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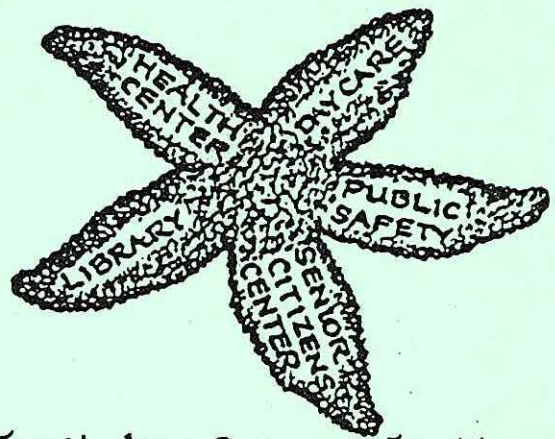
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Peaks Island STAR



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

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PEAKS ISLAND MUSIC ASSOCIATION

invites you and your family to the

21st Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-Along

Sunday, December 9th

2:15 and 7:00 p.m. at Brackett Church

directed by Nancy 3. Hoffman and featuring:

Peaks Island Chorale, conducted by Faith York

The Maine Squeeze

Uncalled Four

Doug Smith, storyteller

Margie Mehler, Soprano

Women on Bass including:

Ronda Dale Wingfield, Julie Goell and Elizabeth Trice

Peaks Island Junior Chorus

and other island favorites

*Suggested donation \$5 for adults and \$1 for children under 12
with proceeds to PITA and other worthwhile charities.*

For information, call Nancy 3. at 4496.

HOMESTART

Homestart is celebrating the end of an exciting year. Please join us for pizza and cookies on Tuesday, December 11th at 7PM at the Senior Center. An open community meeting will be held immediately afterwards.

For more information, please contact Brooke Brewer at 603-355-7955, or by email at brooke_brewer@fastmail.net

BRACKET MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds – A Welcoming and Reconciling Congregation

25 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine

The Rev. Desi Larson; 207-766-5013 brackettmumc@yahoo.com

Worship, with childcare and Sunday School, 10 a.m. every Sunday

Holiday Fair – Saturday, December 8, 10a.m. – 3 p.m. Craft Tables are available at \$20 each. Call Cathy Shaw 766-3394.

December 15, Saturday, 4:30 – Saint Lucia Pageant – At Brackett Memorial UMC. Boys ages 6-10 needed to be *tonte* (gnomes) and girls aged 6-16 needed as maidens for the pageant. Call Gunnel Larsdotter at 766-2304 for more information on how to participate.

Children's Christmas Pageant, December 23, 10 a.m. – Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 22, 10 a.m. Call Celeste Bridgeford 766-5857 for details. Participation is open to all interested children.

Candlelight Service, December 24, 7 p.m. – All are welcome to join us for a special evening of light and music on Christmas Eve.

Children's Choir – Thursdays at 2:45 - Brackett Memorial Church's children's choir rehearses on Thursdays. Choir participation is open to all interested elementary school aged children. Call Mavourneen Thompson for more information 899-0108.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Thursdays 1 p.m., Needles, hooks, shawl patterns, yarn, and refreshments provided. Meetings are at Ann Hinderer's residence, 227 Island Ave. Contact Ann 766-2636.

Scripture Exploration/Discussion/Study – Wednesdays – 7 p.m. - Discussion and exploration of scriptures at the parsonage, 9 Church Street. All are welcome to join in this evolving dialogue.

Friends of TEIA

2007 Report to the Community

Now in its 7th year, the Friends of TEIA, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization, is dedicated to raising funds to support the youth educational programs at the Trefethen Evergreen Improvement Association.

This past year the Friends of TEIA gave camperships to the various summer educational programs TEIA provides to the island's year-round youth, allowing 31 more children to participate than would otherwise have been possible. The sailing and tennis programs were enormous successes, as was the day-camp program. TEIA's fleet of sailboats continued to increase, thanks to Fred Forsley's generous donation of an Opti, allowing that program to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand by Island kids to learn the joys and challenges of sailing.

Programs for next year will include the camps for sailing, tennis and the day-camp program. The babysitting workshop which was well attended this past year will be offered again in 2008. A children's Astronomy Skywatch will also be offered as well, probably during the second week of August.

