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Service Agencies of the Island

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Most of the dates for February and early March are tentative or subject to change with the weather but we will mention one coming up this Sunday because of its importance to all Island people.

At the Community Building this Sunday, February 20 from 2 - 4 p.m. the Board of the Casco Bay Island Transit District will make a presentation of various issues and a report of where the ferry district stands at the present time. Mr. Henry Adamson, president of the trustees, says that the Board is answerable to the people of the Island who elected them and is anxious to answer any questions that have arisen. Too often we ask the questions of people with incomplete knowledge and are incorrectly or only partially informed. This is your opportunity to learn the facts. Please attend and bring your neighbors.

INTERESTED IN ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF OTHER GARDENERS?
- Sharing skills and knowledge with young and old
- Able to start seedlings in a solar greenhouse
- Have extra gardening space
- Starting a soil rebuilding project

If one or more of these items interests you, think about the benefits of being involved in a gardening club. The STAR FOUNDATION has offered us their solar greenhouses and garden area for use as a community project. It is a great idea for people interested in growing food and flowers to get together and plan. Even if you have a garden space, isn't there something you have always wanted to plant and you didn't have the room? Or what about the person who would like a garden but hasn't the room? This is perfect! If you are interested contact Louise Capizzo (766-4466 or 766-5540), give her your name before March 5. Seedlings need to be started soon! As soon as we learn who is interested, we will have our first meeting.

WATCH FOR THE DATE OF THE PEAKS ISLAND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

It will be coming up early in March. If you have any issues you would like brought up, get in touch with one of the Town Meeting Committee members or call the Library (766-5540). It will help in planning it to set the agenda and get the proper officials from the city here to answer your questions.

LIBRARY SPECIAL NOTICE
Our book return drop box has been repaired and will be back on the porch this Saturday, February 19th. No fines will be charged on overdue books until March 1st. Please return any books you may have overdue before that time. Thank you!
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

On a very blustery Feb. 3, the Day Care children and staff braved the storm to go "uptown" for a Kinderconcert by the Portland Symphony Orchestra's Ragtime Ensemble with special guest Jerry Sanders, whose performance absolutely delighted his audience because of the way in which he was able to involve them in almost every number. It was by far one of the best Kinderconcerts we've attended, thoroughly enjoyed by all, children and adults alike.

The children in the after-school program will hopefully be going to a special program by the Gulf of Maine Aquarium during school vacation week. It is free and for 8 - 12 yr. olds at the First Parish Congregational Church on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m.

We're working on getting together our exhibit of children's art work to display at the library, so that more of you can enjoy the creativity and imagination expressed in children's art. We hope to have it ready by the end of this month so keep your eyes open for it!

The Center will be closed Monday, Feb. 21 for Washington's Birthday. It will also be closed Friday, Feb. 25 for a staff development day. However, on Friday the Center will open from 10:30 - 11:15 for 3 - 5 year olds (accompanied by an adult) for a special time with children's performer Jerry Sanders (mentioned above) Mime, music & movement, etc! Please call us at 766-2854 if you and your child would like to attend. It's free.

We're looking for a reasonably-priced small dory or canoe to buy for the summer program. Do you know of one for sale? Also, do you know of any person with a special skill or talent (artist, carpenter, musician, etc.) who would enjoy sharing some time with children? We'd love to hear from you. Thanks.

FRIENDS OF PEAKS ISLAND DAY CARE ASSOCIATION will sponsor a bottle drive Saturday, April 2. Save bottles and we will come door to door to pick them up...April 2.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

Father Lange expects to resume his pastoral duties on the last week in March.

The Women's Council of St. Christopher will resume meetings in March. This meeting is important for the planning of the summer projects.

The Card Club of St. Christopher meets on Mondays at 1 p.m., at St. Joseph's on Pleasant Ave, Peaks Island. They will welcome new members to join them. Call 766-2284 for transportation.

SENIOR CITIZENS

A surprise mini Concert is planned for the March Luncheon. The performers are Island Senior Citizens and it will be thoroughly enjoyed. Luncheon is March 16 at noon.

The Spring publication of the Senior Citizens will come out in late April and can be picked up at the Senior Citizens Center. This will be Volume two, NO.1 and will contain the favorite poems and stories of the Senior Citizens.

ART ASSOCIATION

The Art Association has been given a small space in the Peaks Island Library for a Library of Artists. This will consist of a folder for each of the Island Artists and their particular type of work. Also in this section will be a Library of Child Artists and the kind of work that they do. This will be on display around the 18 of March.

The Art Association meetings will be taking place in April through September.
CASCO BAY HEALTH CENTER NEWS

The Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Health Center wish to make all Island residents aware that there now is a fund available for worthwhile health related projects within the community.

