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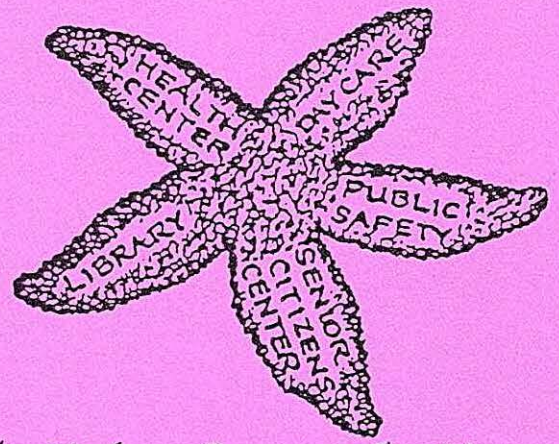
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

Peaks Island Children's Christmas Party

The annual Peaks Island Lions Club and Peaks Island American Legion, McVane, Post 142 Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Peaks Island Elementary School on Friday, December 22nd beginning at 3:05 pm. All Peaks Island children from birth through grade five are invited to attend.

Signup sheets for children who do not attend the Peaks Island Elementary School can be found at the Hannigan's Market, the Peaks Island Café and the Peaks Island Library beginning about November 16th.

If your child does not attend the Peaks Elementary School, please sign up to assure that your child will receive an age appropriate gift.

Note: The wrapping party will occur at the Legion on Sunday December 17th.

Used Eyeglass Collection Boxes:

Due to the renovations going on at the Community Center, used eyeglass collection boxes are now located at Brackett Memorial and St. Christopher churches, in addition to those at Hannigan's Market and Peaks Cafe.

Peaks Island Fund

The Peaks Island Fund welcomes four new members to our advisory committee: John Funk, Emily Magal, Barbara Taylor and Priscilla Webster. They join current committee members: Mary Anderson, Stephanie Castle, Will Crosby, Craig Davis (Co Chair), Ed Daranyi, Joe Gray, Cheryl Higgins, Jane Kaveney, Scott Kelley, Chris Marot, Kathryn Moxhay (Chair), Nancy Nash, Grace Noonan-Kaye, Beth Rand, Marilyn Staples and Monica Stevenson. It's a great group.

We hope to see many of the non-profits at our spring breakfast to learn more about how we can partner and share guidelines for the 2018 grant cycle. Look for more information at the start of the new year.



The Fifth Maine Regiment Museum

www.fifthmainemuseum.org, 207-766-3330

THANK YOU to everyone who came to our annual Harvest Supper. It was a wonderful success and lots of fun!!

Special thanks to Roxanne Bailey for excellent cooking and to Peter Donnelly for his stellar piano playing! Many thanks to all our volunteers who put in many hours of hard work behind the scenes to make this community tradition as fun and festive as always.

Whether you ate, drank, cooked, baked, played piano, decorated or cleaned up, we are so grateful for everyone's contributions. Your support keeps the Fifth Maine open as a unique museum and a vibrant community center.

Are you interested in hosting an event at the Fifth Maine?? All event rental contracts signed before December 31, 2017 will be charged at 2017 rates, even if they are scheduled for dates in 2018. With its large wrap-around porch, spacious interior, and stunning ocean views make, The Fifth Maine is a perfect setting for weddings, private parties, professional workshops, and musical events and it is surprisingly affordable!! Contact our event coordinator at fifthmainemuseum@gmail.com or [207.838.0337](tel:207.838.0337) for rates and details.

Memberships are key to our financial stability. Please consider becoming a friend of the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum with an annual membership. An individual membership is only \$15 and a family membership is just \$30. Forms are available on our website. Members enjoy reduced rental fees!

We now closed for the season but we are hard at work behind the scenes on new projects for a great 2018 season. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. It takes a village to keep this rare and beautiful building open for the entire community to enjoy.

LVF *Loretta Voyer Fund*

Our mission is to provide transportation for Peaks Islanders who are receiving chemotherapy or radiation treatments for cancer or other life-limiting diseases.