For more information about the Friends of TEIA, please feel free to speak with any of our Steering Committee members: Stephanie Castle, Tom Bohan, Mike Richards, Jane Hannigan, Kathy Hurley, Barbara Hoppin, or Perry Sutherland.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

15 Central Avenue

Father Fred Morse, Pastor

766-2585

Sunday Mass at 10 AM Daily Mass: Most Wednesdays at 12 noon

Christmas Eve Mass at 6 PM on December 24th

Come Celebrate the Christ Child's Birth!

Religious Instruction: For the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation takes place at 9 AM each Sunday. For more information, please call Susan Hanley at 766 2735 or Barbara Hoppin at 766 2593.

Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation and Marriage: Call/ask Father Fred.

AA Meetings take place most Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

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St. Christopher's Annual Christmas Show

"Around the World in Song and Dance" will be the theme for this year's Christmas Show, at 3:15 PM on Sunday, December 2nd at the Peaks Island School. Doors open at 2 PM for the Gift Tables and tasty refreshments will be served after the show.

Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children, with proceeds going to St. Christopher's Church. Plus door prizes! To help with gifts, please contact Joyce O'Brien at 766-2001 or refreshments, Robin Clark at 766-2295.

Come see many talented dancers and musicians perform at this annual holiday treat!

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Peaks Island Health Center

Nancy Wright, FNP

www.peakshealth.org 87 Central Avenue PO Box 52

207-766-2929

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 – 2:30. Appointments are recommended.. The office will be closed Christmas week, but on-call and emergency numbers will be available on the answering machine when you call the office.

Community Dental has scheduled the dentist for Friday, December 14, and the hygienist for Friday, December 21, at the Health Center. The number to call for an appointment is 874-1025 x 3018. It is required that you see the dentist for an evaluation and x-rays before a cleaning can be scheduled. A sliding fee scale based on financial need is available.

A **podiatrist** from Dr. Dorsey's office will be at the Health Center Wednesday, January 16. Please call Cumberland County Foot Care, 761-3889, ext. 10, for an appointment.

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. We offer rides Monday – Friday during the day. **It's best to call a day before, if possible.** Most drivers have answering machines so you can leave a message if they're not in.

Date	Driver(s)	Phone	Date	Driver(s)	Phone
Mon 12/3	Monica Stevenson	2010	Tue 12/18	Marjorie Phyfe	2307
Tue 12/4	Carol Warner	0022	Wed 12/19	The Hoppins	2593
Wed 12/5	Jerry Garman	5054	Thu 12/20	The Zimmermans	0061
Thu 12/6	Toni Muro	2639			Or 712-1713
Fri 12/7	The Carys	5548	Fri 12/21	Nancy Hall	2514
Mon 12/10	The Voyers	2523	Mon 12/24	The Taylors	2811
		Or 232-6878	Tue 12/25	Holiday – No Service	
Tue 12/11	The Elofsons	5192	Wed 12/26	The Hurleys	899-2101
Wed 12/12	Harris Kennedy	0966	Thu 12/27	Marcie Appel	5071
Thu 12/13	Dick Swarts	2608	Fri 12/28	The Shaws	3394
Fri 12/14	The Pedlikins	0067	Mon 12/31	Dan Murphy	5849
Mon 12/17	Judy Piawlock	2109	Tue 1/1	Holiday – No Service	
			Wed 1/2	The Taylors	2811

To volunteer as a driver, please call Cevia Rosol at 0059 or Nancy Hall at 2514. We always need more drivers, and it's a great way to give something to the island.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Stone Soup is the folktale about a young soldier who stops by a very poor village and asks for something to eat. When he is told that they don't have enough to share, he volunteers to make Stone Soup. With nothing but boiling water and a stone he begins; lo and behold the villagers begin to bring vegetables to add to the pot. The end result is a pot of soup with enough soup for everyone in the whole village to share. Using the same stone for over 20 years, children at the Workshop have been making Stone Soup to share with family and friends since the Workshop began. This year's celebration took place on November 21st.

It's hard to believe it's time to begin planning for the Island Rovers. If you have ideas or suggestions for this summer's program, please come to a planning meeting at the Workshop on Tuesday, December 11 at 9:00AM. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, please e-mail (picw@gwi.net) or call (766-2854) with your ideas, needs or suggestions.

Is the Workshop meeting your needs? Do you have ideas for parent workshops you'd like to see offered or uses for the building when the Workshop is closed? If so, let's talk. Contact Debbie at picw@gwi.net or 766-2854.

