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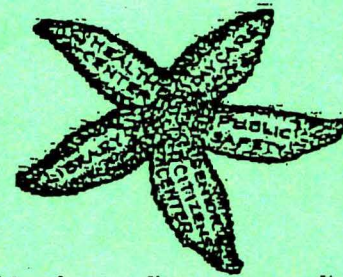
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH ASSOCIATION NEWS

COVID & Flu Vaccine Clinic

Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12 and older
Flu vaccine for those 6 months and older
Senior dose flu vaccine for those over 65

WHERE: The New Brackett Church Hall

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 2024

10AM TO 2PM

APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED!
FOR PEAKS ISLAND RESIDENTS & WORKERS
PLEASE BRING YOUR INSURANCE CARD WITH YOU

For an appointment, call Stephanie
207-766-2254

Sponsored by Peaks Island Health Association
& Northern Light Home Care/Hospice

**Deadline for the November STAR is Friday, October 25th. Submissions may be emailed,
dropped off at the library or put into our outside book drop.**



Peaks Island Radio

Music | Conversation | Community



Scan here to
listen live!

Next to Silence - Dave Stankowicz Mon and Fri at 7:00 pm, Tues at noon

10/7/24 - Medeski, Martiv & Woods (Jazz)

10/14/24 - Fire (Rock & Pop)

10/21/24 - Priceless Jazz Collection Part 2 (Jazz)

10/28/2024 - Halloween Music (a melange)

Full archives available at peaksislandradio.com/nexttosilence/

Swinging the Blues - Rick Ashton - Tues and Sat at 7:00 pm, Wed at noon

Rick Ashton takes the helm as your knowledgeable guide through blues, jazz, rhythm and blues, and a whole lot more.

Congrats to Rick who celebrates 100 episodes of Swinging the Blues this October!

If you miss the show, archives dating back to July 2023 can be found at peaksislandradio.com/swingin-the-blues/

Music Without Borders - Rick Ashton Sun at 7:00 pm, Mon at noon

Rick Ashton shares music built around a new theme each week – from the familiar to the exotic.

Peaks Island Radio Podcast - Chris Marot

Chris shares interviews, stories, and events of relevance to Peaks Islanders. Episodes air Sundays at 8 am and 8 pm and can be found in your podcast app of choice. Scan right for a link to the show in your smartphone's podcast player.



Podcast Link

New episode - a conversation with Rick Ashton on his love of music, making of Swinging the Blues, and more.

Do you have ideas for a music show, a talk show, or other programming? Join our team! Email me at chris@peaksislandradio.com.



The Fifth Maine Museum

www.fifthmainemuseum.org, 207-766-3330

Thank you for a great season at the Fifth Maine Museum!

We are winding down our season with a **Community supper – Chili Night!** Pre-sale tickets required. Please contact Susan Hanley, susan.hanley123@gmail.com or 207-332-2443, for tickets!



October 1, 7pm – Book Launch, “The Scoundrel’s Son” by Fred Fahey

October 3, 3pm – Veteran’s Benefit Fair co-sponsored with Auxiliary to American Legion Post 142

First Veteran’s Benefit Fair will include drop in from 3-5pm for information and individualized assistance to access the benefits that veterans have earned. Subject matter experts from the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, and the Bureau of Maine Veteran Services will be on site to answer questions about enrollment, claims, compensation, benefits, pensions, end-of-life planning, healthcare programs, and state-related veteran benefits. Round out the day with a free dinner and entertainment! Please RSVP for the dinner by calling 207-766-3330 or email fifthmainemuseum@gmail.com.

October 12th, 5:30pm – Chili Night

Menu: Chili (we’ll also have vegan chili!), rice, cornbread, salad, dessert. Beverages available or BYOB!

Pre-sale tickets: Members \$20/adult, \$10/child. Non-members: \$25/adult, \$12/child. Kids under 3 eat free!

Thank you to JDGlenn & Associates for supporting this event at the Fifth Maine Museum!

Thank you for being part of the History, Legacy, and Community of Peaks Island!

Peaks Island Elementary School

Happy Fall, Peaks Islanders, from all of us at PIES! What a gorgeous September we had and our PreK through grade 5 students enjoyed it to the fullest. We are off to a fabulous start to the school year. A huge asset of our little school by the bay is having our “student elders” support our younger students as they transition to the brick school and also as they return as kindergarten and 1st graders. As a school, we have established four values – “We are kind. We are safe. We are responsible. We persevere.” Each day of the week we focus on one of those values (while still upholding the others). Our students are working hard to practice each of these values across the school day and have been taking more and more ownership to help others, as well – all important values to embrace for life!

We were so fortunate to have the Portland Wheelers, a volunteer adaptive bicycle organization, come to PIES on September 12th. All of our first through fifth graders and staff took a spectacular early morning bike ride with them from the school, along the low road to Trefethen Landing and back. Students and staff were able to take turns riding in the front adaptive chairs of adaptive tricycle built for children and adults. We all agreed it was the best way to start the day! Most importantly, everyone learned about the innovative adaptations that support people with disabilities so that they can enjoy recreational activities without physical barriers.