**BUY
LOCAL.**

**Loretta Voyer Fund Holiday Arts and Craft Fair
at JONES LANDING**

Saturday, December 2nd, 10am – 3pm •

Please join us at the Loretta Voyer Fund Holiday craft fair to find hundreds of **handmade gifts and lots of wonderful raffle prizes.** Support the Loretta Voyer Fund AND local artisans by doing your holiday shopping locally. Many thanks to Robin Clark at Jones Landing for providing us with a large, comfortable space – which means more artists and craftsmen and more money raised for the Loretta Voyer Fund. This year's fair is bigger than ever, with over 25 artisans!

The craft fair is our annual fundraiser, but donations are accepted any time. Please send donations to The Loretta Voyer Fund, c/o Melissa Conrad, 152 Brackett Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108. For more information about the Loretta Voyer Fund, please contact Melissa Conrad, 766-9736 or mconrad@backshore.net.



RANDALL-MacVANE POST 142

PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE

To: The Peaks Island Community and its Veterans & Their Families

We are pleased to announce that American Legion Post 142 has recently been restructured with a new leadership team and has made exciting renovations to the building. The new leadership team is: Commander, Frank Childs; Adjutant & Judge Advocate, Fred O'Keefe; Finance Officer, Tim Murphy; Historian, Suzanne Clark; Chaplain, Chris Hoppin; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dom DeAngelo; and Recording Secretary, John Casey. John O'Brien continues his leadership of our lounge operation.

Our Post building has undergone numerous changes that expand the lounge area with improved views of the Portland skyline, weatherization projects, some kitchen upgrades (with more to come), and most important, the installation of a handicap ramp on the east side of the building. Thank you to the Peaks Island community for supporting the ramp project financially. We now need to make renovations to our bathroom facilities to make them more handicap accessible as well.

On Saturday, November 11th, the Post will sponsor our Annual Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner. More information will be posted on Nextdoor and Carol Eisenberg's list.

We encourage you to stop by the Post and see the changes to our facility. Our lounge is open to members and their guests daily (except Tuesday) at 4PM. And, for the time being until the Community Center is completed, we are also providing space for the free exchange of magazines and paperback books for Islanders.

We would like to invite you to become a member of our post. Veterans should contact Adjutant Fred O'Keefe at fokeefe@peaksisland.us or at 766-2300, sons of veterans should contact Frank Schiller at herenow207@gmail.com or at 766-5879, and spouses or daughters of veterans interested in joining the Auxiliary should contact Ellen Huston at Inhuston@yahoo.com or at 272-5725. Information is also available from the lounge staff.

We look forward to continuing to be an integral part of the Peaks Island community. For instance in the spring we will continue to sponsor a Memorial Day essay contest with the 5th graders at the Peaks Island Elementary School, as well as the Memorial Day Parade followed by a community cookout at the Post.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Post, we encourage you to contact any of the officers or the Post directly at legionpost142@gmail.com. You can also write to us at Randall-MacVane Post 142 American Legion, PO Box 118, Peaks Island, ME 04108.

Frank Childs, Commander

November at the Peaks Island Branch Library

766-5540 email: peaks@portlandpubliclibrary.org

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

I wish I had a recording of people's first reactions as they walk into the door of our temporary space at the school. In a nutshell, people are loving it. It's bright and cheerful and we've managed to house a lot of materials in a pleasing layout in a small space. Thank you to the organizations who have lent us space for larger programs, especially St. Christopher's and Brackett Church. Smaller programs are happening in what one patron called our "teeny, tiny library." Come see for yourself.

Book Launch: Saturday, November 18, 10 am. Jamie Hogan will have a program at the library to launch her new picture book, *Ana and the Sea Star*, written by R. Lynne Roelfs and illustrated by Jamie. The program will be suitable for adults as well as children and there will be books for sale.

Weekly Children's Programs:

Preschool Story Time, Wednesday at 10:15

Infants and Toddler Time, Friday at 10:15

Middle School Book Club will meet again on Tuesday, November 21st at 5:45 pm at the Brackett Memorial Church Hall. In October, we welcomed some new 6th graders, had some great conversations and food. When we finished some of us walked backed to the library and checked out books that were recommended that night. This is open to all middle school students. You don't have to make each meeting, but we hope that you will. Thank you to the Brackett Church for allowing us to meet in their hall.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion will meet at St. Christopher's parish community room. All are welcome. Meetings start at 7pm on the following dates:

November 14 – *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amy Towles (**Date change; Voting is at St. Christopher's on November 6.)