Reminders:

- ❖ Thank you to those who have donated food to the Food Pantry. It is open when the Workshop is open; 7am-6pm Monday-Friday. Stop in and ask for the key.
- ❖ The weekly Parent/Toddler playgroup meets Fridays from 10:15-11:00am, weather permitting.
- ❖ The PICW will be closed Dec. 24 – Jan. 2 for holiday break.



FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM

P.O. Box 41

Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

The Fifth Maine is set to celebrate the 120th birthday of the Hall in 2008. To kick-off the festivities we've created a limited edition commemorative calendar illustrated with many images from our collection and lots of information about the Fifth Maine Regiment and its participation in the Civil War and beyond. Copies are available for purchase at \$15 by calling Kim at 766-5514. If you'd like to have a calendar mailed to you, there is a postage charge of \$2.

We want to thank all of our friends, neighbors, and members for helping to make our 2007 season such a success. Without your support the Fifth Maine simply would not exist. And we look forward to meeting and greeting you in 2008.

Wishing you a happy and healthy winter season!

Peaks Island Holiday Party

The Peaks Island Lions Club and the American Legion Post 142 will jointly sponsor the annual Holiday Party for Peaks Island children at the Peaks Island Elementary School on December 21st beginning at 2:30 pm. All children from birth through fifth grade are invited to attend.

Every child will receive a gift and treats. Residents whose children do not attend the elementary school should write their child or grandchild's name, gender and age on the sign-in sheet at Hannigan's Market.

PEAKS ISLAND SENIORS

The Peaks Island Seniors enjoyed their Thanksgiving luncheon on Monday November 12th. We thank the Peaks Island Lions Club who so generously donated two turkeys.

The December pot luck luncheon will be held on Monday the 10th. After the luncheon the pre-schoolers from the Childrens Workshop will be entertaining us with seasonal songs and poems. We look forward to seeing and listening to these joyful children.

Once again the date of the luncheon is Monday December 10th at noon at the Harry and Janet Weinberg Senior Center on Central Avenue.

All seniors are welcome!!

Come and enjoy the company of your peers

December at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building

766-5540

email peaks@portland.lib.me.us

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

The library will be OPEN for normal hours during the holidays EXCEPT for December 25 and January 1, and we will have our usual children's programming: Story Time for preschoolers, Fridays at 10:15 and Nursery Rhyme Time for infants and toddlers on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11. Visitors are always welcome.

New kind of elf: The Portland Public Library is now a member of a FREE web service that will notify you BEFORE your library materials are due. This is an especially nice service for families with several cardholders as you can have more than one library card on your account and will receive email notices BEFORE items are due on each card. Signup is quick and easy. To register, go to www.libraryelf.com

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: The December 4th meeting will be a festive occasion with the showing of a movie of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas, discussion of other seasonal readings people have enjoyed, and refreshments.

In January, the meeting will be on the second Tuesday, the 8th, and the book will be *Eat, Pray, Love: Searching for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert. For the February 5th meeting, the book is *The Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolani. Meetings are at 7 pm, usually in the Community Room. All are welcome. Phone or email the library to reserve a copy of the books.

Peaks Island School

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is upon us and the December holidays are just around the corner.

November has been a very busy month at our school. On November 6th, we hosted a Math MEA workshop for staff in the district. We're also holding an upcoming Everyday Math workshop training session on November 28th. We're pleased that the teachers from Long Island will be joining us for that day of learning and exploration. We'd like to thank all families for your support and good will. You've partnered with teachers in a combined effort to provide an excellent education for the island children, and your efforts certainly show. We'd also like to thank the parents who kindly brought in delicious meals for the staff when they stayed late to meet with families. What a lovely and delicious gesture.

Our students are looking forward to the Gift Making Fair after school on December 4th that is organized for them by the parents. The Arts Committee meets on December 5th at 2:00.

We welcome all of the island community to our annual Winter Concert on December 12th at 6:15 p.m. Please mark your calendar and come to see and hear all of our wonderful students.

Happy Holidays to one and all!