Our PreK through grade five students are looking forward to co-hosting our annual fall Open House for their families on October 3rd when they will showcase their learning environments and their great work and creations they have made – they have so much to be proud of already!

We hope you enjoy one of the most beautiful and peaceful seasons on the island, Peaks friends, and thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

~Kelly and the PIES Team

Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association (TEIA)
October News Update (www.teiaclub.org)

TEIA has wrapped up another successful season! Thank you to everyone who continues to come out and support our events and programming. We are so grateful for this amazing island community!

Thank you again for helping us have a memorable season! We hope to see you at TEIA next summer.



Peaks Island Lions Club News

Although the season is nearly done, the Peaks Island Lions Club still has the **Halloween Bash & Costume Contest on October 31!** From 6 – 7:30pm, we will host Faith York's Haunted House with games, candy, bobbing for apples, etc., plus a costume contest at 6:40pm. **COME ON DOWN!!**

The Lions Club of Peaks Island thanks you for your overwhelming support this summer coming out to our biweekly **burger nights**. Not only are you fostering community when you come down to dine and listen to music, but the proceeds from the evenings contribute directly toward our scholarship fund and the grants we are able to distribute to island nonprofits. We are heartened and humbled by the turnouts we have been experiencing this summer and we just want to take a moment to thank you.

We are looking for new members! Whether you are year-round or a seasonal resident, young or old, woman or man, come join our "pride" of 36 Lions. We host 30+ events annually and have great fun and camaraderie. We will continue including short member profiles to encourage more to join:

I am grateful to have spent every summer of my life growing up on Peaks Island. My family has always been civic minded. My Great-Grandfather, Grandfather, and Father were involved with the Lions Club, and Grandfather and Father were involved with the Lions Club and American Legion. Here and off island. My husband Peter and I are fortunate enough to retire on the island. As we look to involve ourselves within the community, the Lions Club seemed like a natural and familiar place to begin. I remember, as a little girl, marching along these island roads in many parades while proudly holding an American flag. That little girl is now a grown woman and honored to follow in her ancestors' footprints. I can say, having joined the many dedicated men and women this summer, the Island community is very fortunate to have this organization support so many of our hopes, needs and dreams...

--Mary-Jo Whitcomb Guay

Come volunteer for an upcoming event and see what we are all about! Feel free to reach out to President Mike Langella or Vice President Liz Samson at lionsclubrental@gmail.com for information.

Since the 1950s, Peaks Island Lions Club members have all been volunteers.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector and Pastor: Father Seamus Griesbach at 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. For information about other mainland services, check www.portlandcatholic.org. For information on Baptism, Reconciliation, Marriage & Funerals, please contact Father Seamus. Home bound Catholics who would like to see a priest or receive Holy Communion should call Barbara Hoppin at 232-6641.

Rosary, Confession and Adoration will continue on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30 AM in the Church. All are welcome.

Bible Study takes place at 10 AM each Thursday in the Parish House. All are welcome.



New Brackett Memorial Church, a UUA/UCC congregation

mailing address - 9 Church Ave / office phone - 207-766-5013

Rev. Will Green, Pastor

Saturday Night Eucharist - 5:00pm

Sunday morning service - 10:00am

Sunday community potluck meal - 11:00am (-ish)

Choir rehearsal, before service at 8:30am

Rummage Sale - Saturday, October 12th 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sunday, October 13th 11:30am - 2:00pm

Thank you for shopping AND for donating items in advance. Drop off times for donations are on our website. The final day to donate items is Tuesday, October 8th.

On Sunday, October 27th we will dedicate the newly planted Jan Thomas Memorial Garden in front of the church. The service will feature special music and will conclude with a gathering in the garden to bless and dedicate this memorial space. Thank you to everyone who has donated and participated to help make this tribute grow so beautifully!

To join our email list, write to newbrackettchurch@gmail.com

newbrackettchurch.org



Peaks Island Community Food Pantry

The Peaks Island Community Food Pantry is located in the Brackett Memorial Church and is open on Mondays at 3:30–5pm. Our mission is to provide food assistance to our island neighbors in need, supported by many different individuals and organizations from Peaks Island.

Libra Cusack is now heading up the Peaks Island Community Food Pantry. Thank you, Libra for overseeing our dedicated staff of volunteers!

Thank you to the many generous donations from the members of the Peaks Island community (and beyond) and thanks to the generosity of New Brackett Church for housing the food pantry!! ***We now have a small freezer and can take frozen items! We also have some refrigerator space. If you are leaving for the season and have food items you would like to donate, please contact Libra Cusack, 207-838-0337.***

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, our needs this month are: *canned tuna, sardines, canned meats, Saltine and Ritz crackers, canned pineapple, peaches, and pears, apple sauce, canned black beans, tomato soup, 1 pound bags of sugar, coffee, beef ramen, mayonnaise, boxed cereal.*

A reminder that you can make cash donations via check. Please make checks out to “Peaks Island Food Pantry” – send to Libra Cusack, 30 3rd Street, Peaks Island, ME 04108.