December 5 – *Tenderness of Wolves* by Stef Penney

January 9 – *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice* by Bill Browder

If you need a copy of the books, call, email or come to the library.

Island Institute Hosts On-line Bulletin Board for Scholarships Available to Islanders

Based on community input, The Island Institute has heard that it would be helpful to have one place for island students to go to learn more about scholarships that are unique to islands. It's still in the beginning phases, but we have started to put together that list on the "[Scholarships and Transition Support](#)" page of our website. If you scroll almost all the way down, there's a link to "[external scholarships](#)" that we've been updating as we learn more about relevant scholarships.

If your organization gives scholarships to islanders and you are interested in this opportunity to get the word out to island students, their parents and guidance counselors, please contact Caroline Moore at the Island Institute cmoore@islandinstitute.org She will tell you what information she needs from you.

Caroline Moore | Community Development Associate | Island Institute | 386 Main Street | P.O. Box 648 | Rockland, ME 04841 | [207.594.9209](tel:207.594.9209) x 159 Office | www.islandinstitute.org

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

www.picw.org



PICW WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY AND NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH FOR THANKSGIVING

We would like to thank Brunswick High School Action Team and Volunteers of America for coming out last month to help with our fall clean up. We would also like to say a very big thank you to Lt. Wallace from the Peaks Island Fire Department for coming over during Fire Prevention Week to teach our students about fire safety and for showing us his fire truck.

In our pre-kindergarten classroom our students have been learning about birds and bird sounds. They created their own bird nests out of shredded paper, yarn and string and even built and painted a large papier maché bird that now hangs in the Big Room.

Starting Tuesday November 7th, we would like to invite families with small children ages 6 weeks to 5 years to come and join us for music class with Ms. Faith. We will be meeting on Tuesdays in the Infant/Toddler room from 8:30am to 9am.

All are welcome to join us on November 22nd, 11:45am to 1pm, for our Annual Stone Soup. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to Katie by the 17th.

PICW has full and part-time openings. Contact Katie at office@picw.org for an application. The Board of the PICW is always open to suggestions and communication from the community. Please contact us through Board Chair, Judy Nelson at kirshajak@maine.rr.com

Peaks Island Elementary School Invites You to a Contra Dance at The School

Friday, November 17, 6-8pm

\$5 / person or \$20/ family

Join us for an evening of flounce and fun with a good 'ol fashioned Contra Dance Island Style! Come to dance, come to watch, come to listen but come. Contra dancing is a form of community dancing to live acoustic music. The dances are simple, and joyful. The steps are taught, called and repeated. Contra Dancing is appropriate for all ages, toddlers through senior citizens. Everyone can dance, and no partners are needed.

We have invited the Glen Loper Band, Steampacket, along with Dugan Murphy from Portland Intown Contra Dance. Come dance, listen, eat and enjoy a fall evening at the Peaks Island Elementary School in our gym.

Please share this invitation with friends, family and neighbors. It's going to be delightful.

All proceeds benefit The Peaks Island After School Academy

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. We are grateful for the donations and support provided by many different individuals and organizations from Peaks Island.

Many thanks to the Fifth Maine for recent donations of food left over from the Harvest Supper, and to summer residents who donated items as they closed their cottages for the season!

This month we will be organizing our fourth annual “Buy two, give one” food drive at Hannigan’s. Thank you to Bob Hannigan and all the staff for their support of this food drive. Our ongoing needs are black beans, garbanzo beans, kidney beans, green beans, corn, peas, toilet paper, small jars of mayonnaise, peanut butter, tuna.

We happen to have plenty of pasta, pasta sauce and soup right now, so that is not a need at the moment.

Now that the community center is closed for renovations, we have relocated our collection box to the Peaks Island Café. Thank you to Lisa and Ellen and all the staff at the Café for supporting our programs!

A reminder that you can send in cash donations using the Paypal donation button on our website, www.peaksislandfoodpantry.org. We can also accept checks made out to “Peaks Island Food Pantry” – send to Susan Hanley, 108 Brackett Avenue, Peaks Island, ME 04108.

If you have any questions about the food pantry, or you would like to arrange a food drop off or a donation pick up, please contact Susan Hanley, 207-332-2443.