Season's Greetings to All Residents:

By the time of this publication, we will have witnessed the inauguration of the new Peaks Island Council! The new councilors, and their terms on the council are as follows:

Mike Langella(Council Chairperson) – 3 years
Lynne Richard – 3 years
Robert Hurley – 3 years
Betsy Stout – 2 years
Tom Bohan – 2 years
Rob Tiffany – 1 year
Kathryn Moxhay – 1 year

Also, the following are the times and places for upcoming meetings and workshops:

Nov. 26, 2007 – Regular Meeting -6:30 PM @ Peaks Island School
Nov. 28, 2007 – Workshop – 7:00 PM @ Community Center
Dec. 5, 2007 – Workshop – 7:00 PM @ Community Center
Dec. 12, 2007 – Workshop – 7:00 PM @ Community Center
Dec. 17, 2007 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM @ Peaks Island School

Finally, the deer program will begin in December and continue during January/February. This year there will be bright orange signs posted at pier indicating that hunting will be taking place that day/evening.

As always, please call me with any concerns/suggestions.

Mike Murray
Island/Neighborhood Administrator
756-8288

CERT Prepares for Emergencies

Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is working with the Portland Fire Department to develop a Resource Directory to help with our emergency response on the island. It will include contact information for volunteers who can help in an emergency with medical, communications, transportation, equipment, clearing obstacles, heat, water, power and lodging.

Please remember to check and refresh your emergency water supplies as well as the condition of your fire extinguishers and smoke detector batteries – it's time well spent!

CERT meets on the third Monday of each month at the Senior Center. Please join with us for this month's meeting at 6 PM on December 17th!

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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve space and equipment in the Community Building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. You may leave a message at 766-2970 or email at d1m@portlandmaine.gov. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island (Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays). Please note: Denise will not be in the office on Monday, Dec. 24 and Monday, December 31.

NEW EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR ADULTS – TAI CHI VIDEO PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 10:00 am PI COMMUNITY CENTER

Tai chi is a non-competitive, self-paced form of gentle physical exercise and stretching. Practiced regularly, Tai Chi can help reduce stress, improve balance and agility for all. The video is good for beginners, but all levels are welcome. Pre-registration is not required. This video exercise program is free to all adults.

****ISLAND HAPPENINGS FOR ADULTS****

FMI: Please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970

MONDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS

Please note: No programs on Mondays, Dec. 24 & 31

8:15 am Walking Group (we will stay inside when the weather is bad, doing stretching and other types of exercise)

9:30-10:30 am Low Impact Aerobics with weights

VERY LAST-MINUTE "ROUND TUIT" WORKSHOP

Bring a small project to work on: cards to write/gifts to wrap. Together, we can get those things done! We will also play a few games of Bingo – with seasonal prizes.

Friday, December 21 10:15–11:30 am, Com. Ctr.

FUNNY FRIDAY at PI COMMUNITY CENTER

Laughing is good for all ages-EVERYONE is invited. We'll laugh with Lucy and Desi and other famous comedy teams.

Friday, December 28 10:30 am AND 1:00 pm

****OFF-ISLAND TRIPS FOR ALL ADULTS****

Pre-registration required – minimum for each trip is 8. Sign up sheets are on Denise's door in the Com. Building. Phone registrations begin on Wednesday, December 5 (leave a message at 766-2970). There is a transportation fee for all off-island trips (between \$3-\$5).

SHOPPING AT KOHL'S, SHAW'S & LATE LUNCH

We will stop at Panera Bread for something to eat – and then spend time shopping at Kohl's and Shaw's.

Friday, December 7 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return

FLAHERTY FARM in SCARBOROUGH

Enjoy fresh produce as well as a variety of crafts and unique Maine gifts.

Monday, December 17 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This trip is sold out, but we do maintain a wait list (\$20)
Thursday, December 20 12:45 pm boat/5:30 pm return



Saturday Night Movies in December Free in the Community Room



Dec.	6 PM	Dec.	8 PM
1	<i>Shrek III</i> (2007) PG, 92min	1	<i>Field of Dreams</i> (1989) PG, 105 min
8	<i>Cars</i> (2006) G, 115 min	8	<i>Enchanted April</i> (1992) NR, 93 min
15	<i>Eight Below</i> (2006) PG, 120 min	15	<i>The Russians Are Coming</i> (1966) NR, 126 min
22	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> (2005) PG, 115 min	22	<i>Sunset Boulevard</i> (1950) NR, 110 min
29	<i>Ice Age: the Meltdown</i> (2006) PG, 91 min	29	<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> (1946) NR, 132 min

The Saturday Night Movies are sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Branch Library. If you have suggestions for movies you would like to see, please get in touch with film coordinator Ken Mehler, 9769, or let the library know.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Tuesday, December 25, by 6 PM. Bring items copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return if the library is closed.

THANK YOU to an anonymous donor for a generous contribution to the STAR.