.m. at the Peaks Island Baptist Church Hall. The cost is just \$7 per adult and \$2.50 for children. Every dollar we earn is used for energy assistance.

Many of our friends and neighbors have decided to sell their homes and move off the Island. Each of them has contributed so much to make this Island a wonderful place to live. We will be wishing Stan and Judy Piawlock farewell as they move to Buxton to be nearer to their children and grandchildren, I cannot think of any committee or charity on Peaks that has not benefited from their help. Judy has done so much including running the Island Taxi where she spent so many hours setting up the schedule, getting drivers, getting the proper papers from the City and taking care of the vehicle including getting the permits for the Island Taxi. For the Pedlikins she was one of the first people we met on the island and she kept us busy and introduced us to so many facets of Island life. She joined PITEA and has made her mark as to how we manage our dinners and getting our two summer dinners on track. We do hope that Judy and Stan will come to our dinners and to our fundraising activities here on Peaks.

If you have any questions or would like to join our committee, please call Cynthia at 766-0067. We hope to see you on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring along your neighbors and enjoy a delicious dinner all prepared for you. We even do the dishes!

Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance

**Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**  
**At our September meeting with the Portland Fire Department, we planned training to prepare for emergencies during six sessions throughout the year. But, we still need more volunteers!**  
**For more information, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.**

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**OCTOBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND**

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (766-2970 or [dln@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:dln@portlandmaine.gov)) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Denise will be on vacation from October 10 – October 19, returning to the island on Monday, October 20. Reservations for that time period need to be made prior to noontime on Thursday, October 9. Email and phone messages will NOT be checked during vacation.

**THURSDAYS KNIT/CROCHET/CHAT (com. rm.)**

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 23, 30 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

All are invited to knit/crochet hats, scarves & dishcloths for charity. BYO lunch (opt). Items on sale every Thursday (\$7 for hats/scarves; \$2 for dishcloths. Also selling items on 10/6. Proceeds buy much-needed socks and gloves for charity.

**MORNING MOVIE: RANDOM HARVEST**

Monday, October 6 11:00am - 1:00 pm (com. room)

An amnesiac WWI vet falls in love with a music hall star, then suffers an accident which restores his original memories but erases his post-War life. Stars Ronald Coleman/Greer Garson.

**1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY SALE/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Monday, October 6 1:30 – 3:00 pm (com. room)

Start your holiday shopping (hats, scarves and dishcloths – see above for prices). Drop in between 1:30 - 3:00 pm to relax, laugh & celebrate those with October birthdays. All welcome!

**MORNING of LAUGHTER**

Monday, October 20 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (com. rm.)

Denise will share her vacation adventures after attending a program called “Peace, Joy and LOTS of Laughter”. Drop in anytime before 1:00 pm. BYO lunch if you’d like.

**AS AMERICAN AS...APPLE PIE & BASEBALL**

Thursday, October 23 12:30 – 2:45 pm

Share your favorite apple recipes (samples welcome too!) while celebrating the end of the baseball season with the movie *Fever Pitch*. This romantic comedy is about a man torn between his love of a woman and his first true love – the Boston Red Sox.

**HALLOWEEN FUN: BINGO, LUNCH & JOKES**

Thursday, October 30 12:30 – 2:00 pm

BYO lunch (optional), play BINGO and win some “scary” prizes and laugh at some Halloween jokes. Wear a costume and win an extra prize!

**“SPUR of the MOMENT” TRIPS/ACTIVITIES**

Occasionally, Portland Recreation and other community-based organizations have last-minute openings for trips. If you are interested in being notified of these openings, please sign up.

<p><b>On-going exercise programs for Adults</b>  <u>Mondays &amp; Thursdays:</u>                  Low-Impact Exercise Program from 9:30-10:30 am – com. rm  <u>Tuesdays:</u>                  Adult Basketball – PI School Gym 6:00 – 8:00pm (\$2)</p>
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October Movies – Saturday Nights – FREE			
<b>6PM</b> 4	<i>Meet the Robinsons</i> , 2007, G, 95 min	<b>8PM</b> 4	<i>Nebraska</i> , 2013, R, 114 min
<b>11</b>	<i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i> , 1993, PG, 76 min	<b>11</b>	<i>Dark City</i> , 1998, R, 96 min
<b>18</b>	<i>Hotel Transylvania</i> , 2012, PG, 91 min	<b>18</b>	<i>Blue Jasmine</i> , 2013, PG-13, 98 min
<b>25</b>	<i>Mr. Peabody and Sherman</i> , 2014, PG, 92 min	<b>25</b>	<i>Treasure of the Sierra Madre</i> , 1948, NR, 126min
<p align="center">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.</p>			

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH’S STAR:** Saturday, October 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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