NEWS FROM THE TAXI



Thanks very much to all of you who have already supported the Taxi Replacement Campaign. We are getting close to our \$42,000 goal, and now we have a chance to race across the finish line. Our success in meeting the first \$5000 Challenge Grant has been followed by a second donor supporting a new \$3500 Challenge!

If we meet this Challenge with \$3500 in individual donations before December 1st, the \$3500 match will get us to \$42,000 and we will truly be able to purchase a vehicle worthy of Maine winters and the island roads.

Check out our progress by viewing the “thermometers” on our sandwich boards down-front. We are getting very close, thanks to your donations.

If you haven’t already, please donate to at www.peakstaxi.org or mail a check to: Island Transportation System, PO Box 14, Peaks Island, Maine 04108.

Your donation will be matched dollar for dollar by our Challenge Grant.

A REMINDER:

Please be aware of the necessity to call well in advance if you want a pick-up to get you to an outgoing ferry. We have been getting multiple calls very close to ferry departure. As we only have one taxi, the drivers need to be able to coordinate their pick-ups AND get down to the ferry **before** it arrives. Please place your call at least 30 minutes before the boat is scheduled to leave.

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, and Reconciling Congregation

9 Church Ave; 207-766-5013; brackettmumc@gmail.com; www.brackettmumc.org

Rev. Argela Rotherham, Pastor



Anyone is welcome to join any of our worship, fellowship, or mission opportunities.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10am. Followed by an informal time of food and fellowship in the church hall.

Adult Scripture Study Tuesdays, **10:30-noon** in our Church Family Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fridays, **10:30-noon** in our Church Family Room.

Peaks Island Food Pantry at Brackett Church, Mondays, 3:30-5pm.

Weights with Rebecca Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-8:30am. To register contact Rebecca: 776-5547.

Tai Chi with David Wednesdays, 10:30am-noon. To register contact David: dshandwerker@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENT IN NOVEMBER:

Cribbage Fun – Join us on **November 1** from **10:30-noon** (and the first Wednesday of each month) in the Brackett Church vestry (take a left at the welcome table when you enter the church) for some cribbage fun. Beginners and experts are all welcome for a morning of friendly games.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Greg Dube at 773-7746

All Saints' Day Mass will be at **6:15 PM** on Wednesday, November 1st.

Sunday Mass is at **10 AM** each week. All are welcome. Details for other Masses in Portland are at <http://www.portlandcatholic.org/>

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

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

AA meets Wednesdays from **6:15 to 7:15 PM** in the Parish House.

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

Free Medical Equipment Here

Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and other equipment are available temporarily for free from the Health Center and St. Christopher's Parish. We also have an electric scooter previously used by Marge Erico and Julie Goell that has been generously donated by Avner Eisenberg.

The equipment is stored at St. Christopher's and is provided on a first come, first served basis at no charge. Borrowers are asked when they plan to return it and also relieve the program of any liability.

For more information, contact Kay Taylor at 766-2811 or islapicos@maine.rr.com; or David Vincent at 603-496-6989 or davidlv55@gmail.com.

Peaks Island Health Center

87 Central Ave. P.O. Box 52
www.peaksislandhealthcenter.org

**Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner, provides care for all ages.
Please call either **766-2929** or **874-2466** for an appointment.

Fire Prevention

Because we care about your health and safety, we urge you to take advantage of the City of Portland Fire Department's offer of a free home fire safety inspection this fall.

It's one thing to have working fire alarms in place; it's another to know what to do when those alarms sound.

To improve your emergency preparedness and increase your peace of mind, invite a first responder to run fire scenarios in your home with you and your family members. To schedule a visit, call Peaks Island Dispatch, **207-874-8575**.

Please remember that just as all emergency responders must be able to identify your home by its prominently displayed street number, our local emergency response professionals and neighbors want to see yours, even though they know where you live, or you think they know.

Sunday, November 5 is the day to change out smoke detector batteries as well as turn back the hands of time.

Brunswick Teens Volunteer on Peaks Through Volunteers of America (VOA)

For the third year in a row, students from Brunswick High School came to Peaks Island to volunteer. Since coming to the Island is so popular, 37 students took the opportunity to lend a hand as members of the Action Team, which is sponsored by Major League Baseball Players Trust and Volunteers of America.