American Legion Randall-MacVane Post #142

54 Welch Street, Peaks Island, ME 04108, (207) 766-2102. All are welcome.
Bar and lounge open Wednesdays–Saturdays, 5 to 10 pm, and Sundays, 3 to 9 pm.

- **Sundays, 3:45–5:45 pm: Acoustic Music Circle**, bring a guitar, a voice, or your curiosity.
- **Wednesdays, 6–8 pm: Trivia** hosted by Keith Stockless
- **Thursdays, 6–8 pm: Legion Live**, preented by Peaks Beat, showcasing live local music*
- **Friday, October 25, 6:30–9 pm: Sean Mencher with Hugh Bowden**
- **Halloween Celebrations on the lawn and in the hall: stay tuned** (and check peaksbeat.com for updates)*

“Legion Live” is Peaks Island’s newest venue for live music. Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm.
The stage showcases the best of live local music. Admission at the door \$5.

October 3, Judy Fitch — Mike Richards

October 10, Bryce & Daisy — Keith Stockless

October 17, Open mic hosted by Keith

October 24, Pier Revue with OB O’Brien

October 31, Halloween: Party

*For updates check **peaksbeat.com**. For booking inquiries, text Dan at 617-676-5987.

October at the Peaks Island Branch Library

129 Island Avenue * 207.766.5540 * peaks@portlib.org

Tuesday: 12 - 6 pm Wednesday: 9 - 12 Friday: 10 - 4 pm Saturday: 9 - 12

The library is closed Tuesday, Oct. 1 & Wednesday Oct. 2 for work taking place in the Community Building. The building will be closed Sept 30 - Oct 3.

***Scratching for a Living - 50 years of Douglas Smith Art**

October 15 - November 16

Douglas Smith always wanted to be an illustrator. Upon graduation from RISD in 1974, he moved to Boston to begin a career. After some years working in pencil, pen & ink, ink wash, linocut, colored pencil, and watercolor, he happened upon the little-used scratchboard medium, and in a short time, illustrations in scratchboard had taken over his portfolio. He has produced hundreds of illustrations and he will be sharing some of them within his exhibit. Hesitantly semi-retired after 50 years illustrating, he's currently hand-carving a large tree stump into a Community Sculpture of an Octopus.

We'll have special Take & Make Bags for all ages to coincide with Doug's exhibit.

***Technology Tutoring on Tuesday, October 29, 10 - 12:30 pm**

This is a time for you to sit down with our Technology Librarian for free computer assistance. You name the topic, bring your own device or use the library's laptop. **Advanced registration** is required. Stop in, call or email the library to reserve your 30 minute session.

***Adult Book Discussion** meets on **Tuesday, October 8 at 7 pm** in the Community Room to discuss *All that She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, A Black Family Keepsake* by Tina Alicia Miles. November's book will be *Empress of the Nile* by Lynne Olson. Contact the library for a copy of the book. Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library. Meetings are fun, mind-broadening and all are welcome.

Rhythm & Rhymes, Fridays at 10:15 am Infants to 3 years old and their caregivers.

Preschool Story Time, Fridays at 10:45 am Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

No knitting due to building closure this month.

Creative Writing for kids, Gr. 3, 4, 5 meets **Fridays at 3:15 pm**. We do different forms of writing, play games, enjoy each other's company and just have fun with words! Drop ins are welcome.

Adult Writing Group meets Saturdays at **9 am** at the library. Drop ins are welcome.

Borrow Free Medical Equipment

The Peaks Island Health Center and St. Christopher's loan free medical equipment. Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and other supplies are provided on a first come, first served basis. Borrowers are only asked when they think they will return it and also relieve the program of any liability. For more information, call or text Lisa Penalver at 272-5962 or Chris Hoppin at 232-2908 or chopin@aol.com.

NEW Peaks Island Community Recreation Page!



Hiring

The Rec Division is hiring after school staff and community center rental staff. If you are interested please contact Ryan French - 207 808 5454 or rfrench@portlandme.gov

Learn more about the rec page

Open workshop and on Saturday, October 26 from 10-11am. Come and get support in setting up your household rec account and ask questions about renting the community center and other rec questions you have.

Do you have a program idea?

If you would like to support the Peaks Island community by leading a program, please complete the program proposal form on the recreation page. We are actively trying to offer more programs for the community.

Are you ready for an unforgettable Halloween?

On Saturday, October 19 from 10-11am our partners at Mad Science will be coming to Peaks Island Elementary School for some community Spooky Science Fun – Electrifying experiments, bubbling potions, and creepy creations! Thank you to the Peaks Island Fund and school staff for your support for this event. We look forward to seeing you all..

Ryan French

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