Some of the following areas now under consideration by the Board are:

1. to continue and expand assistance to the Island's immunization programs.
2. to cooperate with other Island organizations in providing health care, or related assistance to Island residents.
3. to aid in the improvement of Public Safety health and rescue equipment beyond that provided for by the City of Portland.
4. to be alert to any discontinuence of government programs which effect the health and welfare of Island residents and, if possible, assist in restoring these services.
5. to attempt to provide assistance to the handicapped and non-mobile residents.

Finally, the Board will welcome support and suggestions pertaining to the betterment of health conditions on the Island.

FAMILY MEDICINE ASSOCIATES

There is not too much to report since our message last month, except that, as most of you who have visited our clinic this past few weeks are aware, it has been a very busy place for us with the onset of the post-holiday various health problems. Our best advice to all for avoiding some of the complaints is to get plenty of rest, drink lots of clear fluids, and taking a multi-purpose vitamin a day will help.

The pharmacy continues to be as busy as ever and we hope it is helpful to all the Island residents.

We are still planning a No Smoking Clinic for the beginning of spring, so please call our office to register. It is always easier to quit with the support of others. Remember our telephone number 766-2929 - a doctor is on call 24 hours a day.

LIBRARY NEWS

We often hear people, who visit the library infrequently, or never get here at all remark that they have many books at home that they have never read. This may be true of all of us since perhaps we have looked at their covers for a long time and never have felt an interest in their subject matter.

Why not try the library for a completely different approach. Come in with some new interest that you would like to approach, the library could plan a suggested reading list, get books from the main library and perhaps start you off on a new project or a whole new reading interest. Try the library and see.

Nine boys and girls of Mrs. Raymond's class, who call themselves "The Explorers", at the Peaks Island School are working with Mrs. Rowe on an exchange correspondence and art project with boys and girls of the island state of Tasmania, Australia. We hope we will have some interesting results soon for display.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 31 Maunday Thursday service 7:30 p.m.
The Good News Club continues on Wednesday afternoon.

PEAKS ISLAND FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Every Sunday 10:45 a.m.
For Information Call: 766-2959
766-2783
766-2619
We are into new year for the Scouts on the Island. Most of my Brownies "flew up" to Junior Girl Scouts headed by Laurie Davis and Ellen Klain. I hear they have a good size troop and that the girls are real pleased to have them as Leaders.

My troop is much smaller than last year: 6 girls! It is nice to be working with a small group; the activities are also being geared for the younger ages. Last year the age spread was a big factor in planning activities, and I think some of the younger girls got discouraged easily.

Our thanks go to Marge Erico, much belated, and to Ed and Pearl Williams for their support.

The cookie sales were a big success again. I hear the Juniors sold over 700 boxes(!) and my troop sold over 150 boxes. We did order a few cases of extras because I think once the cookies come, there will be a lot of people who may want them that did not order them.

We are busy planning for Juliette Low Day on March 11, Friday evening, Woodford's Church. 7:00-8:30PM is the time for the girls to explore booths. Each troop has to pick a country and display crafts, food, games, music, etc. for that country. My brownies have chosen Japan and the Juniors have chosen Mexico. If anyone has any item of interest for Japan, I would be happy to borrow it for the display. You can be assured we would treat it with care.

We are also planning a Machigonne Camporee in May: more on that in the next edition.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

Children will be on Winter Vacation from Feb. 19 - Feb. 27. This is a long awaited Holiday.

Parents are asked to use their discretion in sending students to school in the event of inclement weather, especially if Portland does not close its schools.

We ask everyone to be extra cautious driving. The high snowbanks and slippery roadways can be hazardous to children. They can't always be seen and traffic is the last thing on their minds when they are playing on snow mountains.

The school will be getting a facelift. In accordance with the School Department's plan to button and save energy, the windows will be partially blocked and rehung. The work will begin sometime within the next month.

There have been several incidents lately of dogs on the playground. This seems harmless enough, but one attracts others and often fights ensue. This is a threat to the children's safety. We ask that you keep your dogs tied, especially when children are walking to school. Our only recourse is to call Public Safety, something we would rather not do.

Our Campbell's Soup Labels drive is over. We have gathered 6800 in labels and certificates and will trade them for a camera. Our thanks to all who participated in this effort. Campbell's runs this offer every year and I am sure we will do this again. So you may keep us in mind when you're opening those cans.

ONCE AGAIN, REMEMBER THE CASCO BAY ISLANDS TRANSIT DISTRICT MEETING - Sunday, February 20

Agenda:
Mike Kelley Legal Defense
New Ferry Terminal site
Purchase of the Island Holiday
UMTA Grant for new boats

ALL COME!

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THE MANY, MANY HOURS THE BOARD HAS PUT IN ON BEHALF OF THE ISLAND!