They took the 7:45, causing something of a fuss waving rakes and singing sea chanteys. Luckily, before they could execute their plan to take over the vessel and become pirates, the ferry docked and, once on land, the students once again became kind and generous teenagers. They started their day working at Peaks Island School and then split up into groups. They helped at the Brackett Church, at the Children's Workshop and at the Fay Garman House.

Kudos to Brunswick High School and its Action Team coordinator Rita Maines. She is looking for more projects to tackle in the Spring, so feel free to send comments and suggestions to her at RMaines@brunswick.K12.me.us

Peaks Island Music Association's 31th Annual

Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 10

3:00 & 7:00 pm

At Brackett Church

Co-sponsored by Brackett UMC

A true community Holiday musical event, respecting different traditions, fun for young and old alike – come share the season with us! \$5.00/adult, \$2/child, under 5 free.

Please join the Music Association, the Peaks Island Chorale, the Peaks Island Ukès, and many of your musical neighbors at Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church to ring in the new year , **FMI: Faith York at 766-5763**

Free Magazines and Books

The American Legion Post 142 on Welch Street is the temporary home for the Peaks Island exchange of free magazines and paperback books. They are located at the entrance to the Post, which is open from 4 PM until closing every day except Tuesdays.

CERT Prepares for Winter

The Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been practicing to assist in Island disasters and other emergencies. The team is also looking for more team members. For more info, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Saturday, November 26 by 6 pm. Please bring articles copy-ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return if you come when the library is closed. Questions? Call or email the library: peaks@portlib.org.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks, Recreation and Facilities

All programs for adults sponsored by Portland Parks, Recreation and Facilities are now being held in the community room at St. Christopher's Church. Denise can be reached at DLM@portlandmaine.gov or you may leave a message at (207) 766-2970. Messages are checked on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

ATTENTION: Be sure to check out pages 24-25 in the Fall/Winter brochure for Peaks Island activities. The brochure is also filled with many "in-town" activities for ALL ages.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

This annual community-wide event takes place at the living tree "down front" from 4:00 – 5:00 pm afterwards for refreshments. As is the island tradition, please bring food or monetary donations for the Food Pantry. Call 766-2970 in case of snow.

THURSDAY KNITTING/CHATting GROUP

Thursday, November 2, 9, 16 and 30 10:45 - 11:45 am
Knitting for charity continues at St. Christopher's community room. We will be selling hats and scarves (\$7 each) and dishcloths (\$2 each) on Thursdays in November. Stop by between 10:45 and 11:30 am to view the selection. We buy socks, gloves and toiletry items from the proceeds of sales; we also replenish our yarn supply.

LAUGHTER YOGA CLUB (St. Christopher's)

Monday, Nov. 6 AND Dec. 4 10:45 – 11:30 am
Learn to laugh at nothing at all and gain the health benefits that laughter has to offer. All adults welcome! FREE!
Pre-registration not required.

SHOPPING TRIP: PINE TREE CTR & KOHL'S

Monday, November 20 12:45 pm/no later than 5:30 return
Browse/shop at Dollar Tree, CVS, Big Lots, Jo-Ann Fabrics and Lowe's. We will then travel across the street for Kohl's and Shaw's. Pre-registration required; please contact Denise at 766-2970. Deadline to register is Thursday, Nov. 16. Transportation fee is \$5; minimum is 6 people.

MAKING DECORATIONS and ORNAMENTS

Thursday, November 30 Drop in between 11:45am–1:00pm
Open to all adults. BYO lunch to St. Christopher's community room. Enjoy the company of friends and make some ornaments for the island "living tree". Materials provided; bring your creative ideas! .

On-going exercise programs for Adults:

Mondays and Thursdays:

Low-Impact Aerobics with Weights

9:30 to 10:30 am (at St. Christopher's)

SENIOR NEWS

Fall has arrived and the temperature outside has dropped! The Seniors will have their next potluck luncheon on Monday, November 13th. 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.

Chair Yoga is offered at the Fay Garman House every Tuesday starting at 4 pm for about an hour. Chair Yoga is a great way to relax from head to toe without the stress of getting out of your chair. There is no charge for these yoga sessions and are open to anyone who wants a quick way to stretch their body and relieve tensions.